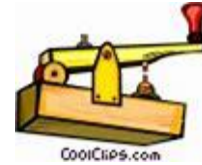




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Illegal dumping of waste - submitted by Richard

Charlotte County issued a warning about the illegal dumping of waste in unpermitted areas. It is illegal to dump any material in a right of way, instead of taking it to a proper disposal facility and paying the disposal fees. This warning from the county includes contactors, tree-trimming/removal companies, businesses and individuals. Report illegal dumping by calling 1-866-938-6722 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/illegaldumpingcc>

LGPOA membership – submitted by Dawn

Special thanks to all islanders who have renewed their LGPOA membership, and welcome and thank you to all new owners who have joined us! We look forward to getting to know you! It's never too late to join, and you can easily do so www.lgpoa.org/membership



What is This? Night Blooming Cereus Cactus - photo and article submitted by Laurie



Cereus is a ceroid cactus with large night-blooming flowers. It can take several years for the plant to produce a single bloom. The white petals are 6-8 inches across, and it has white and yellow internal parts. The flower is pollinated by moths. They can be propagated by placing part of the cactus in sandy soil. It grows well on a trellis, and in the “wild” will climb up palm trees. Cactus fertilizer will help it grow during transplanting. Don’t give it too much water or direct sun. Information taken from www.allaboutgardening.com



Mosquitoes – submitted by Laurie

They’re here, there, and everywhere! To learn more about these pesky insects check out the site below. If the mosquitoes become unbearable, call 941-764-4370 and follow the prompts.

[mosquito-biology.pdf \(charlottecountyfl.gov\)](http://mosquito-biology.pdf(charlottecountyfl.gov))

Turtles/ Tortoises – submitted by Laurie

I saw this submission to Facebook from Laurie Gaines and thought I would share it here as well.

Contacts for SICK or INJURED Gopher Tortoises

***** Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida 941 484 9657**
After hours **941 416 4867**

*Leave a message, they will return call.
They will give instructions on pick up at ferry landing if appropriate.*

925 North Jackson Road, Venice
www.wildlifewfl.org/

***** Lemon Bay Animal Hospital 941 474 7711**
3060 S McCall Rd, Englewood

***** On Island Pat 941 457 6941**

STEPS TO PROTECT GOPHER TORTOISE UNTIL TRANSFER

- Line container with grass
- Place GT in box
- Cover box with towel
- Place in cool area
- Wait for call
- Wash your hands

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REPORT DEAD GOPHER TORTOISES:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWCC)

850 921 1030 day 888 404 FWCC after hours/weekends

Or... #FWC or *FWC on cell phone

<https://app.myfwc.com/HSC/GopherTortoise/>



Check out these sites for more turtle information!

[Sea Turtle Nesting Season is Here | Florida State Parks](#)

[FA235/FA235: A Guide to Nesting Sea Turtles in Florida \(ufl.edu\)](#)

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