

COCCONUT TELEGRAPH

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Membership Drive submitted by Dawn

We are excited to resume the annual **LGPOA** membership drive, so please watch our mailing in mid-February! Your packet will include a letter from Board President, Richard Leydon, and registration information that includes mail-in and online options to renew or join. We are looking forward to getting back to the **LGPOA**'s mission of researching issues that affect the island, whether a community, county, or state issue that could impact us. These were the type of issues owners were concerned about, and that formed the **LGPOA** originally. It was an effort to protect LGI, maintain its natural state, limit business, adhere to county and state requirements, and educate residents. We are looking forward to getting back to this mission, resuming social activities, reviving our committees, and increasing our membership. We welcome all new owners to come and see what we're about, we'd love your input. And we can't wait to see all our current members. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in April. It is never too late to join your community, **LGPOA**! More annual meeting information will be in the March Coconut Telegraph!

Eradicate Iguanas submitted by Laurie



Green iguanas are not native to Florida and are considered an invasive species due to their impact on native wildlife. Like all nonnative reptile species, green iguanas are not protected in Florida except by anti-cruelty law and can be **humanely killed** on private property with landowner permission. This species can be captured and killed year-round and without a permit or hunting license on public lands in South Florida.

Check out these FWC sites for more information on iguanas and methods of removal.

[Green Iguana | FWC](#)

[Humane Killing Methods for Nonnative Reptiles | FWC](#)

Island Happenings submitted by Brian

Mark your calendar and stay in touch for more information.

Lindsey Bella Music at the Golf Cart shop - Friday, March 20 after sunset

Justin Prillaman JP&Co at the Boca Grand Sand Bar – Saturday March 21 (weather permitting)

Information about this father/daughter duo can be found on [Facebook](#)



photos from Facebook posts

Island Arteries submitted by Laurie



Our island paths/roads are the arteries of LGI. They are vital for emergencies (fire and medical), necessary for builders, are important for other needs (groceries, trash pick-up, golf cart maintenance, home repairs/remodels, sewer pump-outs, etc), and yes for visiting each other!

Please, let's all do what we can to keep these arteries open, so everyone can benefit.

As properties owners, we should respect and value other people's properties, as we do our own and encourage renters to do the same.

THANKS!

Gasparilla Marina Trash Concerns submitted by Richard



Trash concerns at Gasparilla Marina are a problem. We are in danger of losing this service, which would be a huge inconvenience to many islanders. Please follow the instructions concerning proper trash disposal, putting only household trash into the dumpsters, and nothing is to be left outside the dumpsters. If needed, use the county transfer station but have some type of proof you own property on the island, such as a water bill. Thanks.

Charlotte County Code of Ordinances 10/2025 submitted by Laurie

Having trouble sleeping at night? Looking for some light reading material? Just curious about county ordinances and LGI? Check out this information from Charlotte County. Pay special attention to Sec. 3-9-52 and Sec. 3-9-53 since they pertain to us.

[ARTICLE II. - DISTRICT REGULATIONS | Code of Ordinances | Charlotte County, FL | Municode Library](#)

Sec. 3-9-52. - Bridgeless Barrier Island (BBI)

Sec. 3-9-53 - LGI

Bridgeless Barrier Island Input Summary Report March – 2025

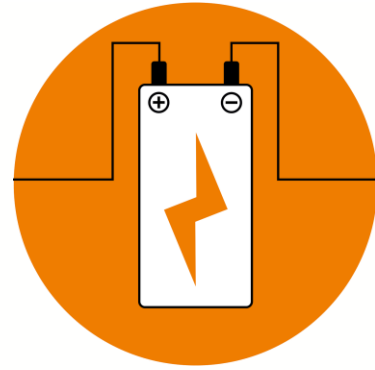
[BBI-Public-Input-Summary-Report.pdf](#)



Heads up, Charlotte County! We are seeing an increase in marine equipment thefts, especially GPS systems. If possible, remove anything of value from your vessel whenever you are not with it. This includes GPS systems, fishing gear, trolling motors, etc.

Remember to report any suspicious activity to our non-emergency number (941) 639-2101!

(copied from Facebook post by CC sheriff's office)



Lithium battery concerns submitted by Laurie

Do you have concerns about lithium batteries and the possibility of fire from explosions?

Some information on this topic can be found below. Educate yourself and promote safety.

[Explosive Risks: Lithium Battery Fires in Golf Carts: How to Prevent | Intermountain Golf Cars](#)

[How to Safely Store Lithium-Ion Batteries: Complete Guide to Protection and Prevention](#)

80% of fires caused by golf carts and lithium-ion batteries, according to SJC Fire

Rescue

YouTube

News4JAX The Local Station

5.6K views

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