

## **Emerald Tidings**

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The Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Patrol season is already in full swing! As of this writing, we already have 7 nests in Emerald Isle. Although our volunteers started walking each morning looking for turtle tracks beginning May 1st, we didn't get our first nest until the evening of May 29th. Nest 1 was followed very quickly by the discovery of Nest 2 on May 30th.

The COVID virus has affected several aspects of our program this year. As an organization, we are carefully following the safety rules put forth by various state leaders. We weren't able to meet and train new volunteers this year. Feel free to follow our website: [eiseaturtlepatrol.org](http://eiseaturtlepatrol.org) and Facebook page (if you haven't already joined our Facebook page, you can do that on the website too) for updates throughout the 2020 summer turtle season. An additional change will be that our volunteers will be wearing masks at our nests and trying to practice social distancing as well. We ask your cooperation in protecting our volunteers if you luck upon a turtle event.

**Tuesdays Are For Turtles** is a new children's book written by one our Zone 11 walkers, Thomas P. Gill (Tom to us). It is a fun book that follows Tom and his granddaughter on their regular walking day of, you guessed it, Tuesday. You can pick up a copy of Tom's book at area bookstores, specifically Emerald Isle Books & Toys or on Amazon.

Congratulations to the Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Crawl Team/Alzheimer **The Longest Day**. This annual fund raiser began in 2015. To date, the local team has raised over \$50,000.00!!! This year, rather do the walking relay on the beach, members participated thru virtual activities on June 20th. As a salute to this special day, around sunrise, Nest 7 was found that morning.

As always, please leave nothing behind on the sand but your footprints.