



## COCONUT TELEGRAPH

January 2025

- Call CC Public Works
  - Survey
  - County Meeting
  - Service providers and numbers
  - Daily Sun article on debris pickup
  - Wink News
  - Websites for coastal plants information
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- The LGPOA board would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. Hopefully, one with with no hurricanes!
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- Please call the Charlotte County Public Works about debris removal **ASAP...941-575-3600**. They will provide details about what must be done. Be ready to have your debris picked up at any time. I was told they are coming to LGI.
  - <https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/departments/public-safety/emergency-management/storm-recovery.stml>
  - <https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/core/fileparse.php/476/urlt/charlotte-debris-separation-guide-2024.pdf>

- **Informational survey request submitted by Rob Hill and approved by LGPOA**

(Personal information is optional)

Name:

Address:

Email and/or phone number:

1. Do you think a short dune walkover should be built at the end of the streets more prone to flooding, Peacock, Marsh, King?  
If you live on one of these streets, please state which one.
2. Do you think that plants such as sea oats, sea grapes, and ground covers should be planted on the dune areas?
3. Do you think that all class 1 invasive exotics should be removed from LGI? This would mainly include the Australian pines and the Brazilian pepper trees.  
(The pines have caused major destruction over the years due to their large size and shallow root system. The peppers are a haven for mosquitoes. Native plants could be used to replace these.)
4. Do you think some narrow parts of our “roadway” should be widened and stabilized to allow for safer travel?

Please rank these 4 questions in order of importance to you. For example, a rank of 2, 1, 4, 3 would mean that question 2 has the highest importance and urgency and question 3 has the least importance and urgency.

This information will provide the LGPOA with some guidelines for island improvement.

Please leave comments as you wish on each survey question. Let us know if you have any “expertise” to share or a name of someone that does and would be willing to work with us. Email your ranking to

[jltremblay125@gmail.com](mailto:jltremblay125@gmail.com)

Thanks.

- County Bridgeless Barrier Island Accessibility meeting submitted by Barb

I attended the Charlotte County (CC) Bridgeless Barrier Island (BBI) Accessibility meeting on Nov 13th. The meeting was hosted by Chris Beers of Johnson Engineering & Travis Perdue - CC Facilities Management Director. There were over 90 people in attendance.

This meeting was a follow up to a meeting in January 2024 when CC hired Johnson Engineering to gather info about the accessibility needs of Knight Island, Thornton Key, Don Pedro Island & LGI. The first survey results & the responses from the first meeting indicated that the needs of LGI are significantly different than the other 3 islands. It was mentioned that there were 249 responses from LGI out of 642 homes. Yesterday's meeting is still considered Phase 1 - the information gathering portion. A second survey has been created to get information from the 2 areas separately. Attached is a picture of the QR code given out with a link to the second survey. Further info can be found on the Charlotte County website.

My takeaway from the discussions shared & comments made by LGI homeowners after the meeting is that we need to provide CC with specific needs for HBBC & LGI. There needs to be a convenient mainland barge landing for delivery & transport of goods, and for service & septic providers to have access to the island. There needs to be a dedicated barge landing on the island to allow for competition. There needs to be access to public parking & boat trailer parking for times of heavy occupancy & for those owners or renters who have boats. The possibility that Eldred's will not remain a public marina has heightened the need for CC to fill in the gaps. The possibility that the Fishery barge landing might no longer be available for use compounds the severity of our needs.

It is important that every homeowner fill out the survey and that they add comments at the end to ensure that CC understands the needs of our community on LGI. The more people that respond to the survey, the more likely CC will have to listen to our concerns.



- People providing services (sand moving, green bag pickup, barge and ferry services, grocery and garbage pickup, repair work, etc. for the islanders) Please let me know of others and I will add them to the list. This list does not include the major contactors on the island...Richard, Glenn, and Bruce or the plumbers, electrical, etc. Check face book for their information.

Taylor Dixon 941 268 6809  
Robert Hill 941 769 1391  
Leydon Landscaping 941 662 5219  
Evan Merritt 941 830 1346  
Erin Blair 863 224 4141  
Bob Deegan 727 804 2139  
Ron Petrekovich  
Emmett Shane Pirate's Water Taxi 941 697 5777

- Article in the Englewood Daily Sun about debris pickup from the county  
Call anyone you know that might be able to help us get debris pickup on the island!

[https://englewoodsun-fl.newsmemory.com/?publink=14dd6cb73\\_134d55f](https://englewoodsun-fl.newsmemory.com/?publink=14dd6cb73_134d55f)

- Link to article and video by Zoe Warner Wink News

[Little Gasparilla Island looking to rebuild after active hurricane season](#)

- Check out these sites for beach plants and Florida's vanishing beaches



[Ten Plants to Know in our Florida Sand Dunes - UF/IFAS Extension Flagler County](#)

[Recommended Florida Native Beach and Dune Plants for Beachfront Properties and Dune Restoration](#)

[Florida's Vanishing Beaches: The fight against coastal erosion](#)

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