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The Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 5th at 4PM on the lawn at the Placida Beach condos. Hamburgers and hot dogs and drinks will be supplied. Please bring your chair and a dish to pass.

Board seats from Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 are up for election. If you live in any of these districts and would like to serve on the LGPOA Board of Directors, please email David Haynes: david@tarponrealty.com, and copy lgpoajudy@gmail.com. A list of districts is included at the bottom of this edition of the Telegraph.

Docks: The local bill (HB929) to save LGI's docks is in committee in the Florida House of Representatives. You can track its progress on the LGPOA website: www.lgpoa.org.

The **LGI Advisory Committee** met on the island on Saturday, March 15th. The committee needs two new "at large" members, preferably one from the north and one from the south ends of the island. If you are willing to serve on the Advisory Committee, please contact Chairman Bob Hill at: bobhill@ewol.com.

At the request of the Advisory Committee, **LGIFR Board Chair Judy McCoy** gave a status report. She reported that LGIFR's income has declined because a grant to pay the fire chief's salary has run out. An assessment increase was avoided in 2014 because some generous islanders agreed to raise or donate \$10,000 for operating expenses. This was a one-time offer and is not expected to continue. Increasing costs (mainly rent for the chief's house and cost-of-living raises for personnel) are forcing the board to consider raising the assessment for 2015 by 5%, or \$17.50 per year per house, and \$6.25 per year per lot. This would give LGIFR approximately \$10,000 more for 2015.

Also at the request of the Advisory Committee, **Jack Boyer from Little Gasparilla Water Utility (LGWU)** gave a report about his proposal to buy water from Charlotte County. He would bring Charlotte County water from the mainland (CCU) to the foot of King Street on the north end. LGWU would lay pipe where needed to provide water to the entire island. Jack said his utility has the ability to provide water access through eminent domain to lay pipe across private property but has not had to use this in the 25 years he has owned the water plant and would prefer to use this option only as a last resort. The new inter-connection may also require owners who are not currently connected to connect to the system. The current cost for connection is \$4,500. There may also be an additional connection fee from the County when the service starts which may be in the range of \$1,760 in addition to the \$4,500 connection fee. Jack also states that LGWU expects to provide almost the same fire flow that CCU provides in the Cape Haze area and a better quality of water. Jack will be making a presentation and will provide more information and answer questions at the LGPOA Annual Meeting on April 5th.

The Board of Directors of **Little Gasparilla Island Fire and Rescue** will meet on Saturday, March 29th at 9AM at the Firehouse, 9540 Jolly Roger Trail. All are welcome to attend. On the agenda is a report on the Chief Search, and discussion about the 2015 budget. The Financial Advisory Group has prepared two proposed budgets for 2015, one with and one without an assessment increase of 5%. These budgets were emailed to LGIFR members in advance of the meeting. More information about LGIFR can be found at www.lgifr.com.

Spring Break continues on LGI. There have been reports of thefts and vandalism, so please remember to secure your golf cart and do not leave fishing gear, etc. where it is easily seen and accessible.

LGPOA DISTRICT ADDRESSES

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
1.	8000 – 8288
2.	8292 – 8538, including: 8542, 8550, 8556, 8560, 8564 8568, 8570, 8576, 8578, 8586
3.	8594 – 8888 including: 8546, 8554, 8558, 8562, 8566 8574, 8582, 8590 excluding: 8802-8818 (even #'s)
4.	8890 - 9134 including: 8802-8818 (even #'s)
5.	9140 – 9394
6.	Hideaway Bay
7.	9420 – 9646 excluding: 9494, 9498, 9502
8.	9660 – 9908 including: 9494, 9498, 9502