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LGPOA Meeting Labor Day weekend

The next LGPOA meeting will be September 2nd at 2 pm in the Placida Condos meeting room by the pool. We will update members on island happenings and our progress on planning and development. We look forward to seeing you there.

****July 4th LGPOA Potluck with kids' games to follow!**

From Social Chair, Debbie Munholand

The 4th of July Picnic was a great time for all. Over 100 Islanders came and enjoyed the big spread of food. Pede Fraser outdid herself again this year with huge pans of food and double desserts. Approximately 20 island families brought dishes to share, many thanks to all that donated. The face painting by Marina Pendergrass was a huge hit again this year. Fire Chief, Don Adams, brought the fire truck down and doused all with cool water to bring down the scorching heat. There was a huge assortment of new LGIFR shirts and word was it was a great fundraiser for them. Todd Pierson and Adam Walter babysat the grill and kept the burgers and dogs coming as quickly as folks could eat them. Many thanks to all that helped set and clean up. There were lots of new faces and many were genuinely interested in helping with future events. As always, Richard Leydon was the core to the success... thanks so much for hauling all the heavy items in your truck. Rhonda Olson helped with every step of the journey in planning the event and set up... a heartfelt thanks to her for making the entire event possible.

Feel free to email Debbie and let her know what a great event she and Todd hosted!

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****Kids Fishing and Marine Clinic**

Labor Day Weekend Kids' Marine and Fishing Clinic - Saturday, September 2nd.

This year we are combining the fishing clinic with the marine clinic! The event will start at 10 am and last until noon.

Participants that sign up in advance will receive a fishing pole and a tackle box provided by Fish Florida.

- Who? Kids of all ages are invited.
- When? 10 am - noon, to save your spot call 941-999-7788.
- Where? Sign in is south and east of Hideaway Condo Building "A"
- Why? Learn about knot tying, casting, fish species and the importance of environment stewardship as it relates to fish, turtles, manatees and all sea life. We will collect and observe critters from the sea grass and have tons of FUN!

If you'd like to come and help you are more than welcome! Please contact Rhonda Olson directly at the number above or visit the volunteer portion of the website at www.lgpoa.org and your information will be forwarded to her.

A **BIG** thank you to Hideaway Bay for hosting this event. Please meet behind building "A" by the bay at 10am.

Water shoes are a must. Bug spray is a great idea. The event will take place rain or shine.

****International Coastal Cleanup – September, 30th 2017**

It's that time of the year again. Islanders can come, help collect and transport items to a dumpster at Eldred's Marina.

We are looking for volunteers to remove garbage from our mangroves, the inner-island and also from the beach from 9am until noon. If you want to work with others, meet at the golf cart shop at 9, otherwise there will be volunteers at the dumpsters to help you unload.

You can drop any full bags from 9-noon at the golf cart shop starting on the 21st (excluding Monday). Deric will have the forms needed and bags for you to use as well.

Larger garbage will be accepted at Eldred's Marina on the 30th. (**No appliances or TVs**). Volunteers will receive a T-shirt, as long as you sign up in advance! If you can participate, please visit the volunteer section at www.lgpoa.org. Be sure to leave your name, email, dates you plan to help, and don't forget shirt sizes for you and your helpers! Any questions, please call **941-999-7788**

So far there are four volunteers signed up and ready to go!

****ISLAND WIDE LGPOA GARAGE SALE! Mark your calendars now!**

The Island Wide Garage Sale will be held November 25th (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) from 9am to 1pm. Details on how to participate will be outlined in September's Coconut Telegraph.

****Environmental Committee**

From Environmental Chair, Linda Soderquist:

Mosquito Alert!

Empty containers in your yard at least once a week. Put holes in containers that regularly hold water to allow them to drain. Check and clean out gutters. Flush out or treat birdbaths and bromeliads. We get results from Mosquito Control when we call to report the mosquitoes are bad on the island. They will come out and check and then spray if needed. The number is 941-764-4370. Call as often as needed.

****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 Don Adams, Chief:

We have a new stock of LGIFR T-shirts! They will be sold at the Kids' Marine and Fishing Clinic Saturday, September 2nd from 10 until noon. Hope to see you there!

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

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.

Rhonda Olson