



CAPTIVA BEACHES REOPENED

Captiva Island is an unincorporated area, whose representative government is Lee County, governed by Lee Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). As of Wednesday, April 29th, 2020, CEPD reopened Captiva beaches for public access from dawn to dusk under directive from the Lee BOCC.

Based on the emergency meeting directive of the Lee County BOCC dated April 28th, 2020, CEPD reopened the Alison Hagerup Beach Park (and the parking lot, bathroom facilities at this beach); along with Andy Rosse Lane Beach access. Sanibel opened certain Lee County Beaches located on Captiva and Sanibel: Turner Beach and Bowman's Beach, respectively.

The City of Sanibel has taken additional time to consider reopening City beaches on Sanibel.

Beachgoers are expected to continue to observe the established social distancing guidelines, ensuring that there is at least 10 feet between settled groups and that a similar buffer space between parties is maintained by those walking the beach.



WELCOME

CEPD, along with the residents and businesses on Captiva, have successfully managed beach erosion for 60 years and continue to improve the beach with each nourishment project.

Sign up on www.mycepd.com to receive regular beach briefs, as we prepare for our next project in 2021.

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SEA TURTLE SEASON 2020

Throughout Captiva's Sea Turtle nesting season, which runs from May 1st to October 31st, Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation's (SCCF) Turtle Patrol will be marking off the nests each morning at the beaches and subsequently monitoring the nests' conditions.

Please make note of the nest markings and stay at least 10 feet away so the nests remain undisturbed.



We can further contribute to the success of this cycle of Sea Turtle nesting by taking our beach furniture and other belongings with us when we leave the beach, filling in any holes in the sand and removing trash and litter from the beach. Although plastic waste, food containers and fishing line pose the most significant risk of entanglement for the turtles and their hatchlings, any article left on the beach can become an obstacle for them. All lights near the beach should be turned off, as artificial light has a major impact on Sea Turtles and may cause them to become disoriented.

SCCF's Sea Turtle program and most recent nesting data can be found at www.sccf.org/our-work/sea-turtles.

BEACH MONITORING 2020

CEPD has adopted a new policy for Captiva Beach Monitoring at its regular March 2020 board meeting. CEPD staff will routinely drive the beach in the John Deere Gator 4x4, clearing any large debris and taking inventory of the shore and dune systems.

This inventory encompasses the written and photographic documentation of the following and is used by the CEPD Administrator to determine if conditions warrant further action.



- Beach Width
- Escarpments
- Debris
- Dune Status
- Invasive Species
- Mangroves
- Seagrass Beds
- Unauthorized Signage
- Fish Kills
- Harmful Algal Blooms

In addition, CEPD uses the monitoring data to provide regular updates to the MOTE Marine Laboratory's Beach Conditions Reporting System (BCRS).



“SANDS OF TIME” DOCUMENTARY

The Captiva Island Historical Society (CIHS) premiered its latest documentary, *“Sands of Time: History of Erosion on Captiva,”* on March 3rd, 2020 at the South Seas Resort. The documentary chronicles the geologic and social history of coastal erosion on Captiva Island; and examines its causes, effects and the organizations working to provide solutions.

The documentary opens with the first part of the 20th Century and covers the actions that have been taken since then, using a wide range of historical photographs as visual references.

Given the subject matter, it's not surprising that the CEPD founders are featured in the 38-minute film, along with other islanders and current CEPD officials who continue the work to maintain the island's status as a premier global beach destination.

CIHS recently added the documentary to Amazon Prime for streaming.

ANNOUNCING CEPD'S AD HOC COMMITTEE

CEPD would like to extend an invitation to Captivans to join CEPD's Ad Hoc Committee and help us define and execute special projects related to Captiva Island's beaches and shorelines. Meetings will be held on an informal quarterly basis. If you are interested in being part of CEPD's Ad Hoc Committee or have any questions, please contact the CEPD office, 239.472.2472 or mycepd@mycepd.com.

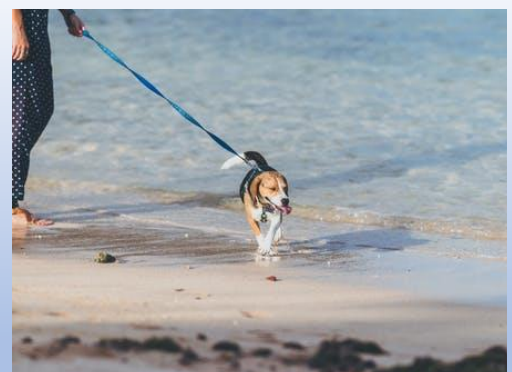
BEACH RENOURISHMENT

CEPD's engineering consultant has recommended that Captiva continue with our historical cycle of commencing a renourishment project every 8-10 years. The current state of our beach is very healthy and we expect the next project to begin no earlier than Summer 2021. CEPD Commissioners are currently reviewing the apportionment methodology and will consider modest changes if expected to produce beneficial results.



LEASH YOUR DOG AND CLEAN THE MESS

Dogs must remain on a leash at Captiva beaches, per Lee County Ordinance NO. 18 – 12. Dog owners are required to pick up and remove all dog waste and dispose of it in appropriate waste containers at all times. Failure to remove dog waste creates unsanitary conditions and may result in citation and/or fine.



UPCOMING CEPD MEETINGS 2020

BOARD MEETINGS 1:00 PM

June	8
July	13
August	10
September	7
October	12
November	9
December	7

Please visit the CEPD website for details pertaining to each Board meeting at www.mycepd.com.

CEPD has workshops every Thursday at 1:00 PM. Please call the office before the workshop for attendance.

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EMERGENCY UPDATES 2020

In 2018, Hurricane Michael and subsequent cold fronts caused severe erosion to a 1,000-foot strip of shoreline off of Sanibel Captiva Road on the North end of Sanibel across from the Lazy Flamingo restaurant. The storm's impact exposed the pole for the main power line and jeopardized the main evacuation route for Captiva Island.

The City of Sanibel and Lee County Electric Cooperative have been diligently working on the emergency repairs. LCEC has completed the relocation for the power pole and the replacement is far sturdier than before. Construction of the protective seawall is near completion. Riprap will be placed seaward and landward of the seawall; and 5,000 cubic yards of sand will be added. After the sand has been placed and adjusted, Sanibel will be revegetating the area with native dune and coastal scrub plants to complete the project once rainy season begins.

The project was fully funded by Lee County Tourism Development Council using bed tax funds. The budget for the project was about \$1.4 million, which includes construction and revegetation. Approximately 5,000 cubic yards of sand were placed as part of this project. The City has a permit to place an additional 7,000 cubic yards of sand after sea turtle nesting season if necessary. Construction on Phase 1 ended prior to May 1st to comply with sea turtle nesting season and Phase II is anticipated to wrap up in mid-May.

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.

If you would like to receive newsletters and beach briefs from CEPD, please sign up at www.mycepd.com.

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