



Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association  
PO Box 3643  
Placida, FL 33946

## August 2015, Coconut Telegraph

The Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association met on August 6th. **The next meeting will be Tuesday September 15th at 5pm.**

- The annual liability insurance was renewed.
- Linda and Richard agreed to talk with the Sheriff's department to inquire about additional police presence on busy weekends.

### We WANT YOUR OPINION!

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 15th at 5pm. We will meet at the Placida Condo's meeting room by the pool. The main topic of the meeting is discussing future goals of the association. What would you like addressed?

The board would like to ask everyone to attend, but if that's not possible, please email your district representative with your ideas and comments! (Details on districts and emails are below!)

### Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association - **Free Membership!**

From Mary Lou Davidson, Membership Chair

"LGPOA welcomes your FREE on-line Membership application today! Just visit [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org) Our "Free Membership" campaign is designed to introduce new islanders to their Property Owners Association as well as welcome back former POA members. This promotion will expire in Spring of 2016 so apply/renew now, and enjoy the benefits of your Property Owners Association. Free Membership requires completion of our on-line application. You may also print form, complete and mail to LGPOA - PO Box 3643, Placida, FL 33946

**Renew/Apply today at [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org)** On the homepage click on "LGPOA Free Membership." Your resource for current, concise information about your island community. While you're there, check out our real time "Island Blog", new "Call for Volunteers" and, a detailed account of the most current "Dock Association" information."

### Why join the Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association??

You receive:

- Island updates monthly, more often if needed.
- Support and information regarding issues affecting the island (island water, docks, channels in the bay, etc.).

You're invited to:

- Picnics and events.

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- Meetings where island issues are discussed.

You get to:

- Get together with people, neighbors and friends.
- Stay in touch with what's happening if you're not able to be here.

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**Please help us by sharing the free membership information with your friends and neighbors. Send them to [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org).**

### **Environmental**

From Linda Soderquist, Environmental Chair:

“Sea turtle nesting season continues through the end of October. We have recorded 159 loggerhead nests and 3 green turtle nests this season. Thanks to all the volunteers who have worked with turtle patrol in 2015. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for 2016, please let us know! No experience necessary; Linda will train you. Any time you can give will be appreciated. Contact Linda at 270-7994 if you are willing to help.

We did not have as many shorebird nests as last season, mostly due to the changes in the beach at the south end of the island. Shorebird season will be over at the end of August, but birds are still on the beach. Be sure your dogs are under your control and not chasing the birds.

Feral cats are still an issue on LGI, with many reports of new litters of kittens. If you would like to borrow a trap, call Lt. Brian Jones at Charlotte County Animal Control: 941-833-5686 or 941-833-5690. Concerns about mosquitoes can be directed to Charlotte County by visiting the website at <http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/PublicWorks/PestManagement/Mosquito/> or call 941-764-4370.”

### **LGIFR**

From Judy McCoy, President:

“The proposed increase in the assessment to provide a second professional on duty 24/7 was rejected by a majority of the LGI property owners who voted in the recent LGIFR election. As a result of this, LGIFR will continue to operate with only one professional on duty 24/7.

At its May 15 meeting, the LGIFR Board voted to request an assessment increase of 5% to fund a reserve for equipment replacement. Only \$735 remained in the 2015 budget for this purpose after all other operating expenses are covered, an amount the Board considered grossly inadequate. On July 23, the Charlotte County Commission unanimously approved this requested increase. The amount of this increase will be \$17.50 per home per year and \$6.25 per lot per year.

For detailed information, including budgets, financial reports, Board minutes and more, see LGIFR's website: [www.lgifr.com](http://www.lgifr.com).”

### **LGPOA 4th of July Picnic**

From Chris Stonebridge, Social Chair:

“It was so good to see so many families at the 4th of July Picnic! To those we missed, we look forward to seeing you next year! Fun was had by all...there was horseshoe fun, great face painting designs, giant bowling, an egg and spoon race, a bean bag toss and the left-right game. But we think the most fun (at least to watch) was the “Walk the Plank” game. All the kids left with goodie bags including 4th of July ink stampers, beads, sun glasses, dog tags and bubbles. The attendance was amazing, we didn't take a head count, but we planned food for 150 people and there were no leftovers. It was so great to have the helicopter (Metro Aviation) there for people to check out and ask questions. And it was so fun for the kids when LGIFR (Shae and Mike) let the kids play in the water from the hoses.

Thank you: Placida Condos for the lovely space. The Carr and North families for the use of their tents. Bo & Pede Fraser for the ice, as well as for making the delicious sides! Tommy Bertges, David and Janet Furness, Ray Stonebridge, Leigh, Rhonda and Greigh Olson, Richard Leydon, Jr, Natasha, Seth and Mya Kohler, Stacey Supanich-Magoon and Dale, Bobbie McFadden & Glen Bass, and Carol Locascio.

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Special thanks and thoughts for: Bill and Judy Sanderson. Even though there was so much going on, Bill and Judy helped plan the event and made sure their tent and his famous grill was available for us to use on his favorite holiday. Thanks again, see you next year!"

### **Sailboat:**

The sailboat that recently washed in on our beach is a 1984, 26 foot, Westerly Centaur named Annabelle, owned by Heather and Necole. Heather is from Crystal River, but moved to Michigan with her family 10 years ago. She grew up sailing. They met in Michigan, where Necole was born and raised.

They recently decided to sell everything and live aboard a sailboat. They fell in love with Annabelle and her history (she was built to cross the English Channel) and bought her from someone in Lemon Bay.

They stayed there for 10 days, getting her ready for their first trip to Fort Myers for some repairs.

Between 1 and 2 miles out, heading south, in 25 feet of water the rudder shaft broke. FWC called it a "freak accident." They tried to maneuver in the rough seas for a mile or two, but it was so difficult they decided to anchor. They waived in a fishing boat, and boarded. From there they called the coast guard, who said they couldn't help. Charlotte County Fire/EMS Marine One must have heard their call and came to see what they could do. They couldn't pull Annabelle in the rough seas due to the liability risk. Sea Tow wanted thousands of dollars to respond. They spent two hours between the fishing boat and Marine One trying to find a solution. Another squall was coming in so Marine One had to take them to the mainland. They couldn't go back to the boat to grab any belongings because it wasn't safe. So they left her anchored.

The girls were met at the marina by the Red Cross, who took them to Grove City Motel. They were very grateful to have a dry and comfortable place to stay, for themselves and their dog Duke.

Later that evening, Annabelle's anchor let loose and she beached herself close to the Gulf Street Beach access. She didn't start taking in water until the next day. Unfortunately, when Heather and Necole were able to come back to the boat, many of their belongings were missing.

They are so thankful to be safe. They are also thankful for meeting Lori and Melissa, residents on Gulf Street, for their unbelievable kindness. They are grateful for the help they've received from Pirates Water Taxi, Mary's Taxi, Waterside Bar & Grill, the American Red Cross, Marine One, the Grove City Motel, Don and Evan from Gasparilla Marina and many others!

Heather and Necole are staying at Gasparilla Marina and started working there Monday. They are facing charges from FWC because they are liable for Annabelle and responsible for her salvage, but they said they are happy they washed up in a community of nice people.

### **A Note from Deputy Stuart regarding the sailboat:**

Hi folks, I need to ask you NOT GO ON TO THIS BOAT it belongs to someone and it's Illegal to enter someone's property. Thank you. Deputy John Stewart. I am in contact with the owners.

### **Labor Day activities:**

**Mark your calendars!** Kids Marine Clinic – Saturday, September 5th

Linda Soderquist, our resident Florida Master Naturalist, will again hold the Kids Marine Clinic on Saturday, September 5th. There will be a session at 1pm and another at 2pm. The children get to learn about seagrasses and their importance. They will also be educated on how long garbage lasts in the ocean. And the best part, they get to use nets in the seagrass to examine and observe the life it sustains. Water shoes are a must! All children participating will receive a certificate as well and a goody bag. There will be flyers on bulletin boards soon!

- Who? Kids of all ages invited.
- When? Session 1 is 1pm - 2 and Session 2 is 2 to 3, to save your spot call 941-270-7994.
- Where? South and East of Hideaway Condo Building "A"
- Why? Learn about seagrasses, collect critters to observe and HAVE FUN!

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8 volunteers are needed to make the event run smoothly! Please contact Linda directly at the number above or leave your information in the volunteer portion of the website at [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org) and your information will be forwarded to her! A big thank you to Hideaway Bay for allowing the event to take place behind building "A" by the bay.

### **Cookout and Fishing Tournament**

The 2015 cookout and the tournament will not take place this year. The POA is looking for someone (or someones) to coordinate for 2016. This event has become an island tradition of fishing, good food, good neighbors, and fellowship and will be missed this year. The Tournament is almost turn-key at this point and just needs someone to head it up. If you are willing to do so, please volunteer at [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org). We'll get you everything you need to step in and make it a great success again in 2016.

### **T-Shirt Sales – Sunday, September 6th**

LGIFR will be selling T-shirts on Sunday, September 6, from 10AM to 5PM on the main road in front of the Hideaway Condominiums.

### **International Coastal Cleanup – September, 19th 2015**

**Mark your calendars!** Islanders can come, help collect and transport items to a dumpster at Eldred's Marina. We are looking for groups of people to remove garbage from our mangroves, the inner-island and also from the beach. The 19th will be the same as before, helping to collect and transport to the dumpster at Eldred's Marina from 8 until noon. We're trying to add another group to concentrate on only bagged garbage the weekend before (Saturday, September 12th, 8 to noon). We have a storage place on island for the garbage collected early. Larger garbage will have to wait until the 19th, but we ask that NO APPLIANCES or TVs be brought from your homes. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt as long as you sign up in advance!! If you can participate, please visit the volunteer section at [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org). Be sure to leave your name, email, dates you can help, and don't forget shirt sizes for you and your helpers! Any questions, please call 941-999-7788. More information will follow in the next telegraph along with the list of volunteers so far!!

### **LGPOA DISTRICT ADDRESSES**

Which district are you in?

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

#### **Who is your LGPOA representative?**

- Richard Leydon, President, representing District 4, [richardleydonjr@gmail.com](mailto:richardleydonjr@gmail.com)
- Anita Burger, Secretary, representing District 6, [bfaburger@gmail.com](mailto:bfaburger@gmail.com)
- Paul Holmes, Treasurer, representing District 7, [pbholmes0@gmail.com](mailto:pbholmes0@gmail.com)
- Andy Hagelin, Director, representing District 1, [Andrew.hagelin@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.hagelin@gmail.com)
- Walter Woolf, Director, representing District 2, [ffstampa@aol.com](mailto:ffstampa@aol.com)
- Rhonda Olson, Director, representing District 3, [twrhonda@gmail.com](mailto:twrhonda@gmail.com)
- Mary Lou Davidson, Director, representing District 5, [maryloudavidson@yahoo.com](mailto:maryloudavidson@yahoo.com)
- Tom McCoy, Director, representing District 8, [thomas.mccoy@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:thomas.mccoy@vanderbilt.edu)

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**Committee Chairs:**

- Environmental: Linda Soderquist, lunist@hotmail.com
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- Social: Chris Stonebridge, Chris.Stonebridge@cnrair.com
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Please feel free to email me with any information you'd like circulated in the Coconut Telegraph in the future. Our goal is to send the Telegraph out around the first of each month and as needed.

Much appreciated! Rhonda Olson