

Sea Turtle Nesting Season is here!

Sea Turtle Nesting Season takes place annually from May until October. To help make sure they have a successful nesting season, we ask that you please take the following into consideration when visiting our Captiva Beaches.

If you would like more information about Sea Turtles and what is being done to protect them please visit our friends at the SCCF's website https://www.sccf.org/projects/sea-turtles

- Turn off or shield all lights that are visible from the beach. Do not use flashlights or cell phone lights on the beach. If necessary, use amber or red LED bulbs.
- Do not disturb the screens covering nests. They pevent predators from eating the eggs and the hatchlings emerge through the holes without assistance.
- Remove all beach furniture and equipment from the beach at night.
- Dispose of fishing line properly to avoid wildlife entanglement.
- Fill in large holes that can trap hatchlings and nesting sea turtles.
- Do not disturb nesting turtles please do not to get too close, shine lights on, or take flash photos of nesting sea turtles.
- Pick up litter.



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Additional Dune Planting

During the April Board meeting, Commissioners voted on distributing additional dune planting to residents on the Island to enhance the shoreline protection.

Commissioner Laird is a big advocate in the residents taking care of the dunes. Executive Director Jennifer Nelson indicated that she would coordinate with the plant vendor to get the plants distributed. Commissioner Laird made a motion to provide dune plants for the residents not to exceed \$2000.

Current State of Blind Pass after the 2021 Beach re-nourishment

As expected, Captiva's beach sand migrates south towards the pass, contributing to the creation of natural sand bars along the opening of the pass, these "by-passing bars" are beneficial as they allow the new sand from Captiva to continue southward and reduce the filling inside of the pass. Additionally, the sand can continue its natural course south benefiting the beaches of Sanibel. Maintenance Dredging Status: Permit applications are already in process by the County with the various agencies. The County is currently monitoring the pass and dredging will commence when the beach from the recent Captiva nourishment project stabilizes. The County stands to respond of the need to act sooner arises.

There are no additional updates at this time. We will continue to communicate new information via beach briefs as it becomes available.

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We estimate the apportionment workshops to occur over the summer months, with an anticipated final apportionment hearing targeted in August.

Many residents of Captiva are anticipating the final apportionment assessment as the 2021 beach nourishment project has concluded. There are a few steps that must be completed before a final apportionment can be calculated. The first step that we must take is to tally the total cost of the beach nourishment project, including construction, engineering, planting, and dune fencing.

Next, all grants must be reconciled so that we can accurately reflect and reduce the total cost share to the Captiva property owners.

Finally, we must ensure that the most up to date just property values are utilized from the property appraiser's office.

Once we have an accurate total cost share and valuation of Captiva properties, the Captiva Erosion Prevention District will host a series of workshops to adequately explain and address any issues within the apportionment model prior to a final apportionment hearing.



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Currently, there are two parking machines that provide a ticket to be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard upon payment (accepts cash or credit). We are anticipating the transition into a mobile parking payment app in the near future.

Prices

- \$15 for 1 Hour
- \$25 for 2 Hours
- \$40 for the Entire Day

Parking Proceeds are applied directly to beach nourishment and the enhancement of wildlife habitat.



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