

# Long Bay Hills Newsletter

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*Planning Update!*

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## Planning Update

The LBHOA Board of Directors and Roads Sub-Committee have been in negotiations regarding the possibility of paving the main road (Long Bay Highway) from the entrance at Leeward Highway to the Beach Road intersection. This would take all commercial traffic relieving the side roads which could be filled, rolled then graded and would last much longer. To raise funds for the paving we would need to sell off one or two of the beach greenbelt properties as was originally agreed by vote at the AGM. Blue Hills Ltd will transfer the greenbelt areas to LBHOA however the greenbelt properties need to be severed to have one side residentially zoned and the other kept as a beach access. To gain this rezoning LBHOA must meet Planning requirements. Planning states we must make the beach access points (3 main ones) suitable for the general public with regards to walkways and parking. Plans are currently being worked on and will be reviewed and comments requested when ready.

## Entrance Refurb

Cove Construction is working on realigning the roadway from the turn off at Leeward Highway to just before Leeward Road. The street sign for Leeward Road is in place now and this is the road leading to the Labour Camp among other residences, for point of reference.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter our entrance for Long Bay Hills actually starts at the point where the road goes through the rock face, where the large cave is just before the Leeward Road street sign.

The rock face on both sides forms a perfect spot for a barrier should the Association desire their gateway at this point. We could still put signage at the Leeward Highway intersection denoting the direction to LBH to ensure ease of finding the area. Comments on this issue would be welcome.  
Thank you.



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*Long Bay Hills  
Entrance*

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*Neighborhood  
Watch!*

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## Neighborhood Watch Update

Hopefully most of you will have received the email concerning the CAPPS program. This has been suggested by the main body of NW and they have solicited all NW areas, including the LBH NW, for their input on this program. An overview of CAPPs was sent along with a proposed application for those willing to join and be active members of CAPPs for Long Bay Hills.

Should you have any further questions or require the email with attachments be resent please contact Camille on [camille@tcivay.tc](mailto:camille@tcivay.tc) and she will be happy to discuss further with you.

We really would appreciate comments on the program to see if Long Bay Hills should be part of the overall CAPPs plan.

## Burning Issues

Many LBH residents have written in stating they are unhappy with people burning trash near their properties.

We contacted the Dept of Environmental Health and were advised that under the Turks & Caicos Islands Public & Environmental Health Ordinance that NO open burning of any refuse, whether residential or commercial, is permitted. It is strictly prohibited.

This does lead one to wonder how they can then burn the trash at the local dump but the issue was whether or not it is legal to burn trash in Long Bay Hills and the answer is: it is not legal to do so.

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*Burning Issues*

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## Leashing Regulations

Several residents have asked about the leashing of dogs in the area. After checking with the Environmental Office the following was provided:

The Turks & Caicos Islands Dog Control Ordinance of 2005 states under Section 12 that any person who owns a dog shall not allow the dog to be outside the house or curtilage of the house (fenced in area) unless the dog is on a lead. Any contravention of this ordinance may result in a fine of \$500.00.

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*To Leash or  
Not to Leash*

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For more information please contact the Environmental Officers on 941-5068 who are located downtown close to the TCI Bank in Butterfield Square.

## Green Spot



*View of Long Bay Beach*

**A new feature being added to our newsletter is our **Green Spot**. This is information to be shared by all residents and visitors to Long Bay Hills and will point out various environmentally friendly issues written by our own resident marine ecologist, Marsha Pardee.**

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## Conch Relief

Long Bay Beach has been a repository for countless years of conching, its historical record strewn along our shores. Although a nemesis for navigating out for a swim, the conch shells do provide shelter and food for juvenile marine species. Many property owners remove the shells which often results in temporary erosion during certain patterns of wind.

To preserve the marine habitat and prevent erosion, a better solution would be to move the shells offshore. Creating a reef parallel to shore will help reduce the wave energy that erodes the shoreline and will also provide small reefs for snorkeling while preserving the homes of our juvenile friends.

A simpler option is to just create a small path (2-3m wide) by moving the shells to either side. The algae-encrusted shells will aid in indicating the safe cleared corridor. This has been done at the Bonfire Beach access for those in search of a nice swim spot. Occasional maintenance is needed, so please feel free to toss the strays out of the way.

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**\*\*Anyone wanting mosquito eating fish to put in swampy areas or standing water areas that can breed mosquitoes can contact the Environmental Dept on 941-5068 who can provide them to you.**

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NW comments  
Green Spot*

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## Thank you to the Street Sign Crew!!!

A big thank you to Kathi and Mike and their crew of volunteers who have been installing the new street signs. Thank you so much for organizing and installing the new signs that are so important to the well being of all residents in Long Bay Hills!!

