



Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association

PO Box 3643, Placida, FL 33946

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

\*\*Environmental update - whales, raccoons and turtles

\*\*LGIFR update - CERT orientation scheduled

**ISLAND WIDE GARAGE SALE! November 26th 9-1pm**

Last year's event was so much fun. The people selling sold a ton of treasures to those of us traveling the island to see what was for sale. We have three garage sales signed up so far!

When? November 26th (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) from 9 am to 1 pm.

Who? Anyone can have a sale, just email us your house number and any items you'd like listed or featured. (Submit by November 15th please.) We will put a sign on the main sand path advertising your house number to make it easy to find.

Who? Anyone can go to the sales as well! We will email the list of garage sales and items to POA members the week before.

Why? You can recycle your unwanted items to someone that can use them and make some money for yourself at the same time!

We hope to see you on the 26th of November!

Please contact us with information regarding your sale and any questions at [twrhonda@gmail.com](mailto:twrhonda@gmail.com).

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**\*\*Environmental Committee**

From Environmental Chair, Linda Soderquist:

### **Wildlife Strandings**

We had a whale stranded on the sandbar at the south end of the island last month. Islanders gathered to try to keep the 19 foot sperm whale calf cool and wet until FWC and Mote Aquarium arrived on the scene. Somehow this calf was separated from its mother, was in a very weakened condition and had also been wounded by predators. After assessment of its condition, the whale was euthanized and taken away for necropsy. Sperm whales can be found anywhere in the open ocean. The females cooperate to protect and nurse their young. Females give birth every four to twenty years and care for the calves for more than a decade. A mature sperm whale has few natural predators. It was sad to see such a rare animal in distress, but wonderful to have so many islanders step in to help.

Those of you familiar with the old trestles may have seen a stranded raccoon high atop a piling one day in October, not looking very happy at all! Again, thanks to the help of islanders, the poor critter was gently helped off the piling and made its own way across the trestle and back to safety. Please contact the FWC Hotline to report a stranding. 888-404-3922.

### **Sea Turtle Nesting Season**

The 2016 nesting season ended on October 31st. Nesting data will be compiled and reported to the state in November. Thanks to all who volunteered this season and to islanders who took care to keep lights off the beach at night and removed furniture from the beach at sunset. There will be a full report on the 2016 nesting season in the December Coconut Telegraph.

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

(The LGPOA is not affiliated with the LGIFR, we just want to keep you up to date on all island activities.)

From Bob Weronik, President:

CERT training provides a venue to contribute to and support the island in times of need. Please mark your calendars to attend the Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) orientation on December 10, 2016 at 1:00 P.M at the fire house.

LGIFR has responded to many unusual incidents over the last few months from a helicopter that crash-landed on the south end of the island to a 20 foot baby sperm whale that beached itself on the island. Firefighter/Paramedic Friday responded to the island after being called and along with several other islanders tried to keep the baby whale hydrated until FWC officials could arrive. Even after being relieved from his tour of duty he volunteered to remain for several hours to assist with trying to save the whale. LGIFR has several dedicated firefighters that will go above and beyond the call of duty.

### **Dates of Interest in November**

November 6th Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back

November 11th Veterans Day

November 24th Thanksgiving

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

November 2nd Look for Circles Day  
November 4th King Tut Day  
November 6th Marooned Without a Compass Day  
November 13th World Kindness Day  
November 15th America Recycles Day  
November 17th World Peace Day  
November 21st World Hello Day  
November 25th National Day of Listening

LGPOA Board and Committee names and emails can be found on the LGPOA website.  
[www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org)

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. The content is reviewed by board members for approval.

Much appreciated! Rhonda Olson, [twrhonda@gmail.com](mailto:twrhonda@gmail.com).

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