

# Long Bay Hills Newsletter

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## Road Works update

The speed bump signage and speed limit signage have arrived and Kathi Barrington is kindly overseeing the installation of these signs. The 5mph speed bump which will be installed at the entrance to Long Bay Hills by the rock face has also arrived and will be installed shortly. We will have two other speed bumps created along the straight away stretches to hopefully encourage people to drive no more than 30mph which is our set speed limit for Long Bay Hills.

We have had 20 individuals and 2 corporations ( one is LBHPOA ) who have donated all the funds for the road paving works to date. We are still short for our final payment and would really appreciate some help with this.

For all of you who are enjoying the paved road and can help at this time and haven't already donated, please do so. You can contact Kathi Barrington by phone or email [katmike@tcivay.tc](mailto:katmike@tcivay.tc) and she will arrange to pick up your donation. If you cannot help right now we would be happy to accept your pledge of funds for a future date for these works.

There are 150 homes built in LBH's and even if you can donate \$100 that would certainly help us with the final payment on the road paving plus go towards the curbs that are necessary to install before the heavy rains come.

The aprons for Banana Patch Lane, Lignum Vitae and Curlew Drive have all been completed and thanks to those of you that donated funds towards these works as it will save the paved road on these highly trafficked areas especially Lignum Vitae and Curlew.

Secondary road works are progressing with the Beach Drive first followed by Lignum Vitae, Seasage Hill Road and Flame Tree Circle and so on. The roads will be filled, compacted and then graded providing a longer lasting repair than grading only. Cove Construction is handling this job however will be working as and when in between their other jobs so please bear with us as it will take some time to finish all the secondary roads.

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## Neighborhood Watch

Camille Slattery is still looking for volunteers to take over from her for the NW program. If you are interested please contact her direct on [camille@tcivay.tc](mailto:camille@tcivay.tc).

Another reminder to please contact Juliette Gooding on [911mgr@gmail.com](mailto:911mgr@gmail.com) to obtain your house number if you haven't already done so and install it by the road side to make identification of your property easy for emergency services to attend to you in times of need.

## Security Issues

Your Board of Directors are reviewing the various security issues now that we are in possession of the 5mph speed bump which will be installed at the entrance to LBH's. This will slow traffic down to a manageable speed for a CCTV camera to record licence plates should the need arise.

We are also looking at a barrier cost which could be closed off should the Police need to cordon off our area in the event of crime situations.

The problem is of course funding. We have to complete the road paving payments and for the curbs so if anyone can assist then please contact Kathi.

We would also like to hear from you now that the road has been paved on any security issues you feel should be raised.

Please email [news@longbayhills.com](mailto:news@longbayhills.com) to let us know your views. All submissions will be reviewed by the Board and we thank you for your time and interest in keeping LBH's a safe neighborhood.

## Annual LBH's BBQ

It has been suggested that Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, would be a good date for our annual BBQ.

Another suggestion was that instead of having it on the beach we should hold it at a private residence as lugging all the items to the beach was hard work last year and very hot!

Please email [news@longbayhills.com](mailto:news@longbayhills.com) with your suggestions and your confirmation if you can attend on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm to beat the heat of the day.

Thank you.

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## Green Spot by Marsha Pardee, marine ecologist

### Dune Plants and Uses



#### **Sandfly Bush (Rachecallis Americana)**

(pictured to left of photo)

Sandfly Bush is very common on our coastline and is also called wild thyme due to its tiny fleshy leaves. Here in TCI its better known as sandfly bush as its slightly toxic smoldering leaves have been used to repel sandflies. It grows like a shrub up to 4ft in height and has small yellow flower clusters when in bloom. It does propagate easily with cuttings doing best in moist salty sand.

#### **Mosquito Bush (Strumpfia maritima)**

(pictured to right of photo)

Mosquito Bush is also very common and can often be found growing next to Sandfly Bush. Its fleshy leaves are slightly longer, (more like rosemary than thyme) and also have been called false rosemary. Its form is usually shrub like (up to 8ft), but it also can grow in low mounds particularly in rocky high wind areas. Medicinally a weak tea of this plant has been used to treat colds, stomach ache and to help pass kidney stones, but stronger teas can induce abortion and leave women sterile. Like Sandfly Bush, Mosquito Bush is locally known and named as the smoke from smoldering fires is known to help repel mosquitoes.

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\*\*Should you wish a particular subject raised by our marine ecologist please email [news@longbayhills.com](mailto:news@longbayhills.com) and we will submit your request. We hope you find this Green Spot segment of interest and helpful. Thank you.