



Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association  
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## **November 2015, Coconut Telegraph**

**Important Information in this issue you won't want to miss!**

**\*\* Next meeting Saturday, November 7th, 10am at Placida Condos**

**\*\* Island Wide Garage Sale**

**\*\* LGIFR board candidates announced**

## **LGPOA Survey**

The LGPOA Board would like to thank all who participated in the recent survey. 111 islanders made their voices heard and hours were spent analyzing their responses. The method for analyzing results was simply to track and organize the number of times a particular issue was raised and in what context. From this tallying of information we narrowed islander's top concerns which are outlined below. Each issue was mentioned a minimum of 10 times. We found that many of the concerns cited were identical to the expressed concerns found in a 2005 LGPOA survey with the addition of a few and some creative suggestions to address others. Because of the duplication of concerns on issues, the LGPOA has chosen to postpone the aforementioned idea of a second

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**survey. Thank you again to all who participated. We are committed to work and advance your concerns in our upcoming agenda.**

**Survey results:**

- 1) Gas powered ATV's (speed and noise)**
- 2) Increase police protection during peak times (major holidays, spring break)**
- 3) Maintenance of the North/South road (Road and Landscape)**
- 4) Government over reach (Keep it simple)**
- 5) Dogs on beach (leashed/unleashed/waste) all sides represented**
- 6) More regular island clean ups (appliances, etc.)**
- 7) The impact on island by rental properties**
- 8) Managing growth**

**LGPOA Board Vacancy Filled:**

**The LGPOA welcomes Rhonda Freeman as the new District 2 representative.**

## **Sailboat**

**Nicole and Heather received an extension on the removal of the sailboat that washed up on Little Gasparilla Island on July 24th. They have a deadline of November 4th to remove the boat before they are charged with a 3rd degree misdemeanor. Recently a removal team worked for a day and a half to loosen her from the sand but could not get her to budge.**

**The girls have resorted to removing Annabelle piece by piece. As of Sunday the 1st of November, over 1/2 of her has been cut up and they are working on getting the pieces to the dump.**

## **\*\* Social Committee**

**From Social Committee Chair, Chris Stonebridge:**

**“Something new...ISLAND WIDE GARAGE SALE!**

**November 28th (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) from 9am to 1pm. Anyone interested in participating in the sale please email me by November 14th. Include your island address and any items you would like advertised in an email mid November. Please contact me directly with any questions at [chris.stonebridge@cnrair.com](mailto:chris.stonebridge@cnrair.com).**

**We have 7 homes participating so far! Watch for the reminder emails with the addresses so you won't miss the sales!”**

## **Environmental Committee**

**From Environmental Chair, Linda Soderquist:**

### **Red Tide**

**“This time of year we often hear about Red Tide in the news. The latest reports from FWC indicate that the red tide organism (*Karenia brevis*) is blooming out in the gulf off the coast of Charlotte County. Although the occurrence of a red tide cannot be predicted, scientists can forecast its movement using wind and water current data once a bloom is located. Scientists also monitor the concentration of the red tide organism by collecting water samples routinely and in response to blooms. Some people experience respiratory irritation (coughing, sneezing, tearing and an itchy throat) when the Florida red tide organism is present and winds blow onshore. Red Tide can also affect marine animals as well as dogs near the beach. The Florida Department of Health advises people with severe or chronic respiratory conditions, such as emphysema or asthma, to avoid red tide areas. For the most up to date information and maps, please visit Red Tide Current Status.”**

### **Sea Turtles**

**“Sea turtle season officially ended October 31st. Watch for all the sea turtle data from 2015 in the next Coconut Telegraph!”**

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

**From Judy McCoy, President:**

**“LGIFR is holding Board elections this year for representatives from Districts 1, 3, and 5. Board terms are for four years. Candidates who submitted their names by the October 26 deadline are:**

**For District 1:**

**Phyllis NeSmith**

**Bob Weronik**

**For District 3:**

**Andy Hagelin**

**Wayne Snell**

**For District 5:**

**Paul Holmes**

**Ballots will be sent by first-class mail to all LGI property owners by November 10. Each LGI property parcel will receive one ballot, and the parcel owner may vote for one candidate for each of the three open district seats. Ballots will be counted at the December 5th Annual Meeting.**

**LGIFR has requested short statements from each candidate, letting islanders know who they are and why they would like to serve on the Board. These statements will be posted on LGIFR's website and Facebook page, and will be emailed to LGIFR members."**

## **LGPOA- Free Membership Continues...**

**From Membership Chair, Mary Lou Davidson:**

**Update: 79 Islanders have logged on to Renew/Apply for our limited time offer of LGPOA Free Membership. Don't miss out! Visit [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org)**

**On the homepage click on LGPOA Free Membership.**

**\*\*Mark your calendar!**

**The next meeting of the LGPOA will be Saturday, November 7th at 10am. The meeting will take place at the Placida Condos meeting room by the pool. The results of the surveys will be discussed. Emphasis will be placed on determining the future goals of the property owners association. 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 below).**

### **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)**

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- 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](mailto:leydonrealestate@gmail.com)
- Andy Hagelin, Director, representing District 1,  
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- Rhonda Freeman, Director, representing District 2,  
[rffreeman123@yahoo.com](mailto:rffreeman123@yahoo.com)
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[twrhonda@gmail.com](mailto:twrhonda@gmail.com)
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[bfaburger@gmail.com](mailto:bfaburger@gmail.com)
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