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Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Protection Program Needs Volunteers!

The Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Protection Program desperately needs volunteers to walk our beaches in the morning between 5:30 am and 7:00 am looking for turtle tracks. You can volunteer to walk as much or as little as you desire...1 day a week or 1 week a month....they need your help! Volunteers are assigned to walk a 1 mile stretch of beach looking for tracks between May 1st and August 31st.

The areas where volunteers are needed most are as follows:

Zone 1...Eastern town limits to 10th Street

Zone 2...10th Street to 18th Street

Zone 3...18th Street to the "Dog-leg" vehicle access ramp (near 30th Street)

Zone 4..."Dog-leg" vehicle access ramp to Howe Street

Zone 5...Howe Street to Cedar Tree Lane

Zone 6...Cedar Tree Lane to Scotch Bonnet Drive

Zone 8...Lee Avenue to Bogue Inlet Pier

The turtles that nest on our beaches are either threatened or endangered, and the Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Protection Program works hard to protect their nests from human disturbance to promote the successful hatching of sea turtles later this summer and fall. Please contact Pam Minnick at 354-4288 or paminn@aol.com or Jim Craig at 354-4001 or jcraig2@ec.r.com if you'd like to volunteer!

Proper Addressing Essential to Emergency Responders – Can They Find Your House?

Emerald Isle is fortunate to be served by highly-trained and dedicated emergency service responders in the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Emerald Isle EMS squad. Every second counts when it comes to responding to emergency situations, and the ability to find the correct location of the structure can save valuable response time.

Please take some time to consider the visibility and placement of the address numbers on your home or business. Can these numbers be easily seen from the street? Would the Police, Fire, or EMS responders be able to find your home or business quickly? The Town's ordinance requires a minimum size for address numbers of 4" (6" numbers are recommended), and these numbers should be of a color that contrasts well with the background of the surface they are mounted upon. The Town's ordinance requires that these numbers be located on the structure or near the front street lot line so that they are easily visible to emergency personnel. Oceanfront structures are encouraged to place the address number on the ocean side of the structure also, perhaps on the railings of walkways leading to the beach.

For more information, please contact the Emerald Isle Fire Department at 354-2445 or the Emerald Isle Planning and Inspections Department at 354-3338.