

Long Bay Hills Newsletter

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LBHOA Website

If you haven't yet visited the Long Bay Hills Homeowners Association website at www.longbayhills.com please do so. You will find all newsletter publications, general information, plans, AGM minutes, etc.

This site is to provide all pertinent information to those residing in LBH. We are now setting up a new function which will email you, once you have supplied your email address to us, notices advising of new newsletters that have been posted or another NW Alert which has just been posted or any item that would be of interest. Once received, you can check the website for the information. The idea behind this system is that it will prevent mass emailings of large amounts of data to your computer. You can view on line or simply download the document of your choice. We expect this new feature to start in a couple of weeks once the set up is complete and training has been undertaken.

We would appreciate any comments on the website and if there is something you would particularly like to see on the site. Thank you.

Signage

You may have noticed our new Neighborhood Watch sign at the entry to LBH by the rock face. This sign has been posted by your Association to advise all those entering LBHs that we do have a NW in place and will monitor any suspicious activity. We hope this will have an impact on any persons entering our area and to think twice before doing anything illegal.

You will also see our LBHs Notice Board for all residents. We will post notices on this board about upcoming meetings and events, we will be asking all those parties who have not provided their email addresses to do so to ensure they receive the messages about newsletters, NW alerts and items of interest.

Again, our sole purpose for this signage is to increase awareness of the Association and the NW Program and all the relevant issues each deals with.

Thanks to Kathi & Mike for installing the signage!

Signage

Neighborhood Watch Update



Neighborhood
Watch!

246-7777

As you will all hopefully know by now the NW program has a dedicated cell phone to take emergency calls if the Police and your neighbours are not immediately contactable.

This number is **246-7777**.

We do need volunteers for one week every fourth month to man the phone keeping it on and with you at all times and charged up. The LBH resident manning the phone will be able to help summon Police or emergency services, round up volunteers to assist or take down details of any suspicious activity you wish to report. We have had a few people already sign up for this so please let us know if this is something you can help with.

This service is all voluntary and is for LBH residents only. Please contact Camille on 241-6350 or Kathi on 231-6257 or email lbhwatch@gmail.com to volunteer for this additional safety measure.

Beach Access Points

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LBHs is fortunate in that we have 6 beach access points. There are 3 larger pathways and 3 footpaths that access directly onto Long Bay Hills beach. We also have footpaths designated between the rest of the LBHs areas. The Board and Roads Committee are currently working on plans to upgrade the 3 larger Beach access points with a view to making them acceptable to the Planning Board which would then allow the Association to split the lots into access paths and residential lots; the latter we can choose to sell if we wish to raise funds for paving or road works.

Attached is the lot plan showing the access points for your reference.



Green Spot by Marsha Pardee, marine ecologist

What's Sprouting up along our Strand



Casurina Pines on Beach

As the Long Bay Hills beach-going crowd know, last year's hurricanes swept away much of the sand covering the underlying bedrock of cemented dune. The waves also completely denuded all dune plants up to the elevated high water line. Only the very large Casuarina trees (aka Australian Pine or Cedar) seemed to survive.

Unfortunately, this particular tree is what we ecology people call an invasive exotic, meaning it is non-native to our shores and tends to not only spread like wildfire but to the exclusion of our native species. In fact, it is such a successful invasive exotic, it can now be found on hundreds of islands around the world where it has turned previously diverse plant communities into multiple stand strands of this single species. (Times of the Islands has a couple good articles on these in their latest issue).

Now that sand has been returned to the dune area, some of the dune plants have also started to establish themselves (I'll cover some of those in upcoming articles). But so have the Casuarina seedlings. If you are approaching within a 100meters of one of the large trees, you'll note the density of seedlings increasing as you get closer. You can also see that pretty much nothing else grows in the halo of needles.



Casurina Pine Seedlings

Particularly since the recent rains, I've noted a number of new seedlings emanating from the big trees. I'm not suggesting that the old dudes be cut down at this point (they do make lovely shade and sound) but I would like to suggest that people eradicate any new seedlings cropping up.

P.S. The Australian Pine is not to be confused with our local Caribbean Pine that is currently threatened by a Pine scale that is killing the large stands in Middle Caicos.