

COCONUT TELEGRAPH

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Hurricane season reminders:

Have a personal plan in place. Do not put yourself and others in danger by making poor or late decisions. Keep extra medications, spare oxygen for CPAP, first aid kit, water, food, gas, and generator for a 3-day minimum. If you are asked to evacuate the island, do so in a timely manner. Always let someone know where you are staying. Remember, many island paths will flood and island transportation or rescue may not be possible. The shuttle will not run in high wind/water situations.

Websites for local information concerning our weather:


[NWS Southern Region Tropical Webpage \(weather.gov\)](#)

[Tampa Bay Area, FL \(weather.gov\)](#)

[\(3\) Facebook](#)

Facebook information:

Charlotte County Emergency Management

Plan ahead! There are several ways to get information from the Charlotte County Office of Emergency Management. Make sure you are following Charlotte County social media accounts! 

[Charlotte County Emergency Management](#) on Facebook

www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/EM

@charlottefleoc on Instagram

@CCOEM on Twitter



Call 941-833-4000



Nextdoor

Sign up for Alert Charlotte. Visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/alertcharlotte.



Radio

WCCF AM 1580

WENG AM 1530, FM 98.1, FM 107.5

WIKX FM 92.9

WBCG FM 98.9

WCVU FM 104.9

WINK FM 96.9

WCKT FM 100.9

Local TV Stations



Over the air stations (antenna)

WINK 11.1

WBBH 20.1

WZVN 26.1

WWSB 40.1

WFTX 36.1

Charlotte County TV (CC-TV) on Comcast Channels 20.

Or you can stream CC-TV live from your computer.

For a full list of ways, you can stay informed, visit CharlotteCountyFL.gov/EMT

Together in Good Times

<https://www.gofundme.com/.../together-in-good-times...>

LITTLE GASPARILLA ISLAND
TOGETHER IN GOOD TIMES ☻ TOGETHER IN NEED


CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT


FRESH BBQ

LIVE MUSIC

RAFFLE
BRING CASH FOR RAFFLE TICKETS!
LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY

WORSHIP
SPECIAL OUTDOOR SERVICE
10 AM OCTOBER 1ST

SEPTEMBER 30TH AT THE FIREHOUSE

*A Facebook post



Garden Club - submitted by Bob and Sharon Deegan

LGI Garden Club is giving away Mango trees this month!

Come by and pick them up or call Bob to arrange pick-up (727) 410-6591.

Island Nursery
8326 Peacock Lane



Information from Deputy Billy Prummell

*No crimes have occurred, and the fourth of July holiday went very well with no significant issues reported on either Island. We are now preparing for Labor Day efforts.

*Charlotte County is hosting Senior Show and Tell Saturdays “Sea Turtles and Shorebirds”

Join Charlotte County Environment Specialist Suzanne Derheimer on September 16

[Activity detail | Get Up, Get Out, Get Active \(activecommunities.com\)](https://www.activecommunities.com)



LGIFR (Little Gasparilla Island Fire and Rescue) Update

Welcome Jimmy and Tabitha to LGI. At various times, Jimmy will be a back-up for Chief Bill, so he can take some personal time.



What Is This? submitted by Laurie

Upside Down Jellyfish/ Mangrove Jellyfish xamachana or frondosa

This is a common jellyfish found among the mangrove roots and in shallow bays in tropical waters. Cassiopea contain symbiotic algae giving them a greenish brown color. The algae provide food and nutrients for the jellyfish, and in turn the jelly provides a home and stays in shallow waters so the algae can carry on photosynthesis. The jellyfish can also filter feed on microscopic prey. The sting of the upside-down jellyfish is mild compared to other jellies.

[upside-down Jellyfish](#)

[Upside- down Jellyfish - Gulf Specimen Marine Lab](#)

Debbie Coolidge submitted by Barb

It is with a breaking heart that I want to pass along this news.

Debbie Coolidge, an LGI icon, passed away on Saturday August 19th. She was diagnosed with Lung Cancer in June. She fought valiantly but was unable to overcome the disease. Debbie will be remembered for impeccable style, southern hospitality, and her feisty attitude.

Debbie was always well dressed no matter what she was doing. She donated her time & talents to make the fire department fundraisers special events. She hosted many parties at HBBC for island residents & homeowners alike - the Easter brunch, the Halloween karaoke & the New Year's Steak roast to name a few. She was there to make sure everything ran smoothly but preferred to stay behind the scenes. Even while I visited her in the hospital, she was still the consummate hostess - asking if I needed some water or if I wanted some of the fruit she didn't eat.

Debbie will also be remembered for her incredible sense of humor. She always had delightful stories to tell. Her laugh was infectious. Nothing was off limits - the bawdier the better. I spent so many nights laughing hysterically after listening to her tell a tale. Debbie maintained her feisty attitude till the end. She joked about her visitors having to babysit her once her strength began to weaken. She would roll her eyes & make a crack but continue to make sure you felt comfortable.

Debbie always greeted me with a "Hey doll baby." I am going to miss that distinctive southern drawl.

Debbie is survived by her daughters Jessica Mack (Steve), Annie Stewart (Chet), her grandchildren Allison, Michael, Jacob & Ayden, and her sister Barbara Matos.

A celebration of life is tentatively scheduled for October 6th. Details will be given later.



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