

# Long Bay Hills Newsletter

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## Secondary Road Works

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## Road Works update

**Speed Bumps:** As all of you will know the 5mph speed bump is installed at the entrance to the Long Bay Hills estate. This speed bump is designed to slow traffic so that if and when we install CCTV at the entrance then license plates can be read. It also ensures that drivers cannot fail to see the 30mph speed limit sign.

We do not yet have enough funds to create and install the remaining two speed bumps we feel are necessary to slow the traffic on the straight sections of Long Bay Highway and are continuing to fund raise for these.

**Signage:** We have installed the 30 mph speed limit signs and the speed bump signage on both sides for the 5mph speed bump and [thanks to Kathi and Mike and their team](#) for installing the signage, it is very much appreciated. We do have the signage for the remaining two speed bumps and will install when funds are available.

**Curbs:** As you will have seen from the recent heavy rains, curbs are definitely needed to not only direct the heavy water off the road in particular areas but also to prevent the wash of rocks onto the surface of the road. [Thanks to Chris Hagge and his team](#) for clearing the rocks from the road, due to the storm, that were hazardous to drivers. Anyone wishing to donate funds now or pledge funds for future please contact Kathi Barrington on 231-6257 or email [katmike@tciway.tc](mailto:katmike@tciway.tc) as it is very important to install these curbs as soon as we can.

**Repairs:** The roads stood up very well to the recent downpour and only a couple of areas require minor work that Colasco will handle as promised. As I drove over the roads through the worst of the rain I kept thinking what the road would have been like if we hadn't paved it and was extremely grateful that we now have a stable main roadway regardless of the weather.

**Secondary Road works:** Cove Construction is continuing to work on the secondary roads using the quarry from the canal to fill, then compact, then grade the roads and bring any low lying areas up to grade. The works started on the Long Bay Beach road and are nearing completion and will then turn to Lignum Vitae and all the other secondary roads. Cove has stated they will continue these works in between their other jobs and we hope they will be able to complete all roads this year.

**For those of you who have not donated yet please give to our road fund as we still need over \$12,000 to complete the contract and additional works – Kathi is happy to pick up your donation!!!**




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Neighborhood  
Watch

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## Neighborhood Watch

Camille Slattery is still looking for a volunteer to take over Neighborhood Watch for Long Bay Hills. She has reported that a donation of \$3500 has been promised to provide CCTV at the entrance. Camille is asking if any LBH's resident would like to head up this project and undertake the installation and operation of a CCTV system.

Please call Camille on 241-6350 or email her on [camille@tcivay.tc](mailto:camille@tcivay.tc) if you are interested or know of anyone who would consider taking on this project or taking over NW.

## Security Issues

The following security issues have been raised and can be reported on as follows:

1. **5mph speed bump at entrance:** this has been purchased through donated funds and installed by the Association
2. **Signage:** The Association has purchased and installed the NW sign as well as the speed bump signs
3. **CCTV monitoring system at entrance:** A donation of \$3500 has been promised for a CCTV system. Camille has asked if someone will head up this project as it will require liaising and coordination plus handling the logistics of monitoring and operating the system.
4. **NW Committee:** Camille stated at the last AGM that she wished to stand down from being the head of NW for LBH's. She has asked for volunteers who would like to take on this position.
5. **Gate or barrier at entrance:** A request was made for a donation of a barrier or gate but has not met with success. The cost for this is substantial and will require fund raising
6. **Security Patrol:** Quotes received were up to \$2800 per month which is not feasible.
7. **Gate house with guard:** Cost is prohibitive at this time.

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Security Issues

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## Annual LBH's BBQ

**Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** is the date for the LBH's annual BBQ!

We have had agreement from a LBH's resident to hold the event at their place so although not on the beach this year, will be on a lovely open deck with music and food/beverages that we will all supply and will ensure ease of access.

Please email [news@longbayhills.com](mailto:news@longbayhills.com) with your confirmation that you can attend and what dish you would like to bring.

Thank you.

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Annual BBQ

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## Green Spot by Marsha Pardee, marine ecologist

We thought after our recent rains that this would be a good time for anyone living by an area with standing water or swampy water to obtain the mosquito eating fish so we have repeated this [green spot](#) article to assist.



*Gambusia affinis*



*Pupfish: Cyprinidon  
variegatus*

*The Sheepshead Minnow*

### From the Dept of Environment:

#### Mosquito Fish (*Gambusia affinis*)

These fish were put into various wells in Grand Turk, Salt Cay and South Caicos decades ago and are still there. Some residents of Providenciales and Pine Cay also have them in their tanks. They can survive in slightly brackish water, but will tend to die off if the water gets too brackish or dries up entirely. They are livebearers, like guppies.

Another alternative, especially for constantly brackish ponds, is the native pupfish *Cyprinidon variegatus*, the Sheepshead minnow. These little guys are already found in abundance in many of our Salinas, whether developed like on GDT or South Caicos or totally natural like Flamingo Pond or Armstrong Pond. They are egg layers and deposit their eggs in the mud. Even when a salina goes hyper-saline from evaporation or dries out completely and all the fish die off, if the mud remains moist, they will hatch out when rains fill the salina again. They have a very high tolerance for changes in salinity.

Of course with both of these fish, the biggest problem you'll have is keeping them stocked in the ponds, as they will become the immediate target of every wading bird and small diver (like fairy terns and kingfishers) in the neighborhood. Still, if the ponds have some kind of cover somewhere, like overhanging branches or rocky sections around parts of the edges giving them a good place to hide, they will survive.

#### NOTE:

\*\*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. The Dept prefers that you do not take them out of already inhabited areas but instead contact them for new supplies. Please do not put fuel or oils in standing water, instead use these fish that are much better and more ecological. Thank you.