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SEA TURTLE SEASON IS ACTIVE

Captiva Erosion Prevention District would like to remind residents and visitors of the sea turtles nesting and hatching on the beaches of Captiva in June and July.

With over 100 sea turtle nests on the beaches, counted by SCCF, it is imperative to know how sensitive the sea turtles are to white lights. Everyone can help protect the sea turtles by turning off their lights on the beach by sunset or replacing their white lights with shielded amber LEDs and possibly closing drapes or blinds in the house.



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Jack Brzoza with Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, SCCF.

Please remember to avoid using flashlights or flash photography on the beach at night; and fill in holes that were made in the sand from the day on the beach. Sea turtle adults and hatchlings could fall into the holes in the sand and become trapped.

Sea turtles have a strong instinct to go to the brightest horizon. On natural beaches, this is the reflection of the moon and stars off the sea. Lights from buildings, streetlights and flashlights confuse nesting females and hatchlings. Disoriented by the lights, hatchlings will wander away from the safety of the water, towards the lights.

Another reminder is to remove all beach furniture after 9 PM. Sea turtles cannot move in reverse so when a nesting female encounters an obstacle, she will try to go around it or through it. This can result in entanglement if the obstacle is beach furniture.



UPCOMING CEPD BOARD MEETING

The next CEPD Board Meeting will be Monday, June 8th, 2020 at 1:00 PM. The public is encouraged to attend the virtual meeting through any computer device or phone type.

Join Zoom Meeting Per Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84974392005?pwd=WUNDakp5TTR6cjNPRk9hM3JGbU8rZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 7439 2005

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For further information regarding the Board Meeting, please visit the CEPD website at www.mycepd.com or call the CEPD office, 239.472.2472. As well, if you would like to receive newsletters and beach briefs from CEPD, please sign up at www.mycepd.com

CEPD's MISSION

Captiva is a barrier island located four miles off the coast of Southwest Florida, just west of Fort Myers, Florida. Residents and visitors enjoy the slender island's five miles of sandy gulf shoreline. As is the case with most barrier islands, beach erosion can be a threat to upland development, recreation and environmental interests.

CEPD is an independent special beach and shore preservation district established June 19th, 1959 under the provision of chapter 161, Florida Statutes. It is governed by an independently elected district board possessed of broad powers to do as necessary or desirable to carry out the CEPD comprehensive beach and shore preservation program.



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