

Long Bay Hills Newsletter

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Secondary Road Works

Donations: We are still \$3800 shy of the funds we need to complete our initial road contract amount and then we need further donations for curbs and speed bumps. Please contact katmike@tcivay.tc with any size donation – it all helps! Thank you.

Works in Progress: Cove Construction is still taking quarry from the canal and leaving it to dry out on the green belt site on the Beach Road. They have started secondary road works on Seasage Hill Road as they completed the Beach Road works. Cove has been questioned on filled trucks leaving LBH's as the agreement was all the fill stored on LBH's sites would be used for secondary road works in LBH's. We will update everyone once we have an answer to our question. We will also provide a further schedule of secondary road works once to hand.

Plantings: Please advise if you can donate some plants or labour to help with the roadside plantings which will stop erosion from the quarry filled road sides. Please contact katmike@tcivay.tc – thank you!

TCIG Census

As you may be aware the TCIG is in the process of taking a new census and the representative compiling statistics for LBH's is Ms Almartha Thomas. She needs the following information:

- Number of people living in the household for more than 6 months
- Genders & Nationalities
- Head of the household's name
- Address and telephone number of head of household
- Number of dwelling units on the property

This information gathering exercise takes only 3 minutes. Ms Thomas will be in the area for a short time more however you can call her on 243-3205 if you have not yet registered your information.



*Curbs and plantings
Can stop erosion*

Green Spot by Marsha Pardee, marine ecologist

Mangroves and the Adopt a Mangrove Campaign

It's summertime and we are starting to see the cigar shaped pods of red mangroves washing ashore once again. These phenomenal little propagules (as they are called) are the beginnings of the extensive mangrove forests we see along certain areas of our shorelines. The seeds are somewhat buoyant, and though appear to be floating aimlessly, they have the ability to orientate themselves upright when landed in an appropriate growing place.



Mangrove

Some propagules though do just wash ashore in areas where they will likely not make it. Long Bay Beach is one such place and after a good blow, we often find hundreds scattered along the shore. As a beach walker, I've counted over 100 in my mile stretch on a given day, even noting some that have orientated themselves accordingly along the high water line. This past season I noted over 40 seedlings in a quarter mile stretch struggling to grow for several months along our beach, just to be washed away in one good erosive storm.

In part, those many disorientated pods became the seeds of thought and inspiration, and later the subject of cultivation as ideas for an Adopt a Mangrove Campaign took form. The unattended mess of spoils known as Star Island in Leeward Channel further catalyzed my interest in mangroves, prompting this restoration and education campaign.

Since last November, non-profit status and permits have been acquired, a simplistic nursery system developed, and research undertaken on various farming and planting aspects. Now to date, over 200 mangroves have been planted around the perimeter of the Star Island spoil pile and we have just recently launched our website and the main portion of our public awareness campaign.

Our directives go beyond planting mangroves, the restoration of impacted areas and environmental education to include the further protection of the TCI Protected Areas and vital ecosystems. Just click on the following links below to find out more about the Adopt a Mangrove Campaign.

[Why Plant Mangroves?](#) For all the right reasons including:

- * Climate Change Adaptations
- * Impact Mitigation
- * Runoff Filtration
- * Carbon Sequestration
- * Fisheries Preservation
- * Shoreline Protection and Stabilization

We ask that you check out our entire website (www.merangel.net/mangroves) and [Sign our Petition](#) that requests Governor Wetherell to amend current legislation for the increased protection of the TCI Protected Areas and other vital ecosystems.

And last but not least, help us to continue these vital efforts and Adopt a Mangrove in support of this campaign. Your financial aid will cover costs of the Star Island project and go towards the continuance of this and future mangrove restoration projects. [How to Adopt](#) is easy and your anticipated support has already gone a long way towards making this campaign a success.