



Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association  
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Important Information in this issue you won't want to miss!

- \*\*Spring Break tips
- \*\*Great American Cleanup April 9th
- \*\*LGI Sea Turtle Patrol is looking for help collecting data on our sea turtle nesting!
- \*\*Sailboat Update
- \*\*LGIFR needs your help on Saturday, March 12th, firehouse clean up!
- \*\*LGPOA Free Membership continues...membership status and how to enroll.

Mark your calendar... LGPOA annual meeting – Saturday, May 21, 2016!

Notice of LGPOA Bi-annual Elections:  
From LGPOA Secretary, Anita Burger:

“LGPOA Board seats for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 are up for election. The current board would like to request board candidate submissions from LGPOA members who live in these districts to replace board members whose terms will expire.

The LGPOA Board would like to request a written statement from each candidate, letting islanders know a little about themselves and why they would like to serve on the LGPOA Board. These statements will be posted on the LGPOA website and e-mailed to all LGPOA members.

If you live in any of these districts and would like to serve on the LGPOA Board of Directors, please e-mail Anita Burger at [bfaburger@gmail.com](mailto:bfaburger@gmail.com).

Names must be submitted no later than March 22, 2016. A list of those districts included below.

LGPOA DISTRICT ADDRESSES for 2-4-6-8

District 2: 8292 – 8538, including: 8542, 8550, 8556, 8560, 8564, 8568, 8570, 8576, 8578, 8586

District 4: 8890 - 9134, including: 8802-8818 (even #'s)

District 6: Hideaway Bay

District 8: 9660 – 9908, including: 9494, 9498, 9502”

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## **\*\*Spring Break tips...**

As we prepare for our Spring Break visitors, islanders and visiting guests will be reassured by the additional police officers hired by the LGPOA. Each officer that is new to our unique island is briefed by Sherriff John Stewart and receives a island customs orientation from an LGPOA board member.

What can you do to help if you have guests?

1. Are adults staying at your home to supervise your younger guests?
2. We all know litter occurs, sometimes accidentally, please encourage your guests to pick up after themselves and others.
3. If your guests have pets, provide or ask them to bring waste bags for animal clean up. Remind them to bring their leashes!
4. Carts need at least a flashlight for travel at night on the island. Encourage people to drive slow and be mindful of other islanders.
5. Store fishing equipment out of site and secure your golf carts.

We know these "island customs" are expected on the island, but visitors may not. Please share them to make the island a better place for everyone!

## **\*\*Great American Cleanup April 9th!**

Mark your calendars! Last September volunteers removed 2½ tons of garbage from our island!

This spring we are looking for groups of people to remove garbage from our mangroves, the inner-island and also from the beach. Larger garbage will be accepted at Eldred's Marina on the 9th. (No appliances or TVs). Volunteers who sign up in advance will receive a T-Shirt provided by Keep Charlotte Beautiful.

How can you help?

1. You can individually pick up empty and drop off full bags of garbage beginning April 3rd at LGI Carts from 9am-noon. Each bag needs a form completed regarding its' contents. They're very easy to fill out and important because the information collected helps the county continue the clean up.
2. Sunday, April 3rd, a group of volunteers will concentrate on bagged garbage. We will walk the mangroves on the bay side at low tide.
3. On Saturday, April 9th, another group of volunteers are needed to help collect and transport garbage across the bay to Eldred's Marina from 8 until noon. Volunteers are needed to:
  - Help unload garbage and collect forms at Eldred's.
  - Provide boat transportation for the collected waste to the dumpster at Eldred's.
  - Comb lots, mangroves and the beach.
  - Provide carts and trailers to haul collected waste to the boats.
4. If you know of a problem area on the island that needs attention, please let us know at [lgicarts@gmail.com](mailto:lgicarts@gmail.com).

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If you can participate, please visit the volunteer section at [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org) or email the above address. Be sure to leave your name, email, dates you can help, the type of help you can provide and don't forget shirt sizes for you and your helpers! Any questions, please call 941-999-7788.

**\*\*Sailboat**

The case against the owners of the boat is set to go to trial on March 23rd. The officer from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is in contact with the State Attorney to try to work out the vessels removal as part of the sentence.

**Environmental Committee**

From Environmental Chair, Linda Soderquist:

**\*\*“LGI Sea Turtle Patrol is looking for help in collecting data on our sea turtle nesting! If you are able to walk the beach early in the day, will be around full time or part time during the summer (May through October) and would like to help, please contact Linda Soderquist at [linist@hotmail.com](mailto:linist@hotmail.com). For information on our sea turtles, please visit our Facebook page: Little Gasparilla Island Turtles and Shorebirds.”**

**\*\*Little Gasparilla Island Fire and Rescue (LGIFR)**

From Bob Weronik, President:

**“Calling all Islander Volunteers!!!!**

The firehouse is in desperate need of some repairs and maintenance. Our agreement with the landlord is that he will pay for supplies and materials, but we have to provide the labor. Some items require a trade or higher level skill set, but some items, like trimming the overgrown vegetation around the house and on the septic system, fixing some ceiling fans and repairing screens, can be done by folks like me – having little to no skill :-}

No work detail is any fun unless it is a party as well. Therefore, a bunch of us are going to gather at the Fire House on Jolly Roger Trail on Saturday, March 12th around noon (right after the Board meeting) to bang out some repairs, have a few beers, eat some burgers and maybe share a few laughs. Don't be shy. Join us!!! If you're not available to help, you can make a donation to feed the people who can. Let us know at [twrhonda@gmail.com](mailto:twrhonda@gmail.com) if you can donate or be there to help. We want to have enough food and supplies for everyone!

**\*\*LGPOA- Free Membership Continues...**

From Membership Chair, Mary Lou Davidson:

**“Update: 104 new and renewing LGPOA Members have successfully logged on to <http://www.lgpoa.org> to enroll in the limited time offer LGPOA Free Membership. Don't miss out! On the homepage click on LGPOA Free Membership.”**

**Upcoming Holidays!**

March 13th Spring ahead – daylight savings time begins

March 17th St Patrick's Day

March 20th Palm Sunday

March 20th First Day of Spring

March 25th Good Friday

March 27th Easter Sunday

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Not so well known, but fun to know...

March 2nd Dr. Seuss' Birthday

March 3rd National Anthem Day

March 12th Girl Scout Day

March 16th Everything You Do Is Right Day

March 22nd National Goof Off Day

#### 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, leydonrealestate@gmail.com
- Andy Hagelin, Director, representing District 1, Andrew.hagelin@gmail.com
- Rhonda Freeman, Director, representing District 2, rfreeman123@yahoo.com
- Rhonda Olson, Director, representing District 3, twrhonda@gmail.com
- Mary Lou Davidson, Director, representing District 5, maryloudavidson@yahoo.com
- Anita Burger, Secretary, representing District 6, bfaburger@gmail.com
- Paul Holmes, Treasurer, representing District 7, pbholmes0@gmail.com
- Tom McCoy, Director, representing District 8, thomas.mccoy@vanderbilt.edu

Committee Chairs:

- Environmental: Linda Soderquist, lunist@hotmail.com
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- Social: Chris Stonebridge, Chris.Stonebridge@cnrair.com
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- Hurricane: Leigh Olson, leighols@gmail.com and Stacy Supanich-Magoon, supanichs@me.com
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Please feel free to email me with any information you'd like circulated in the next month's Coconut Telegraph by the 25th of the month. Content is reviewed by board members for approval.

Much appreciated! Rhonda Olson, twrhonda@gmail.com

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