



Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association

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

**Deputy John Stewart retiring

**LGPOA Meeting 1/7 at 10 am, Poker Run at 11 & Potluck at 12

**Environmental update

**LGIFR update

LGPOA Bylaw Amendments

Earlier this year, members of the LGPOA Board elected to update the bylaws of the Property Owners Association that was originally enacted in 2004. Proposed amendments may be reviewed on the LGPOA Website at www.lgpoa.org. Discussion of the proposed amendments will be placed on the agenda of the January 7th LGPOA meeting held at the Placida Beach Condos at 10am.

****Deputy John Stewart**

The LGPOA Board would like to acknowledge outgoing Deputy John Stewart, who will be retiring from the Charlotte County Police Department on December 30th of this year. John mentioned that he intends to spend some time in Long Island working at a family member's Harley Davidson location. During the winter season he plans on fishing the nearby waters of Little Gasparilla Island. We couldn't be more pleased to hear that John has been training his replacement, Deputy Edward Trentacosta, another Long Islander.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to John, who became part of our island community. He provided oversight with a friendly, hands off approach and will be sorely missed. We've invited both John and Edward to the LGPOA meeting on the 7th of January.

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****LGPOA Meeting at 10 am, Poker Run at 11 and Potluck at Noon on January 7th.**

Ante Up on Saturday, January 7th for the 2nd Annual Poker Run & Picnic! So much fun and laughter was had last year that we are holding this event after the quarterly LGPOA meeting, being held at the Placida Beach Condo's field at 10 AM.

Bring a fully charged cart and a favorite beverage to run with. Place your bets for one of three grand prizes. Cards will be dealt out at 5 locations around the island and the top three hands will win a basket of goodies. Last year's grand-prize winner won with a royal flush! Prizes will be handed out during the chicken picnic, which starts just before noon and is hosted by our LGPOA social chair Debbie Munholand (with help from Todd). Please RSVP to Debbie at dkphotos@me.com with the number in your party (membership is not required) and which kind of side dish or dessert you would like to bring. Hope we can count you in!

****Environmental Committee**

From Environmental Chair, Linda Soderquist:

Many questions and lots of opinions are circulating about water quality in Charlotte Harbor. For accurate information, there is no better source than our University of Florida IFAS Charlotte County Extension. In addition to information about water quality and Lake Okeechobee water releases, they provide information about a wide variety of subjects related to the environment. If you are interested in learning about honeybees vs. Africanized honeybees, seasonal feeding habits of snook and redfish, general boating and angling guides to Charlotte Harbor, and more...then this is the website for you! Check it out at <http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu/> One of the IFAS agents also has a column in the Water Life magazine at <http://www.waterlifemagazine.com/> which provides information in each issue on items of environmental interest.

****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:

All owners of property on LGI are members of LGIFR. Members are encouraged to attend the next meeting to be held at 10:00 on January 28, 2017 at the firehouse located at 9540 Jolly Roger Trail.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training began on December 10, 2016 with 10 islanders attending. The next training session will be January 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the firehouse.

Mark your calendars! A silent auction and lasagna dinner to benefit LGIFR will be held January 21, 2017 at the Hideaway Bay condos. Local artists will be providing the art objects to be auctioned. Tickets can be obtained for \$20.00 from the LGIFR directors, at the firehouse or from Rhonda Olson (941-999-7788), Pat Woldov (732-543-4279) or Pede Fraser (941-830-0990). Please come out and support LGIFR!

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From the Chief, Don Adams:

Residential fires during the holiday season are more frequent and more deadly than at any other time of the year. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) reports fires double on Christmas Day than on an average day, and about twice as many on New Year's Day. Some reasons are cooking, Christmas trees, candles and decorative lights. Of these fires cooking is number one. The most common cause is food that's left unattended while enjoying the festivities of these holidays. It's easy to get distracted; take a potholder with you when you leave the kitchen as a reminder that you have something on the stove. Make sure to keep a kitchen fire extinguisher that's rated for all types of fires, and check that smoke detectors are working. If you're planning to deep-fry your holiday turkey, do it outside, on a flat, level surface at least 10 feet from the house. On behalf of LGIFR we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Please feel free to email me at twrhonda@gmail.com 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.

Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association Board and Committee names and emails can be found on the LGPOA website at www.lgpoa.org.

Happy Holidays to you and yours! Rhonda Olson