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## Fallen Genip Tree Blocks Exit at Trunk Bay

A fruit-laden genip tree at Trunk Bay in the V.I. National Park fell sometime overnight and was blocking the exit from the Trunk Bay Parking lot until VINP maintenance crews arrived on duty on Sunday morning. Most of the clean-up was expected to be completed before the daily taxi arrivals at the popular North Shore beach — although there were expected to be plenty of genips available.



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St. John Marina's Proposed Coral Bay Mooring Field with Moravian property, top center.

## Moravian Church Wants Marina Plan From Opposite Shore To Share Harbor

BY TOM OAT

*St. John Tradewinds*

**CORAL BAY** — Moravian Church officials are hoping the developers of the St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer's End, proposed for Coral Bay Harbor will share in the bounty of the Lord — in the form of the public waters of the harbor.

"That's exactly the position we're taking," Moravian Church official Sam Rymer told *St. John Tradewinds* July 26.

In a telephone interview in April, the church official said the Moravian property encompassing the

entire north shore of the bay was a "better site" for a marina than any site on the south shore of Coral Bay where a stateside developer was proposing a marina at a then-undisclosed location.

Rick Barksdale, a principal of the development group proposing the alternate marina, Summer's End Group, called Rymer's remark "an unsubstantiated and unqualified statement" since the Summer's End group has not publicly identified the site it is proposing for a marina development.

The Summer's End group had filed initial plans

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## Second Public Hearing on New St. John Public School Set for July 29

The Office of the Governor in partnership with the Departments of Education and Public Works announces the second in a series of three public scoping meetings to respond to submitted comments for a new St. John School and present the findings of the Phase I Archaeological Study for a suggested property for the school.

The meeting will be at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria on Tuesday, July 29, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The public is urged to submit their questions and comments regarding a New School on St. John by visiting the Department of Education website at [www.vide.vi](http://www.vide.vi) and clicking on "Special Projects". You may then leave a comment, and also review the New St. John School Land Use Study and the St. John Demographics Study and Analysis.

"This is another opportunity afforded to the entire community to provide needed input on a proposed New St. John School and hear those concerns addressed which were raised at the initial meeting on May 15 where the concept was introduced. Ultimately, it is the direct collaboration with and input from St. John residents which will determine the final design for the school."

Representatives from Education and Public Works, along with the architect of record, will be on hand to respond to comments and seek input from the public on the planned approach for a new school on the island of St. John and possible alternatives.

This is the second in a series of open meetings at which the public will have an opportunity to provide oral and written comments.

## School Starts Sept. 2, Ends June 19

The 2014-2015 school calendar was signed Tuesday by Gov. John P. deJongh Jr. and officially released by the Department of Education. According to the calendar, opening and closing dates for school are September 2nd, 2014 and June 19th, 2015, respectively.

"In constructing this calendar, we worked diligently to address a number of concerns, including the inclusion of professional development days for our teachers and staff. In keeping with our commitment to implementing the Common Core State Standards, it is critical for our teachers to be trained and fully prepared to ramp up the quality of instruction for our students," Frett-Gregory said. "The quality of our instruction, and making sure our students get the full amount of time they need within the classroom, are our top priorities and that is what this calendar aims to address."

"I look forward to a productive school year with a focus on the Department's new vision to 'Empower All Students for Success,'" Frett-Gregory added. "I also want to assure our students and parents that as we embark on another school year, we remain to our goals of high academic achievement, improved teacher/leader effectiveness, and promoting a positive organizational climate for all."

The calendar can be viewed on the Department's website at [www.vide.vi](http://www.vide.vi).

## MS Word 2010 Course Starts Aug. 12

The UVICELL Center will be hosting an introductory course to help individuals learn the basic operations of Microsoft Word. Introduction to Microsoft 2010 will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 12. Classes will be at the UVICELL Center at the University of the Virgin Islands — St. Thomas Campus. For more details on the program, call 693-1100.

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Phase II Rendering of the St. John Marina – Landside View.

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## Land Development for Proposed Marina May Not Come as Fast as Marina

BY TOM OAT  
*St. John Tradewinds*

**CORAL BAY** — The land and water development plans for the St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer's End, will be going before a single Department of Planning and Natural Resources Coastal Zone Management public hearing sometime in August – but the developers acknowledge the land side development may not come as fast as the marina.

“Future development is pre-planned for the purposes of this application and will be implemented strictly on market demand,” according to the Earth Change Plan and Environmental Assessment Report for the Development of the Upland Areas of the St. John Marina filed with DPNR.

“This redevelopment project consists primarily of utilizing existing buildings for land based businesses ancillary to and supporting the adjacent marina in Phase I and the addition of several new buildings in Phase II...,” the application reads. “Ample off-street parking will be provided along with restaurants, Customs and Border protection office, marine office, marine security office, crew shower and locker facilities and apartments to support marina management.”

“The overall development will improve Route 107, add parking along the roadway and

add improved pedestrian circulation and walkways, including raised pedestrian crossings and concrete sidewalks,” according to the report prepared by the developers.

### “Interface With the Waterfront”

The “interface with the waterfront/marina” on the narrow shoreline on the eastern portion of Parcel 13 Remainder, the Coccoloba commercial complex will include “a covered shade structure at the marina entrance and improvements to the pedestrian crossing on Route 107,” the application reads.

The Coccoloba commercial complex “consists of an existing set of buildings and improvements that currently function as a grocery store, assorted retail stores and an outdoor restaurant and bar facility,” according to the permit application.

“The proposed conditions will renovate this area, improve the restaurant use and add upgraded utilities and wastewater treatment,” the application reads.

### “Subject to Shoreline Erosion”

The St. John Marina developers acknowledge the unstable nature of the narrow shoreline along the shoulder of Route 107, the main road to the southeast end of the island.

“To protect the roadway, the southern half of the project area shoreline has been previously armored with boulder rip-rap,” according to the

permit application. Further to the south, gabion baskets have been placed along the shoreline indicating the southern portions of the property are subject to shoreline erosion.”

“Dense mangroves protect the shoreline to the north, but the area between the riprap and the mangroves consists of an erosion shore-front,” the permit application reads. “There is a very narrow sandy beach behind which are eroded soils.”

“Many of the seaside maho trees along the shoreline exhibit erosion along their roots,” the filing continued.

### Two Zoning Districts, Two Phases

The project site is in two zoning districts, Business-3 and Waterfront-1.

There is no question the marine portion of the development has received most of the attention, but if it comes to fruition, the landside development could have less of an impact on the community.

“Phase II will include four new buildings offering additional retail, restaurant, office space, commercial space and six short-term rental units as shown on the site plans for Parcels 10-17, 10-18 and 10-41 Remainder,” the report for the landside development states.

“The St. John Marina... will have 145 slips and a mooring field with 12 mooring balls,” ac-

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**“Dense mangroves protect the shoreline to the north, but the area between the riprap and the mangroves consists of an erosion shorefront. There is a very narrow sandy beach behind which are eroded soils.”**

— according to St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer's End permit application

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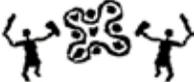
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**“Also the principals in this marina development actively participated in this workshop and have supported the process and ultimate report. Thus it is surprising to see a marina now proposed — that is as large as their plans were in 2012 prior to the findings of AIA community visioning process.”**

— Sharon Coldren, President,  
Coral Bay Community Council

## Summer's End Deemed Too Large for Coral Bay; Residents Say Plan Shows Lack of Boating Knowledge

**“It's in the wrong place and it's far too large for our island. It's in the wrong place because it's open to the weather and not protected at all from sea and wind in any kind of storm. It's also all filled land there; it's not stable land.”**

— Norm Gledhill, long-time Coral Bay resident



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Summer's End Group Managing Partner Chaliase Summers and Partner Rick Barksdale.

BY JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

**CORAL BAY** — After years of talk and speculation about a marina planned for Coral Bay, last week's announcement that Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials had deemed the application for Summer's End Group's proposed 145-slip project complete, sent tongues wagging from Mandhal to East End.

As DPNR begins the process of evaluating the project and scheduling public meetings — expected to be in August — Summer's End Group's plans for a large-scale marina, taking up most of Coral Bay harbor, and associated retail and hospitality development, are now available for review at Connections East and Keep Me Posted.

While many live-aboard boaters, recreational boaters and Coral Bay residents feel there is a need for a marina in the area, and welcome a pump-out facility and U.S. Customs and Border Protection office, many people feel Summer's End Group's plan is simply too big and inappropriate for the area.

“My first impression is that it's way too big for Coral Bay,” said Stephen Hendren. “The marina would take up three-quarters of the inner bay.”

“What they want to do is build a marina in the middle of the bay with a bridge to it,” said Dick Burks.

Summer's End Group's proposed marina — with 46 slips for mega-yachts and 96 for smaller yachts — does not reflect the needs or the wants of the com-

munity, explained Coral Bay Community Council President Sharon Coldren.

Last year CBCC hosted an intensive community planning session with American Institute of Architects (AIA) which looked at ways to develop Coral Bay while maintaining the area's beauty and charm. Summer's End Group partner Rick Barksdale took part in that planning session, yet his proposed marina doesn't reflect what was discussed or recommended by the AIA experts, explained Coldren.

“This is a huge development project for St. John with 49 slips for mega yachts and 96 for other boats,” said Coldren. “It does not seem consistent with the recommendations of the American Institute of Architects Planning workshop and Report held in Coral Bay in 2013, nor with the Community Vision Survey conducted by CBCC in conjunction with the community meetings involving more than 140 participants, including government agencies.”

“Also the principals in this marina development actively participated in this workshop and have supported the process and ultimate report,” Coldren said.

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# Second Public “Scoping” Session on New St. John Public School Is July 29

BY TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

One of the hundreds of workers who commute from St. Thomas to St. John had a simple question at the first “scoping” meeting to plan the construction of a new public school on St. John conducted in May.

“Why can’t my child come to school with me on St. John while I’m working?”

For the V.I. government officials starting the formal process of acquiring a piece of property on Centerline Road in Hammer Farm from the U.S. government to build a new island educational complex, the question opened the discussion wide.

The Office of the Governor in partnership with the Departments of Education and Public Works will conduct the second public “scoping” meeting and present the findings of the Phase I Archaeological Study for a suggested property

for the school on Centerline Road across from George Simmonds Terrace on Tuesday, July 29, at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria in Cruz Bay from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The V.I. government is conducting the meetings to get public input into negotiations with the federal government concerning a land swap for more than ten acres of federal property across from George Simmonds Terrace at Hammer Farm.

The federal property being proposed for transfer is on the north side of Route 10 west of the intersection with Route 206 — better known as the mostly gravel John Head Road which snakes down through Catherineberg to the North Shore Road at Little Cinnamon Bay.

There has been no public discussion of what V.I. government property the federal government might want in any exchange —

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The V.I. government is conducting meetings to get public input into negotiations with the federal government concerning a land swap for more than ten acres of federal property across from George Simmonds Terrace at Hammer Farm on Route 10, above. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 29, at the Julius E. Sprauve School at 5:30 p.m.

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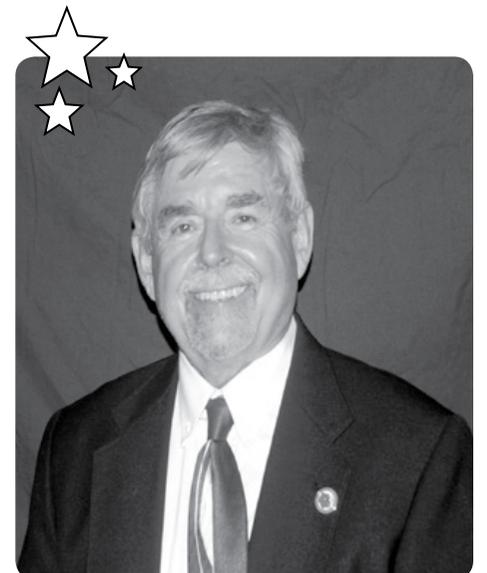
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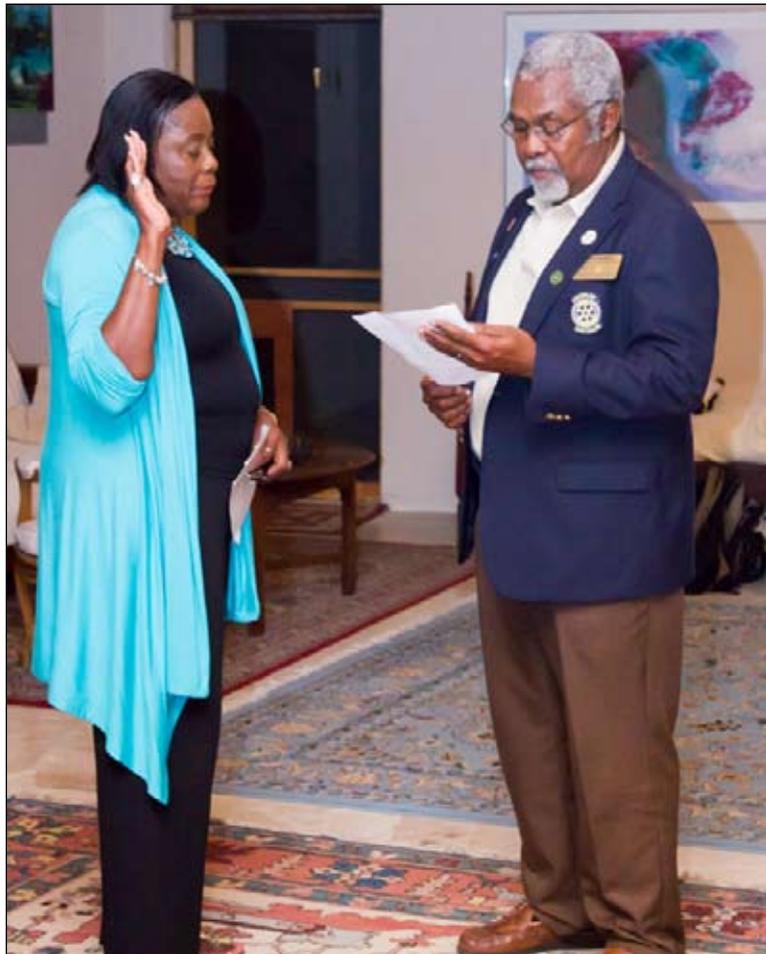


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# Rotary Club of St. John Welcomes Alecia Wells as President



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Alecia Wells is sworn in as St. John Rotary Club's new president, above.

**BY JAIME ELLIOTT**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

**CRUZ BAY** — Already serving as the president of the St. John Community Foundation and in the midst of her fourth term on the V.I. Elections System board of directors, retired educator Alecia Wells also recently accepted the position of president of the Rotary Club of St. John.

Although Wells has only been a Rotary member for a few years, she feels strongly about the organization.

"I had always planned to join over the years but they used to meet out at the Westin on Fridays," said Wells. "I was teaching and working on St. Thomas and I could never make it to the meetings. Now the meetings are in Cruz Bay on Wednesday afternoons and I'm retired."

This is Wells' first time serving as the group's president and she's looking forward to growing and diversifying Rotary's membership.

"We need young people and we need more people in the organization who are representative of our community," said Wells. "I want to increase our membership and I want to get some of our

young people into position to join as members so we can have them move up to be president."

With a focus on community improvement, Rotary offers residents a way to give back, explained Wells.

"Young people should join because its a way of giving back to the community," said Wells. "Rotary offers a great learning experience too."

The group also allows members to work in their areas of expertise, Wells added.

"Every member has a special area of expertise," said the Rotary Club of St. John President. "When you become a member you get to work with different people and you really grow as a person and learn a lot."

On a global scale, Rotary International focuses its efforts on eradicating polio and providing clean water, among many other programs and initiatives. Locally, Rotary Club of St. John hosts the annual Children's Village during St. John Festival, awards scholarship funds each year to local students and also supports its recently founded Rotary Interact High School program.

As president, Wells is now responsible for setting up the speakers at the group's Wednesday meetings.

"I am setting up the speakers now so you know they are going to be exciting and different," Wells said. "With these speakers I hope to bring some members out who don't normally come to meetings and also to bring out new people who are interested in joining."

At each of the meetings, Rotarians recite the group's "four-way test," which on St. John includes a fifth test, Wells explained.

"Everything is about 'Service Above Self,'" said Wells. "We ask ourselves about each project, 'Is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build good will and better friendship and will it be beneficial to all concerned.' On St. John we also ask, 'Is it fun.'"

Rotary Club of St. John meets each Wednesday at noon upstairs at Ocean Grill. The group enjoys fellowship and lunch until 12:30 p.m. when the official meeting begins.

Rotary's satellite group meets on Fridays at Chateaux Bordeaux at 12 p.m. with fellowship until 12:30 p.m.



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*A memorial service will be held for Barbara on Sunday, August 3rd, 1:00 p.m. at Newfound Cottage on the easternmost end of Centerline Road where the pavement meets the sea. Please bring a dish to share while joining Terry in celebrating the life of his most treasured friend.*



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

The St. John Community Foundation needs volunteers to help keep up with the volume of recycling at the island's collection bins.

## Island Groups and Residents Needed To Improve Recycling on St. John

BY JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

With grant funding dried up and the underfunded and understaffed Waste Management Authority leaving recycling bin sites across St. John overflowing, the island's sole recycling effort needs help.

The only items currently being collected on St. John and trucked to St. Thomas for recycling are aluminum cans. The recycling program was launched by St. John Community Foundation several years ago and has proven so popular, collection sites — located next to dumpsters across the island — are often overflowing.

Several St. John organizations, including SJCF, Rotary Club of St. John and Island Green Living Association, along with residents neighborhood groups, are pitching in to make sure the aluminum can recycling program remains and improves.

When the program was first launched, SJCF and numerous volunteers oversaw the program with a Waste Management Authority Community Enrichment Grant which covered the costs of collecting and trucking the cans.

That grant ran out about a year ago and since then WMA has been

responsible for removing the cans from the collection sites, a task which apparently has not been an easy one for the semi-autonomous government-funded authority.

One problem facing WMA's efforts to keep on top of the collection sites is the fact that many people deposit non-aluminum items in the recycling bins, explained St. John Community Foundation Executive Director Celia Kalousek.

"Although the bins say 'Aluminum Cans Only,' people are used to putting all recyclables together for pick up in the states and drop mixed bags of glass, plastic and cans at the bin sites here," said Kalousek. "The glass and plastic has to be sorted and thrown out. WMA has been trying to keep up with this, but volunteers are needed to help their understaffed and underfunded efforts."

Adding to the overflowing problems is the fact that more people are now using fewer collection bins. With staffing problems of their own, V.I. National Park officials recently removed all recycling bins from park land, explained Kalousek.

"The VINP recently removed the recycling bins within the park because they were constantly overflowing and unsightly," she said.

"They are understaffed and cannot keep up with it. I'd been trying to coordinate better pick up scheduling, but that has not worked out well."

While SJCF officials have been trying to secure funding in order to supply supplemental collection bin maintenance, none has yet come through, Kalousek explained.

"SJCF has been actively searching and applying for grants to supplement these efforts and enable us to reestablish the coordination of an additional weekly bin site maintenance to supplement the current WMA schedule, but nothing has come through yet," she said. "Everyone is underfunded and understaffed, but we remain hopeful. We need the public's help!"

With the problem only growing, SJCF's recycling group met last month and decided to issue a call to the public, according to Kalousek.

"As a result of last month's meeting we are calling out to the entire general public for their support and assistance in keeping the bin sites clean," said the SJCF Executive Director. "We discussed having each concerned organization adopt a site and help. We envisioned organizations and

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# Archaeologists Wrap Up First Dig of Estate Bellevue Property

BY JAIME ELLIOTT  
*St. John Tradewinds*

**BELLEVUE** — With conducive weather and mostly expected results, anthropology graduate student Alan Armstrong wrapped up the first phase of discovery at the historic Bellevue Estate property on Gift Hill Road near Bellevue Village.

The land is owned by St. John Community Foundation and under a long-term lease to St. John Historical Society, which plans to construct a cultural and historic center with climate-controlled archive and exhibit areas and meeting spaces at the site.

Before SJHS can get moving past the planning phase of the project, however, Northwestern University Ph.D. candidate Armstrong has been hired to take a closer look at what's on, and in, the ground at the site.

Armstrong arrived on St. John July 14 to begin the first dig at the Bellevue Estate property, the former site of a Dutch cotton plantation dating to around 1720.

While the site had already been surveyed, Armstrong began his work by mapping out the main ruins and clearing the property before creating a grid of the site. He installed about 70 small flag markers each spaced five meters apart.

Armstrong then dug a small area near each flag marker, called a shovel test, to see what and how many artifacts were found on different parts of the property. Last week, he wrapped up that first phase of the project, which is expected



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott*

About 70 small flag markers were installed at the Bellevue site to create a grid of the site to record archaeological findings.

to take about four years to complete.

“The first phase is done now,” said Armstrong. “We found lots of artifacts all dating to the time period we had thought. There were lots of ceramic shards dating to the 18th century, which is what we were expecting.”

Some of the prize findings so far are colorful shards of Delft pottery, Armstrong added.

“We found some nice old pieces of Delft with red and yellow,” he said.

Also as expected, most of the artifacts were found near the main house on the property, Armstrong explained.

“You expect to find more human items closer to the main living area on the land and less as you move farther away,” said the Ph.D.

candidate. “That is what we found here. The proposed area for the Historical Society building had only a few artifacts so I think that would be the best site for it.”

Armstrong, who worked on the dig with Syracuse University graduate student Christian Williamson, also found what he believes to be a slave village on the Estate Bellevue property.

“We think we have terraces in the back woods area and some artifacts associated, so we think that is the site of the slave village,” said anthropology student.

Armstrong's next step is to map the site in more detail using GPS and GIS technology. He also plans to continue researching the history of the plantation in order to get a clear picture of what life was like at the Bellevue Estate plantation.

Additional excavations are planned for the property and Armstrong plans to apply for additional grant funding in order to be able to conduct that research, he added.

With meandering pathways through the site and interpretative signs, the Bellevue Estate property could one day become an outdoor museum with the SJHS cultural center as its focal point.

At SJHS's 40th anniversary ceremony in March, the group announced it had received an anonymous \$100,000 gift which will allow for the cultural center project to progress.

“This incredibly generous anonymous contribution is the impetus that this organization needs to move us forward into phase two of our plans for the St. John Cultural and Historical Resource Center,” SJHS President Lonnie Willis said at the March event. “Phase one was ‘imagining,’ and phase two will be ‘creating.’ We are so thankful for this contribution, and I hope it will spur others to make similar commitments to our society and to our island.”

SJHS is accepting additional contributions to the Cultural Center Capital Campaign. Anyone who would like to contribute should email SJHS President Lonnie Willis at [lonnie00831@gmail.com](mailto:lonnie00831@gmail.com) or check out the group's website at [www.stjohnhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.stjohnhistoricalsociety.org).

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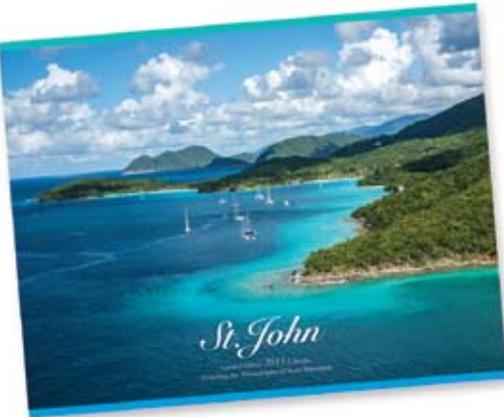












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St. John resident Liz Lowe interacts with an island iguana at her home in Hart Bay during the filming of "It Ain't Easy Being Green," left.

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## "It Ain't Easy Being Green" Examines Island Iguana and Human Interaction

BY JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

**ISLAND WIDE** — After two years, more than six trips to St. John and a new law that threw a wrench in the story line, Dr. Crystal Fortwangler and team are close to wrapping the film, "It Ain't Easy Being Green."

Fortwangler, an Assistant Professor of Sustainability and Environmental Anthropology at Chatham University's Falk School of Sustainability in Pittsburgh, is a long-time visitor to St. John who has previously studied the island's donkey and cattle history.

She is also co-owner, along with filmmaker Ziggy Livant, of Wider Angle Productions, which promotes sustainability and ethical animal-human relationships through films that entertain and educate.

For this project, Fortwangler is training her insightful eye on the growing iguana population on St. John and the vast difference of opinions on the animals.

"I've always been interested in animals here and I had been talking about doing something like this for a while," said Fortwangler. "The iguanas provide an interesting human-animal dynamic from both an academic and film perspective. This is especially the case because there is such a wide spectrum of feelings about them."

As the "It Ain't Easy Being Green," trailer shows, opinions on the reptiles range from deep respect to downright abhorrence. Some residents are shown advocating to eliminate iguanas from the island while others actively encourage them into their yards and proclaim love for the lizards.

Iguanas are not new comers to these shores. The reptiles have been in the Virgin Islands since at least 1872, and likely even earlier.

"There is no doubt that green iguanas have been here since 1863; there is scientific evidence of that," said Fortwangler. "There is also a description from a missionary in the late 1700s that describes what is likely green iguanas in the islands."

"A leading theory is that the green iguanas originally came to these islands with early peoples but there isn't specific evidence saying one way or another," said the filmmaker. "Ideally we could get DNA samples from the iguanas here to help us better understand their history here."

With only a small population, iguanas didn't pose any problems until fairly recently. Today they are considered a pest by local farmers who have trouble keeping iguanas off their crops, especially their young plants, Fortwangler explained.

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# TIME FOR CHANGE

### CRIME:

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- Train our prisoners so they do not return to prison

### ECONOMY:

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on the ballot

**B. Gregory Miller**

*gregmiller4vi@yahoo.com*



Gregory Miller is a Professional Civil Engineer and owner of BGM Engineers and Surveyors LLC which has had an office on St. John since 1996. Greg has designed and managed construction projects in the multi-million dollar range, he has been a resident of the Virgin Islands since 1992 and is a property owner on St. John and St. Thomas.

He is a Member of the board of Directors of: Rotary Club of St. Thomas East, EAST the Environmental Association of St. Thomas-St. John, VICS the Virgin Island Conservation Society, the Pistorical Theater and is Jr. Warden of the Bishops Committee of Nazareth by the Sea Episcopal Church.

In addition to doing volunteer work in the Virgin Islands, Greg has done volunteer engineering work on a yearly basis in Third World Countries all over the world — from Boneo to Zambia in the Caribbean, Africa, South America, Asia and Eastern Europe — and this work has given Greg experience and knowledge of how different people and communities live and work together and this could be a really great community if we started to help each other.

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## Cruz Bay Apartments Get a Second Life



**CRUZ BAY** — Work on the refurbishment of the Cruz Bay Apartments is “on schedule” and a spokesperson for the new owners, Caneel Bay Resort owners CBI, said the renovations will be completed sometime in August. “We hope to have our first tenants in there at the beginning of September,” the CBI spokesperson told *St. John Tradewinds*.

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## New Law Allows for Direct Access To Physical Therapy Care in USVI

*St. John Tradewinds*

**ST. THOMAS** — The Virgin Islands Government passed a law this month allowing Virgin Islanders direct access to physical therapy, doing away with the need for a physician’s referral in order to receive treatment from a licensed physical therapist. This brings the Virgin Islands into the company of 48 states and the District of Columbia in letting patients receive physical therapy services without the need for a prescription.

The passing of this law is monumental to the practice of physical therapy in the Virgin Islands. It saves the patient time and money that is wasted in getting an appointment with their primary care physician or a specialist for the sole purpose of a referral for physical therapy. It also speeds up to process, allowing the patient a direct line to needed care. Research shows that problems that are addressed quickly save both time and money for the patient as

well as insurance companies.

“We worked very hard to get this legislation passed so the residents of the Virgin Islands would be able to access needed medical services in a timely and cost effective manner,” said Senator-At-Large Craig Barshinger, who was active in getting this law passed.

Barshinger’s own physical therapy experience helped him understand the need for direct access to physical therapy care.

“Personally I can attest the professionalism, knowledge and outstanding skill set of the staff at St. John Physical Therapy,” said Barshinger.

The physical therapists at St. John Physical Therapy have been trained at the doctoral level and are experienced in treating every body region. Physical Therapist and owner of St. John Physical Therapy, Jessica Schnell, is grateful for the passage of the Physical Therapy Practice Act and what it will mean for Virgin Islands resi-

dents.

“We now have an act that provides guidelines requiring licensure for physical therapist assistants and specifics that enhance the quality and standard of care,” said Schnell. “Through direct access, patients obtain physical therapy services when they need it. Most importantly, this new legislation allows our clinic to better serve our patients’ needs and to provide wellness services within the community. We really look forward to all the positive benefits this will bring.”

The new law recognizes the professional training and expertise of a licensed physical therapist’s formal education, clinical training and ability to evaluate a patient’s condition, assess his or her physical therapy needs and, if appropriate, safely and effectively treat the patient. This new legislation offers more opportunity for Virgin Islanders to receive needed care and to achieve optimal wellness.



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Supporters of Friends Helping Friends make their way into the Inn At Tamarind Court on Saturday. The group has worked for the past several months to help St. John residents meet the expense of sudden illness and other misfortunes.

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Photo by Judi Shimel

## Friends Helping Friends Kicks Off Back-to-Back Weekend Fundraisers

BY JUDI SHIMEL  
*St. John Tradewinds*

**ENIGHED** — The Inn at Tamarind Court took on a festive look for the last weekend in July, playing host to events on Saturday and Sunday.

The first event of the weekend was a benefit for three St. John locals by the group Friends Helping Friends. Organizer Lori Krandal said she and her daughter had been putting benefits like this together for three years.

Red and white pennants trimmed the covered patio and the band, Brother Nature, struck up some tunes. A table shaded by a green umbrella invited people coming through the door to enter a raffle drawing. Krandal's husband got down to business with a spatula behind the grill.

Up the steps, near the tamarind tree, teams of bean bag tossers tried to put the bag in the "cornhole" target as a father with two little girls ushered them towards the bean bag game.

This year's fundraiser will benefit three people, including island musician Greg Jones. Krandal said she understood the need to suddenly come up with expenses for a life or death situation.

Three years ago it was her husband's need for cancer treatment that got the fundraising ball rolling. Since then Friends Helping Friend has provided support for other cancer sufferers.

But as 2014 approached, organizers started including others. "Your house could burn down, you could need help," Krandal said.

Krandal also thanked Stephanie King from Tamarind Court, Mary Heath, Tom Larsen from *Sadie Sea*, Destiny Thomas and Catherine Kenney for their contributions at Saturday's fundraiser.

Larsen said he was also waiting to welcome some traveling wounded warriors to the party who were coming to St. John for Sunday's Chaotic Kayak event, which would also spend part of the day at Tamarind Court.

## Repairs Continue on Centerline



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**CAROLINA** — Department of Public Works employees cleared the uphill shoulder of Centerline Road at one of the first sites repaired, above, in the ongoing work on the island's main artery Route 10 — hopefully in preparation for paving. After rebuilding several sections of the highway in Upper Carolina, the Island Roads crew has moved to work on another section of a collapsing shoulder in Lower Carolina, below.



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### JAWS in Dock No. One



JAWS owner Andy Greaux refloated his infamous shark fishing boat Thursday, July 24, in anticipation of an approaching storm and was in the process of securing it along the shoreline — near what will be the head of the proposed main dock for the St. John Marina. Greaux said he has already expressed an interest in having two slips at the proposed marina.

*St. John Tradewinds* News Photo by Tom Oat

## Villas for the Park

### Friends of the VINP Launches “Villas for the Park” Program

**St. John Tradewinds**

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park is unveiling a new villa partner program that will benefit island villa owners, villa managers and Virgin Islands National Park. “Villas for the Park” now gives St. John visitors a way to support the park at no cost when they stay at vacation rentals found on the Friends website. The vacation stay generates a donation by Villa Partners that translates to accomplish protection and preservation for our park.

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When visitors are looking for a vacation rental, they simply use the portal to many villas and vacation rentals to choose from at [www.friendsvinp.org/villas](http://www.friendsvinp.org/villas). Once the guest completes their stay, the Villa Partner makes a donation to Friends that directly benefits our park, which keeps visitors coming to our island. Villa Partners are listed on the Villas for the Park page in order of donation levels: 15, 10 and 5 percent, so that visitors can choose a villa based on level of park support, as well.

60 villas or other partner properties.

Another bonus for villa shoppers: a FREE Family Friends Membership when they complete a booking. The membership card gives valuable discounts on shopping and activities with Friends Affinity Partners during their stay, as well as discounts on Friends of the Park Store merchandise. Once enrolled, members are engaged in national park news through Tidings, Friends’ tri-annual newsletter, encouraging them to come stay again, attend Friends events and to support the park.

The program was conceived by Friends development director, Karen Vahling, who wanted to create a fresh fundraising approach to support Friend’s 23 programs and projects in the park.

There is no cost to be added to the Friends website as a Villa Partner and any villa owner or manager can register online at [www.friendsvinp.org/villas](http://www.friendsvinp.org/villas) under the “For Villa Owners” tab. Each Villa Partner is given space for one “flagship photo” and one paragraph summarizing their villa or villas managed.

“Friends has a valuable reach to over 3,000 loyal members, an extensive email database, a high-traffic website and tens of thousands of social media contacts. This powerful reach brings St. John lovers who are looking for their next stay together with Villa Partners who support the park.” said Vahling. “This is truly a win-win situation,” she added.

“Visitors need accommodations, villas need business, our park needs protection. Friends can help,” said Vahling. “Together, we can accomplish great things for our Virgin Islands National Park.”

Every villa manager contacted so far has signed up for the program. Cimmaron St. John, for instance, donates 10 percent for every guest who books through the website — even for repeat bookings. There is no price difference for the guests who use the Friends website portal to view Cimmaron’s

For more information or to get set up as a Villa Partner at no cost, contact Karen Vahling at 340-779-4940 or [kvahling@friendsvinp.org](mailto:kvahling@friendsvinp.org) or visit [www.friendsvinp.org/villas](http://www.friendsvinp.org/villas).

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## On *the* Market

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### Villa Mahr Units 3 & 4 Offers Water Views of Hurricane Hole and Plenty of Potential

BY JAIME ELLIOTT  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Priced to sell, Villa Mahr Units 3 and 4 offer beautiful water views of Hurricane Hole and beyond as well as a great opportunity.

The stand-alone two-level mostly masonry home is located in the Estate Carolina area of Coral Bay and is for sale for \$699,999, explained 340 Real Estate owner/broker Tammy Donnelly.

“This mostly masonry house — there is only one small section of an addition for the downstairs apartment that is wood — is priced to sell,” said Donnelly. “You could not buy land and build this house today for what it is listed for.”

Perched on a hillside in the Estate Carolina neighborhood, Villa Mahr Units 3 and 4 offer water views of Hurricane Hole and the British Virgin Islands, and convenient access to the shops and restaurants of Coral Bay.

The ruggedly beautiful V.I. National Park’s south shore beaches are a short drive from the home and the famed North Shore alabaster coastline is close by as well.

Villa Mahr Units 3 and 4 are two separate units in one two-level home. The Upper Unit features two bedrooms and one bathroom, plus a sleeping loft as well as a cabana sleeping room near the pool.

An open-flow plans leads from the great room right into a quaint kitchen with wooden cabinets and a stainless steel refrigerator. Pull up a seat at the pen-

insula/bar area and enjoy a night dining in at Villa Mahr. Or take guests to your outside dining area on the covered deck and enjoy a meal al fresco.

The Lower Unit at Villa Mahr consists of one bedroom and one bathroom and a quaint kitchenette. The unit also offers a great room with living and dining areas as well as a covered deck. You’ll want to kick you feet up with a good book and enjoy the breeze from you deck at Villa Mahr’s Lower Unit.

The Lower Unit at Villa Mahr also features double vanities in the bathroom as well as a washer and dryer, making trips to the laundromat a thing of the past.

One of the best features of this property is the masonry pool and outdoor shower. It’s not difficult to imagine spending endless days lounging by the pool with a few friends and a few cocktails.

Soak up some rays and work on that tan or seek the shade at the pool side cabana, the perfect place to take a break from the sun and even sneak in an afternoon nap.

The sister house next door, Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2, is also for sale, adding to the possibilities this property offers, explained Donnelly.

“The sister house is next door and is also for sale,” said the 340 Real Estate owner/broker. “Buying both would allow you to live in one unit and short term or long term rent the rest out for income.”

For more information about Villa Mahr Units 3 and 4, call Donnelly at 340 Real Estate at (340) 779-4478 or on her cell at (340) 643-6068.



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Pool and Gazebo Room of Unit 4 at Villa Mahr



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Driveway to Units 3 & 4 at Villa Mahr

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## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### We Need To Stop Littering

Two weeks ago I watched a young man throw his snickers wrapper casually in our parking lot. Last week I watched a grandmother with her grandchild casually drop her candy wrapper on ground. This week I watched a young man drop his candy wrapper on ground.

All of these people live in this area. I thought about how the young child is being taught the same action her Grandmother took.

I too am guilty of dropping a cigarette butt out my window which is double worse. I have committed to never doing such a thing again.

We must all be part of the solution....not the problem. We must take more pride in our Island!

**Sincerely,  
Patti Nolan, Caravan Auto**

### Don't Build Your House on Sand

#### Open letter to Summer's End: To C Summers/R Barksdale,

As you are fond of identifying yourselves as proud Louisianans I know you will appreciate a specific concern many of us in Coral Bay have about the influence of Big Money.

When Big Oil came into your old backyard they promised the local that "it would just be an itty bitty pipe in their backyard, nothing to worry about, just take the cash and sign on the dotted line." Those same people today will tell you how their lives were ruined by Shell Oil and BP, from the Influence of Big Money.

Far from your characteriza-

tion of the yachtsmen and women in Coral Bay, they include many intelligent, accomplished and capable people who know enough not to build a house on sand or upon straw or a marina in the path of the weather.

It didn't end well for the Good Ol' Boys from Louisiana and it didn't work out for two of those Little Pigs either who were sent running.

I'll wait for the house built upon the rocks and the marina in the lee of the wind.

**Respectfully,  
Paul Tsakeres  
S/V Inspiration  
Coral Harbor**

### CZM Needs More Members To Properly Consider Plans

The St. John CZM (Coastal Zone Management ) Committee is charged with making decisions about the appropriateness of proposed major land and water developments for St. John under the VI Code. The committee is charged with reviewing applications for consistency with the provisions of the CZM Act — a protective environmental act that also encourages appropriate development — as interpreted by a committee made up of five residents of the island. St. Thomas's CZM committee has a full complement of members and has held numerous hearings over the last several years for developments there — approving some, greatly modifying others, and denying some. It's not an easy volunteer job — but it is important and to do it well takes a group of people.

For years now, the St. John CZM Committee has only had three members. The Governor has not appointed two additional St. Johnians as required under the law, despite having being fully aware that one current member of the committee has close ties to an upcoming marina project and will have to recuse himself, leaving only two members to vote. The three members, Edmund Roberts, Andrew Penn, and Brion Morrisette are all good representative St. Johnians. But St. John deserves to have two more good representative St. Johnians sitting on this committee and reviewing a major development that, if permitted, would completely change the character of the East Side of the Island — Coral Bay — and cause many

pros and cons and shifts in the economy, livability and attractiveness of St. John overall. This burden should not be shouldered by only two representatives of St. John's people, rather than the full complement of five St. Johnians. Furthermore there is a second major marina development proposal in the pipeline for Coral Bay, and a third East End development proposal. These proposed culture-changing developments all deserve the scrutiny and wisdom of 5 St. Johnians — not just three or two.

This is not how the Coastal Zone Management process was intended to work in the VI Code — for the people of the Virgin Islands and our environment.

St. John has been short-changed again. We do not know if this method of making the decision should even be considered legal under the law. Since there is a time limit for the CZM Committee to act under the law, should we ask the Governor to quickly appoint, and the Legislature to quickly approve new members to serve on St. John's committee? Could all parties agree to the short delay in the time clock this may cause? This development decision has far too many consequences and changes for St. John to be incompletely considered within the CZM process due to a lack of government-appointed members.

**Sincerely,  
Sharon Coldren, President  
Coral Bay Community Council**

## Guest Opinion

### "Be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem."

First, thanks to the majority of boaters who abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the territory to protect our beautiful waters and its citizens. You set a great example of environmental awareness and good stewardship.

The Summer's End Group would also like to thank everyone for the tremendous support we've received recently for the St. John marina, The Yacht Club at Summer's End. Slip reservation requests now number in the 40s, all unsolicited.

And to those of you who've expressed concern about a marina coming to St. John, we understand. We have concerns too, that is the reason our permit applications number in the hundreds of pages of studies, research, tests, surveys, etc. This press release along with others in the coming weeks will give you facts that can be backed up by data found in our permit application with DPNR/CZM.

Those with concerns are encouraged to review those very informative CZM documents and press releases, and be guided by the facts, not rumors, myths and fear mongering in developing a true understanding of the value and importance of the marina to St.

John, her people and the environment.

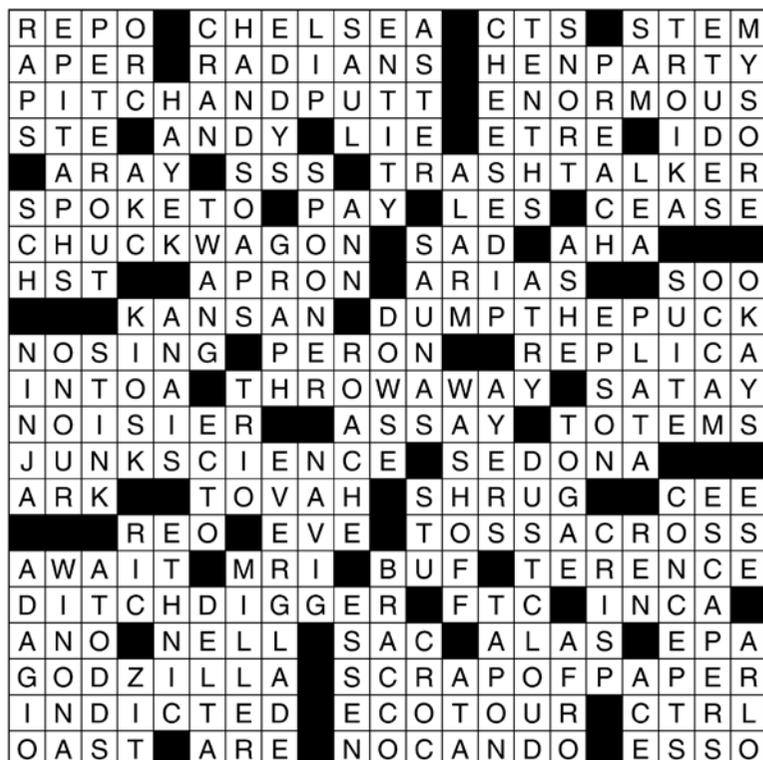
#### The Three-Legged Table

The St. John marina project was conceived using sustainable development modeling. The three components of sustainable development are 1) environmental, 2) social and 3) economic. And like a three legged table, any project or proposition cannot stand as sustainable unless all three areas are considered equally.

The environment is often cited by those non-generational St. Johnians who live here as the initial reason they moved to St. John. We love the environment too which is why we have for years actively supported local, territorial and federal efforts to manage the use of our natural resources responsibly.

According to the U.S. National Park Service and other sources, the act creating the V.I. National Park caps the park's size at 9,485 acres of St. John's estimated 12,500 acres. That's 75.88%. Between protected national park waters and the V.I. Coral Reef National Monument there is a total of 18,358 acres of protected submerged lands.

The St. John marina impinges on none of these  
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## “Be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem.”

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highly protected areas, meets the requirements of current local zoning and requires no dredging.

### **Imaginary Parade of Horrors**

Joe Mina, the civil engineer responsible for the Coral Bay Watershed Management Plan Phase I, is also the lead engineer on the St. John marina. His intimate knowledge of the Coral Bay watershed is why he was hired to integrate the St. John marina plan as a compliment to existing and future Coral Bay Watershed Management Plans, which is exactly what he has done.

Joe has done a masterful job of helping us to improve conditions and extend protection to both the land and waters of Coral Harbor as one can easily see in his plan drawings. But Joe warned us that no matter how good of a job we do, there are still those that like the circus barker shout what he calls “The Imaginary Parade of Horrors.” This type of opinion is best summed up as “don’t confuse me with the facts.”

But as former U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan said; “Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts.” The facts presented in the permit application for the St. John marina clearly demonstrate thoughtful, well planned environmental consideration.

### **Social – Coral Bay History**

Krall. It’s a Danish word, translated into English meaning corral. According to historians this is the origin of the name for Coral Bay. In plantation days a large corral was placed in Coral Bay to accommodate livestock trade as a part of St. John’s first permanent settlement and the center of island commerce for decades.

Coral Bay is also considered by many historians as the birthplace of emancipation in the Western Hemisphere as the result of the 1733 slave revolution.

*“I have them put into chains. One was burned to death slowly, another was sawed in half and the third was impaled. The two Negroe women had their hands and heads cut off after all five had been tortured with hot pincers in the town.”* (A May 16, 1734 report by French Commander Longueville on his punishment of insurgent St. John slaves)

The history and culture of the descendants of these brave freedom fighters have been given utmost respect and consideration in the creation of the St. John marina project. Anyone familiar with Carolina Valley history will quickly recognize the surname Marsh. Part of the Summer’s End project is located on properties owned by Calvert Marsh, Inc. controlled by Madeline Marsh, and the Marsh Sisters Trust.

We honor local culture and history by supporting traditional and local enterprise through a proposed Fish & Farmers Market located on site at The Yacht Club at Summer’s End. Other support includes scholarships, internships and mentorships for local youth, educational programs for area kids and adults on the environment, boater safety and traditional arts and crafts, and new career paths.

### **Economic Strangulation**

Gas station, gone. Police substation, gone. Lily’s Market, gone. Town & Country Real Estate, gone.

Kaleidoscope Video, gone. Voyages Restaurant, been gone. Most sadly, Guy Benjamin School, gone. Unless action is taken soon, the list could go on for Coral Bay.

Most people look at the abandoned and dilapidated Voyages building and see the St. John version of blight. Summer’s End principal Chaliase Summers saw an opportunity, an opportunity to turn the down-trodden restaurant into the shining new face of St. John’s Yacht Club at Summer’s End marina.

With road improvements, landscaping, state of the art docks, sidewalks and other community improvements new jobs will be created, families lives changed for the better and new opportunities for entrepreneurs to take advantage of the \$100,000,000.00 recreational boating market previously lost to the BVI.

To help facilitate Coral Bay’s rebirth, Summer’s End Group principals have met with the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority and the Virgin Islands Department of Labor and they have agreed to co-sponsor along with Summer’s End the first Coral Bay Job and Entrepreneur Fair.

This will be an opportunity for those unemployed or underemployed in Coral Bay and St. John to work on their resume and submit it to potential employers or the VIDOL. Anyone looking to start a business will be able to begin to take advantage of the considerable resources and support of the EDA. And this is just the beginning with the St. John marina, The Yacht Club at Summer’s End.

### **Cleaner, Healthier, Happier Coral Bay**

This is what the U.S. EPA website has to say about sustainability: “Sustainability creates and maintains the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony, that permit fulfilling the social, economic and other requirements of present and future generations.”

If you like seeing a dilapidated Voyages building, generational St. John and other families suffering the effects of economic strangulation, Coral Harbor being treated as a waste receptacle in a community that

AIA-SDAT said was suffering from “sense of futility and no hope, social inequity, high unemployment & youth flight,” then go right ahead and oppose sustainable development for Coral Bay.

If on the other hand you’d like to see an improved environment, jobs that offer a career path and livable wages, a restored Voyages building, ample parking, sidewalks and road improvements, and a Coral Bay that begins to address its potential, then be proud to support sustainable development and the St. John marina, The Yacht Club at Summer’s End.

Make a difference, be a part of the greater Coral Bay and St. John community that says you care about more than just yourself. Be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem.

**Rick Barksdale, Partner  
Summer’s End Group**

### **Resources:**

<http://www.virgin.islands.national-park.com/info.htm>; and  
<http://www.epa.gov/sustainability/basicinfo.htm>

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## Community Calendar

*St. John Tradewinds* welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 776-6496, e-mail [editor@tradewinds.vi](mailto:editor@tradewinds.vi) or fax 693-8885.

### Tuesday, July 29

The Office of the Governor in partnership with the Departments of Education and Public Works announces the second in a series of three public scoping meetings to respond to submitted comments for a new St. John School and present the findings of the Phase I Archaeological Study for a suggested property for the school. The meeting will be at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria on Tuesday, July 29 from 5:30 -7 p.m.

### Sunday, August 3

A memorial service will be held for Barbara on Sunday, August 3, at 1 p.m. at Newfound Cottage on the easternmost end of Centerline Road where the pavement meets the sea. Please bring a dish to share while joining Terry in celebrating the life of his most treasured friend.

### Starts Tuesday, August 12

The UVICELL Center will be hosting an introductory course to help individuals learn the basic operations of Microsoft Word. Introduction to Microsoft 2010 will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 12. Classes will be at the

UVICELL Center at the University of the Virgin Islands – St. Thomas Campus. For more details on the program, call 693-1100.

### Starts Tuesday, September 2

The 2014-2015 school calendar was signed Tuesday by Gov. John P. deJongh Jr. and officially released by the Department of Education. According to the calendar, opening and closing dates for school are September 2nd, 2014 and June 19th, 2015, respectively.

### Saturday, October 18

— On Saturday, October 18, the Animal Care Center of St. John will present the “No Fleas Please” Flea Market Sale at Winston-Wells Ball Field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This annual event is a major Animal Care Center Fundraiser — with emphasis on the fun.

### Saturday, November 22

— The Rotary Club of St. John will host the annual Flavors of St. John fundraiser on Saturday, November 22 inside the Westin ballroom. The fundraiser will include about 24 participating restaurants, live music by Cool Sessions, and a number of wine distributors and silent auction. Details to follow later.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula’s Church.

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

## Obituaries

### Gustave Matthias, 83, Passes Away

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

Gustave Matthias better known as “Gus” or “Gusi” died on July 16, 2014, at the age of 83 at Schneider Regional Medical Center in St. Thomas.

He is survived by his sisters: Alice Lytch, Clarissa Frett, and Zenobia Lomax; sister-in-law: Mariel Matthias; brother-in-law: Elridge Frett; nephews: Darrell

Hodge, Kalon Frett, Louis Lomax, Ernest Matthias, Kenneth Matthias, Melroy Matthias, Courney Matthias and Dawin Lytch; and nieces: Laurel Neita, Lisa Lomax, Vivian George, Necia Matthias, Diana Solomon, Flavia Threatt and Delia Radcliffe, in addition to many other loving relatives and friends.

First viewing was on Friday,

July 25, 2014 at the Celestial Chapel at Hurley-Davis Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m. Second viewing was on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at the Emmaus Moravian Church from 9-10 a.m. followed by the service at 10 a.m. Interment was in the Emmaus Moravian Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hurley-Davis Funeral Home.

### Barbara Alperen, 64, Passes Away

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

Barbara Joyce Alperen, age 64, passed on to the next world on July 16, 2014.

Born March 9, 1950 to Samuel and Eleanor Alperen in Lewiston, Maine, Barbara was a longtime St. John resident and beloved wife of Terry McKoy.

She was known affectionately as “doña Barbara” by those close to her.

Barbara and Terry arrived on St. John in 1989 with 300 t-shirts and a box of paints. Their colorful hand-painted clothing is a St. John icon.

Their gallery of tropical delights was made even brighter and more beautiful by Barbara’s green thumb. Her orchids, jasmine, and ylang ylang infused the air with sweetness.

Terry and Barbara were partners in life. He remained by her side through her final moments, soothing her pain with jasmine and ylang ylang oils.

Barbara is survived by her husband Terry and siblings, Naomi, Selma, and Martin.



Barbara Joyce Alperen

Donations may be made in Barbara’s honor to the St. John Cancer Fund, [www.stjohncancerfund.org](http://www.stjohncancerfund.org), or to Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton, FL, [www.hbts.org](http://www.hbts.org).

To share your memories of Barbara, visit <http://www.sloop-jones.com/Remembering-Barbara.htm>.

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Today’s Cryptoquip clue: H equals B

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— a Coral Bay resident

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— a Coral Bay resident

## Summer’s End Deemed Too Large for Coral Bay

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“Thus it is surprising to see a marina now proposed — that is as large as their plans were in 2012 prior to the findings of AIA community visioning process.”

While the AIA report does not mention marinas, a part of the vision plan did encourage the construction of a small scale docking area, Coldren added.

“The AIA report does not mention marinas,” said the CBCC president. “Other ways to improve economic activity were mentioned, including a small scale docking area that would cause little harm to the seagrass and benthic nursery environment.”

“The Community Vision survey has detailed comments from individuals recommending only small scale marina and marine services activity, if any,” she said.

Summer’s End Group’s plan claims its marina will meet a “major need” in the Coral Bay area, which many residents say is simply not true.

“Surprisingly, they state these objectives as ‘major needs,’ as in a sense of urgency,” said liveaboard Coral Bay resident and business owner Paul Tsakeres. “It sounds as though they are all for us local boaters, except that they can’t be based on their proposal. I’m sure they will try to explain, how a Five Star facility assists transients, although they are also called cruisers.”

“Interestingly, neither these cruisers nor the mega yachts are desperate for these services,” Tsakeres said. “It would be rare for a cruiser to pay top dollar to lay up for a few hours (ever hear of a guy called Fatty Goodlander) and their true target population, the Mega Yachts, are entities unto themselves and produce water, power, international telecommunications all as part of their magnificent packages.”

Summer’s End Group’s proposed marina is too large and located in a position which leaves it far too exposed to weather, explained Norm Gledhill.

“It’s in the wrong place and it’s far too large for our island,” said Gledhill. “It’s in the wrong place because it’s open to the weather and not protected at all from sea and wind in any kind of storm. It’s also all filled land there; it’s not stable land.”

Like many other residents in Coral Bay, Gledhill would welcome pump out facilities, a fuel dock and Customs office, but this project is too big.

“The idea for a pump out and Customs is fine, but this is going too far,” Gledhill said. “Most of the marinas here are built and then after a few years they fail.

We don’t want to see that here.”

Other Coral Bay residents are also worried about being stuck with a partially-completed or damaged project since the plans do not call for building a breakwater to protect this exposed area.

“The project does not include building a breakwater,” said a resident. “It’s not if it’s going to happen, it’s a matter of when it’s going to be destroyed. What happens then?”

“We’ll be stuck with these pilings sticking up out of the water,” said the resident. “This project is on the wrong side of the bay and we know that.”

Part of Barksdale’s proposal calls for relocating legally moored boats and redesigning the Coral Bay mooring field. Except the proposed mooring field would limit boats to under 30 feet and shows a lack of boating knowledge, according to several residents.

“The mooring field they propose just doesn’t make sense,” said one Coral Bay resident. “They suddenly want to limit all boats in the mooring field to under 30 feet or they have no idea what they are doing.”

The marina project is another tainted legacy of Governor John deJongh’s administration, explained another resident.

“Governor deJongh has sold Coral Bay out,” said the resident. “This is his legacy. He closed our school and now this.”

Coral Bay Yacht Club members had no officials statement to offer because the group has not met since Summer’s End Group’s application has been made public. CBYC will meet on Tuesday, August 5, at 5:30 p.m. at Skinny Legs when the marina project will be discussed. The public is invited to attend.

On their plans, Summer’s End Group also billed itself as Summer’s End Yacht Club, which left a few CBYC members scratching their heads.

“If Summer’s End Yacht Club is the yacht club in Coral Bay, what do we do with our 100-plus members,” said CBYC Commodore Stephen Hendren.

Summer’s End Group’s proposed marina needs major Coastal Zone Management Land and Water Use permits from DPNR. A hearing is expected to be scheduled in August for the project.

For more information about CBCC’s visioning process check out [www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org](http://www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org). For the AIA report, check out [www.coralbay-communitycouncil.org/AIA.htm](http://www.coralbay-communitycouncil.org/AIA.htm). The marina plans are available for review at Connections East and Keep Me Posted.

## New STJ Public School Meeting

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and very little official discussion, according to several people involved.

**“Moving Pretty Fast”**

After years of promises, a new “mid-island” St. John public school facility is moving closer to reality — with Gov. John P. deJongh actively involved as his eight-year administration nears its end.

“They are moving a lot faster than I thought they would,” said one St. John educator of the Government House-orchestrated bureaucratic process involving multiple territorial agencies and a host of federal rules and regulations involved in a proposed land swap between the territorial and federal governments.

“The work is moving pretty fast,” agreed another inside observer. “They did the topography; they did the archaeology.”

“We have some challenges with the property,” said Vance Pinney, project director at the Department of Public Works. “It’s a long process; part of that is the ‘scoping’. We are trying to get as much public comment as possible.”

**Government House Priority?**

With a Government House policy advisor assigned to shepherd negotiations with the federal government on a proposed land swap through the bureaucratic maze, the project goes to its second public “scoping” session Tuesday, July 29.

A series of “scoping” sessions or hearings are required for the process, explained Collette Monroe, the policy advisor. This is the second in a series of open meetings at which the public will have an opportunity to provide oral and written comments, she said.

“This is another opportunity afforded to the entire community to provide needed input on a proposed New St. John School and hear those concerns addressed which were raised at the initial meeting on May 15 where the concept was introduced,” Monroe told *St. John Tradewinds*. “Ultimately, it is the direct collaboration with and input from St. John residents which will determine the final design for the school.”

Representatives from Departments of Education and Public Works, along with the architect of record, will be on hand to respond to comments and seek input from the public on the planned approach for a new school on the island of St. John and alternatives.

The first public session in May drew a large audience and raised issues such as whether the facility should be a “full” school serving preschool children and grades kindergarten through 12.

**Should St. John Have “Full” K-12 School?**

Part of the government’s internal debate is whether to make the new island school a “full school” serving grades kindergarten through 12, project director Pinney acknowledged.

“That still is in debate,” Pinney said. “This is the reason for the public scoping.”

As some saw the idea of a full school facility on the smallest U.S. Virgin Island as a St. John folly, the simple question from a St. Thomas resident working on St. John about bringing his kids with him to school in Love City prompted residents and government officials to consider all their options.

The public is urged to submit their questions and comments regarding a New School on St. John by visiting the Department of Education website at [www.vide.vi](http://www.vide.vi) and clicking on “Special Projects.”

Individuals may leave a comment and also review the New St. John School Land Use Study and the St. John Demographics Study and Analysis.

## Church Directory

### Baha'i Community of St. John

For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641  
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays  
776-6316, 776-6254

### Bethany Moravian Church

Sunday School 9 a.m., Divine Worship 10 a.m.

### Calvary Baptist Church

13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304  
Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

### Christian Ministry

Cinnamon Bay Beach  
Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379  
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

### Cruz Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

### Emmaus Moravian Church

Coral Bay, Divine Worship 8:30 a.m., 776-6713

### Freshwater Church

Sunday Service 10 a.m.; Monday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.  
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### Jehovah's Witness

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.  
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,  
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### Missionary Baptist Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,  
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

### Nazareth Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.  
776-6731

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

Saturdays: 6 p.m.; Sundays: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. in Coral Bay  
at the John's Folly Learning Institute & 6 pm. in Spanish;  
Mondays: 12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7 a.m.  
& Fridays: 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

### St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

### Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

### St. John Pentecostal Church

Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,  
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 779-1230

### St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.  
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

### Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332



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The proposed St. John Marina will extend more than 500 feet from the south shore of Coral Bay Harbor, right, more than halfway across the harbor to wards the Moravian Church shoreline property which includes the ballfield, center left, and also is targeted for a major development.

## Moravian Church Wants St. John Marina To Share Harbor

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for its project with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) in April, but details of the plan were not released by DPNR until the application was deemed complete in mid July.

### Marina Stretches Across Harbor

Now that St. John Marina plans are public, the Moravians have found Summer's End is coveting public harbor waters more than half way across the inner harbor for their marina and proposing to relocate moorings from the southern area of the harbor into waters abutting Moravian land to the north.

The first phase of the St. John Marina project, the 145-slip marina on almost 10 acres of the inner harbor will be built from what the developers themselves describe as "a very narrow sandy beach behind which are eroded soils" on the south shore of the harbor on the shoulder of Route 107 across from the Coccolobo commercial complex designated as Parcel 13 Remainder. (See related story.)

The church, as the major landowner in Coral Bay, claims rights to most of the north shore of Coral Bay Harbor and Moravian officials been in a development agreement for their waterfront property and offshore rights for years, according to Rymer.

In addition to the waterfront, the church's landholdings on the shores of Coral Bay include the basketball court on church property between the Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School and the church-owned Coral Bay field, according to Rymer.

The church's waterfront property extends to Fortsberg Hill, the representative of the Moravian Church added.

The Moravian's inner harbor shoreline property extends behind the world famous Skinny Legs restaurant and has been used for boat launching and landing for decades. The Moravians recently proposed improvements to the small landing pier on the shoreline of their property behind the now-closed Guy H. Benjamin School.

The docks for the St. John Marina extend more than 800 feet from the south shore of Coral Bay more than halfway across the harbor.

The north end of the largest, 144-foot slips in the proposed marina end about 213 feet from the desig-

nated 100-foot channel to inner Coral Bay Harbor which itself is located about 300 feet from the customs house point.

### Mooring Fields in Moravian Waters

The St. John Marina proposal leaves a 49-vessel mooring field in the inner bay on the north side of the channel between historic Fortsberg and the customs house and a small 21-vessel mooring field in the northern corner of the harbor – both mooring fields are offshore of Moravian Church property. The St. John Marina has propose 12 moorings for its own use south of the marina with five public moorings.

Because of current on-going changes in the church's hierarchy, including the appointment of a new superintendent for territorial ministries, the church did not have an immediate formal response to the St. John Marina plan, but they will be responding as part of the public review process, according to spokesperson Rymer.

The permit application for the Summer's End project submitted in April has since been deemed complete and will be the subject of an August public hearing still to be scheduled.

Rymer said his comment that the Moravian property was a better site for a marina was "taken out of context," according to Summer's End principal Barksdale.

### Marina Is "Component" of T-Rex Resort

A marina is only a "component" of T-Rex's plans for a full-scale resort development on the Moravian Church property on the shore of Coral Bay, Barksdale stressed in a comment to *Tradewinds* in April.

The St. John Marina developers have secured the rights to a handful of upland parcels and a second phase of their project includes minor development of those properties. (See related story.)

Rymer introduced Rory Calhoun, the member in charge of the development group T-Rex, at a meeting of the **St. John Rotary Club in April** and T-Rex presented a check for \$5,000 for the repair of the basketball court.

Since entering into their agreement with the Moravian Church, T-Rex has joined with a venture capital company named Sirius Development LLC as controlling partner, according to Calhoun

**“Even at moderate occupancy projections, the overall economic impact of this upland redevelopment project in conjunction with the marina is the estimated \$8,790,000 contribution to the economy of St. John and the USVI.”**

— according to St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer’s End.

## Land Development for Proposed Marina May Not Come as Fast as Marina

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According to the proposal. “An additional 75 moorings are proposed under this application as a public-private partnership with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) to better manage resources within Coral Bay.”

“Access to the upland businesses by boaters will occur via dinghy dock located at the terminus of the marina. The marina will also include a diesel and gasoline fuel dock and a wastewater system available to the boating public.”

Parcel by parcel the development plan is as follows, according to the filing:

**Parcels 13A and 13B**, the former Voyages Restaurant, “consists of an existing abandoned restaurant with apartments on the second floor. The proposed conditions will improve and renovate this building, restore the apartments to usable condition, expand and improve the restaurant facilities and include an area dedicated to the offices of marina operations.”

**Parcel 10-41 Remainder, Cases by the Sea**, “consists of a primarily open lot with one small retail store that was converted from a former residence. All structures on this parcel will be removed. The proposed conditions consists of installation of parking and walkway improvements to support the overall marina development, as well as being programmed for two buildings consisting of retail operations.”

**Parcels 10-17 and 10-18** waterfront lots between Island Blues and mangroves consist of an undeveloped lot that currently is unstabilized.” The proposed conditions consist of two buildings that will contain a mixed use of retail, restaurants and apartments in Phase II of the development.”

**Parcel 10-19** consists of two existing buildings. “One is currently a restaurant (*Island Blues*) and the other is a combination of apartments and offices. The proposed condition will maintain the restaurant use and will renovate the apartment/office building into a combined use of apartment, marina office, and short-term crew quarters for addressing crew needs while their boats are docked in the marina and marina security headquarters.”

### **\$8.7 Million Economic Impact**

“Even at moderate occupancy projections, the overall economic impact of this upland redevelopment project in conjunction with the marina is the estimated \$8,790,000 contribution to the economy of St. John and the USVI. For the most part these are new dollars that were not part of the local economy prior to the development of this project.”

“A combined minimum of 90 jobs will be created with the vast majority of them made available to qualified St. Johnians. This is perhaps the greatest value add by this upland redevelopment project and the St. John Marina as it improves the quality of life for the families of Coral Bay and the East End who need it most.”

St. John Marina; Yacht Club at Summer’s End, LLC, received a \$1,273,689 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a marina in Coral Bay, according to an announcement by Delegate to Congress Dr. Donna M. Christensen. The grant was awarded in August 2013.

The principals of the LLC are two Contant residents, Rick Barksdale and Chaliese Summers. St. Johnian Robert O’Connor Jr. is a partner in the project.



Rendering from Environmental Assessment Report for the St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer’s End as posted by CZM

1947 Aerial Photograph of Project Area

## Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

### **St. John Tradewinds**

Crime prevention is up to all of us. If you know something, say something. Make sure no crime goes unsolved. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve the following cases.

#### **St. John**

On July 17, 2014 after midnight police observed a male in down town Cruz Bay with a laceration to his head that required immediate medical attention. The male indicated that he was assaulted by someone while he was sleeping on the beach in Cruz Bay. It is unknown what the male was assaulted with. Please help police with any information that you may have in this matter.

#### **St. Thomas**

On Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 12 pm officers responded to shots fired in Estate Tutu in the area known as Monster Hill. The officers discovered a white 4-door Toyota Corolla in the roadway with the engine running. Several feet away from the car, Officers found the lifeless body of a black male, later identified as 19 year old Sheldon Benjamin, Jr. with gunshots wound. The Major Crimes Unit is asking for information regarding persons or ve-

hicles that may have been seen in the area immediately before and after the shots were fired. Contact the Major Crimes Unit at 642-8449, Emergency 911, or Crime Stoppers.

#### **St. Croix**

Law enforcement is asking your help to locate a missing person, Angel Joel Ventura, a resident of Estate Williams Delight, last seen on or about December 30, 2013. If you have seen him or know his whereabouts, please contact Crime Stoppers or the Virgin Islands Police Dept. immediately. Help Mr. Ventura’s family find him or tell us what you know about his disappearance.

Continue to help make our community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org), or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by texting “USVI” plus your message to CRIMES (274637). If your anonymous tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward paid according to your instructions. The minimum reward for the arrest of a homicide suspect is \$1,500. For an assault suspect it is \$900. For a fugitive it is \$347.

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**Island Getaways**  
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islandgetawaysinc.com  
kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

**Suite St. John Villas/Condos**  
tel. 1-800-348-8444  
or locally at 340-779-4486

## Architecture

**Crane, Robert - Architect, AIA**  
tel. 776-6356  
P.O. Box 370, STJ, VI 00831

## Art Galleries

**Bajo el Sol Gallery**  
Located in Mongoose Junction  
tel. 340-693-7070

**Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery**  
Located at The Marketplace  
340-693-8524

## Banking

**Firstbank**  
Located in downtown Cruz Bay  
340-776-6881

## Furniture

**Carlos Furniture - 340-693-0016**  
Located at Tutu Park Mall on STT  
Free delivery and setup to St. John

## Green Building

**Island Green Building Association**  
check www.igbavi.org for Seminar  
Series info and ReSource Depot  
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## DISCARD PILE

### ACROSS

- 1 Merchandise taken back, briefly
- 5 London or Manhattan area
- 12 Divs. of dollars
- 15 Leaf support
- 19 Mimicry pro
- 20 Angle units
- 21 Girls' night out, perhaps
- 23 Small-scale golf variety
- 25 Massive
- 26 Fr. holy woman
- 27 Pop artist Warhol
- 28 Utter fibs
- 29 To be, in Québec
- 30 Wedding chapel vow
- 31 Like — of sunshine
- 33 Draft lottery org.
- 35 Insult-hurling sort
- 38 Conversed with
- 40 Settle a debt
- 42 The, in Québec
- 43 Stop
- 44 Food cart's counterpart on a ranch
- 46 Bummed out
- 47 "I get it!"
- 48 FDR's follower
- 49 Grill master's cover-up
- 50 Opera parts
- 52 Actor Jack of "Barney Miller"
- 55 Wichita resident
- 57 Execute a long slap shot, maybe
- 60 Snooping (about)
- 63 Juan or Eva of Argentina
- 65 Exact copy
- 66 Backed — corner

- 67 Phrase with synonyms starting this puzzle's eight longest Across answers
- 70 Indonesian skewered meat dish
- 71 Less quiet
- 73 Analyze the makeup of
- 74 Clan emblems
- 75 Expert witnesses' unproven theories, say
- 78 Kia minivan
- 80 Noah's craft
- 81 "L'shanah —!" (Hebrew "Happy holidays!")
- 82 Shoulder lift
- 83 Bee chaser?
- 86 Bygone Olds
- 88 Eden woman
- 89 Beanbag tic-tac-toe game
- 92 Stand by for
- 95 Medical scan, briefly
- 96 — -Puf (body sponge)
- 97 "Billy Budd" star Stamp
- 98 Worker in the trenches?
- 101 Antitrust org.
- 103 Old Cuzco native
- 104 Portuguese for "year"
- 105 Tony winner Carter
- 106 Plant pouch
- 108 "Woe is me!"
- 110 Pollution-fighting org.
- 112 Ally of Rodan
- 114 Bit from a shredder
- 117 Charged
- 118 Trip for nature lovers
- 119 — -Alt-Del
- 120 Kiln used for drying hops
- 121 Modern art?
- 122 "Ain't gonna happen"

- 123 Former U.S. gas brand
- ### DOWN
- 1 Smart blows
  - 2 Tombstone inscriptions
  - 3 Dwindle
  - 4 Tolkien monster
  - 5 Ocean Spray prefix
  - 6 Dial, Zest and Coast
  - 7 Arnold, Duchin and Merckx
  - 8 Rim
  - 9 Writer Bellow
  - 10 Actual thing
  - 11 Daisy's kin
  - 12 Common crudités go-with
  - 13 Fractions for many agents
  - 14 Bull's sound
  - 15 Sleuth Spade
  - 16 Russian carriage
  - 17 Chopin's 27
  - 18 Southern Indian city
  - 22 Moralize from a pulpit
  - 24 Actress Salma —
  - 32 Dog show gp.
  - 34 Sound-swapping reverend
  - 36 Eye-opener?
  - 37 Grazing area
  - 38 Educ. inst.
  - 39 Nashville nasality
  - 41 The Atlantic's Cape —
  - 45 Pictorial plot
  - 46 Sweatboxes
  - 47 Tennis pro Arthur
  - 51 Give it —
  - 52 Set of rooms
  - 53 William of — ("razor" philosopher)
  - 54 Green-lights

- 55 Newsstand
- 56 Novelist Nin
- 57 Seek water with a divining rod
- 58 Printer brand
- 59 "Oro y —"
- 60 Martial-arts mercenary
- 61 "God is — side"
- 62 Smell nasty
- 64 "Law & Order" actor Linus
- 67 Common jazz combo
- 68 Rinse
- 69 Australia's — Rock
- 72 Prefix for "outer"
- 74 Old Roman wraps
- 76 Marshy tract of land
- 77 What GPS aids in: Abbr.
- 79 Nebula, in part
- 82 Bassist Sutcliffe
- 83 Notions
- 84 Performers like Houdini
- 85 Suffix with journal
- 86 Rock's Ocacek
- 87 Cultural
- 90 Brittle
- 91 Stimpny's cartoon bud
- 92 Slow, to Solti
- 93 Ryder of film
- 94 In conflict
- 95 "Lite" beer
- 96 Lorraine of "The Sopranos"
- 99 D, in Greece
- 100 Ruhr hub
- 102 Knock at gently
- 107 Nile critter
- 109 Retro hairdo
- 111 Guthrie with a guitar
- 113 Facial flaw
- 115 — distance
- 116 Star pitcher

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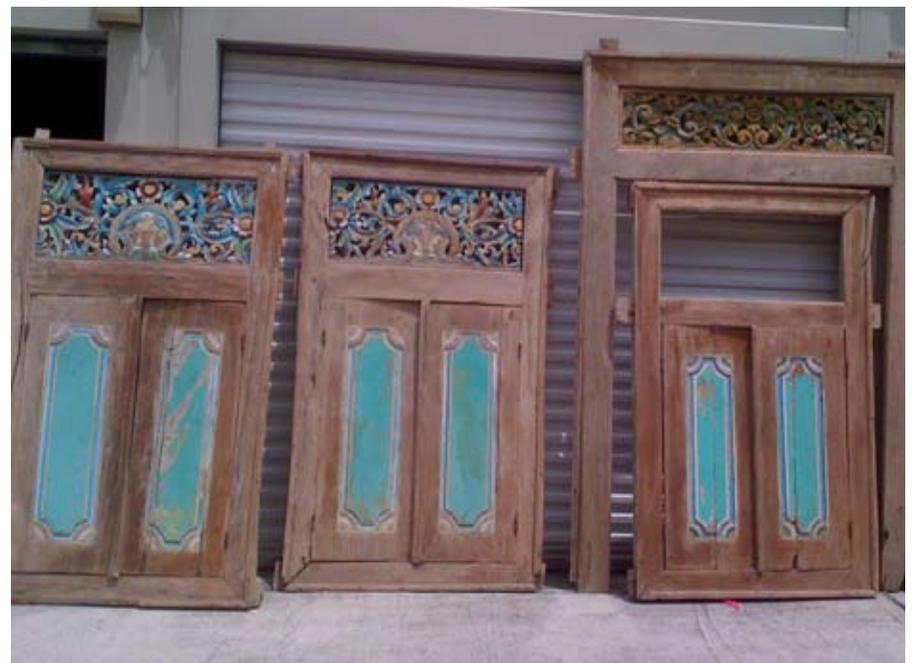
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## Groups, Residents Needed To Improve Recycling

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businesses adopting a dumpster site, like they Adopt-A-Mile in the states, and keep it clean and litter free.”

“We are making an appeal to all concerned organizations and neighborhood associations to ask their members if they are willing to keep their neighborhood clean by helping,” said Kalousek. “It takes about seven people (and they have their own backups for when they are off island). Each person can adopt a day, and if that day they notice bags that need to be sorted and trash tossed, they do it.”

“With each organization spear-heading the task for one site, it is more manageable since none of the organizations are getting funding for this,” she said. “As they say, ‘Many hands make light work.’ We are hoping that anyone who is upset with the unsightly dumpster sites might be willing to become part of the solution.”

If results of SJCF’s recent community survey are any indication, Kalousek expects the public to come out in force to support the

recycling program, she explained.

“Improving recycling on island and a ‘Keep St. John Beautiful’ plan of dumpster area maintenance and litter control were top priorities identified in the recent survey of community impact focuses,” said the SJCF Executive Director. “People want to see recycling continue and improve, so hopefully we can all come to the table and work out a solution.”

SJCF continues to seek funds to add a second day of collection for recycling program as well, Kalousek added.

“We need about \$18,000 to add a pick up/clean up circuit to supplement the weekly WMA effort,” she said.

Anyone interested in donating to the SJCF recycling effort can make a check to St. John Community Foundation and write Aluminum Can Recycling on the memo line. Checks can be mailed it to PO Box 1020, St. John, VI, 00831, for receipt of a tax deduction letter. For more information about how to volunteer or adopt a bin site, call Kalousek at SJCF at 693-9410.

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# “It Ain’t Easy Being Green” Examines Island Iguana and Human Interaction

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“It’s particularly difficult to protect your plants from them, it is hard for farmers and anyone with some plants in the yard, especially flowering ones,” she said.

Along with numerous factors, the spread of development and not well planned relocation efforts have helped the iguana population to explode. Yet still, the lizards are seen more around human development and farms than they are in nature.

“While there are some environmental concerns to consider, the bigger issue is that iguanas and people are often in the same areas, and they both like the plants, the pools, the flowers — some people love the iguanas around, and others don’t,” said Fortwangler.

Until 2013, the animals had enjoyed protection under a law passed in 1922 which made it illegal to kill them; but that’s not to say many weren’t killed, Fortwangler explained.

“Before the change in the law in 2013 you couldn’t legally kill them, but people were,” she said.

Under pressure from the Department of Agriculture, which was hearing from farmers losing crops to iguanas, the V.I. Senate

repealed the law protecting iguanas in 2013. Today it is legal to kill up to 10 iguanas per person per day.

When Fortwangler and Livant began “It Ain’t Easy Being Green,” back in 2012, it was still illegal to kill iguanas. With the film nearing completion, the filmmakers are on St. John this week incorporating the law change into the film.

The new law adds another dimension to this thought-provoking film which looks at options other than elimination to deal with the iguanas population.

“Part of the film’s intent is to raise the question, ‘What are the options besides killing the iguanas,’” said Fortwangler. “Some people and businesses have found ways to have iguanas around without issue. It can be difficult in some cases.”

“But we still raise the question ‘Do iguanas belong here,’ and if they do, and we think so, what kind of consideration should we be giving them,” she said.

Fortwangler is not suggesting that farming is not an important, she added.

“There is no denying local agriculture is important,” said the filmmaker. “But we’re also interested in thinking compassionately about the iguanas. What are other possibili-



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## A Green Iguana

ties besides culling them?”

Although seen by some as pests, until two years ago, iguanas were encouraged at local resorts where feeding them was billed as a guest activity.

“We believe it is fair to ask, if we have relocated these animals for our enjoyment or other purposes, or we feed them as entertainment for tourists, and they then become pests, is it okay for us to kill them,” said Fortwangler. “We especially want to explore how can we avoid these types of situations in the first place.”

The solution-oriented film will hopefully launch a conversation about human-iguana

relationship and could even lead to policy changes, according to the filmmaker.

Fortwangler, working with Livant and director of photography Bill Stelzer, is in the final stages of the project. The group expects to wrap up filming this week and has hired Aqua Sounds Studios on St. Croix to create original music for the film.

Next, the film will move into post-production and Fortwangler hopes to have “It Ain’t Easy Being Green” completed by October.

The team is at this point thanks to a successful Kickstarter campaign which raised more than \$10,000, an effort largely orchestrated by the film’s executive producer Jessica Bellas, a long-time island visitor, according to Fortwangler.

The fundraising was supported by St. John businesses Morgan Barlas Professional Computer & Network Services, St. John Inn, Gallows Point Resort and Queen of Tarts Bakery.

With additional financial support, the filmmakers would be able to meet their post-production goals even sooner. Anyone interested in contributing to “It Ain’t Easy Being Green,” should email Fortwangler at crystal@widerangleproductions.com.

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