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Jerome and Teresa sell their farm goods on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, in Coral Bay. They sell their fresh produce, preserves, rum, and spices at many Virgin Islands festivities.

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One of the many potholes on North Shore Road that will soon be filled.

North Shore Road Repairs Begin This Week

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Eight years of planning and preparation will come to light on September 28, when reconstruction and re-surfacing will commence on the island's badly damaged North Shore Road.

The weathered and worn road has not been completely repaved in 16 years, but islanders can look forward to a smoother drive within a year, according to Mark Hardgrove, Superintendent of the V.I. National Park.

"The project is expected to take nine to 11 months," Hardgrove said. "We'll have the potholes filled within the first week and we think there will be about nine months of reconstruction and one month of paving."

St. Thomas-based Island Roads was awarded the \$4.5 million contract on August 6, according to Keith Macneir, VINP's Chief of Maintenance.

In an earlier *Tradewinds* interview, Hardgrove said the project was originally funded at \$4.9 million but received extra funding to meet an increased budget of \$8.1 million to cover the rising costs of construction over the past eight years.

Because the bid from Island Roads came in at just over half of the project's current budget, Macneir said the remaining money will be returned to Federal Highway to be funneled into other projects.

Filling the potholes along the road and setting up safety and traffic management signage will be the first steps in the project.

"The patching of the potholes was not originally in the scope of the project, but the contractor has offered

to fill in the potholes at no additional charge to the park or government," Macneir said.

Once the potholes are filled, reconstruction of the road will begin at Cruz Bay and head toward Annaberg, Hardgrove said.

"We've got major sections of the outer road that are failing," he said. "The road is in a very unsafe condition, but we are building them back to federal highway standards."

Hardgrove said heavy weight from traffic on the worn road has pushed the soft surface from under the road and an 18-inch excavation on the outer edges of the road will be required to reinforce it.

"We are not just repairing the road, we are actually reconstructing the base of the roads and putting new pavement surface on top of the new road bed," the superintendent said. "We can't just put a band aid on it — we have to do surgery first."

Flashing signs to manage traffic will be in place during road work, which will be underway five days a week.

"The road traffic will be down to one lane at a time in some areas," Hardgrove said. "But the traffic wait is not expected to exceed five minutes."

Macneir also said drivers can look forward to having a yellow center stripe down the length of North Shore Road again.

"We are just looking forward to having this complete," he said. "But we do need to exercise caution during the project, not only for the other vehicles on the road, but also for the workers who will be out on the roadside."

Battery Open House Is September 22

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St. John Administrator Leona Smith will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, September 22, at the Battery from 3 to 6 p.m.

Present will be Beverly Nicholson-Doty, Commissioner of Tourism, Julia Sheen, Commissioner of Health and Laverne Terry, Commissioner of Education.

The community is encouraged to come out and meet Governor DeJongh's Cabinet. If you cannot make the open house please submit your concerns and suggestions in writing.

Homeowner's Associations Seminar Scheduled for Sept. 28 in Coral Bay

St. John Tradewinds

Need your dirt road fixed? Have you considered forming a voluntary homeowner's association to share fairly the maintenance cost and work for your road with your neighbors. You and your neighbors can design it just for the purposes you would like.

"Home Owner's Associations (HOAs): Taking the First Steps" is a workshop to answer questions and obtain some sample documents. The workshop will be on Monday, September 28, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Coral Bay Community Council office. Sharon Coldren, President of the CBCC, will lead the discussion.

Please call the CBCC in advance if you will be attending so the organization can get a larger venue if needed. If your neighborhood is already interested, a special meeting can be set up for your specific neighborhood.

For more information, call the CBCC at 776-2009.

STJ Chamber Chapter on Sept. 29

St. John Tradewinds

The next Chamber St. John Chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at Giffit Hill School.

The meeting will feature a presentation by The VI Energy Office. The VI Energy Office is launching its programs funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

Public Hearing on Rezoning Requests

St. John Tradewinds

There will be a public hearing on two rezoning requests on Thursday, October 1, starting at 6 p.m. at the St. John Legislature.

1. Application ZAJ-09-2: Breeze Enterprises, for Parcel No. 131, Estate Contant & Enighed, Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John from R-4 (Residential - Medium Density) to B-2 (Business - Secondary) for the development of a post office.

2. Application ZAJ-09-1: Grande Bay Isles, LLLP, for Parcel No. 3Abc Cruz Bay, St. John, from W-1 (Waterfront-Pleasure) to R-4 (Residential- Medium Density) with use variances for a restaurant and sundry shop. The zone change will allow for the consolidation of Parcel No. 3Abc with Parcel No. 86-3 in order to complete the permitted design.

St. John Singers To Start Rehearsals

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Singers is a choral group of people from St. John and St. Thomas who just love to sing.

Rehearsals for the Christmas holiday concerts begin on Monday, September 21, 2009.

Women begin rehearsing at 6:30 p.m. and men at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay. All are welcome. Call 693-7406 for more information.



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John Santangelo, above, demonstrates the dermoscope. Left: (L to R) Dr. Mercedes Dullum, Dr. Joseph DeJames, Joan Bermingham and BJ Harris pose in front of the new telemedicine infrastructure.

St. John Is Territory's Trailblazer for Telemedicine

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents will now have access to expert physicians on the mainland without ever leaving their island via a new innovative medical technology available at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

There was standing room only at the island's health clinic on Thursday, September 10, as medical professionals, local dignitaries and community members gathered to witness the unveiling of a new state-of-the-art virtual technology called telemedicine which will link doctors at the prestigious Cleveland Clinic in Weston, Florida, with patients on St. John.

The advanced video conferencing system allows for real-time interaction between doctors and patients through technological features such as: a digital stethoscope for listening to the heart and chest; a high fidelity otoscope for examining ears, nose and throat; a dermoscope for skin examinations; high resolution video monitors for displaying microscopic detail and a special document camera for displaying x-rays, scans and medical records.

"This has been a long road to pull this project together," said Harold Wallace, MKSCHC administrator. "It has been a unique collaboration of public, private, civic and a philanthropist to get this project done."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Mauri Elbel

Dr. Mercedes Dullum explains how telemedicine will link patients with stateside doctor in real time.

In collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic, plans for telemedicine has been in the works since summer 2007, Wallace said.

St. John Rotary funded the technology infrastructure which facilitates telemedicine — costs which include \$39,000 for a T-1 line, a dedicated DSL connection between St. John and the stateside clinic, and a \$1,000 monthly service fee as well as \$23,000 annually for three years which will cover equipment leasing, insurance and maintenance for exclusive access to Cleveland Clinic specialists, according to BJ Harris, St. John Rotary President-elect.

Local philanthropist Donald Sussman donated \$72,000 to get

the project started and Rotary will host various fund raising initiatives to meet its pledge to support the innovative project for the next three years, Harris said.

"It has been very much a community effort," Harris said. "We (St. John Rotary) are only covering the costs for three years, so Senator Hill, we will be looking for something in the Budget."

Senate President Louis Hill, who attended the unveiling, said having access to the Cleveland Clinic will be a tremendous benefit to Virgin Islanders and the government should be prepared to make a significant contribution to keep the service going three years from now.

Telemedicine specialty services at the clinic will include pulmonology, dermatology, rheumatology and cardiac surgery pre- and post-evaluations. Patients on St. John will initially be evaluated by a MKSCHC provider before being referred to the telemedicine services where a virtual visit will allow mainland doctors to communicate with physicians and patients on St. John.

"Telemedicine is not to replace the physicians we have on- or off-island," Wallace said. "But it will enhance patient care."

The objective of telemedicine is to expand medical services and increase medical access on St. John while decreasing the need for residents to travel off-island to meet their health care needs, Wallace said.

The new cutting-edge technology will allow for more rapid diagnosis and treatment as well as access to medical specialists in an array of different areas for patients on the remote island of St. John, according to Dr. Mercedes Dullum, a cardiac surgeon at the non-profit, physician-led Cleveland Clinic.

"This is really taking video conferencing to a new level," said John Santangelo, director of information technology for Cleveland Clinic. "We are integrating diagnostic technology into telemedicine and we have the ability to integrate new, upcoming technology

into the camera system."

Dr. Thelma Watson, medical director of Schneider Regional Medical Center, said St. John is a trailblazer for a technology that will allow Virgin Islanders to receive medical attention from specialists who the territory could not otherwise attract.

"Instead of you on St. John sending patients our way (to St. Thomas), we'll be sending our patients your way," Watson said.

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DLCA Enforcement Finds Numerous St. John Bars and Restaurants in Violation

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Complaints from St. John residents about noisy bars and restaurants in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay prompted a visit by Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Commissioner Wayne Biggs and its enforcement and management team on Thursday, September 10.

“Violations were found at a number of bars and restaurants and those establishments were issued a warning by our enforcement team,” said Shayla Solomon, DLCA’s public information officer. “A lot of them have licenses, but they are operating outside of their license’s specific guidelines and restrictions.”

The Noise Pollution Control Act prohibits unreasonable, excessive and annoying noise levels in the territory and maintains that all bars and taverns located within 500 feet of a school, church or residential area must be enclosed and soundproofed.

While bars and restaurants may be allowed to play music, each license specifies the type and volume of the music being played, Solomon explained.

“There are specific guidelines and restrictions; for example, a nightclub can have speakers and music, but it has to be enclosed and soundproofed,” she said. “You have to make sure that the license that you have correlates with how you are operating your business. And that is the big issue.”

Solomon said DLCA is not releasing the names of establishments issued warnings, but the de-

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– Shayla Solomon, public information officer
 Dept. of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

partment was scheduled to follow up with the venues the following week and issue citations for those which did not rectify the violations.

“These establishments have to rectify the violations or else citations will be issued,” she said, adding that names will be disclosed if citations are issued.

Solomon said she did not have a report on the follow-up visit and Biggs did not return calls by the time *St. John Tradewinds* went to press.

The DLCA crew travelled to St. John not only to get a first hand assessment of various complaints, but also to work toward establishing a greater presence on the island, particularly as it pertains to enforcement.

“There are a number of areas that need enforcement on St. John and our enforcement efforts are going to be improved,” Solomon said. “We will make it a weekly thing — to make regular visits to St. John, not only for enforcement, but to have a greater presence on the island.”

Thursday’s visit was the first phase of weekly trips that Commissioner Biggs and his enforcement team will be making to St.

John.

Enforcement officials inspected St. John establishments for required documents and signs and to find out whether the establishments were operating within the scope of their license, according to a DLCA statement. Establishment owners also had the opportunity to meet with the commissioner to personally address issues and concerns.

Solomon reminded St. John residents that the DLCA has a local office at the Battery.

“And we are working hard to get our Web site up and running so we can streamline the licensing process and people don’t have to worry about going to an office,” Solomon said. “It should be up and running by the end of this month or early October.”

DLCA reminds all bars, taverns, restaurants, and nightclubs of the following requirements: they must secure the correct license correlating with their operations; business licenses must be posted; signs prohibiting the sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors must be visibly posted, and separate licenses are required for selling tobacco products and using coin operated pool tables and jukeboxes.

American Cancer Society Has Presence on St. John

Fern LaBorde, Executive Director for the USVI American Cancer Society, and Acting Chairperson Julien Harley, will be available to assist clients with medications, off-island travel and equipment as well as other services on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace.



Caneel Closes for First Time in History, Reopening Nov. 1

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

For the first time ever, the Caneel Bay Resort has closed its doors to guests.

The resort, which has welcomed guests to its charming, low-key North Shore property for more than 50 years, closed on September 1 and will not reopen until October 31.

September and October are the quietest for most Love City businesses, and Caneel has not been exempt from the annual slow season.

“The decision to close the resort is based on historically low occupancy levels during these months, which is true for most Caribbean properties like Caneel Bay,” said Kristin Hutton of Hawkins International, which handles public relations for the resort. “We also have some maintenance which needs to be done, and saw this as a good opportunity, before the high season begins.”

The current state of the economy also factored into the resort’s decision to close, according to Caneel’s Managing Director, Nikolay Hotze.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Guards at the Caneel Bay Resort entrance will only grant access by foot to Caneel Bay and Honeymoon beaches. Cars cannot park on the resort property during its closure.

During the two-month closure, a program of maintenance to the resort buildings is being implemented.

“We’ve already repainted the entire hotel,” said Hotze. “We’re doing general maintenance and upgrades to guest areas, just to

make sure that they are all in tip top shape.”

Hotze expects most of the resort’s employees to return when Caneel reopens on November 1. Workers were given nine months notice, he explained.

“I believe everybody is coming

back,” said Hotze. “We communicated nine months ago, so everybody had time to prepare.”

Caneel’s fiercely loyal guests have also taken the closure in stride, Hotze continued.

“We have a lot of loyal guests who usually come in October,

and they’ve all rebooked,” he said. “We haven’t lost anybody. They’ve happily moved their vacations to the first of November.”

If the two-month closure proves beneficial to the resort, its October guests may have to permanently reschedule their annual vacations. Once the pros and cons of shutting down for two months have been weighed, a decision will be made regarding the possibility of closing to guests during slow season each year, explained Hotze.

“We need to see how we come out on October 31 and we’ll take it from there,” he said.

During the two-month closure, no residents or guests are allowed on the resort’s property; however, its Honeymoon and Caneel beaches are still open to the public, which must access the beaches by foot from North Shore Road.

Upon reopening, guests can expect to find business as usual at Caneel, explained Hutton.

“Guests can expect the same great experiences Caneel Bay has continuously offered throughout the resort’s stellar history,” she said.

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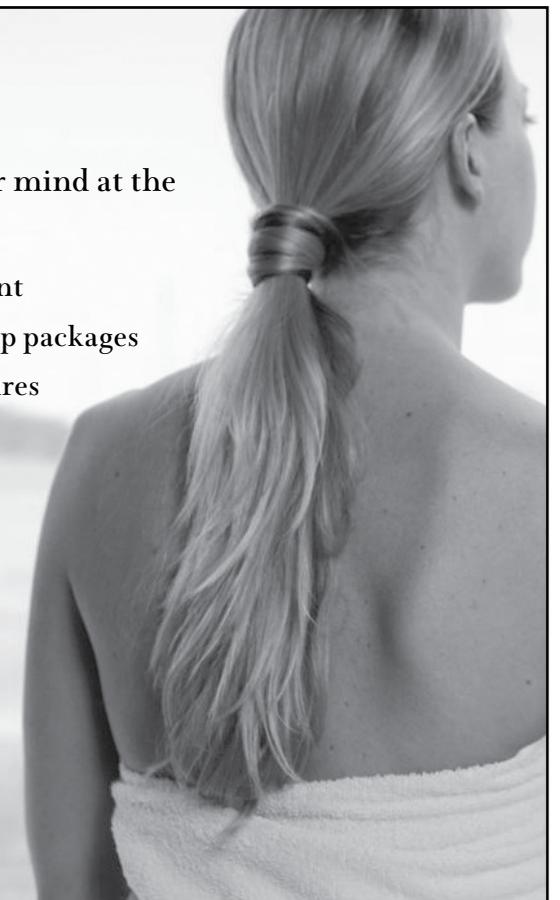
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WMA's Tire Removal Efforts Take a Hit as U.S. Stops Accepting Used Tires



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Old used tires pile up in Estate Enighed, causing a neighborhood eyesore.

**By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds**

The V.I. Waste Management Authority (WMA) has long battled to keep used tires from piling up in the territory, and now they'll have to work even harder thanks to U.S. Customs' prohibition of Virgin Islands tires entering the U.S. mainland.

U.S. Customs has tightened its regulations and is now stopping loads of tires from entering the mainland because they are not clean, explained WMA spokesperson Stella Saunders.

"The current issue that is preventing WMA from collecting tires

and shipping them off-island as we used to do is that Customs has become very stringent with inspections of loads when they arrive in Florida," Saunders said. "They are being stopped due to the tire supposedly not being 'clean' so they cannot enter U.S. mainland soil."

WMA hopes to develop a long-term plan addressing the life cycle of a tire from the time it arrives in the territory until it leaves, or is used locally for a "beneficial end product," according to Saunders.

"WMA is working on a long-term plan to effectively manage the used tires from cradle to grave," she said. "This will in-

volve legislation requiring citizens to leave their used tires at the tire vendors, who will in turn be mandated by law to dispose of their collected used tires in a compliant fashion via an approved disposal process. Whether this disposal process means that the tires might be recycled locally, turned to fuel or shipped elsewhere remains to be determined."

The authority is addressing the tires that are once again piling up in the territory by putting together a request for proposals to collect and remove all abandoned and stored tires at local landfills and transfer stations, as well as illegal

piles that are on public property.

Until WMA implements its long-term plan, residents are advised to return used tires to the vendor where they were purchased. Improper disposal of tires can cause a myriad of problems.

"Improper tire disposal, particularly in an unmanaged site such as the bush, can cause standing water inside the tire which can lead to mosquitoes and other bugs," said Saunders. "It is also an eyesore. The WMA has been spraying its tire piles on the landfills with mosquito prevention sprays to curb the breeding of mosquitoes on a regular basis until they are removed."

St. John Rotary Club Gives Planners to Students



Above: Cars lined the road by the Love City Mini Mart in Coral Bay, on Labor Day afternoon, Monday, September 7, for the much celebrated car races.

Left: Children enjoy the blow-up jungle gyms at the 2009 Labor Day celebration in Coral Bay.

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Photos by Eliza Magro

Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Great Jazz Jams

St. John Tradewinds

Jazz on St. Thomas and St. John

The postponed Moonlight Jazz was held last Saturday night on Wicked's lawn — a large crowd of devotees enjoyed Joe Ramsay's All Stars as the rainy weather cleared at Yacht Haven Grande.

The V.I. Jazz All Stars attracted the usual crowd plus a few rather different personalities at the Sunday Beach Bar Jam. The music was great, in fact, there's nothing else going on in town, so this was the main attraction!

Don't miss this weekly show — 4 to 7:30 p.m. — you'll love the atmosphere! Come and support the newest band in town (with the oldest masters of jazz).

Rich Greengold is back from vacationing in the USA — just in time to sit in.

**Introduction to Telemedicine
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We are fortunate to have Donald Sussman and Rotary finance this fascinating new system for St. John!

Harold Wallace led the presentation along with Dr. Mercedes Dullum and John Santangelo from Cleveland Clinic (branch in Weston, Florida). It was thrilling to see your arm on the screen as they examined it in Florida! Many thanks to those who worked so hard to make this giant advancement in medicine a reality!

Tennis Courts Are Repaired

After waiting for painting, paving and many repairs, the St. John Racquet Club met to organize future instruction for young people and tournaments. We were assured that the area would be cleaned within the week.

Pat Harley continues her classes on Sundays — thanks, Pat, for all that you do to keep the game alive!

Fireman from Washington State Visits St. John

It's always gratifying to hear a young visitor say that St. John is paradise! He read about us on the Internet and has a week-long rest here. His enthusiasm made me happy — I still think of it as a special place on Earth, but to hear it from a stranger is very special!

New Owners Considering Purchase of Sirenusa from Banco Popular Affiliate

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

A company is now assessing the unfinished multi-story condominium project above Cruz Bay and has until the end of the month to decide whether it will purchase the property from its current owner, BP Sirenusa International LLC, an affiliate of Banco Popular.

Carlo Marzano, Sirenusa's original developer/owner, gave the property to Banco Popular in lieu of foreclosure on his more than \$50 million mortgage with the bank in late August.

"The bank received an offer on the property subject to due diligence, but the due diligence time period has not expired as of yet," said George Dudley, a partner in the law firm, Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig, counsel to Banco Popular and its affiliate. "They have until the end of September to complete their due diligence."

Likening the due diligence period to test driving a car before

purchase, Dudley said the potential buyers are in the process of examining the current state of affairs pertaining to construction, permits, the relationship with the contractors and various matters related to the unfinished property.

"There is a company that is examining the property, and if it is found to be satisfactory, then they will proceed with the transaction," he said.

Dudley would not disclose the names of the potential owners nor the price tag of the hillside property.

"I know that they are represented by several persons from Puerto Rico, but I have not met the principals, I've only dealt with their agents," Dudley said.

Controversial Variance

Originally zoned R-2, Sirenusa received a controversial zoning variance to accommodate its larger-than-allowed development in April 2007.

The Act (6925) granted a vari-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

The unfinished Sirenusa development may be purchased by the end of the month, according to a bank representative.

ance to the property from R-2 (residential low-density, one and two family) to R-3 (residential medium density) for the construction of two, four-story buildings and one three story building — and mak-

ing a \$50,000 appropriation to the Juan F. Luis Hospital on St. Croix for two hemodialysis machines.

Governor John deJongh vetoed the variance, but all senators in the 27th Legislature, with the excep-

tion of Senator Louis Hill, voted to override the veto in May 2007.

"The property is zoned R2 but the legislature gave the variance to allow R3 and that was illegal," explained Jamal Nielsen, public information officer for the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. "A variance does not allow for changes to the dimensions; it allows for the use, not the dimensions, of the building, so that was an illegal act by the legislature."

Nielsen said a variance should not allow a development to go from R2 to R3.

"If it was a variance of a use, we would stop it, but when the building is built already, then there is no use for a variance to be transferable because it was already built," he said. "The whole thing was corrupt from the beginning."

Variations are granted to the subject property, not the property owners, according to V.I. zoning codes and laws, which means they are transferable to new owners.

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About 40 community members participated in this year's Freedom Walk to remember those who lost their lives on Friday, September 11, during a terrorist attack. Left: Paul Devine rings the bell at Nazareth Lutheran Church to commemorate each of the plane crashes on September 11, 2001.

Community Commemorates September 11 with Freedom Walk

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Around 40 people gathered under the Cruz Bay sun to participate in a freedom walk to remember the tragic day that occurred eight years ago and will forever be etched in Americans' hearts.

The freedom walk began at the National Park Visitors Center at 11:30 a.m. Friday, September 11, and continued to Franklin Powell Park for a noon-time commemoration ceremony.

The American Legion Post 131, the St. John Administrator's office and the Delegate's office organized the walk as a way to remember the price America paid for its continued freedom and to honor the victims of those who died in the terrorist attacks.

"This is a way of actually remembering what 9/11 was all about so we don't lose the feeling of September 11," said

Jerry Runyon, Post 131's commander.

This was the second year the American Legion organized the freedom walk, and Runyon said this year's event brought four times as many walkers, including representatives from St. John's police and fire departments, U.S. Armed Forces, National Park Service, U.S. Customs, National Guard and AARP members.

"It gives us a chance to give credit to our first responders," Runyon said. "They are on our frontline of defence and this is about giving them credit for the freedom that they are giving us every day."

St. John Administrator Leona Smith voiced her concerns that the memory of September 11 is beginning to fade, and she commended the U.S. military for continuing to fight for America's freedom.

"Let it be said on this day that we shall win," she said.

Earlier in the day, church bells rang in Cruz Bay and

Coral Bay at 8:45 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:43 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to commemorate the crashes of American Airlines Flight 11 into the north tower of the World Trade Center, United Airlines Flight 175 into the south tower, American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 which went down 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Fire Chief Winifred Powell asked the crowd to reflect on the morning of the attacks.

"What were you doing on the morning of September 11, 2001?" Powell asked. "I remember very clearly everything I saw and felt and heard that day, and I know you do too."

Paul Devine, Post 131's vice commander who served as master of ceremonies for the event, urged the crowd never to forget the sacrifices U.S. troops have made during past conflicts and continue to make today as they fight overseas.

"Please keep these words as you leave here today," Devine said in closing. "We will remember."



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Paving Way for More Accessible Island

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Janet George-Carty had a big smile on her face as she snipped the bright red ribbon that hung loosely across the entrance of Francis Bay's new accessible trail and glided in her wheelchair across the elevated wooden boardwalk.

The 650-foot boardwalk, unveiled during a Wednesday morning ceremony on September 9, now makes up the lower section of the popular Francis Bay walking trail and signifies a first step in the drive to make rugged St. John a more accessible island.

"It's something else I can do on St. John as a mobility impaired individual," said George-Carty, who has lived her entire life in the U.S. Virgin Islands with a mobility impairment. "And I would hope it's a new mind set for the island."

The idea for a more accessible island stems back from the "Building a Destination for All" vision spearheaded by Maho Bay Camp's founder Stanley Selengut, but when national park trails were accessed for handicapped-potential, only two trails were deemed capable of improvements — at Francis and Cinnamon Bays, according to Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park President Joe Kessler.

"We've been talking about this for a while now," Kessler said. "We've been wondering how we can make the park more accessible, but clearly St. John is not an easy place to make accessible."

The National Park Service and the Friends partnered to apply for a cost-share grant to fund a portion of the project more than two years ago. The roughly \$40,000 cost-share challenge project was supplemented with a \$20,000 in-kind donation from MSI Building Supplies which donated over 95 percent of the lumber, the national park which bought the foundation pads, fasteners and hardware, and donations from Maho Bay Camps and Maggie Day, Kessler said.

About 20 volunteers with carpenter, construction and boat building skills contributed more than 500 man hours to complete the boardwalk within seven days, he said.

"A lot of people came together



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Mauri Elbel

Janet George-Carty takes her first stroll down Francis Bay's new accessible boardwalk.

to make this happen," Kessler said. "The quality of the work is striking and really speaks to the volunteers."

Given the hilly terrain on St. John, Kessler said it is not just people with wheelchairs who have difficulty accessing the trails and beaches on the island. Improving accessibility will benefit those who have difficulty walking or children in strollers as well.

VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove said Friends groups are instrumental in breaking the barriers that often plague governmental agencies and they also challenge the park to do new and different things.

"Hopefully this is the beginning of meeting the needs for greater handicapped accessibility for our visitors and residents," Hardgrove said.

The popular trail at Francis was the first on the list to be improved, but Kessler said the next goal is raising funds to make the trails running through the Cinnamon

Bay ruins more accessible.

The national park recently made the amphitheater at Cinnamon Bay more accessible by extending the concrete walkway and will be purchasing another special wheelchair designed for ease of movement in the sand similar to the one already available at Trunk Bay, Hardgrove said.

St. John Administrator Leona Smith said plans are in the works to build a Cruz Bay boardwalk stretching from the ferry dock, the Battery and the Creek designed to reduce traffic and ease accessibility for residents and visitors carrying luggage.

As George-Carty wheeled herself around to gaze out at the boardwalk's overlook perched in front of a small salt pond dotted with the various birds that call Francis home, she couldn't hide her excitement.

"This is awesome — I love it, I love it!" she exclaimed. "I have to bring my grandson here. He'd love this."

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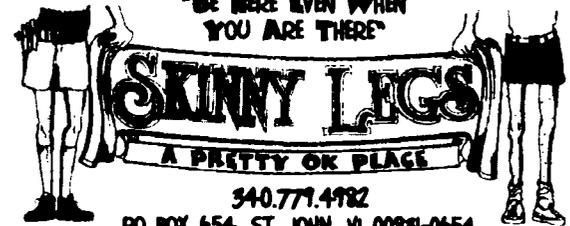
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Police Station Renovations Underway

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command in Cruz Bay is receiving minor renovations to its decade-old building.

Glass Rays, Inc. has been priming, sealing and painting since August 12 and hopes to have the project completed by November 1, according to owner Ray Berg.

"We are painting the police station inside and out," said Berg, adding that other minor renovations are underway.

Glass Rays, operating under its general contractors licence, is replacing ceiling tiles and doing light plastering repairs where water infiltration has come into the walls and made the surface blister in addition to priming, sealing and painting the inside and outside of the building, Berg said.

"These repairs are not unique to St. John," said Melody Rames, VIPD's public information officer. "The department is doing repairs to the police stations on all three islands."

Other Leander Jurgen renovations include: air conditioning system repair of leaking pipes, complete exterior repairs, repair of broken siding on the building, pressure washing and painting of the entire building, complete inspection of roof integrity, interior repairs of water damaged walls, complete overhaul of the cell to include a new all-in-one toilet system, repair and replastering of all offices, complete interior painting

"These repairs are not unique to St. John. The department is doing repairs to the police stations on all three islands."

— Melody Rames,
Public Information Officer,
V.I. Police Department

and replacement of damaged tiles on the ceiling, according to Rames.

The money for the repairs came from a special general fund account designated specifically for St. John by the Legislature, according to Rames.

Rames said she did not have the cost of the project at the time of press, but said that any project over \$5,000 must go through a formal bid process.

Berg said he was one of three contractors who walked through the job to see the scope of the work and bid on the project.

Although Berg declined to comment about financial costs associated with the job, he said his employees are working full time, 6 days-a-week to get the project complete by November.

"I brought enough people in to make sure it happens," he said.

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St. John Rotary Club President-elect BJ Harris, far left, helps hand out student planners to Ms. Liburd's 1st grade class at the St. John Christian Academy. The organization continued its effort throughout last week at all St. John schools.

Injured Robbery Victim Finds Police Station Vacant

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

The victim of an early morning robbery Thursday, September 3, in Cruz Bay was severely wounded by three men who armed themselves with weapons found in the victim's apartment — and after waiting for officers to show up for nearly 45 minutes, he walked to the police station to find no one there.

Mon Phon, the chef at Morgan's Mango, wanted to set the record straight regarding an article entitled "Victims Injured During Early Morning Knife and Machete Robber," that was published in the previous issue of *St. John Tradewinds* that contained statements made by a V.I. Police Department official he claims are incorrect.

Phon said he and a friend were attacked in his apartment, located behind Morgan's Mango, by three black men with black t-shirts wrapped around their faces who appeared to be in their early 20s and in good physical condition.

Contrary to a VIPD press release which stated three suspects armed with knives and a machete entered the victim's apartment, demanded money and a fight began between the victims and the suspects, Phon said the men were not initially armed and a fight broke out before any money was demanded.

"The three guys were originally

without weapons," Phon said. "All the weapons they got were from my room — except the rock, which they got outside. So after they left, yeah, they were armed."

Phon and two of his friends were in his apartment playing hockey on PlayStation 3 and doing a fantasy football draft around 1:30 a.m., according to the chef.

About 15 to 20 minutes after one of his two friends left to go home, two men entered the front door, which was left unlocked, and immediately threw a rock at Phon's other friend's face.

"Then I got up from the sofa, grabbed my sushi knife from the wall and got really close to the guy's stomach, but I hesitated for half a second and someone, who had crawled in through the window, hit me with a rainstick (a percussion instrument made from a dried cactus branch that is hollowed out, filled with small pebbles, and capped at both ends) from behind," Phon said.

Phon said the attackers hit him with a rainstick and then cracked his head open with a glass vase. He owned both items, which left him with head injuries that required 10 staples and 18 stitches.

"Then I threw a bottle of sesame oil at one of the attackers," Phon said. "We were slipping and sliding on the oil, trying to get the knife that one of the guys knocked

out of my hand when he hit me with the rainstick."

One of the attackers grabbed the knife and held it to Phon's throat.

"And I stopped struggling after that," Phon said.

Phon said the three attackers then sat he and his friend, who were both injured and bleeding, down near the couch and demanded money.

"He put the knife between my eyes and I told them I didn't have any money because I don't get paid until Friday and we explained it's been really slow," Phon said. "Then he went to my friend and asked for his wallet, and he gave him his wallet which only had \$30 in it."

The three men then proceeded to rob the apartment.

"Then they started going through the room and taking what they could — our PlayStation 3, our laptops, our games and movies, and both of our cell phones," Phon said.

Once the robbers left, Phon said he and his friend discussed their next steps.

"We were all bloody, but the first thing we did was lock the door," Phon said. "They took our cell phones, so I decided to come down to Morgan's Mango and set the alarm off."

Phon returned to his apartment and waited for 15 minutes for po-

lice to respond to the sounding alarm.

"We waited and waited and nobody came," he said. "So then we waited in front of Morgan's Mango and sat there bleeding with my head basically cracked open for another half hour. And nobody showed up. And the alarm was going off the whole time."

After the alarm had been sounding between 35 and 45 minutes, Phon said he finally convinced his friend they had to go to the police station for help.

"So we were walking down to the police station and I was bloody from head to toe," Phon said. "And by the time we got there, there was no one at the police station either."

Phon said they waited inside the police station for five or six minutes, yelling for help the whole time but no one came.

VIPD's public information officer Melody Rames said two police officers were at the front desk of the station and saw the two gentlemen come in that night.

"According to Deputy Chief Darren Foy, the gentlemen did not try to initiate any contact with police and then they left," she said.

"There were officers right there, and I would suggest, if there is a discrepancy, that they take it to VIPD's internal affairs which investigates all complaints against

police officers in an unbiased investigation."

Phon said after leaving the station, the two noticed The Quiet Mon bar was still open, some time between 2:15 and 2:30 a.m., so they went there for help and a patron at the bar called 911.

Phon said it took police between 10 to 12 minutes to show up at The Quiet Mon after the call.

"And then they finally called St. John Rescue and that is when I started fading and needed to lie down," Phon said.

A St. John Rescue member stabilized Phon until the paramedics got there and took him to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

Phon's injuries included a deep cut in his head, a broken and bloody nose, and cuts in his wrists, right thumb and lower knee that required stitches. His friend sustained a broken jaw from the rock that was thrown at his face.

"I want people to know that this could happen to anyone," Phon said. "It is fun going out, but this time of year, during slow season, try not to walk alone after you have been drinking."

"And always check to see if your door and windows are locked," he added.

Rames said police response time to the sounding alarm and the 911 call are still under investigation.

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Guardrail Safety Project To Begin on Centerline Road

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Plans to install new guardrails and replace old ones on the windy Centerline Road are underway as part of the Federal Highway's safety program which is using stimulous funds to improve roads throughout the territory, according to Department of Public Works St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade.

"Guardrails will be put in throughout various areas on Centerline Road and all the way out to the East End," Wade said. "We will be installing new guardrails in areas we do not have them right

now and we will be replacing the old ones that have become ineffective."

This means good news for island drivers traveling along particularly dangerous areas, such as the scene of last month's fatal car accident heading west on Centerline from Coral Bay above the Reef Bay Trail.

"In the last two or three years, we have had three accidents in that exact area," said Mike Jordan, public information officer for St. John Rescue. "It's been a significant danger area. In the last five years that I've been with Rescue,

we have had to rappel down that hill three times."

Jordan said if a person is driving the speed limit, they should never have a problem with that part of the road.

"But when people speed, combined with the fact that they are going downhill, especially when it is raining, it can be very dangerous," he said. "There should definitely be a guardrail there. It is in an area going downhill where cars have more speed than when they are going uphill, and it also seems that the embankment falls off a bit, which would further encourage a

problem for those going faster."

When St. John Rescue called the Department of Public Works to discuss installing a guardrail in that particular area, even offering to help fund it, Wade said plans were already in the works.

"He said Public Works already had it under control and funds were set aside, but I let him know that St. John Rescue would be happy to help in any way that we can," said Chris Jordan, St. John Rescue's president.

The Federal Highway's safety program which will bring more guardrails to St. John has already

been approved, and Wade said as soon as the funding is in hand, Public Works will send out the request for bids.

"We will review the bids, pick the best and most responsive bid and award a contract," he said.

Wade estimated the project will commence within the next six months but said the time line is contingent upon how busy the island's contractors are.

"The problem is we only have three major contractors here," Wade said. "With all the work they have going on, it is a matter of when they can fit the project in."



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Construction on the Cruz Bay roundabout, right, could be finished six months ahead of its scheduled completion, according DPW Materials Program Manager Thomas Jones.

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Roundabout Construction Ahead of Schedule

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Public Works and contractor Island Roads have encountered little to no snags during the year-long construction of the Cruz Bay roundabout, and thanks to this smooth sailing, the project could be finished six months ahead of its scheduled completion date of June 2010.

Crews are close to completing the burying of all utility lines in the area, with just a small amount of work left on Route 104 by Boulon Center and on Centerline Road in front of Dolphin Market.

"We're getting down to the wire now," said DPW Materials Program Manager Thomas Jones. "Once we get those two runs of electric in on 104 and in front of Dolphin Market, we'll be done with the utility work."

Burying the utilities has gone much more smoothly than anticipated, especially on Centerline Road heading west into Cruz Bay.

"We did not know what we were going to get into by the school," said Jones. "We thought it was going to be a lot more difficult than it was. The contractor kept the traffic one way, and had stop lights in place during the off hours, when the flaggers weren't there."

Work on Centerline Road in front of Dolphin Market also proved unproblematic for DPW, Jones continued.

"I thought it would be a major, major issue," he said. "When we moved the road over, that just gave us so much more room. We hardly disrupted traffic at all."

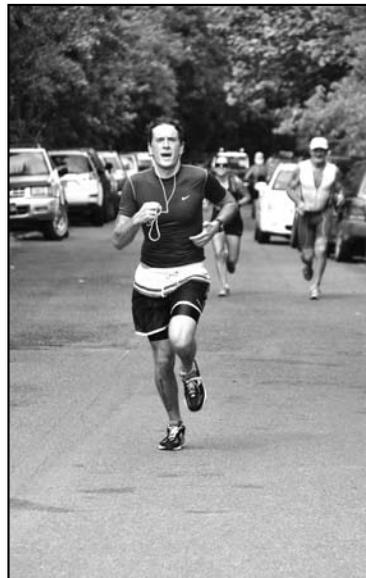
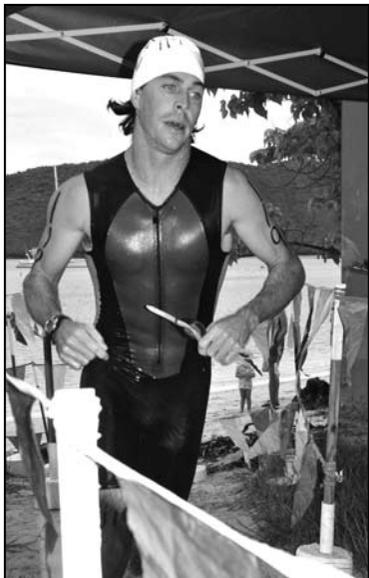
As Island Roads wraps up utility work, the contractor will continue regrading the roundabout's five points of entry and get the roads ready for asphalt.

Centerline in front of Dolphin Market will likely see the most change during this phase, as the road needs to drop approximately six feet. Route 104 in front of Boulon Center will be lowered approximately one foot.

Once grading is completed, the roundabout will be at a 4 percent slope, according to Jones.

DPW does not anticipate any major road closures in the future; however, the stop lights may be implemented again during utility work on Route 104. Jones remains optimistic that the project will finish well ahead of schedule, he explained.

"We're still extremely ahead of schedule," said Jones. "The contractor is really trying hard to get out of there before the next tourism season."



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Swimmers took to the waters, bikers hit the road and runners hit the pavement during St. John Landshark's 11th annual Love City Triathlon on Sunday, September 6.

Rain Tapers Off for Love City Triathlon

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Despite pre-race worries brought on by Tropical Storm Erika, Love City's 11th annual triathlon on Sunday morning, September 6, was a success.

"It was very stressful — every time we would hear the rain, it was like, 'Oh no, here it comes again!'," said Jude Woodcock, president of St. John Landsharks which puts on the annual event. "But Jeff, my husband, bless his heart, kept saying, 'It will all be okay, and he was right'."

Eighty-six athletes turned out for the 7 a.m. three-pronged event: a half-mile swim in Maho Bay; a 14-mile bike ride from Maho to Cruz Bay, up Centerline Road and down King's Hill to Annaberg; and a 4-mile running course between Annaberg, Francis and Leinster.

The Landsharks also hosted the Aquathon for the third year in a row — a shortened version of the triathlon that gives athletes who only want to swim and run the chance to compete in the inter-island event.

"The Aquathon is a swim- and run-event only because of the challenge of biking on our island," Woodcock explained.

About 30 minutes after the triathletes exited the water, Aquathon participants set out to complete the same swim and a revised portion of the run — a 3.4 mile race from Maho to Annaberg that ended at Francis.

With more than 40 volunteers who devoted time and energy into this year's event, the high cost of travel for off-island participants and insurance and park permits reserved specifically for race day, Woodcock said cancelling the race wasn't an option.

"Saturday night when we were having the athlete meeting, we were really worried," she said. "The athletes were shaking their heads too because biking on wet roads is treacherous and there was puddles and debris everywhere!"

But by Sunday morning, organizers were surprised to find the roads had begun to dry.

Triathlon Female Finishers

- 1st - Theresa Harper, 43, Total 2:00:10
- 2nd - Janelle Zachman, 41, Total 2:15:17
- 3rd - Sally Blackmore, 48, Total 2:19:52
- 4th - Carol Murphy, 50, Total 2:21:08
- 5th - Ziya Neema, 32, Total 2:25:21

Triathlon Male Finishers

- 1st - Matt Halk, 31, Total 1:47:38
- 2nd - Frits Bus, 53, 1:51:25
- 3rd - Matt Crafts, 31, 1:52:52
- 4th - Thomas Layer, 40, 1:57:35
- 5th - Mark Smith, 37, 2:00:09

Regardless of the wet weather and consequential worries, Love City Triathlon had a successful race without any accidents — largely due to safety measures taken on race day, Woodcock said.

This year, the V.I. Police Department allowed the Landsharks to spray paint the potholes for added biker safety.

"The paint made a huge difference in safety — we are really grateful the police department allowed us to do it this year," Woodcock said. "And St. John Rescue was awesome. They had cones out and were stationed at all the key places where there was high potential for an accident and the police officers were stationed at all the Cruz Bay danger areas."

The only race on St. John offering a free nights stay with a post-race picnic and beer party at Francis Bay drew residents from all around the Caribbean.

"We were just thrilled because we had athletes from St. Thomas, St. Croix, Tortolla, St. Martin and Saba this year," said Woodcock, who placed sixth in the female triathlete finishers.

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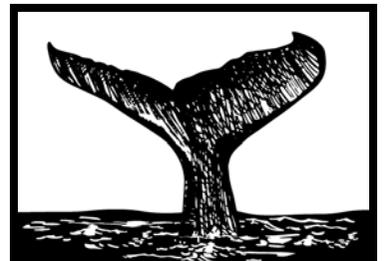
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Limiting Building Heights on St. John

Editor:

The V. I. Code allows building in R3- Residential/Medium Density zoning to be six (6) stories tall. In B2-Business/neighborhood zoning districts there is no height limit on St. John!

People have asked how can you set St. John aside and limit building height only on St. John. There is precedent in the V.I. Code for making special exceptions relating to specific areas of the Virgin Islands. Gambling is only legal on St. Croix.

In fact, B2 zoning has no height limits, except in historic districts, where it is limited to three stories. Senator Barshinger's bill proposes to change the existing height limit wording for B2 zoning to say, "No requirement except that in any historically certified area and on the island of St. John, the height of any structure shall not exceed three (3) stories."

When Senator Barshinger asked me to testify at the Legislature in support of this Bill, I was happy to explain why I believe this legislation is important to preserve the natural and cultural heritage of St. John.

It is also important for all people who care about St. John to put aside their differences and come together in "Unity" to help preserve the "St. John we know and love."

"St. John is a very unique place." I do not think many people would take issue with that statement.

St. John was, until recently, the least developed and most natural of our three Virgins.

St. John also has other qualities that make it a very special place. St. John has a slower pace and a more laid-back lifestyle than the other two islands. It has a special character and identity all of its own that is part of its natural and cultural heritage. It is the preservation of this heritage that is one of the most important core values that creates St. John's "identity" and sets St. John apart as a very special place.

When I first started practicing architecture in the Virgins, more than 25 years ago, we had a saying "that a building should not be taller than the tallest palm tree." Frank Lloyd Wright, the famous American architect had a saying "that a house should be 'of' a hill, not 'on' a hill." Both of these characterizations were true of St. John for many years.

Today, when one takes a ferry ride over to St. John, one realizes that things have certainly changed drastically.

At both of our ports, Cruz Bay and Enighed Pond you are now visually assaulted by massive and tall building developments that protrude high above the other surrounding buildings and the natural landscape.

St. John Should Buy Development for School

Editor:

I just read the editorials in the *Tradewinds* regarding the horrid mega condo developments current state. I have often tried to think of ways to turn this monster into something good.

How about St. John buying it and making it the

If we continue to allow the proliferation of this type of over development with tall, out-of-scale buildings and developments, they will have a negative visual impact on the island, thus threatening to destroy St. John's unique natural and cultural heritage.

They also have an additional negative impact on many areas of the public health, safety and welfare of St. John. They create a greater, unsustainable demand on the infrastructure; sewage treatment, fire safety, traffic congestion, parking, and the water supply. They may also eventually have a negative economic impact on tourism, the main stay of the Virgin Islands economy.

St. John, along with our other two islands, is a major economic 'engine' for our tourism industry. One major reason people come to the Virgin Islands is for the natural beauty.

Will people still want to come to St. John on vacation, when it looks like a mini "St. Martin" with tall condo skyscrapers protruding high above the natural landscape? Maybe they will just go straight to St. Martin, where they can go to the beach, gamble and shop all on one island.

Several years ago, the same developers who brought us Sirensa, the now bankrupt, unsustainable, massive, overdeveloped condo project above Enighed Pond also proposed to build a nine (9) story condo project high on the hillside at Pastory Gardens, above Cruz Bay.

This project, which thankfully did not get out of the concept stage, would have been allowable, in B-2 Zoning and could have been built without a public hearing or public notice of any kind because it is located in Tier 2 of the Coastal Zone, as is Grande Bay, the other massive, out of scale condo project on the beach front in Cruz Bay.

IGBA, the Island Green Building Association of St. John, which supports "sustainable and responsible development," is conducting a grass roots petition drive in support of limiting the height of buildings on St. John to three stories.

To date, we have collected over 25 pages of signatures, names and addresses of island residents in support of this bill. We are continuing to collect signatures. Anyone may download the petition from our web site, www.igba-stjohn.org click on 'Call To Action' tab and double click on the 3 Story Petition line at the bottom of the page to download the .pdf petition file. The completed petitions may be dropped off at the Friends of the Park office in Mongoose Junction.

**Doug White, Architect
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Only Facts Count for Grande Bay

Editor:

Referencing the article, "Grande Bay Calls for Public's Support in Rezoning Request," September 7-20, 2009, *St. John Tradewinds*. First, by the way, let's set the record straight, the Trey/Jadan families are not in mediation with Bay Isles Associates.

According to the article, Kelly Frye, in his habitual style, once again fails to disclose elements pertinent to the matter.

In this case, he omits a number of important facts that have a direct bearing on his request to rezone and

his intention to borrow additional funds. One for example is truly an eye opener, it is a mortgage and security agreement between Elita K. Kane, as Trustee of the Grand Bay Project Trust and Bay Isles Associates LLLP, "Mortgagor" filed on August 3, 2009 with the Recorder of Deeds.

The local population and surrounding neighbors deserve to know the contents of this agreement, which in part was based on assumptions rather than existing conditions.

Liza Trey

Ill Conceived Project Crying for Help

Editor:

When a newly born enters this far from perfect world, it vacates space where it grew and developed. The supreme wisdom created this divine process and keeps it going.

There is, however, another occasional process of growth and development, a malignant one called cancer. It may destroy the potential source of life or at worse kill the owner.

I am not a medical specialist but these thoughts come to my mind when I look at the first page of Tradewinds (September 7, 2009) and read the article about Grand Bay Resort calling for public support in it's quest for rezoning.

First – the picture. I don't see the mother of St. John, the Virgin Island, the natural source of joy, love and growth! It is gone. Instead, there is a malignant concrete tumor with hundreds of windows staring at us. A tumor "developed" by an uninvited foreign force while disfiguring God's created shape. All along

it violated the concept of proportions and aesthetics and above all completely disregarded the interests of surrounding local population.

On top of it all, now the "developers" after admitting themselves that the whole project "is not acceptable" and was "developed irresponsibly" have the nerve to ask the public for help. For crying out loud! It is our island, not theirs, where we grew up, went to school, got married, had kids, and enjoyed our lives. It is our home, our land, our children's future and, it is the site of the cemetery where our loved ones rest. The codes and laws of the island are there to protect us, and are not there to protect the interest of a "developer."

So, do not expect St. Johnians to support Bay Isles plea for rezoning and I as you may read between the lines will not cast my support for it either.

Alexander Jadan

Former resident of Cruz Bay since 1955
(I no longer have a home I can go home to)

St. John Noise Pollution Needs To Be Addressed

Dear Commissioner Biggs,

I was thrilled to see in the newspaper your recent enforcement efforts related to noise pollution on St. John. I thank you for these visits and attempts to have residents and business owners do the right thing. The following comments come by way of letting you know about several other kinds of noise we experience in Coral Bay so that you have them on your radar as well.

1. Road noise: On a daily basis, there are several large noisy trucks which take trash and equipment between Cruz Bay and Coral Bay. They have no lead car (they should) and so they rest on their horns the entire ride of turns down into Coral Bay so they can go as fast as possible. One horn sounds like a train whistle! Two of these trucks have the loudest engines and it is hard to imagine them passing any kind of inspection in order to be permitted to be on the road.

2. Music noise: I am told there is a group that receives from the V.I. Government a "night club permit" several times per year to host a music party event on Sputnik's porch. This facility is located next to the Moravian Church and across the road from Guy Benjamin School. On the recent Labor Day weekend, the

live music began on Friday, Sept. 4, at about 11 p.m. It went on until 3 a.m. — very, very loud. This occurred again on Sunday, Sept. 6, again beginning at about 11 p.m. and ending exactly at 3 a.m. I know many neighbors who lay awake as this music ruined more than one night's sleep over that weekend.

3. Drag racing: On Labor Day morning, Monday, Sept. 7, we learned there would be no Labor Day parade due to a lack of people. But by noon, there were hundreds of people in Coral Bay for an unannounced event. There were drag races of cars and motorcycles all day long on the Kings Hill Road next to Love City Grocery. It was very, very loud once again. There were three microphone systems going; It was a virtual "cacophony" of noise on the Carolina hillside for two nights and one entire day.

When we have other large events in Coral Bay, such as the Blues Festival, we know it is coming due to previous announcements and it ends exactly at midnight in order to not disturb the community. I don't know the solutions but we hope you can find some for Labor Day weekend 2010. Thank you for considering my comments.

Anonymous Resident of Coral Bay

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Fidemio Limas, Gerald Bechstein, Chris Angel and Richard Burk at Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay.

GBS Bell System Working Now

Editor:

The entire Guy H. Benjamin Family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Fidemio Limas, Gerald Bechstein, Chris Angel and Richard Burks all from Angel Electric, for taking time out of their busy schedules to install our new electronic bell system at the school.

These guys worked tirelessly on Saturday and Sunday to put in the bell system and their commitment to being a part of our team at GBS is truly appreciated.

I am happy to say that the bell system is working beautifully and has helped to eliminate the confusion of all classes being on the same time schedule. This has really made our lives a lot easier. Once again kudos to the team, you did an awesome job!

**Ms. Dionne Wells,
Principal**

Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School

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Thank You from St. John Land Sharks

Editor:

The 11th Annual Love City Triathlon & Aquathlon took place over Labor Day weekend. Despite the threatening forecasts, the weather cooperated and sent the rain through a day before the event leaving race day cool and dry. The event was a huge success and all who attended had a great time.

The St. John Landsharks would like to thank all the volunteers who manned the course, as well as the VI Police Department, the National Park Service, and St. John Rescue. The event could not be possible without the support of each and everyone of you. We would

also like to thank our sponsors, Maho Bay Camps, Skinny Legs, St. John Hardware, Big Planet, Caribbean Surf Co., West Indies Corporation, 96.1 Pirate Radio, 8 Tuff Miles, and The Tap Room. It is through their generous support that we are able to continue holding the event for the enjoyment and benefit of the community.

And last but not least, a big thank you to all the participants for coming out and making the 11th Annual the best year ever!

**Louise Wearmouth,
The St. John Landsharks**

Post Thank You To the Mash Up Party

Editor:

You would think it a bit un-kosher to brag about your own party, but I am going to go ahead and do so because I truly have the best family of friends on St. John. I warned in my pre-thank you there would come a post thank you and here it is.

We often complain of not enough time, not enough money and what happens? Your true friends find time, more time than they thought they had to plan a party in my honor.

People took that same time to collect donations, food, wine and wonderful raffle prizes.

And then those same people plus others came out on a Saturday night to support my cause. In hard economic times, the generosity of donated food, wine, and money was overwhelming to me. I was speechless for days after, not knowing how I could thank everyone, and hope they would "feel" how grateful I am for each and every person involved in the "mash-up" party. I can't begin to mention names, because to forget one of you, would not be acceptable. So if you had anything to do with this wonderful party, thank you. I would like to add that the addition of Theo's Chocolate delivered via postal from Adrian really lifted all our spirits! Even felt the long distance love... thank you!

I have to mention that the ladies were HOT! This was the swing era, where hair took some time to do and lips were red and luscious. The ladies at the

Grapevine Salon donated their time to beauty us up, and they did it all night long. Thank you for that!

It was a very hard step for me to accept help, but as my good friend told me, to not accept it is like turning a gift a way from a friend. So, to my friends, your wonderful gift was one I will never forget. It allows me to make sure on my own promise to pay all the bills that have risen from my bike accident, from dental and medical. I also made sure my own efforts went into it, plus donating some back to ensure anyone else ever having to go thru a situation similar to mine will have some funds available.

On June 20th, when my crash happened, I couldn't ever believe there would be a lesson in all of this as I looked at myself in the mirror of the emergency room and now over two months later I got it.

The island of St. John is so magical. Home to so many diverse people, somewhat dysfunctional at times, a bit of crazy with a side of odd, but I love it here. I truly believe this support of a community would never happen in mainland USA. We come together when the need is there. I appreciate you giving of yourselves, and I will be here when you need me to give it backatcha!

In spirit of kindness, friendship, love and compassion...

**Thank you all very much,
Jodie Tanino**

Farewell Gathering for Pastor Glendon Cross

Editor:

We extend christian greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Pastor, Glendon Cross, who served our congregation for six years will be leaving us during the month of October for another assignment.

Our congregation will be having a farewell gathering for the pastor and his family on October 3. at 7

p.m. Because of his involvement in the community we are extending an invitation to the community members to join us as we bid Pastor Cross and his family farewell.

If you will be attending the farewell gathering and would like to make a presentation, please call 776-0579.

Kenrick Bartlette

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

St. John Tradewinds' Keeping Track data comes from the V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command Incident Log, an unofficial record of calls to the station, reports and arrests on St. John.

OFF-SEASON RESTAURANT CLOSURES

- Aqua Bistro - 776-5336 - Restaurant closed from Sept. 8 to Oct. 7. Bar remains open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- Asolare - 779-4747 Only open Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings until further notice.
- Baked in the Sun - 693-8786 - Staying open.
- Balcony - 774-8470 - Staying open.
- Banana Deck - 693-5055 - Closing September 1 and reopening October 15.
- Beach Bar - 777-4220 - Staying open.
- Cafe Concordia - 693-5855 - Closed until November 1.
- Cafe Roma - 776-6524 - Closing Oct. 1 until Nov. 1.
- Caneel Restaurants - Entire resort closed until November.
- Chloe and Bernards - 714-6075 - Open all summer except Tuesdays, call for hours and reservations.
- Crazy Cracker - Staying open.
- Da Livio's 779-8900 - Closed on Sundays.
- Donkey Diner - 693-5240 - Closed Aug. 30 to Oct. 28.
- Fish Trap - 693-9994 - Closing Aug. 30 to Oct. 13.
- Happy Fish - 776-1717 - Closing September 28 through October 26.
- High Tide - 714-6169 - Closed Sept. 13-18.
- Hinds Restaurant - 775-9951 - Unavailable.
- I Scream - Staying Open.
- Inn at Tamarind Court - 776-6378 - Closed first two weeks of October.
- Island Blues - 776-6800 - Staying open.
- Jake's - Staying open.
- JJ's Texas Coast Cafe - 776-6908 - Staying open.
- La Tapa - 693-7755 - Reopening mid-October.
- La Plancha del Mar - 777-7333 - Staying open.
- Lime Inn - 776-6425 - Closed August 31 - October 30.
- The Lucky Pagoda - 774-9900 - Staying open.
- Maho - 776-6226 - Until mid-November, breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and dinner 5:30-7 p.m.
- Miss Lucy's - 693-5244 - Not available.
- Morgan's Mango - 693-8141 - Staying open.
- Ocean Grill - 693-3304 - September 7 to October 5.
- Paradiso - 693-8899 - Closed on Wednesday evenings but call for hours and reservations.
- Rhumb Lines - 776-0303 - Closed September 28 to October 14.
- Sun Dog - 693-8340 - Staying open.
- Sogos - 779-4404 - Staying open.
- Sweet Plantains - 777-4653 - Closed August 30 to December 2.
- Woody's - 779-4625 - Closed Sept. 14 to 20.
- Shipwreck Landing - 693-5640 - Closed Sept. 5 to Nov. 10.
- Skinny Legs - 779-4982 - Closed Sept. 1 - Oct. 2.
- Zozo's - 693-9200 - Closed August 30 - Oct. 1.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

St. John Is the Next Paradise Lost

Editor:

If the V.I. Government does not take stock and do right by its citizens, St. John will be the next "Paradise Lost". St. John will soon be experiencing its own exodus. These governments (V.I. and Florida) are forcing their citizens out of their homes by bad decision making and "politicking". From giving themselves hefty raises to jacking up the already exorbitant property taxes to approving increases of the public utility services, these public officials are making it "... difficult for the working middle class to justify living here," as Mike Jones, president of the Palm Beach County Economic Council puts it. This is a mockery!

It is an outrage and an insult when public officials can conjure up themselves hefty raises and then look to make cuts from the lay workers. They further insult us when they ignore our requests for meetings and service and our cries for help. When the V.I. Unity Day Group, their constituents, requested a public meeting of the Senate's Committee of the Whole (which includes all senators), many had the nerve not to show up. There should be some type of sanctioning; they should show more respect. Kudos to Senators Craig Barshinger, Louis Patrick Hill, Simeon Sprauve, Michael Thurland, Samuel Sanes, and Shawn Michael Malone for showing up; however, we are still waiting for some answers to our questions.

We are paying so much money to our officials to help resolve our issues and make our lives a little better. But in fact, it's the bread and butter issues that are not being addressed. Jobs are being cut, our safety is an everyday concern, our kids are missing the education boat, and we will soon have to eat the rocks on the islands because we cannot afford the price of food.

St. Johnians, in particular, have been hit left and right with increased fees and taxes; from the Port Authority to the Public Services Commission to the V.I. Government - each perhaps believing that some

gold mine exists in St. John. The fact is there are many people on the island that are at or below the poverty level. But, by the way costs have been escalating even the working middle class will have to pack their bags because it is not cost effective to live on the island. We have to pay the Port Authority a tax to go home or get our food or any other consumer goods (which by the way is already being taxed for excise tax). We pay the enormous cost of public marine transportation which is the lifeline to the residents of St. John and the V.I. government wants us to pay ridiculously high property taxes. No other island in this territory is so heavily taxed.

The government, because of its unpaid bills to St. John vendors plus the raising of fees and taxes is driving the costs of goods and services on the island up. Salaries and wages are on the decline because our biggest employers have closed their doors. However, all of our cries have fallen on deaf ears. Our officials go through the motions of hearings, but they are not listening. When the government cries that it is broke, we must accept it; even when we do not see any reductions, drastic or otherwise. But when the citizens say, "we can't afford it", even in the face of losing our jobs, they just raise fees anyway. What a disingenuous process! We are expected to pay and the government is not.

These are economically bad times for everyone and the thought of our government raising fees and taxes on us is overbearing and outrageous, especially when the root cause of our problems stem from the mismanagement of funds as well as the lack of planning and foresight. In the eyes of the government, its citizens should pay for this ineptitude.

People of these islands; we need to stand up and shout out: NO MORE! We will not pay for your incompetency. If we don't we will be taking up residence somewhere else.

**Lorelei Monsanto, president
The Virgin Islands Unity Day Group**

St. John Police Report

September 4

No reports listed on the police log.

September 5

11:35 a.m. — Enraged resident reports neighbor destroyed several houseplants.

1:40 p.m. — Auto accident, Peace Hill.

3:38 p.m. — Auto accident, Centerline Road.

September 9

12:30 p.m. — Accidental Injury at Marketplace rest room.

September 10

No reports listed on the police log.

September 11

No reports. Two cases "not entered."

September 12

1:25 a.m. — Disturbance at The Quiet Mon.

September 13

No reports taken.

September 14

6:50 p.m. — Auto accident. Area of Colombo.

September 16

8:30 p.m. — Citizen called to report shots fired in area of Love City Mini Mart.

September 17

6 a.m. — Citizen called to report shots fired in Fish Bay.

September 18

No reports listed on the police log.

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 or fax 693-8885.

Monday, September 21

St. John Singers rehearsals for their Christmas holiday concerts begin on Monday, September 21.

Tuesday, September 22

There will be an open house on Tuesday, September 22, at the Battery from 3 to 6 p.m. Present will be Beverly Nicholson-Doty, Commissioner of Tourism, Julia Sheen, Commissioner of Health, and Laverne Terry, Commissioner of Education.

Tuesday, September 22

The St. John Chapter of the Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 22 at 6 p.m. on the third floor of The Marketplace in the St. John Community Foundation office.

Sunday, September 27

The National Parks - America's Best Idea for six nights, beginning on Sunday, September 27, at 8 p.m. The film series will be shown in the restaurant pavilion at Maho Bay Camp from September 27th to October 3rd from 8 - 10 p.m. nightly.

Monday, September 28

"Home Owner's Associations (HOAs): Taking the First Steps" is a workshop to answer questions and obtain some sample documents. The workshop will be on Monday, September 28, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Coral Bay Community Council office.

Tuesday, September 29

The next Chamber St. John Chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at Giffit Hill School.

Thursday, October 1

There will be a public hearing on two rezoning requests on Thursday, October 1, starting at 6 p.m. at the Legislature.

1. Application ZAJ-09-2: Breeze Enterprises, for Parcel No. 131, Estate Contant & Enighed, Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John from R-4 (Residential - Medium Density) to B-2 (Business - Secondary) for the development of a post office.

2. Application ZAJ-09-1: Grande Bay Isles, LLLP, for Parcel No. 3Abc Cruz Bay, St. John, from W-1 (Waterfront-Pleasure) to R-4 (Residential-Medium Density) with use variances for a restaurant and sundry shop. The zone change will allow for the consolidation of Parcel No. 3Abc with Parcel No. 86-3 in order to complete the permitted design.

Friday, October 2

The St. John Montessori School is hosting a fundraiser Friday, October 2nd from 4-7 at Aqua Bistro.

Saturday, November 7

The Veterans Ball will be November 7 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas ball room. In celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Veteran's Day, Post 131 is hosting a ceremony and BBQ/pig roast in Coral Bay on November 11.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meeting for alcoholic only at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Emmaus Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

NA Meetings

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

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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ONE-UPPING

ACROSS

- 1 Acquire
- 7 -Meal (Richard Simmons diet program)
- 12 Strolls along
- 20 Literary sleuth Lupin
- 21 Not suited
- 22 Pause at intervals
- 23 Harsh questioning of a perp, one-upped?
- 25 Single-file
- 26 Earth's star
- 27 Unwritten exam
- 28 Prize highly
- 30 Philosopher Lao- --
- 31 "Told ya so!"
- 33 "Vega\$" star Robert
- 36 Unwanted tagalong, one-upped?
- 40 Pago Pago locale
- 42 Resembling the 12th letter of the alphabet
- 44 In the direction of
- 45 Tendency that has become instinctive, one-upped?
- 47 Minor, in law
- 48 Bahamas' capital
- 49 Plains tent
- 52 Linked with
- 56 Show pluck
- 59 "Of Mice and Men" character
- 61 George Gershwin's brother
- 62 Minimal unit of a writing system
- 67 Collection of emergency treatment items, one-upped?

- 70 Island west of Maui
- 71 Diva Gluck
- 73 Jai --
- 74 Daughter of a sibling
- 75 Bliss, one-upped?
- 78 Slow-flowing syrup
- 80 Sault -- Marie
- 81 Super-happy
- 82 San -- (Italian port)
- 83 Unit of hair
- 86 Bowling goal
- 88 "Donnie --" (Johnny Depp film)
- 94 Comic pianist Victor
- 96 Time for fireworks, one-upped?
- 99 More sugary
- 102 Berserk
- 104 Wooden pin
- 105 Musical symbols with one flag, one-upped?
- 107 Writer Calvino
- 109 Ewe's cry
- 110 Two halved
- 111 Inflict, as vengeance
- 113 Little bit
- 115 About-face from SSW
- 117 Theoretical passage-way
- 121 Keen intuition, one-upped?
- 125 Etches
- 126 De-chalk
- 127 Astronaut Collins
- 128 Bright planets, sometimes
- 129 Like many bathroom floors
- 130 Leaf gatherers

DOWN

- 1 Bumpers

- 2 Ado
- 3 Huge waves
- 4 Ireland's -- Lingus
- 5 Crazy about
- 6 Friend of Gandhi
- 7 Shootout participant
- 8 Bristol loc.
- 9 Libya loc.
- 10 Tony winner Schreiber
- 11 "Relax, private!"
- 12 Dakota Indian
- 13 Funicello or O'Toole
- 14 Salt Lake City player
- 15 Its cap. is Lincoln
- 16 Go for it
- 17 Overacting actor
- 18 Removed suds from
- 19 Girds (oneself)
- 24 Alfalfa's gal pal
- 29 Pan cover
- 32 -- d'oeuvres
- 34 Steep slide
- 35 Rabbit's kin
- 37 Drink from a kettle
- 38 Intl. conflict of 1939-45
- 39 Detest
- 40 Depot: Abbr.
- 41 City in Oklahoma
- 43 English playwright George
- 46 In the raw
- 47 Author alias
- 50 Oval nut
- 51 Chemical compound
- 53 Levees
- 54 See 68-Down
- 55 Hall & -- (pop duo)
- 57 -- and the Night Visitors"
- 58 Let go free
- 60 Bit of dialect
- 62 "Cagney & Lacey" co-star Sharon

- 63 Grammy winner Bonnie
- 64 Tick off
- 65 Oom- --
- 66 Chart-topper
- 67 Thrifty sort
- 68 With 54-Down, very soon
- 69 Trash-talk
- 72 Dillon of film
- 76 "The Birds" star Tippi
- 77 Enlighten
- 79 Timber wolf
- 82 Tailor anew
- 84 Help illegally
- 85 "Law & Order" actor Chris
- 87 Furry fruit
- 89 Old TV's "Mayberry --"
- 90 -- well done
- 91 River in Georgia and Florida
- 92 Grime fighter
- 93 Olive of "Popeye"
- 95 Mad dog
- 97 Got in shape
- 98 Ancient serf
- 99 Precipitated white flakes
- 100 Actress Ryder
- 101 Vitality
- 102 Tee- --
- 103 How tableware is often sold
- 106 Lock of hair
- 108 -- fish to fry
- 112 Actress Russell
- 114 Laos locale
- 116 Nighttimes, in poetry
- 118 -- "Doubtfire"
- 119 Stetson, e.g.
- 120 Eggs
- 122 Actor Kilmer
- 123 Ending for Taiwan
- 124 Moose

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APPLICATIONS

ZAJ-09-1: Grande Bay Isles, LLLP, for Parcel No. 3 abc Cruz Bay, St. John, from W-1 (Waterfront-Pleasure) to R-4 (Residential- Medium Density) with use variances for a restaurant and sundry shop. The zone change will allow for the consolidation of Parcel No. 3 abc with Parcel No. 86-3 in order to complete the permitted design.

ZAJ-09-2: Breeze Enterprises, for Parcel No. 131 Estate Contant and Enighed, Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John from R-4 (Residential- Medium Density) to B-2 (Business-Secondary/Neighborhood) for the development of a Post office.

Files can be reviewed at DPNR's Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning, Cyril E. King Airport, Terminal Building, Second Floor between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays.

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The National Parks – America's Best Idea is a six-episode series directed by Ken Burns and written and co-produced by Dayton Duncan.

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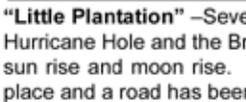
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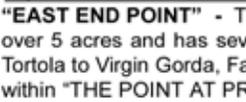
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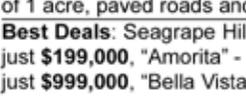
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Dulaine Dazzles Island with Ballroom Dancing

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Pierre Dulaine swept St. John off its feet as he graced the island with a mix of ballroom grandeur and humorous dance instruction only the world renowned ballroom dancing instructor himself could swing.

Dulaine, whose life provided the basis for "Take the Lead" starring Antonio Banderas and whose unique teaching philosophy led to the creation of "Mad Hot Ballroom," the award-winning documentary about the successful dancing program he began in New York City classrooms, came to St. John for a whirlwind visit to kick off Dancing Classrooms on the island.

"I am not personally interested in turning these boys and girls into world champion dancers, but into ladies and gentlemen who have respect for themselves and each other and the ability to develop confidence," Dulaine said of his 10-week long, twice a week pilot project which is being implemented in fifth grade classrooms at all three island schools.

Dulaine said Dancing Classrooms is such a success because it is a social development program that teaches students skills that are transferable to real life situations.

"We work with these children at the age of 10 years old when they are still malleable," he said. "I really don't care if they remember the steps 20 years from now, but they will remember having danced with a lady and being gentle and being respectful of each other and all the various manners that are inherent in ballroom dancing."

Dulaine said when he was 14, he was very shy and timid but dancing changed his life.

"I wanted to give something back to society, and I get to see the results in these kids' faces and smiles," he said. "At first, they don't want to do it, but 45 minutes later, they become ladies and gentlemen and they love it."

Seeing him work his magic on Friday, September 11, during 45-minute introductory sessions with youngsters at Guy Benjamin, Giff Hill and Julius E. Sprauve schools, left no doubt that this seasoned dancer knows how to transform the shyest and most resistant student into an eager ballroom dancer.

"I think it was really nice," said Kemisha Hoheb, a JESS fifth grader, of her dance lesson from Dulaine. "I love the Marangue and Pierre is so funny."

"And yes, I did like dancing with the



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Kemisha Holeb dances with a JESS fifth grader in their first official Dancing Classrooms lesson.

boys," she added.

Even Lewis Gil, a JESS fifth grader who seemed a bit shy at first, described the ballroom intro as "good" and admitted he liked dancing with the girls.

Perhaps one of the reasons Dulaine knows how to reach children through dance is because this is where he found confidence as a child — beginning dance lessons in Birmingham, England when he was 14-years-old.

"I was not very good at it, but something stirred inside of me and I stuck with it," he said.

Dulaine's father passed away when he was 15 so he took on a paper route job to pay for dance lessons and subsidized the cost by helping his dance teacher until he

moved to London at age 20 to work as a full time dance instructor.

Dancing with a partner earned him award-winning titles throughout his early 20s, and soon Dulaine's success landed him work as a dancer all over the world — from London and Nairobi to Cabaret dancing on Caribbean-bound cruise ships departing New York City.

"Then one day I got off in New York and stayed there for 38 years," Dulaine said.

It was in 1989 when Dulaine was dancing on Broadway in the musical *Grand Hotel* with his dancing partner, Yvonne Marceau, when he started volunteering at a New York City school in his spare time.

"And that was the seed that created the

beginning of Dancing Classrooms," he said. "Every one told me I could do it as an after school program, but that doesn't work — then you get 20 girls and three boys."

The real success of the program comes from it being integrated into the school day as part of the curriculum, said Dulaine, whose persistence landed him a contract with the Department of Education in New York City.

"Many doors were shut in my face by parents, principals and teachers," he recalled. "But if a door closes, there is always a window."

Dancing Classrooms is entering its 16th year in New York City schools where 240 schools participate and 60 trained dance artists teach 28,000 kids on an annual basis. Today more than 40,000 students participate in 15 cities around the United States, and the program is being taught in schools in Toronto, Geneva and now St. John.

"I have taught students from Tokyo to Jordan — all over the world," Dulaine said. "I love kids and I have a way with children because dancing did so much for me personally."

Dulaine said his dream is to see children all over the world dancing together, but he is especially excited to bring Dancing Classrooms to St. John, where the West Indian culture is ripe with natural rhythm that cannot be taught from lessons alone.

"The local people here are such rhythmic people; such dancers," Dulaine said. "I am going to teach them steps and civility, but I don't know if I can teach them to dance and shake what their mama gave them — they do that on their own."

St. Johnians and residents young and old showed up to dance with Dulaine in Franklin Powell Park Thursday evening, September 10, in a festive kick-off that featured root beer floats, pizza and a lot of what the dance instructor referred to as "shaking what their mama gave them."

The following evening, a dance-filled fundraiser at the Westin Ballroom to raise money for the new Mad Hot St. John scholarship, drew around 100 people, slightly over \$3,000 and a greater respect for ballroom dancing by all who attended.

Even I, who was inappropriately equipped with zero ballroom dancing skills and way-too-high heels, had the honor of dancing with Dulaine whose seasoned steps and graceful lead during a brief moment left me longing for more ballroom bliss.