

# October 2020, Coconut Telegraph

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

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**\*\*Membership - It's never too late!**

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## Important Survey regarding the Placida Boat Ramp Expansion

The Planning and Development Committee has become aware of a survey being done by Charlotte County to solicit information for the expansion of the Placida Boat Ramp. Please share this information with all islanders!

<https://http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NTB6GLN>

**\*\*NO Dumping at the Placida Boat Ramp**

From Deputy Prummell:

There has been some complaints/concerns reported to the Sheriff's Office Environmental Detective regarding illegal dumping on the mainland at the Placida Boat Ramp. The dumpsters at the ramp are for official use only and the detective is trying to mitigate any additional issues reported by the county. They are trying to determine how to distribute this message to boaters and a posted sign plus locks are being discussed. I was contacted today, as the county would like this message to also be distributed to the barrier island residents. There were two recent issues that did relate to island residents and warnings from the environmental division were the course of action taken at this time.

**\*\*LGPOA Business Meeting**

There will be a business meeting mid November. Instead of attending, please

email your director by November 11<sup>th</sup> if have any questions or send a topic you'd like to have addressed on your behalf. After the meeting the minutes will be posted on the website and we will post them in the December Coconut Telegraph.

#### LGPOA Board

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#### LGPOA Districts

##### District / Addresses

- 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)
- 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

#### **\*\*Note to All Volunteers**

First and foremost, THANK YOU! Secondly, if you volunteered to help on a committee when you renewed your membership and you haven't heard from me, please email me at [twrhonda@gmail.com](mailto:twrhonda@gmail.com). I've been reaching out via emails over the past few weeks. Thank you, again, to all of you that have responded.

**\*\*ISLAND WIDE LGPOA GARAGE SALE!** (The Friday after Thanksgiving). Mark your calendars now!

The Island Wide Garage Sale will be held November 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm.

The last few years we've had so much fun. The people selling sold treasures to those of us traveling the island to see what was for sale.

Anyone can have a sale! Just email us your house number and any items you'd like listed or featured. (Submit by November 15<sup>th</sup> please.) You can recycle your unwanted items to someone that can use them and make some money for yourself at the same time! It's easier than hauling the items off the island, right? We will put a sign on the main sand path advertising your house number to make your sale easy to find.

We will also email the list of garage sales and items to POA members the week before. They will also be posted on the island bulletin boards for everyone to see.

Email us with information regarding your sale at [twrhonda@gmail.com](mailto:twrhonda@gmail.com). Please include your name, house number and a brief description of what you're selling.

We need a volunteer for help with the signs please.

**\*\*Kids Fishing and Marine Clinic - cancelled**

Sadly, there will be no Kids Fishing and Marine Clinic this year due to Covid 19.

**\*\*International Coastal Cleanup** – November 10<sup>th</sup> until November 14<sup>th</sup>

From Director, Deric Flom:

It's that time of the year again. We are looking for volunteers to remove garbage from our mangroves, the inner-island and also from the beach. Islanders can help collect and transport items to a dumpster that will be at Eldred's Marina on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**All weeklong...**

You can drop any full bags daily from 9-noon at the golf cart shop starting on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll be there Tuesday at 9am to make a plan for the week. LGI Carts will have the your T-shirts and garbage bags for your use.

### **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> ...**

If you want to work with others, meet at the golf cart shop at 9am on Saturday, otherwise there will be a volunteer at the dumpster to help you unload. Larger garbage will be accepted at Eldred's Marina. **(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 <http://www.lgpoa.org/volunteers>. Be sure to leave your name, email, dates you plan to help, and don't forget shirt sizes for you and your helpers! If you have any questions, please call 941-697-3820.

NO forms are needed anymore, but you need to download an app at <https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/international-coastal-cleanup/cleanswell/>

The app provides researchers and policy-makers insight on solutions.

We have 9 volunteers so far!

### **\*\*Membership**

From Membership Chair, Dawn Bokar:

It's never too late to join or renew a membership in the Little Gasparilla Island Property Owners Association. Simply go to <http://www.lgpoa.org/membership> and pay securely via Paypal. You'll receive the Coconut Telegraph every month right in your email box and be up to date on all island happenings! If you're not sure if your membership is renewed for 2020, email me at [dawnbokar@gmail.com](mailto:dawnbokar@gmail.com).

### **\*\*Environmental Update**

From LGI's FWC Turtle Permit Holder, Bren Curtis:

## Migrating Shorebirds

Fall has come to Little Gasparilla Island at the same time bird migration has kicked in along the Atlantic flyway. Although most birds fly near the east coast of Florida to navigate, some of them fly over the island and the west coast. In the last weekend of September, there were 10,000 to 18,000 birds migrating in the Boca Grande area according to Cornell's Live Birdcast site (see below). Many of them fly at night and need dark skies just as the sea turtle hatchlings do. Light pollution of humans interferes with bird and sea turtle navigation, so we can do our part and use motion sensors to cut down on lights especially during fall migration and the last month of October sea turtle nest hatches.

September 6th was World's Shorebird Day and many of the shorebirds seen on LGI shores breed in Florida. According to FWC, some of the Florida breeding shorebird species are Snowy Plover, Wilson's Plover, Willet, American Oystercatcher, Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Anhinga, 6 Heron species, 4 Egret species, Terns (Royal, Sandwich and Least), Laughing Gull, and Black Skimmer. All of these have been seen along the beaches from Stump Pass to the southern end of LGI. None of these species nested on LGI this year but some were successful just north on Palm Island. Least Terns and Wilson Plovers were successful in raising chicks on Palm Island and across the pass in Stump Pass Park.

So when you are out on the beach this fall you might be lucky to see shorebirds that are migrating through Florida and stopping to re-nourish themselves before moving on. Black-bellied, Piping, and Semipalmated Plovers stay a while and some even winter here in Florida. You might see Dowitchers, Marbled Godwits, Redknots, Sandpipers, Whimbrels, Sanderlings, Ruddy Turnstones and a few rare sightings of other stopover shorebirds.

Happy birding this fall and winter! Check with Ebird online for reported sightings.

Birdcast

<https://alert.birdcast.info/birdcast?latLng=26.7490152,-82.2616717&locName=Boca%20Grande,%20FL,%20USA>

FWC Florida Breeding Bird Atlas 1986-1991

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/bba/species/>

Florida Migrating Species

<https://opticbird.com/birds-migrate-florida/>

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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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Content is reviewed by board members for approval.

Rhonda Olson