



## Coconut Telegraph

March 2025

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### **Debris Removal Continues** submitted by Richard

Debris removal continues on the island. Please place your debris out by the road, if you have not done so already. Batteries, white goods, and environmental debris should also be placed by the road with a sign for pick up. It seems they will be wrapping up sometime mid-March! If your home needs demolition, the county has instructed the contractor to remove the home at no cost.



## **Report from Deputy Prummell**

Little Gasparilla Islanders,

After the recent devastation the island suffered, for a period, it became a unique necessity to use and access the beach to travel the island. That being said, the storm has come and gone so you must return to the usual as best you can even though many of you are still dealing with great challenges and hardships from this unbelievable act of God. No motor vehicles are permitted on the beach or through the dunes. This needs to be adhered to, now more than ever, so the beach and dunes may flourish and return to its beautiful self. I have quoted the County Ordinance Language below: Operation of motorized vehicles. a. Generally. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor-driven vehicle upon the beach and dune system of any publicly owned land without the written consent of the local government. It shall likewise be unlawful to operate motor-drawn vehicles upon privately owned beaches or dunes without the consent of the person or persons having lawful ownership thereof. b. Exemptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to emergency, law enforcement, and public lands management personnel while engaged in the performance of their duties, or as required in association with approved beach/dune restoration and renourishment projects. I have erected temporary signs at many easement/beach access points for riders to see and abide by. It is clearly visible, and action will be taken for those not in compliance. Below is a photo of the signs. Where I seem to get the most resistance with compliance is at the Coconut Palm easement. So below, I have attached a map showing where the dunes begin. Please adhere to this and respect the beach.

The Sheriff's Office phone number is (941)639-2101, as I always state, if I am working, they will put you in touch with me but if I am not your complaints do not go ignored. Mainland deputies will address what they can the best they can, and I will follow up with you my next shift if needed. Stay Safe Everyone. Your resilience is evident with your efforts to rebuild and continue pressing on!

Deputy William (Billy) Prummell #2684

Barrier Islands Deputy

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

[PSA No Motor Vehicles on the Beach.pdf](#)



## **Results from the survey** submitted by Laurie

Thank you for responding to the survey in the January Telegraph. Results were spread out evenly among the four questions. However, most thought #2 dealing with replanting the beach with vegetation was most important. All the information is being considered by the LGPOA. If you would like to add your input, see the survey below. Thanks.

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

(Personal information is optional)

Name:

Address:

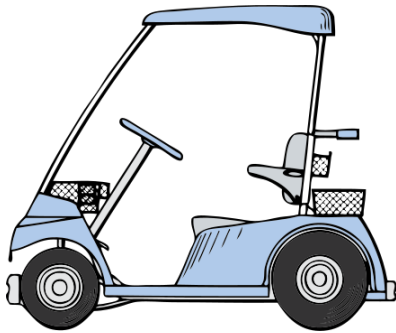
Email and/or phone number:

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.



**LGI carts will be reopening in the next few weeks!** Submitted by Deric

## **Update on EU application for sewers** submitted by Barb

The Public Service Commission (PSC) held the technical service hearings on Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners Art Graham, Gary Clark and Gabriella Passidomo Smith were in attendance. These hearings allowed all parties (EU, LGIPA, PIE, Linda Cotherman & the Office of Public Council) to present their evidence in favor of or opposed to the application by EU for a certificate to install a Low Pressure Sewer System on the barrier islands. Many experts on both sides also gave their testimony to support or contradict the evidence presented. It was a very informative discussion. The hearing was also well attended with close to 100 island residents.

Since the application was first submitted to the PSC, two major changes were made by EU as stated in the rebuttal testimony of Jonathan Cole (EU engineer) posted on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

- 2) There was a change made to use a grinder pump low pressure system, potentially increasing maintenance and electric costs for each homeowner.
- 2) There was a change made to the transmission line location. The initial application showed one line coming to the islands through Don Pedro State Park and splitting to go north to Don Pedro/Knight Islands and south to LGI. The document states that now 2 transmission lines will be used to cross the intercoastal waterway, one going into Knight island in the north and going from Placida Rd to the HBBC property in the south. EU still states that the septic plant serving HBBC and Placida Beach Condos is excluded from the scope of this application even though the transmission lines is coming onto HBBC property.

There were also two In-person Service Hearings to allow residents to speak directly to the commissioners as well as the parties of record. The first was held Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. I was not able to attend this session so I can't recount the opinions of the residents that spoke. The second session was held on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. People were allowed to give a 3 minute speech to let their opinions be heard. The attendees well represented all 3 islands. The overall response was that the sewers weren't wanted, they weren't needed, the costs were too high, & the environmental impact to the islands would be extremely damaging.

The post hearing briefs from the parties of record are due on Feb 28th.  
The PSC will convene on May 30th to make a decision on the outcome of this case.

If you want more information on this subject, you can go directly to the PSC website at <http://www.FloridaPSC.com>

Click on Clerk's Office, then Dockets. Type in Docket number 20240032.

Barb Dwyer LGPOA District 6

West County Transfer Facility submitted by Raphaela and William and posted on FB



# LITTLE GASPARILLA RESIDENTS

Starting February 2025

Residents of Little Gasparilla Island may use the West County Transfer and Mini Recycling Facility **only**.  
**Fee: \$10 per visit - VISA & MasterCard Only**  
Scan the QR code below for a complete list of accepted and prohibited items.

**OUR SERVICE:**

- Furniture and Bulky Items
- Residential Yard Trimmings
- Recycling
- Household Hazardous Wastes
- No Household Garbage / Food Waste



Scan Me



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Englewood, FL  
941-764-4360





## Allowable Items

### Recycling

- Plastics
- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Mixed Paper
- Glass containers
- Aluminum & Steel Cans
- Scrap Metals: pipe, metal frames

### Special Wastes

- Cooking Oil
- Household Hazardous Wastes
- Lead-Acid Batteries
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Paints and Pesticides
- Motor Oils and used Oil Filters
- Hypodermic Needles (Sharps)

### Allowable Items with Limitations

- Construction and demolition (C&D) debris
- Cabinets must be broken down
- No items longer than 8'
- No more than 6 cubic yards per fiscal year
- Tires with or without rims (22-inch maximum)
- Furniture and refuse
- Includes furniture, toys, swing sets, lawn furniture, etc.
- 12 times per fiscal year
- No more than 18 cubic yards per fiscal year
- Residential yard trimmings
- Between 10 and 20 inches in diameter,
- Lengths between 6 and 8 feet,
- Bundles that weigh more than 40 pounds.

### Prohibited Items

- Business or commercial waste
- Firearms/Ammunition
- Perishable waste, such as household garbage
- Yard trimmings in plastic trash bags are prohibited
- E-Waste
- No Trailers longer than 12 feet long and wider than 6 feet

Charlotte County Solid Waste  
941.764.4360  
[www.charlottecountyfl.gov](http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov)



## **Condemned House Information: (Posted on LGI Facebook)**

If your house was rendered uninhabitable or condemned because of Helene or Milton, you can still seek assistance from the county; but do so ASAP as time is running out.

1. Complete a ROE (right of entry) form from Public Works 941-575-3600
2. Contact Community development 941-743-1201, if your house hasn't been earmarked as one for tear down already. They should send someone out to assess and document.
3. Have your Long version of property description/title.
4. Gather insurance information, if any.

Have everything in hand when returning to Public Works to make it smoother.

Please email Laurie Tremblay at [jltremblay125@gmail.com](mailto:jltremblay125@gmail.com) with any information you would like to publish in the Coconut Telegraph by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. The content is reviewed by board members for approval before publication. Thank you.