



Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association

PO Box 3643, Placida, FL 33946

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### **Mark your Calendar!**

The Spring 2017 Annual LGPOA Membership Meeting and picnic will be held Saturday, April 8 @ 10am at the Placida Beach Condos. Bring your chair and a smile!

Please consider offering your time and energy to assist with this year's picnic. Contact Social Committee Chair Debbie Munholand at [dkmphotos@earthlink.net](mailto:dkmphotos@earthlink.net).

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**\*\*Notice of LGPOA Bi-annual Elections:**

LGPOA Board seats for Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 are up for election. The current board would like to request board candidate statements from LGPOA members who live in these particular districts to replace board members whose terms will expire.

If you live in any of the districts outlined below and would like to serve on the LGPOA Board of Directors, please e-mail a written statement introducing yourself and state what experience you bring and why you would like to serve on the LGPOA Board. Statements will be posted on the LGPOA website and e-mailed to all LGPOA members. Elections will take place immediately following the LGPOA Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 8th at 10 am at the Placida Beach Condos.

Please submit to LGPOA Secretary, Mary Lou Davidson, maryloudavidson@yahoo.com no later than February 27, 2017. Below, please find a list of addresses that pertain to each of these districts.

LGPOA Address/Districts

District 1 8000 – 8288

District 3 8594 – 8888 including: 8546, 8554, 8558, 8562, 8566, 8574, 8582, 8590 excluding: 8802-8818 (even #'s)

District 5 9140 – 9394

District 7 9420 – 9646 excluding: 9494, 9498, 9502

**\*\*LGPOA Annual Membership Drive**

Current LGPOA memberships will expire on April 30, 2017, the last day of the LGPOA fiscal year. We celebrate our annual meeting and picnic at this time each year to maximize member participation. This period historically is when the majority of property owners are on island and available to attend and support the LGPOA.

Last year the LGPOA launched an on-line membership renewal tool to increase efficiency, reduce waste and costs. This year, based on islander feedback, we will offer two ways to renew your membership

We welcome your on-line renewal at [www.lgpoa.org/membership](http://www.lgpoa.org/membership) or, your paper submission via US mail. Your 2017 membership packet will arrive in your mailbox in mid-February and will include a return envelope.

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## **\*\*Membership Committee volunteer needed**

From Membership Chair, Mary Lou Davidson

The LGPOA is looking for a volunteer to assist during the upcoming 2017 Membership Drive.

Requirements:

-Laptop or Desktop Computer

-Internet Service

-Available 2 hours per week beginning March 1 and ending April 30

-Comfortable with light data entry into simple Google Mail list

To offer your support please contact Membership Chair, Mary Lou Davidson at [maryloudavidson@yahoo.com](mailto:maryloudavidson@yahoo.com).

## **\*\*FPL Meeting Scheduled**

From LGPOA President, Richard Leydon, Jr.

on Monday, February 14th at 3pm a representative from Florida Power and Light will meet with LGPOA board representatives to discuss the chronic power outages on the island. More information will follow once location is determined.

## **\*\*2nd Annual Poker Run Results are in!**

From Stacey Supanich-Magoon

Our second annual Poker Run was held on January 7th and oh what a day it was! The rain and power outages throughout the island did not keep the faint of heart away...there were prizes and fun to be had after all!

After the LGPOA meeting, about 20 islanders donned their rain gear and sped off to four locations throughout the island only to return in record time. Upon arrival, participants were welcomed to the aroma of a warm and delicious meal of smoked chicken courtesy of Debbie and Todd Munholand. Hands were tallied while the meal was enjoyed and the winners were announced!

Coming in at a respectable 3rd place was Ken Weeks. Ray Stonebridge squeaked ahead of Ken to win 2nd place and Marg Olson won the grand prize!

I would like to give a special thanks to the following people who without their help this event would not have been possible. Debbie and Todd Munholand for their catering. Rhonda Olson for printing and distributing the flyers and rounding up volunteers. To our LGPOA board members for manning and dealing out the cards in such soggy weather. Also thanks to Chris Stonebridge for her contribution to the grand prize basket. All of you really helped make this a memorable day!

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## **\*\* Sailboat Update**

The Owners have until the end of February to finish removing the bottom of their boat that washed ashore in July of 2015. No attempt to complete removal has been made since they left the island last year.

If it's not removed from the beach by the end of February the court will most likely issue a bench warrant for the owners to appear in court again to explain their side of the story and give them more time to remove the boat.

Roger DeBruler, from Charlotte County, suggested the LGPOA implore islanders to complain to the court in writing about our exact issues with the delays and the infringement of the debris. He said, as voters we have more pull with the court and attorney generals' office than governmental agencies.

Reasons in your complaint could be any or all of the following. Turtle season is fast approaching in mid-April. The ladies have been given a minimal amount of court costs and plenty of time for removal already. There has been a change to the water flow along the shoreline. And lastly, the jagged edges of the boats' remains are dangerous during high tides.

He recommends sending a letter to the Prosecuting Attorney Andrew Barnett and one to the Honorable Paul Alessandrini. Both can go in the same envelope to the State Attorney's Office, 350 E Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. State your reasons for your exact issues with the delays and the infringement of the debris and refer to case number 15001518M. You can also request a notification of any upcoming court dates and your return address.

Hopefully our letters will make a difference when the judge decides what to do next.

## **\*\*Environmental Committee**

From Environmental Chair, Linda Soderquist:

### Wildlife Rescue

Islanders Lori and Melissa are addressing wildlife rescues for injured birds and other critters on the island, beaches, and marinas. They are working with the Wildlife Center of Venice. If you see injured wildlife, please notify Lori and Melissa through the Little Gasparilla Island Facebook page or call Wildlife Center of Venice at 941-484-9657. <http://wildlifecenterofvenice.org/>

Lori and Melissa have rescued many birds this past month. They asked to remind us that if you are cleaning fish, please do not throw the bones/skeleton where pelicans can grab them. Pelicans have needed help when they get the bones stuck in their throats. Dispose of fish bones well away from pelicans, in an area where the bones can sink quickly to the bottom. Some pelicans have been seen in distress from attempting to ingest plastic bags. Be aware that your litter can look like food to wildlife. There have also been many instances where birds with embedded fishhooks need rescue assistance. If you hook a bird, reel it in and remove the hook – do not just cut the line. For detailed information on helping birds when hooked, visit this FWC link at <http://myfwc.com/education/wildlife/unhook/>.

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Lori and Melissa are in need of dog or cat crates to use to transport injured wildlife. If you have a crate to donate, please contact them through the Facebook page. Thank you!

The wildlife out there is depending on us to keep their habitat clean and friendly!

**\*\*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:

A Silent Auction and Lasagna Dinner fundraiser was held January 21st at the Hideaway grill area. The 120 attendees generated \$6,151 to help replace/purchase EMS equipment. A great big thank you to all who participated and donated!

Little Gasparilla Island Fire and Rescue is soliciting island property owners to volunteer for a Fire House Options Advisory Group. This group will evaluate the various options and costs for a fire house, such as, constructing a new fire house on a parcel of land owned by LGIFR, constructing a new fire house on a different land parcel, leasing a structure suitable for our needs, and remaining in the leased structure the fire house occupies today – to name a few. If you are interested, please notify Chairman Bob Weronik @ lgifrdistrict1@gmail.com before March 11th, 2017.

The next CERT training will be February 12th at 10 am at the firehouse.

All LGI property owners are members of LGIFR and are urged to attend the Board meetings. The next LGIFR Board meeting will be March 11th at 10:30 am at the firehouse.

Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association Board and Committee names and emails can be found on the LGPOA website at [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org).

Please feel free to email me at [twrhonda@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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