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## Hanna brushes past Abaco

### Tropical Storm Hanna produced winds and rain but minimal damage



One of the areas that flooded from the rainfall of Tropical Storm Hanna was the Marsh Harbour International Airport. The entire ramp area around the main terminal was flooded. The runway itself was not flooded. The planes that came in during the morning of September 5 had to use the facilities at Cherokee Air. It was not flooded as it was built on higher ground. Most scheduled air service was quite limited on both September 4 and 5. Cherokee Air provides full service for aircraft including Customs and Immigration.

Tropical Storm Hanna crossed the Atlantic for days, then wandered aimlessly off the north coast of Haiti and in the Southern Bahamas for many more days while everyone watched. Weathermen speculated as to the direction it would take and the strength of its winds when it got moving again. The Northern Bahamas including Abaco was the prime area for its forward move.

In anticipation of this residents and business people took many precautions, preparing their homes and businesses for the eventual landfall of this storm. Residents are fully aware of the need to prepare and they were not going to be caught unprepared: Hurricanes Floyd and Irene in 1999 with a great deal of damage caused by Floyd and one death by Irene, Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne in 2004 with flooding from rain water with one and salt water with the other, and Wilma in 2005 with more flooding have left well learned lessons that everyone must batten down.

However, when the Tropical Storm Han-

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## Legal Aid Clinic held for Abaconians

By Samantha V. Evans

No one expects to be in a position where they will need an attorney but if they do, it is very difficult for many persons to afford the fee for legal service. On August 15 at the Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour four lawyers from the Etienne Dupuch Law School visited Abaco to host a Legal Aid Clinic. This clinic is a part of the law

school's outreach program and is subsidized by the law school. This is their first time on Abaco but they realize that there is a great demand for this type of service here. Attorney Damian Robinson stated that many people cannot afford a lawyer to assist them so they offer this reduced

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## Educational forum for teachers began school year



The Abaco school year began with an island-wide education forum for all teachers and administrators. Keynote speaker was the Minister of Education, the Hon. Carl Bethel, who congratulated S.C. Bootle High School for having 97 percent of its ninth grade students taking the national BJC examination make a grade of C or higher in math. Shown here are Mr. Cephas Cooper, Senior Administrator for Central Abaco; Mr. Bethel; Mr. Huel Moss, Principal of S.C. Bootle High School; Mrs. Lenora Black, Superintendent of Schools for Abaco; Mr. Lionel Sands, Director of Education; Mr. David Persaud and Mr. Roodatram Kawalram, the two math teachers responsible for the outstanding BJC grades.

By Samantha V. Evans

Teachers returned to the classroom on August 25th to prepare for the new

school year which started on September

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## School opening was interrupted by Hanna



Students arrived for school on September 1 at all public and private schools on Abaco. But their first week was a short one as they were off on September 4 and 5 due to Tropical Storm Hanna. These students attend Abaco Central High School in Murphy Town and seemed eager to once again be back to the routine of school. Student come to this school from as far away as Sandy Point and the cays of Central Abaco while S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town serves students from Treasure Cay to Crown Haven including Green Turtle Cay.

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# Abaco prepared for tropical storm

Hanna

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na came, it had winds of only 65 mph and skirted the length of Abaco 40 to 50 miles offshore to the east which kept the worst winds away from the island. Hanna was a very large storm and Abaco experienced winds for several days prior to and one day after its passing. The worst winds and heavy rains were during the early morning hours of September 1 as it passed by.

Although it was a nuisance, the residents are thankful that Hanna was not worse and most people fared well.

Preparations were also made knowing that a much more powerful storm was approaching. Hurricane Ike was following the same path as Hanna but was much more threatening. For a while the winds were 145 mph which would have been devastating, even with preparation. Although Ike passed through the Southern Bahamas, Abaco was, thankfully, spared its disastrous winds.

## Hanna left many Abaco communities flooded

By Samantha V. Evans

After much speculation as to the dangers that Tropical Storm Hanna would bring, many residents of Dundas Town and Murphy Towns found the flood waters almost to their doorsteps as this storm dropped nearly three inches of rain in their communities. As I drove along the streets of Dundas Town and Murphy Towns on the morning of September 5th many persons had water right up to their doors to the point that they had to drive their vehicles up to the house in order to avoid getting wet as they went in or out.

Some phone lines were also knocked out due to the excessive rain, lightening, and thunder. Batelco officials could not say when the phone service would be entirely restored. However, the technicians spent most of Friday assessing the damages but at that time they were concerned about the possibility of Hurricane Ike affecting Abaco.

They did not think that service would be restored until after this dangerous hurricane passed The Bahamas. Finally, there were some fallen limbs in the street but not much debris which made clean-up quite easy.

In Marsh Harbour, however, there was not much flooding and many businesses were able to open for business the next day including banks, government offices, grocery stores, convenient stores and beauty salons.



Winds blew for several day prior to and after the passing of Tropical Storm Hanna. Although the storm was not more than a nuisance, the residents know that it could have built up intensity and been a major disaster.

## Boat rental companies and marinas prepared early for Tropical Storm Hanna

By Jennifer Hudson

I write this as Hurricane Hanna makes its way slowly towards Abaco. The sound of circular saws and hammering fills the air as people board up their homes ready for the storm. For many people, though, much of their lives is spent on the water and so there are also boats to consider. Many people earn their living from the boating industry and so they have to secure their business and their livelihood. Boatyards and marinas are a hive of activity as everyone goes into full gear to secure millions of dollars worth of boats and equipment against the onslaught of wind and water.

"The Moorings/Sunsail which owns a fleet of 41 luxury yachts anchored at the

Conch Inn Marina always begins preparing in ample time as they have such a large task ahead and want to have everything secured early in order for their staff to have enough personal time to prepare their own homes," stated Samantha Cornish, Operations Manager. As soon as Hanna was a named tropical threat, staff began taking down sails and removing anything that could fly such as barbeque grills and cushions. They then began taking their yachts to a 'hurricane hole' at Leisure Lee.

"Most of the yachts can get in there. But if all cannot fit, then the remainder have to be anchored out in the harbour or secured

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Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town is prone to the yard flooding after every major rain. The initial design of the school did not take into account drainage and now the students have to live with frequent flooding.

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# Efforts were made to protect vulnerable boats

**Hanna** *From Page 2*

on a mooring ball," informed Ms. Cornish. I asked her when I spoke with her on Monday September 1, four days before Hanna was predicted to hit Abaco, if there were still any charters out and she replied in the affirmative. "We still have a few boats out on charter but we are in contact with the captains every day both in the morning and afternoon. If we know there is going to be a direct hit, then we get them in and off the island as quickly as possible," she stated.

The Marsh Harbour Boat Yard is another place which is full of activity as a hurricane approaches. On an average in full time storage they have 72 trailer boats, 41 boats in slips and 10 large boats 31 feet and up in part time storage. When I contacted the boat yard four days before Hanna was due, I spoke to an office assistant as all of the

workers were out busy securing the boats. "Our job is to see that all of the boats are secured. We do not leave any boats in the water, they are all brought up on land," she stated. "Some are blocked and some put on boat stands. We tie them down, remove the Bimini tops, take the plastic windows off, make sure that all the plugs are out and ask the customers to secure their fishing rods and cushions. The boat yard is cleared of any debris."

The Marsh Harbour Boat Yard is also committed to hauling out the boats belonging to Abaco Tug and Transport and securing two of Albury's Ferry boats. "These large boats are always the last to be dealt with," stated the assistant.

Capt Cyril Roker of the Port Authority, encourages all boats to find shelters so that only a few small cargo boats are tied up at the government freight dock. "Patti Toler,



The Mud area of Marsh Harbour flooded but many residents escaped having water inside their houses. There is a danger of diseases from the standing water because of the lack of sanitary facilities in the area.

operator of the Cruisers' Net, advises boaters where to go to be safe," he said. "The Duke of Topsail will stay in port if it is only a tropical storm but in the case of a hurricane it would go into the Man-O-War Channel as it is best to ride out a hurricane at sea," stated Capt. Roker. "The other big boats will vacate the area, the Legacy staying at Coral Harbour in Nassau and the Legend in the United States."

Capt. Roker also stated that they try to get all the containers off the Port property. Shippers are asked to move their containers out and most of the Tropical containers are shipped back to the United States. The Port Authority buildings are protected in the usual way with shutters at the windows and computers secured.

At the Boat Harbour Marina at Abaco Beach Resort preparations for the impending hurricane were completed in good time. Approximately 20 boats between 32 and 80 feet in length will ride out the

storms there. "Boaters are advised, if possible, to remove their boats, but for those that stay management reserves the right to retie the boats," stated General Manager, Mr. Bob Kramm. "We move the boats to larger, safer slips where they will be very safe and able to withstand long and serious storms. Plastic is placed over all of the power pedestals and the power in the water is disengaged for safety," he stated.

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Boats had to be secured for Tropical Storm Hanna. Many were hauled which is the most secure way. But bigger boats had to be tied off, allowing slack for the extreme highs and lows that we experience during storm tides. These are in a slip in the harbour of Marsh Harbour.

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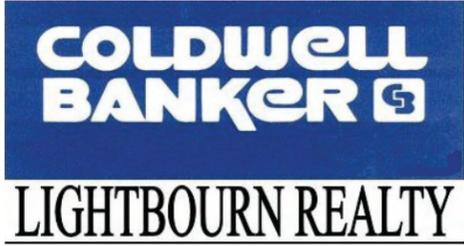


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# Government and private businesses prepared

Hanna

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The boat rental companies were all securing their fleets the best way they could which involved taking them out of the water if possible. Jonathan Sweeting of Rich's Boat Rentals on Pelican Shores sounded very calm. "We take all of our boats out of the water and block them up but at this time of the year most of our 25 rental boats are already out of the water as it is 'dead time,' out of season so it is not a big job for us. The boats are normally secured on the land by the marina. But if there is a very bad hurricane approaching, then they are trailered to more sheltered land near the Sweeting's tract on the Airport Road," he explained.

Troy Cornea of Blue Wave Rentals was finding it more of a problem to secure his 12 rental boats and six or eight marina boats. He was busy out on the dock with his assistants so his mother who runs the office spoke with me. "It is

like a jigsaw of lines out there,' she said. "Unfortunately, there is nowhere to pull the boats up. We do not like any boats to be left here so most captains take their boats over to Man-O-War (to be hauled out). But there are some which stay here for from four to six months of the year whose owners are away. We hope for the best for those that are left. They are tied with extra ropes and we only put boats in every other slip. All of the stuff around the marina, which there is a lot of, is moved and secured. The rental boats are put on trailers and taken to our other yard opposite Snappas. It is a big job," said Mrs. Cornea. "After Hurricane Jeanne we had five boats all jumbled up together and two on the dock. One had gone through the plywood on the door of the office, so we had three feet of water inside and lost all our paper work. We hope we will fare better this time," she said.



The road in the area of the new port facility in Marsh Harbour flooded. This vehicle is approaching the Coffey Cemetery.

## Customs Department Assists in Preparing for the Hurricane

By Jennifer Hudson

Whenever a hurricane or tropical storm is traveling in the direction of Abaco, Superintendent Gary Smith of the Customs Department monitors it carefully and determines when the offices need to be closed down. The first customs offices to be closed are Spanish Cay and Green Turtle Cay.

The week prior to the onslaught of Hanna was a busy one for the Customs Department. As Supt. Smith explained, "Two cruise ships came into Castaway Cay back to back within two days as they had changed their schedules to be out before the storm. These both had to be cleared by Customs officers.

"A cargo ship which came in on the Sunday prior to the storm was cleared as quickly as possible to ensure that all food stuffs, building materials, batteries and other necessary hurricane supplies could be on the shelves in the shops for last minute shoppers. These emergency items were cleared before anything else.

"It was necessary to get all of the cargo out of the Custom's lot. As much freight as possible was cleared off

the dock and the remainder was secured and put into a building. Any vehicles were moved to higher ground.

"I attended a meeting with a shipping company which was held to discuss plans to bring in a ship by Tropical Shipping on the Sunday evening between the two storms in order to have food stores well stocked with supplies for the next storm. This request came from many of the gro-

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Prior to the arrival of Tropical Storm Hanna, Ministry of Works personnel and firemen of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department cleaned out the drains along Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. Shown here is a fireman down in the drain assisted by a Works' employee.

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# Flooding affected several communities

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cery store owners who had stated that their stores were out of the basic needs.

"The airports at Treasure Cay and Marsh Harbour were scheduled stay open as long as possible up to 40 m.p.h. winds. After the passage of the storm they will reopen as soon as possible to bring in supplies and people doing assessments.

"The Customs Department will remain on call with certain staff in place in case someone was still out at sea and needing to come in," stated Supt. Smith.

## Hurricane Preparations at BEC

*By Jennifer Hudson*

Prior to the predicted passage of Hurricane Hanna over Abaco, workers of The Bahamas Electricity Corporation were busy completing tree trimming operations throughout the entire length of the island.

Mr. Everette Strachan, Office Manager, spoke to me of the preparations made by the corporation whenever a hurricane watch is issued for the island. "Disaster preparedness sessions are attended and we make sure that we have adequate fuel and all trailer sets are anchored down. We make sure we have critical spares for repairs after the hurricane especially if boats are not traveling. There is a procedures manual and all guidelines in the manual are followed as set out for 72 hours, 48 hours, 36 hours and so on preceding the hurricane. Community vehicles are fueled and serviced and all rain gear, tools and first aid kits are made ready. Shutters are put up over any windows in the power station.

"Power is kept on as long as possible. But once there is an interruption on a feeder, then everything is shut down until that is investigated. Previously, all efforts have been made to keep the power on as long as possible during a hurricane.

But this year talks have been underway to shut down the power station as soon as a Category One hurricane when winds reach 75 m.p.h. reaches the island. The reason for this is that we don't want any damage to the equipment which could come from surges. The station would go into standby mode so that although the engines would not be distributing power to the people, the station would still be powered up ready to resume distribution once the storm had passed. The manager will make the decision as to when to shut down."

## School Preparations for TS Hanna

*By Jennifer Hudson*

Mrs. Lenora Black, Superintendent of Education for Abaco, stated on the day following the passage of Tropical Storm Hanna over Abaco, that all schools had fared well throughout the storm.

"All schools were well prepared as everyone sprang into action early with hurricane preparations. Plans presented by the Ministry of Education were placed in the hands of administrators who were responsible for following through. Moore's Island was the only school to get any wind

driven rain in through the windows which were of the old wood type though, fortunately, no major damage resulted. Most schools now have new metal interlocking shutters which are easy to close and are very effective. Extra wood will be put over the windows of the Moore's Island School to secure them before Hurricane Ike. Then later new metal interlocking windows will be installed. All of the schools came through in good condition though Treasure Cay School has a lot of water in the yard.

"All equipment and materials were safeguarded. Books were removed from near windows and all objects were removed off floors. Electronic items such as computers were placed safely in plastic bags and at schools which were to be used as hurricane shelters items were secured in boxes and put away."

While Mrs. Black had seen quite a number of people using the Central Abaco Primary School as a hurricane shelter, she had only noticed three persons at the high school shelter whom she said may have been official personnel. Everything looked to be in order," she stated.

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Two areas in the Treasure Cay area are prone to flooding. The grounds of the Treasure Cay Primary School are low without proper drainage. The scene above is Sand Banks, a settlement mostly of immigrants that is exposed to the rising water of one of the Treasure Cay creeks.

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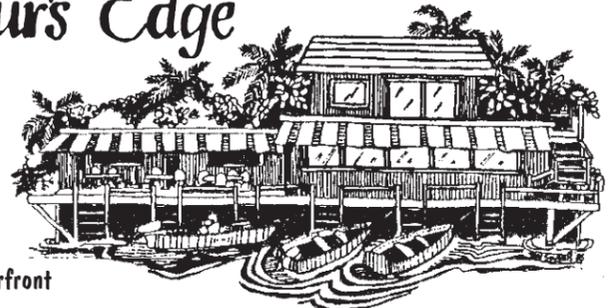
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# The Editor Says . . . Local Gov. and residents working together



Local government is an exercise in bringing the governing process closer to those affected and letting local people participate in the decision-making process. Although we use the word "local," there has been minimal interplay in the past between local government leaders and township residents. Those elected ran the show without feeling the need for consultation with their local communities.

We see a trend where more residents are becoming interested in their communities and are wanting to have a voice in the decisions made for their towns. Abaco residents can be quite passionate when situations are not to their liking. Several examples come to mind.

The residents of Elbow Cay are working closely with the Hope Town District Council to control the density of a proposed development on Joe's Cay. There is mutual benefit in their working together for a common goal.

The association that Central Pines residents and property owners have formed helps control development there in positive directions. It has held meetings with Housing officials on matters that concern the residents. Members have worked with the Dundas Town Township Committee to get garbage collection, their road verges cleaned and other services.

A group in Central Abaco is petitioning the Central Abaco District Council for a public hearing on the proposed Snake Cay development. That group feels that it is public land and whatever is allowed there should involve public consultation.

Another group is pressuring the Central Abaco Council to be more active in opening the new solid waste landfill. That group realizes that the serious situation of residents living with acrid and irritating smoke can be alleviated as soon as the new landfill is operational. How soon this will happen remains to be seen.

These are all citizens wanting to have more input into their community affairs.

We have four terms of local government experience behind us, and we are entering the fifth term. The town committees and councils are local people, and they will

have to adapt to the fact that they serve their communities. As their residents become more involved, these local government bodies must realize that they have to listen to their constituents.

## Opportunities related to the landfill

The Central Abaco District is the country's largest local government district after Freeport. It has caught government's attention as this Council has been given the responsibility for handling the new solid waste landfill. Establishing the ground rules, overseeing the operation and looking into innovative collection and recycling options all have plenty of room for consultation, interaction and cooperation in making this new facility operate to its maximum potential.

Not yet considered is the interplay and management of two transfer stations and their integration into the overall system. We must remember that refuse from North and South Abaco must be accommodated. Programs considered acceptable for Central Abaco may have to be modified for other districts.

As we see it, the landfill operation will be a joint venture between the Council, the management company winning the contract, the towns involved and other people creating new businesses from the recycling possibilities. It will not be a simple matter of signing a contract, then sitting back to watch it happen. It will have to be an ongoing project constantly being fine tuned and adjusted. It will require educating our public on new ways of coping with their garbage, and it will be a long term project to get public cooperation. It will require the management company and the Council listening to ideas from the public and working together to bring about a satisfactory system.

Although the 40 pages of tender documents have 10 pages specifically related to the site operation, much has been left unsaid. The process is much more complex than just diverting trucks and containers to the new location.

Council members are expected resolve the basic issues soon, ask for bids, select a management contractor and get the facility operational. Although venturing into unknown territory due to the varied scope

of work, the magnitude of the refuse to be handled and the desire to separate and recycle some items, Council members will find themselves involved throughout the coming year and into future years as they grapple with unresolved issues.

For instance, the way garbage is collected now, everything goes to the dump. It is expected that this pattern will continue initially. It will not be practical for any sorting efforts on incoming trash to be carried out at the landfill site. We cannot change the system at this point. Successful recycling will have to begin with cooperative residents and businesses at the origin of collection working out a system. How this will be accomplished has not been discussed yet.

Used tires and batteries may be relatively easy to collect as they are mostly generated by the business community at a relatively few points. Household appliances, known as white goods, will be harder to manage as homeowners upgrade, replace and discard the old units.

Then there is an increased potential for recycling aluminum cans. Although the volume of these is huge, comprehensive collection is not an easy matter. There are now several collection points for aluminum cans, and this present minimal effort could be expanded and developed into a major business. Does this fall within the landfill management or does it become the responsibility of another person or business? It is easy to look at the volume of arriving beverages (read aluminum cans) as forklifts unload trucks and containers. Compare this incoming volume to the meager amount of cans in the present collection bins. We doubt that one percent of our aluminum cans is being recycled.

Back in the late 1990s Man-O-War showed that shredding and chipping their landscape debris reduced their total trash volume by one third or more. Although shredding and chipping will be a component of the new landfill, the actual mechanics of this aspect has not been determined. It is one thing to be enthusiastic over the potential of using mulch in public areas or selling it for profit, but it's another issue to actually put this into practice. The intention is to keep the material out of the refuse

cell while using it to enrich our soil.

This is a state-of-the-art facility waiting to be put into operation. Different government leaders from Nassau have made statements to the effect that Abaco's landfill is expected to be operated at a higher level of proficiency than similar facilities in Nassau. Without admitting it, the implications are that the Nassau facility is a mess.

Reading the ten pages of operating procedures tells us that much more is expected than simply dumping and mashing the refuse. A brief summary of the expected work can be found in this paper under Local Government at Work.

Government sees opportunities for recycling some items and is leaving the working details and implementation to our Council, local businessmen and concerned citizens. There will be many opportunities for interested persons to study the system, make suggestions, see that some recycling is implemented and encourage new business ventures.

The tender documents suggest the site can expect slightly less than 100 cubic yards of refuse per week from the entire Abaco community. A quick count shows our present dump is taking approximately 2500 cubic ther aspects of the site management and operations procedure will have to be worked out as experience is gained.

The hardest part of any new project is getting started. Once this project gets underway, there will be many suggestions made on how it can be done better and more efficiently. Many of these will be valid. This expected criticism should not detract those responsible from getting the process started.

Local Government is local people making local decisions. Getting the solid waste landfill operating is the largest challenge our Central Abaco Council has been given. A senior staff member from Environmental Health in Nassau is expected at the next Council meeting to assist in issuing the contract tenders and help in ironing out the wrinkles in the operating procedures.

Essentially, a landfill is a major on-going environmental issue. It was said in the spring that the initial learning experience may take a year or more before the various aspects are running smoothly.

## Letters to the Editor

### A very dangerous situation

Dear Editor:

On August 26th I had the opportunity to take the afternoon water taxi from McLean's Town to Crown Haven, an experience that I have actually enjoyed on more than one occasion.

But this time it was different. About half way through the trip one engine stopped and we were left with an overloaded boat, making approximately 4 knots. The Captain **borrowed** a cell phone and supposedly called for help. We were told that another boat was on the way in order to get the passengers to Crown Haven before dark. We watched for the other boat for about 30 minutes but never saw anything. Some of the passengers were trying to get service on their cell phones to help the Captain get in touch with his company, but we were out of range of the cell towers.

Finally, I got service on my 10-year-old Bahamas cell phone and called my friend who was waiting for me at the ferry dock. He alerted the other Captain as to our problem. We were finally found and transferred to the other boat. We arrived at the Crown Haven dock before dark without any new problems.

I was very concerned for the safety of some of the passengers. You could tell they were very worried about the situation. There were 28 people on this 26-foot boat and at least half were women and children. There was approximately 700 pounds of personal baggage stowed in the

forward cabin on top of the life preservers. There were numerous bags of cement in the boat along with many large boxes of unknown weight. The passengers were crammed into the boat so tight that it was very uncomfortable. The boat had two access ports in the transom that were missing covers, allowing water into the bilge while underway at this slow speed. The boat provided the Captain with little or no emergency equipment at all, no working VHF, no emergency signaling device and no cell phone.

I was sitting on that boat wondering what kind of inspection does this water taxi company have to pass in order to get a license to transport people across the water? It appears none. The Bahamas government needs to look into this situation before an accident happens, resulting in the loss of life. If something is not done, I feel sure we will someday read about a tragic senseless accident involving this company that could have been prevented.

Thank you,  
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# Abaco is thankful that Hanna was not damaging

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Mrs. Black said that she is in contact with all of the principals regarding schools and school reopening.

## Resort prepares

*By Jennifer Hudson*

Guests at the Abaco Beach Resort were experiencing a mixture of both excitement and anxiety as Tropical Storm Hanna approached but everything possible was being done to reassure them and make them as comfortable as possible. Guests met with management and staff for an emergency briefing meeting on Thursday morning as the first bands of Tropical Storm Hanna were making themselves felt.

"We have 100 guests here, including one very small infant, and almost all of the rooms are booked," stated General Manager, Mr. Bob Kramm.

"We are in a state of maximum readiness and all of the

guests are saying that they feel safe here and are thankful for such direct and advance information. They will ride out the worst of the storm in the emergency shelter which is located in the Below Decks room and has been named Camp Hanna. We have a full roster of fun activities to keep them occupied during the storm such as movies, games and contests.

"We have a large complement of managers and employees to service our more than 100 guests and are fortunate to have such highly experienced support and leadership teams here who know what to do

and when to do it. Our leadership and care teams will come together and be actively involved in any emergency and stress conditions, and I give them a lot of credit for genuine caring.

"Several drills have been held involving the food and beverage departments and emergency supplies, and we have medically trained people here on standby. We are in contact with local vendors and the police for assistance if necessary. We also have in place contingency plans for after the storm and have a base in Florida which will send in supplies immediately if needed. The hotel is 100 percent self-sufficient as far as power and water but, of course, there is a limit to how long it can be sustained.

"Amongst the guests riding out the storm at the hotel are two brides and grooms who traveled here from Oregon and the west coast of the United States hoping to be married in the beautiful Abaco sunshine. Instead, they will be married in Camp Hanna with the hotel employees and guests in attendance. Their spirits are good and they are being very cheerful about it," stated Mr. Kramm.

About 60 percent of the guests staying in the hotel during the storm are from outside The Bahamas and the other 40 percent are persons from the government and corporate communities in Nassau who need to be here to deal with matters during and after

the storm. Following a storm the hotel is used as a base by insurance adjusters who are brought in to assist with damage assessment throughout the island.

## Cays prepared, too, Sea Spray Resort and Marina

*By Jennifer Hudson*

Mr. Junior Maynard, Manager of the Sea Spray Resort and Marina at White Sound on Elbow Cay, said that they wasted no time in completing their preparations for Tropical Storm Hanna and were "all prepared and fared well."

There were 28 boats in the marina to be secured. Some of these were extra boats arriving at the last minute from other marinas which said they could not keep them so Sea Spray did them a favour and accommodated them. "These vessels were spider webbed with ropes between slips to secure them," explained Mr. Maynard.

The seven rental cottages were sealed off with aluminum shutters as was the office. All restaurant furniture was secured in the dining room and pool furniture and any other loose objects were also secured. The Bar remained open until 3 o'clock on Thursday for lunch and Mr. Maynard was proud to say that the restaurant opened immediately the following day again for lunch. "This was my total goal," he said. The roadside fuel pumps were also open



A BEC crew removed the light fixtures from the poles in Goombay Park to keep them from being damaged. Despite culverts being put in place in the park for drainage after heavy rains, the area accumulated water that could not drain. The culverts will have to be reinstalled to be more effective.

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# Disaster Committee coordinated preparation

Prior to Tropical Storm Hanna's passing, Administrator Cephas Cooper called for several Disaster Committee meetings to coordinate and assess community readiness. Co-chaired by Mr. Silbert Mills of Radio Abaco, the Central Abaco Committee is comprised of the department heads of all government agencies and two volunteer organizations providing emergency services: Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue and the Red Cross.

A major effort involves shelter selection and management. Visitors are encouraged to leave well before a storm arrives, but Abaco's 15,000 residents are obliged to grit their teeth, hunker-down and make the best of it. Shelters are selected in each town for those not sure of their home's safety, either due to structural concerns or flooding possibilities.

Social Services is in charge of shelters although in practice Red Cross volunteers

are more apt to be in evidence along with a police presence.

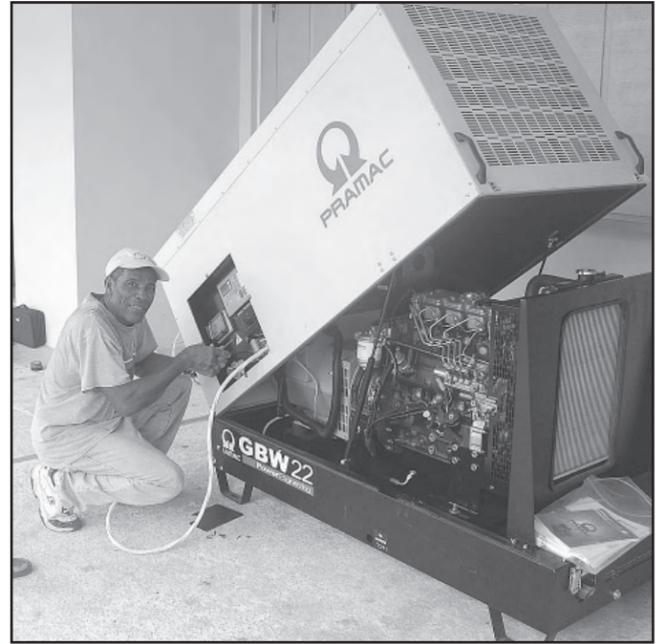
Three official shelters for Central Abaco were Central Abaco Primary School which took in 194 persons, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church hosting 87 and Abaco Central High School which no one took advantage of. Churches often accept persons seeking refuge, particularly their own members. For instance, the New Haitian Mission Baptiste Church near the airport roundabout had 50 or more persons spending the night there.

Many of the persons utilizing the shelters live in low-laying areas prone to flooding.

A major challenge concerns the closing of these short-term shelters after the storm passes and restoring the facility to its pre-shelter condition. Abaco does not have suitable facilities for long term use by persons whose houses are destroyed, flooded or otherwise uninhabitable.

This year, four 17 KW diesel generators were sent from Nassau and have been installed at four Abaco shelters: Abaco Central Primary School which also housed the Command Center for Central Abaco, Abaco Central High School, the Sandy Point Community Center outside town and the S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town.

Additionally, local government purchased four handheld VHF marine radios which allowed the three Central Abaco shelters and the Command Center to stay in touch regardless of electrical or phone service.



Four 17 KW generators were sent to Abaco for use during hurricanes and tropical storms. Shown here is Salathiel Swain preparing one for use at Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town.



The Disaster Committee of Central Abaco met several times to coordinate preparation in anticipation of Tropical Storm Hanna. The committee is composed of heads of government agencies and representatives from a couple of volunteer organizations.

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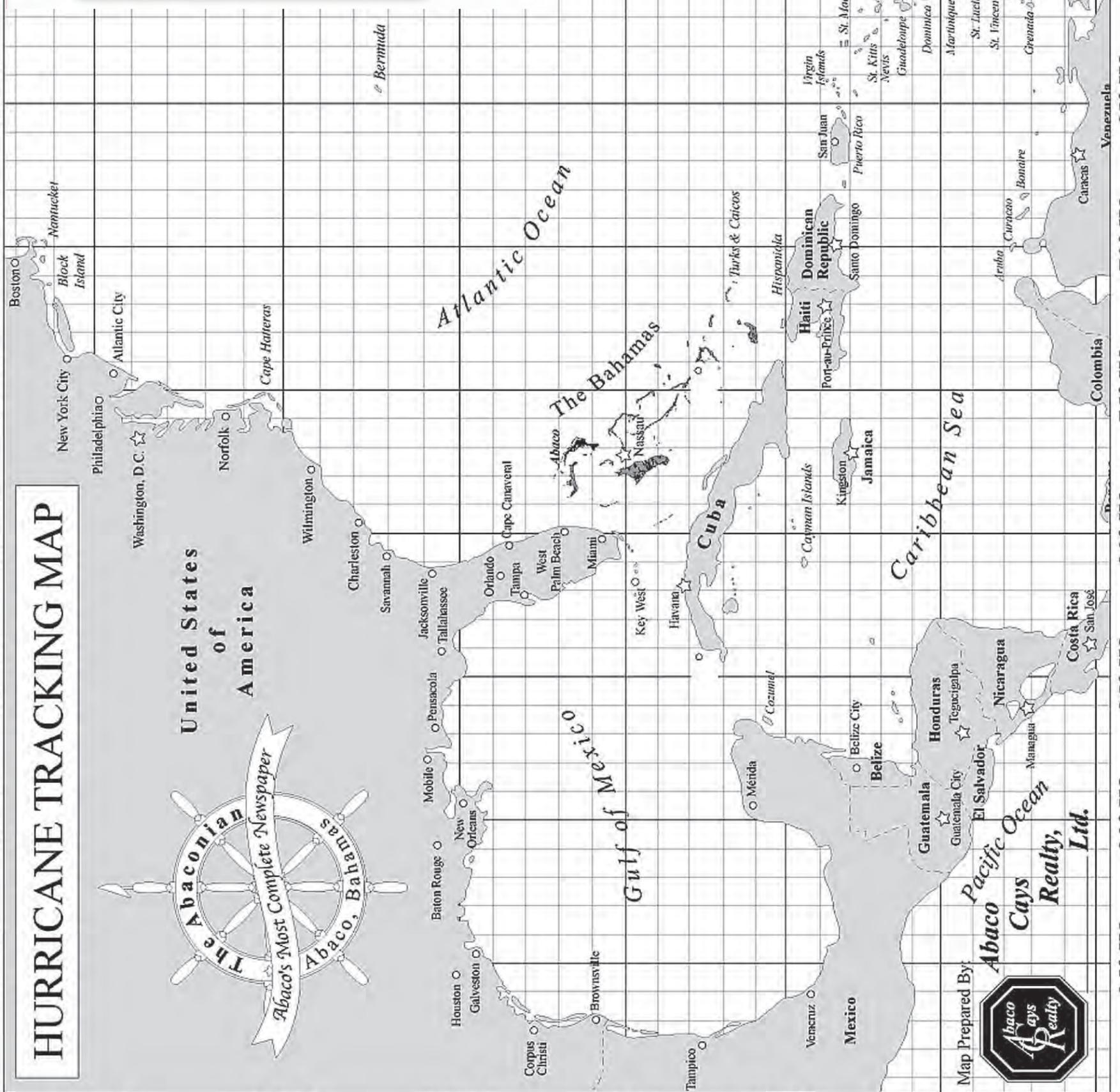


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# Police held a Town Meeting in Dundas Town

By Samantha V. Evans

In an effort to keep Abaco a safe place for residents to live and for guests to visit, the Royal Bahamas Police Force hosted a Town Meeting in Dundas Town on August 28 at the Dundas Town Church of God. The meeting was held to let the community know that the police want to partner with them to make their community better.

Supt. Shawn Norville-Smith stated that over the past four months since he arrived on the island, he realizes that there is a lot to do but the police cannot do it alone; they need the support of the community. In fact, it is his mandate to ensure that residents and visitors to the island are safe. He hopes that this meeting will open the doors for the residents to voice their concerns, offer the officers constructive criticism, and give them suggestions on how to improve the service presently being offered to them.

Abaco has deployed for service 50 police officers who are spread out over the island. Since there are only 30 of them assigned to Central Abaco, they really need the residents to be their eyes and ears. Supt. Norville-Smith stated that in the past three years the main areas of concern have been house and shop breaking, and stealing from vehicles. In 2004 there were 55 house break-ins, in 2005 there were 51 house break-ins, in 2006 there were 60 house break-ins, in 2007 there were 74 house break-ins and so far this year (Jan.-June) there was 57 house break-ins. From 2004

there have been the following numbers of shop break-ins: 2004 - 54, 2005 - 49, 2006 - 84, 2007 - 58, and so far in January to June 2008 - 60. Out of these statistics there have been 21 house break-ins and 10 shop break-ins so far in Dundas Town alone.

Supt. Norville-Smith explained to the residents that from their investigations, they realize that many of them are not securing their homes properly; they leave valuables exposed in their cars and do not secure important documents. He further explained that Abaco is growing and many people are moving here for employment, but all of them are not upstanding citizens. Therefore, residents need to do more to keep themselves and their valuables safe.

Insp. Edric Poitier, Officer-in-Charge of the detective investigation unit, gave crime prevention tips for the residents. He stated that before citizens can keep themselves safe, they must understand crime and how it occurs. He stated that three things must be present for crime to take place: there must be a desire, a target and an opportunity. Insp. Poitier explained that persons who commit crimes believe that the reward is worth more than the consequences of their actions. Hence, in order for a situation to change, stiffer laws must be passed and enforced. Additionally, he stated that there are also criminals of opportunity. These are the persons who do not desire to commit a crime but take advantage of an opportunity that arises. He told residents

that the target must be attractive and there are ways that they help criminals. The items must be valuable, inertia-size volume which means that criminals take items they can carry even if it worth less than a larger item, it is made visible for criminals to see, and it is accessible.

He gave residents the following tips to avoid becoming a target:

- Secure homes properly
- Cut down overgrown bushes and hedges around their home
- Leave outdoor lights on
- Be more alert and report suspicious behavior
- Do not allow strangers an opportunity to see what is in their home
- Place identification marks on valuables
- Secure personal items and documents
- Get to know neighbors and be each other's keeper
- Establish a neighborhood watch

At the end of the presentation, the residents asked questions and made comments. Many of the residents are concerned about the corruption they experienced from officers who were previously assigned to the island. They stated that when they would

make complaints, the information was always leaked back into the community which put many of their lives in danger. The residents told the police officers that the residents they do not trust the police any longer, and it will take some time for that to change.

Supt. Norville-Smith apologized for the actions of his colleagues and told the residents that this is not the way he or his team operates. Insp. Poitier stated that this is a new crew running the police department and they are committed to upholding the law. Hence, they would like the residents to join forces with them and help them to make this community a much safer place for them to be. Supt. Norville-Smith stated that he will do what he can to regain the trust of the community by holding quarterly town meetings and employing other strategies that they will be able to see very soon. In the meanwhile, he told the residents to continue not turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to criminal behavior but rather seek assistance from him or his lead officers so that they can deal with such matters including police corruption directly.

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## Legal Aid

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The school has a two-year bar school and second year law students have to complete a lot of practical hours so the Legal Aid Clinic is a way for the lawyers to train the students by allowing them to write briefs and court documents and receive additional training needed to help them handle actual cases. The students do the work but the trained lawyers go to court to handle all of the cases. This clinic runs the same way a regular law firm operates.

The lawyers also held a legal seminar that evening at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church to give Abaco residents advice on to how to handle some of the issues they are being faced with. Additionally, they advised members of the Haitian community on ways to deal with some of their pressing matters including immigration issues. They spoke on the legal rights residents have concerning auto accidents, divorce, child support and work-related incidents. They educated them on how to write a will and what their legal rights are when they are locked up. The director of the law school, Mr. Arthur Hanna, stated that there is no reason why people should have to suffer because of someone else's carelessness, negligence or selfishness.

Mr. Hanna explained that legal aid has not yet caught on in the Bahamas, but it is slowly getting some attention. In the meanwhile, he encourages locals to not be afraid to ask questions if they do not have the knowledge or know their legal rights about a legal matter because it can cost them severely. Attorney/Tutor Elsworth Johnson stated that there are still too many Bahamians who believe that they have no legal rights in The Bahamas, and, in fact, there are still many persons who encourage them in that thinking. Attorney Hanna stated that they are hoping to forge an alliance with Abaco lawyers to get them interested in starting a Le-

gal Aid Clinic here. Since he also serves on the Legal Aid Commission, he plans to do a walk-about in the Mudd and the Peas to see what the state of affair is in those two communities.

The lawyers and law students who were a part of this team were Mr. Adrian Strachan, Assistant Tutor; Elsworth Johnson, Tutor; Damian Robinson (in his pupilage); and Arthur D.R. Hanna, Director of the Etienne Dupuch Law Firm. So far the team has visited Cat Island, Acklins and Abaco. They plan to visit all of the islands to introduce them to legal aid services.



A committee from the Etienne Dupuch Law School visited Abaco to hold a Legal Aid Clinic on August 15 and held an informative meeting that night. The group encouraged people to ask for assistance to assure their legal rights. Shown are Damian Robinson, student apprentice; Adrian Strachan, Assistant Tutor and Director of the Legal Aid Clinic; Arthur Deon Hannah, Jr., Director of the Clinic; and Elsworth Johnson, Tutor.

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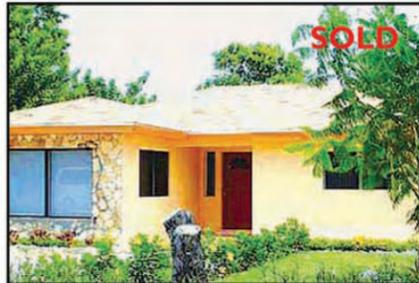
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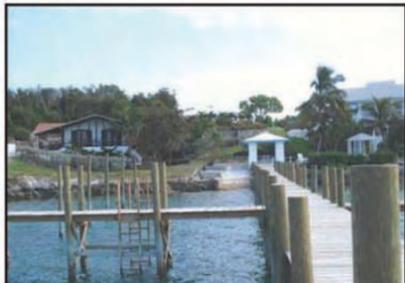
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# Viewpoint . . . We need better service from BEC

By Julian Lockhart

The Bahamas Electrical Corporation (BEC) on Abaco really has left a sour taste in the mouths of Abaconians, and it does not seem to be getting any better. For some reason it seems as if BEC has to cut off the electricity on Abaco every day and sometimes twice a day. There is nothing more irritating than to consistently have your electricity go on and off throughout the day.

I wish the corporation would let its valued customers know what is going on and why the electricity has to go off every day and on a lot of days more than once. You can't come home from work and let me find a good movie to watch or a game because at any moment the power goes off and you are left sitting there halfway through what you were currently watching.

Don't be as unfortunate as I am and have an electric stove. You come home from work and start cooking. Then the power goes off. You are left with half cooked food that has to sit there for however long the power is out. Then I have to start cooking again.

The consistent power outages also does damage to appliances, computers and other electrical items with the power surges.

If BEC is load shedding, it should at least have the common courtesy to say so and prepare individuals for their electricity being cut off on a daily basis and the times it will go off.

If you do not pay your electricity bill, the company is more than happy to come on by your home or business and place one of those locks on your meter until you pay your bill.

It seems as if every month your electricity bill goes up with fuel surcharges in continuous flux, the customer has to bare the brunt of these price hikes, yet does not have the certainty of a service beneficial of these consistent changes. If a company consistently raises its prices, it should also raise its level of service. The service of BEC is simple - just keep people's power on more consistently. This daily power outage has to stop because it is only leading to more dissent.

But shouldn't service be a two-way street and the consumer be able to know that the service they are paying for actu-

ally works most of the time and is efficient? Is that too much to ask for or should one just accept substandard services from a government agency?

This is one of the reasons why a monopoly never works because BEC knows it does not have any competition. It does not seem to care that it is giving substandard services to its consumers.

One could get a generator but why should you pay for gas or diesel for a generator when your electrical corporation should just be supplying a service at a top level.

It is easier for new construction to just spend the extra money up front and put

in solar panels and batteries and this way they will never have to deal with BEC and the consistent failure to give unabated service. If enough people decided to go solar they could even sell BEC back electricity at the end of the day. Hopefully, this could allow BEC to give better service to everyone else who is still on its grid.

I guess this problem will continue for as long as the electrical corporation is owned by the Bahamas government. This is further proof why government corporations need to be privatized and top notch service be demanded.

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# North Abaco News

## North Abaco News

by Vernique Russell

### Friends' Camp

Friends of the Environment held a camp in Cooper's Town. The senior camp began with 25, the junior with 10 who explored our natural world. The topics ranged from our three commercial species, Queen Conch, Crawfish and the Nassau Grouper. They studied their life cycles along with other topics. These included mangroves, corals, pine forest, marine mammals, recycling and green planning.

Other activities included field trips and tree-planting. The dates ranged from July 23 - August 1st. One highlight was when Principal Huel Moss, who is a marine biology teacher, assisted with giving a demonstration/lecture on the conch. Five large conchs were donated. Students were enthusiastic as they learn the various parts especially about the verge and the groove. Another highlight was the trip to the mangroves over to the South Side, an area utilized by bonefishermen. The students of their own volition removed vehicle batteries, floor carpeting, food cartons and liquor bottles from the water. They trekked from the south all the way to the school. Another highlight was the coastal clean up that collected eight bags of debris from the bay side of Cooper's Town.

While the numbers were smaller, the opportunity allowed for quality sharing and instruction. There were two programmes that affected the number of students attending. Some students in both junior and primary levels had to attend summer classes. In addition, Vacation Bible School as well as Camp Abaco attracted some of the chil-

dren. Seventeen students were taken to Mermaid Reef in Marsh Harbour to see the artificial reefs placed there by Friends of the Environment. They spent the day snorkeling and then ate at Kentucky Fried Chicken. Five students were selected from the senior group to spend the day aboard a catamaran yacht, snorkeling at Fowl Cay Reef, then concluding the day with grilled hot dogs, drinks and other snacks. Tim Higgs, dive instructor, was captain.

Two things are on the way to continue the momentum gained during the camp experienced

- Throughout the year church youth groups will be organizing overnight camping events and adopting certain areas to clean up. Permission was granted to use Friends' tent until a tent is purchased.

- A Plant Fair in October spearheaded by Anita Knowles and David Knowles of Friends of the Environment will take gardening to a more serious level. At these events free native plants are distributed.

Several students will be selected from those who attended camp to go on a field trip with Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organization in Sandy Point to see dolphins with Dianne Claridge, Olivia Patterson and Charlotte Dunn.

### Committee helps fire victims

The faces of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bootle and their family quickly turned into smiles when the members of the North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat race committee gave them a conation to begin the healing process. The Bootles house burned down earlier in the summer. On July 28th committee members visited the Bootles at their temporary home to make

a presentation to the family. Chief Councillor and committee member Steve Pedican made the presentation. Chairman Cliff Bootle and Treasurer Hiram McIntosh ensured the family that they will continue to assist them as they can. Mr. and Mrs. Bootle expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the committee and to God. The committee is the first community organization to reach out to the family.

### School News

#### Teachers Attends Motivational Seminar

On August 28th teachers from the North Abaco District participated in a motivational seminar that was held at the Treasure Cay Community Center and was hosted by

the Ministry of Education. The purpose of the seminar was to motivate the teaching and administrative staff in their areas as they go into the new school year. The seminar was uplifting, informative and inspiring to all who attended.

The communities of North Abaco extend warm welcome greetings to all of the new staff in our schools. We are glad that you are here and we look forward to your stay being a fruitful and productive one.

We also say thank you and best wishes to all the teachers who have been transferred to other teaching posts. We are grateful to you for the service you provided while in North Abaco. We would like to say thank you.

Please see **North**

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Friends of the Environment held a camp in North Abaco for juniors and seniors. They learned about their environment, specifically about the life cycles of conch, crawfish and grouper. Shown here is a group with a poster emphasizing the marine environment.

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**North**

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**Schools are opened**

September 1st throughout The Bahamas schools, both private and public, opened for the new school year. Students arrived at their school campuses in North Abaco, some for the first time others were returning but regardless of their status they were excited and overjoyed on the first day of school. The schools in North Abaco have undergone minor repairs and facility improvements during the summer.

There are new faces on campuses throughout the district. The Cooper's Town Primary is now working under the leadership of a new principal. There is new teaching staff throughout the district from Treasure Cay Primary to Fox Town Primary. With the Ministry of Education boasting an improvement in the national grades, teachers are determined and committed to ensure that students do their best. It is projected that this will be a great year throughout the district and both parents and teachers are excited and anticipating the best possible outcome.

**Sporting Club provide opportunities**

The Treasure Cay Youth Sporting Club, under the direction of Mr. Godfrey Rolle and his team, has provided opportunities for advancements for North Abaco young men. Many of them will be attending schools on Grand Bahama to assist them in furthering their education abroad. Three young men of the club are now away. Shavez Harts, Shaquille McDonald and Basil Gerenus are now attending St. Georges High School in Grand Bahama to play basketball. St. Georges was among the best tams in the Bahamas last school year. The boys are very excited about the opportunity and are



*Mr. Huel Moss, Principal of S.C. Bootle High School, assisted with Friends of the Environment camp held in Cooper's Town. He is shown here explaining facts about a conch. He is a marine biologist by training.*

looking for ward to a great year.

**Pasta Day**

The El Shaddai Christian School in Treasure Cay will host its first fund raising event, Pasta Day on September 19th. The school will sell lunches that are made from pasta. The menu includes Shrimp Scampi, Seafood Fettuccine and Chicken Fettuccine served with green salad and garlic bread. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the school grounds or from Dellie's Variety Store in Treasure Cay. We ask that you support this venture for the school. Delivery will also be available. For further information please contact 242-475-7247 or 242-533-4783.

**Church News  
Pastoral Anniversary Celebrated**

The members and officers of End Time Harvest Ministries celebrated with their pastor and overseer 18 years of committed ministry at that church. The week of celebration began on August 11 and climaxed on the 17th. Services were held nightly at the church. The speakers for this year's celebration included Pastor Bridgette Mills of Cities of Refuge in Treasure Cay, Bishop Henry Wright of Revival Time Pentecostal in Cooper's Town, Pastor John McIntosh of New Hope Baptist Church, Pastor Lawrence Arnett of Soul Saving Ministries, Pastor Velock Russell of Grand Cay and Pastor Reno Johnson of Nassau.

On Sunday evening the climax service was followed by held and an appreciation meal followed. The team for this year celebration was "anointed to preach the End Time gospel." Testimony of the faithful-

ness of honorees Bishop Tyrone and Mother Doreen Mills was heard throughout the celebration as the work that they are doing is surely speaking for them.

The communities congratulate Bishop and Mother Mills on their 18th Pastoral Anniversary and may God continue to bless you as you continue to serve Him.

**Fair Announcement**

A fair will be held on September 13th at the Church of God grounds in Cooper's Town to raise money for the Bootle Family whose home was destroyed by fire. The fair will begin at 11 a.m. and the menu will feature many popular Bahamian dishes, games and delights. The public is invited to come and be your brother's keeper by supporting the community effort to bring relief to these victims. Tickets are available and donations are being accepted. It's a worthy cause and we ask your support.

**Revival Held**

Pastor Bridgette Mills and members of Cities of Refuge Church and Restoration Ministries hosted a week of revival services at the local church in Treasure Cay on August 26 - 31. Guest speaker for the revival services was Apostle Allan Graves of Connecticut, who was accompanied by Prophet Aims. The revival services brought a message of hope and inspiration to persons attending. It was also a workshop that taught persons who hold official positions in churches how to operate in their positions. Persons came from many communities and the revival was a success.

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# Literacy will be stressed during this school year

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1st. On August 27th at New Vision Ministries, the Abaco District Education Office held a back-to-school forum and grandfathering program for daycare and pre-school operators at which time the Minister of Education, the Hon. Carl Bethel, and the Director of Education, Mr. Lionel Sands, were present to address the educators. The theme chosen for this school year is *Achieving Our Dreams through*

*Excellence in Literacy.*

Min. Bethel was the keynote speaker and was elated to share with Abaco educators how well this island has performed on the standardized tests this year. He was especially proud of the students of S.C. Bootle High School since 97 percent of the students who took BJC examination in math received grades of C or better. Overall, he stated that the students' performance was outstanding for the district. He also congratulated Ms. Vanessa James, the Acting Principal of Abaco Central

High School, for the work she has done because the students there have greatly improved on their standardized tests as well. He encouraged all of the educators to continue to work hard in pursuit of excellence.

Mr. Bethel told the students that they can achieve so it is important that they do not allow anyone to speak negatively into their spirit by telling them that they cannot achieve. He reminded them of how well Abaco performed in the National Spelling Bee, the National Student of the Year Competition and in the National Teacher of the Year Competition. He told them that they

can excel as well. The Minister thanked the teachers for carrying the load they do even when they are tired and get burnt out. He hopes that this new outlook that the Ministry of Education is working on to bring a more holistic approach to education will make teaching more fun and meaningful for them.

The Ministry of Education also has responsibility for daycare facilities and preschools that provide the foundational education for children within their first few years of learning. Finally, the Minister officially launched the Grandfathering Program for care givers in day cares and preschools which is a certification program that will give those persons 40 credit hours by the completion of the program in March 2009. These persons will be governed by certain standards that will be followed by public and private operators.

There are approximately 14 centers on the island that he is aware of but he encourages others to get registered and take advantage of this certification training which is being offered by the Ministry of Education at no charge. The training will give these care givers skills and education needed for them to provide quality education in a safe environment.

Guidelines will be put in place to allow inspectors to know what to look for at each daycare and preschool facility

when they visit them to ensure that they are meeting the standards as set by the Ministry of Education. He explained that all centers will be given ample time to become standardized. Once that time has expired, no excuse will be accepted. The training will be offered here on the island. Care givers from Exuma and Long Island also traveled to Abaco to begin this certification process.

Director Lionel Sands expressed how proud he is of all of the accomplishments of the schools in the district this past school year. The students performed so well on their exams, he explained, that it has raised the standard for Abaco. Now the challenge to the teachers, he explained, is to exceed what they have achieved. He told them to remember that the students are the beneficiaries of their efforts, and he is sure that they will be eternally appreciative. He encouraged the superintendent to continue to work hard and support her teachers so that the district will continue to excel. He told the parents that nothing can be done in the district without their support and input. Therefore, they need to get much more involved in what is happening in the school system.

This school year, the Ministry is introducing two new initiatives for parents.



The Minister of Education, the Hon. Carl Bethel was keynote speaker at the forum held on August 27. During the meeting, Mr. Bethel presented certificates to pre-school operators who had completed required courses. Shown here is Director of Education, Mr. Lionel Sands, Mrs. Annabelle Cross, operator of the Tiny Turtles Preschool on Green Turtle Cay; and Mr. Bethel.

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## Preschools will follow guidelines

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The first one is the parent contract which seeks to inform parents of their role in the school, how school administrators should respond to the students in the schools and educate them on what happens if an infraction takes place. Secondly, a standardized homework initiative will be introduced for parents. This initiative is being offered to avoid students becoming overwhelmed with homework, he said. They are requesting that high school students are not given more than two hours of homework each night and for primary school students no more than 15 minutes each evening. He encouraged parents to not be naysayers but rather support the educational process.

Mrs. Lenora Black, Superintendent of Education for the Abaco District, stated that the goal of the district still remains

excellence for all. Quality education can only be delivered to students when there is shared commitment to excellence for the students in every school on the island.

Senior Island Administrator Cephas Cooper said enthusiastically that he and his team were there to show their support for the Department of Education for the wonderful work being done in the district. He encouraged the educators from both the public and private schools to continue to do all they can to groom the children who will become leaders of tomorrow. He told them that he realizes that they make huge sacrifices but he assured them that they will not be in vain especially since they have committed themselves to make a difference in the lives of the children.

James Boyce and Conrad Cornish were presented with special gifts by Mrs. Agatha Archer, SEO for Preschools.

A luncheon followed the forum.



Teachers and administrative staff of all private and public schools on Abaco came together for a service prior to the opening of school to set the goals for the school year. The emphasis will be on literacy and raising the standards for every child in the system.

## Obituaries of Family and Friends

Annie Theresa Bethel was born on May 16, 1930, in Marsh Harbour, the third child of Willie and Merlee Key. She passed away on September 3, 2008. She was married to Doyle Bethel and the couple had four children: Will, Michael, Una, and Marjorie. Annie was taught the various forms of needlework and enjoyed making quilts and knitting blankets up until the very end.

She was devoted to her Saviour and enjoyed the fellowship of fellow believers. Some of her happiest moments were spent at Bible Truth Hall. In 1991 her husband Doyle passed on.

Her funeral was at the Bible Truth Hall in Marsh Harbour on September 3. Bro. Bobbie Higg, Bro. Robbie Higgs and Bro. Robin Weatherford officiated. Interment was in Marsh Harbour's Garden of Memories.

She is survived by her children Will, Michael, Una, and Marjorie; daughters-in-law Kim and Glenda; sons-in-law Lester and Chris; grandchildren Marvin, Bianca, Navaldo, Dashineak, Kenny, and Susi; great-granddaughter Shania; sisters Adrella and Margaret; brothers-in-law Bobby and Bill; aunts; nieces; nephews; and other relatives and friends.

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# Recovery was rapid due to minimal damage

Hannah

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the following day for people to buy fuel for their generators.

BEC power went off at 4:20 p.m. on the Thursday as Hanna approached and was restored to the island at 12:45 p.m. the following day. Albury's Ferry Service was operating only on an emergency basis the day following the storm so not all staff were able to get into work.

"There was some visible beach erosion north of the Abaco Inn along the dune ridge but minimal erosion to the Sea Spray property. White Sound harbour is very well protected," stated Mr. Maynard.

## The Abaco Club Prepared

With Tropical Storm Hanna approaching and Hurricane Ike not far behind, the Abaco Club decided to evacuate all of their guests early in the week to prevent anyone being caught on Abaco. By September 3 the last guests at the club had flown out and all staff besides management was off to prepare for the approaching storms. There is no word yet when guests will return to the club as scheduled reservations have been postponed until the pending dangers of the approaching storms have passed.

Staff at the Abaco Club are currently off and waiting on word when they will return to work. It looks as if it will not be until after Hurricane Ike passes through the area.

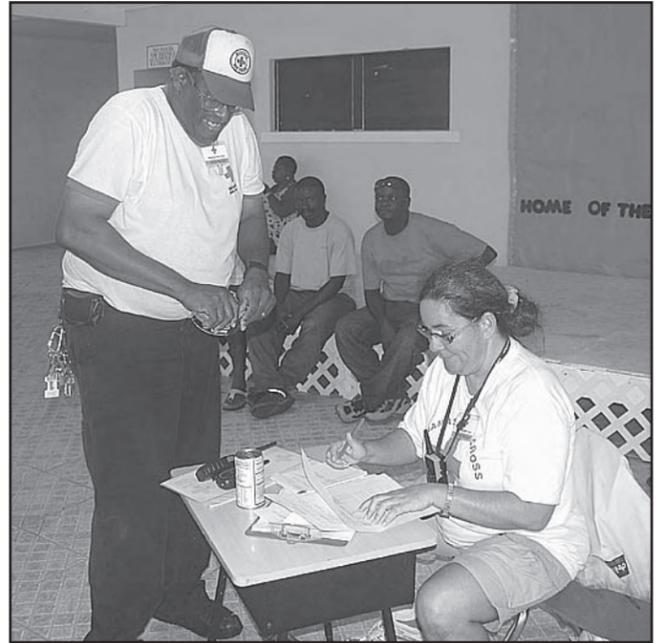
## Albury's Ferry assisted during Hanna

Albury's Ferry Service donated the use of one of its ferries on September 1, as soon as conditions allowed the morning after the storm passed, transporting a BEC crew between the cays of Central Abaco restoring electricity after the storm. Electricity was restored promptly by

BEC crews all through Abaco.

As a further service Albury's Ferry did not charge anyone using their services on September 1. This was its way of assisting Abaco in getting back to normal.

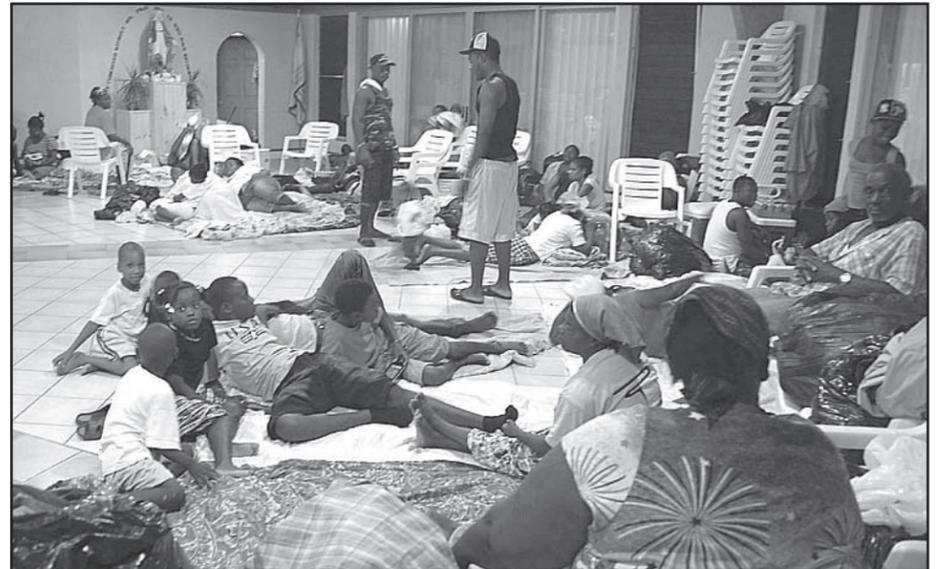
Central Abaco Primary School is one of the shelters for Central Abaco. During Tropical Storm Hanna 194 people stayed there. Each person was checked in on arrival. On duty here is Mrs. Regina Kennedy assisted by Serone Kennedy, both volunteers with the Red Cross.



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Crews from BEC were out on September 5 repairing problems caused by Hanna. This bucket truck was working in Marsh Harbour.



The St. Francis de Sales Church in Marsh Harbour served as one of the shelters in Central Abaco and had 87 people take refuge there. Many of them were concerned that their homes would flood.

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# Baker's Bay held a Curry Cook-off

By Jennifer Hudson

Employees of the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club enjoyed an afternoon of fun, anticipation and good eating at the First Annual Baker's Bay Curry Cook Off held in 'Da Backyard' of the Development Office on Front Street in Marsh Harbour on August 21.

Participants were Aretha Huyler, Environmental Monitor; George Smith, Beverage Manager; Charisse Saunders, Steward, and Zachary Smith, Staff Cook. Each was allowed two hours to cook the curry of their choice using ingredients and cooking utensils provided by the Club. They began

by selecting their ingredients from a display table, then went to work feverishly cleaning their meat, chopping, seasoning and cooking up what they hoped would be the prizewinning dish. Each curry dish was served with two complementary side dishes.

Charisse Saunders cooked curried chicken with white rice, cole slaw and steamed vegetables. She has been working for Baker's Bay for one year and serves staff in the cafeteria there. She chose to cook chicken as she is of the opinion that "chicken is the best, nothing else is as good for curry." Her secret is not to add any water as there

are enough juices in the chicken and vegetables.

George Smith also selected to cook a chicken curry which he served with white rice and corn and cole slaw. He, too, likes chicken curry the best but says that he also cooks fish and mutton curries and has been cooking from a very early age.

Zachary Smith appeared to be the most nervous of the contestants. He has been a staff cook for Baker's Bay for five months but is not used to having all the attention paid him while he is cooking. He felt that since he is a cook, he might be judged a little more strictly. Zachary also chose to make a chicken curry with beans and rice

and cole slaw.

Aretha Huyler varied the menu by cooking curried mutton and along with this she did vegetable rice, cole slaw with raisins and fried plantain. "Everyone else was doing chicken so I decided to do something different," she explained. After the competition had been judged she even cooked some curried tofu for skeptical people to try since they could not believe that tofu could taste good but it did. Aretha was one of the person's responsible for initiating the idea for a curry cook off. One day when a

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The competitors of the Curry Cook-off hosted by Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club proudly display their prizes. This friendly in-house competition was aimed at bringing the staff together for a time of recreation. They are Zachary Simms, Cook; Aretha Huyler, Environmental Coordinator; Chef Ernest Levy, event coordinator; Charisse Saunders, Kitchen Steward; and George Smith, Beverage Manager. Their prizes were Proctor Silex kitchen appliances.



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**Cook-off**

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group of employees were in conversation with Ms. Simone Bowe, Director of Human Resources and Training at the Baker's Bay Club, a complaint came up about the curry in the cafeteria, Aretha said, "I can cook the best curry," which led to the initiation of the friendly curry cook off.

Each entrant paid careful attention to the presentation of their dish as this is so important in food service and it played an important part in the judging process. Judges for the event were Don Cornish from the Abaco Ministry of Tourism, Alistair McDonald, owner of Curly Tails Restaurant, and Marika Seymour of Guana Cay Builders who stated that her credentials for being one of the judges were that she is "a self confessed curry lover."

Each curry dish was judged according to three criteria: Taste, Presentation and Use of Ingredients. The judges all had very positive comments to make. Mr. McDonald congratulated the contestants, telling them that he was very impressed and

thought that "they all did a wonderful job." Ms. Seymour commended all the contestants, commenting on the excellence of the food and the fact that each dish was so different.

Don Cornish was very pleased with the standard of the food. "This augurs well for Baker's Bay since events such as this can actually foster camaraderie amongst the staff. I encourage other activities to bring the staff together," he stated.

The employees who had gathered to support the contestants and join in the fun of the event taste tested all of the curries once the judges had all been served and they voted for their favourite curry.

Mr. Cornish announced the judges' results as follows:

- 1st Place - Aretha Huyler
- 2nd Place - Tie between Zachary Smith and Charisse Saunders
- 3rd Place - George Smith

Ms. Huyler made a clean sweep as she also walked off with the employees' choice award. All winners received Proctor Silex kitchen equipment and Ms. Huyler also re-

ceived a round trip airline ticket.

"The event was organized by the Employee Experience Committee of Baker's Bay as part of Human Resources and Training as an initiative to engage staff and management to work together in coordinating events," explained Ms. Bowe, who was very happy with the outcome of the event. "I like to encourage employees to do events like this where they are able to enjoy their talents, and it shows that work doesn't have to be a drag; there can be fun times too. We want to make Baker's Bay the employer of choice in The Bahamas."

Ms. Bowe would like to see further in house competitions, possibly once a quarter and some already "in the pipeline" are a grill off and a sous off.

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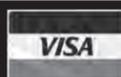


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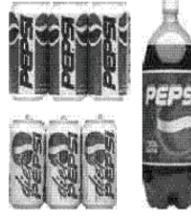
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# Rotary Club is raising money for community benefits

By Mirella Santillo

The Rotary Year 2008-09 was heralded on July 1st under the leadership of new President, Mr. Michael Malone, supported in his function by Secretary Mr. Don Cornish and Treasurer Mr. Travis Spicer.

Barely two months into the new year, the club has hosted talks from two local speakers. The first one was Ms. Samantha Evans, who made a presentation on the reading program held at Central Abaco Primary School, and on September 2nd Mrs. Kristin Williams, Executive Director for Friends of the Environment, who outlined the past and future special projects of the organization which includes a workshop on sustainable living in October. Mrs. Janet Johnson from New Providence came to Abaco in August to make a presentation on the various aspects of emergency situations since Abaco holds a Chair in the Disaster Recovery Committee. She invited the Club members to attend the Rotary Emergency Disaster Initiative Workshop taking place at the beginning of December in Nassau.

Six new members were inducted since the beginning of July, Mr. Andre Pilon, Mrs. Yvonne Key, Customs officer Sherease Rolle, Mr. Rudolph Key, Mr. Michael Lowe and Mrs. Krista Albury.

The Rotary Club of Abaco is steadily

growing counting now 40 members and a few more have considered joining. The weekly Tuesday meetings are being held at Anglican Parish Hall.

The new year saw the completion of the School Sign Competition project and the active continuation of the fire hydrant project. The club has applied Rotary International for a Competitive Grant of \$200,000 which would allow the purchase of not only 50 fire hydrants but also an additional fire truck, hoses and fire equipment for the fire-fighters. To qualify for the grant the island has to show that the community is willing to invest in the project and a radio telethon will be organized to appeal for pledges.

Another grant has been applied for that would support the expense of \$140 weekly to pay for a special helper for Brent Lowe, Jr. for him to continue attending Every Child Counts. In the meantime, members have contributed spontaneously and over \$500 was collected. Mrs. Yvonne Key has committed to cover the child's expenses until November.

As usual the club will support Senior Citizen Month by sponsoring a dinner for the elders in October and the members are getting ready for the visit of the new District Governor, Mr. Rupert Ross, also in October.

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### Presidential Installation

On August 31st all roads led to Full Gospel Assembly of God in Treasure Cay for the installation of the newly elected Christian Council Board for Abaco. On the island to conduct the installation was the Bahamas Christian Council President Pastor Patrick Paul. This year's election brought changes in the structure of the Board. The newly elected president is Pastor Edward LaRoda of Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay.

## People

### Baby Christened

Father Dwight and Rochelle Rolle were overjoyed by the birth of their baby girl Daisha. With the spirit of thanksgiving and appreciation they presented her back to God. On August 30th family and friends joined the couple at the St. Simon by the Sea Anglican Church in Treasure Cay for the christening ceremony. The ceremony was followed by a scrumptious reception. Congratulations to the Rolles on the birth and christening of their little princess.

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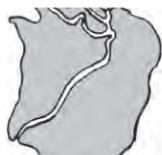
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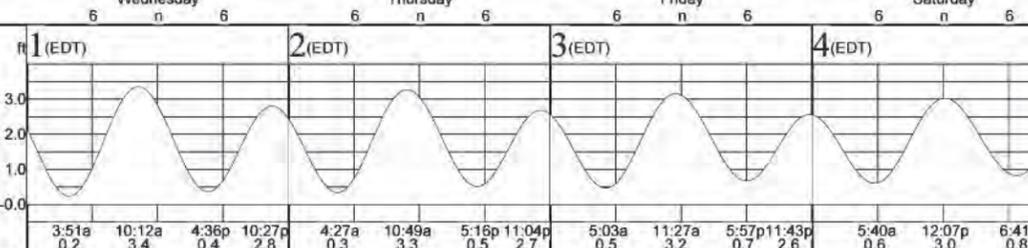
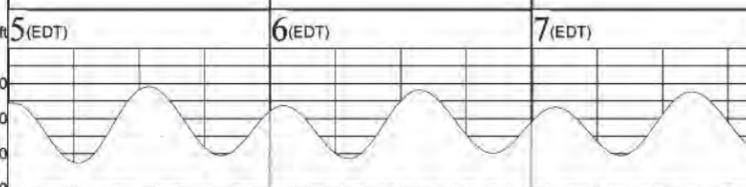
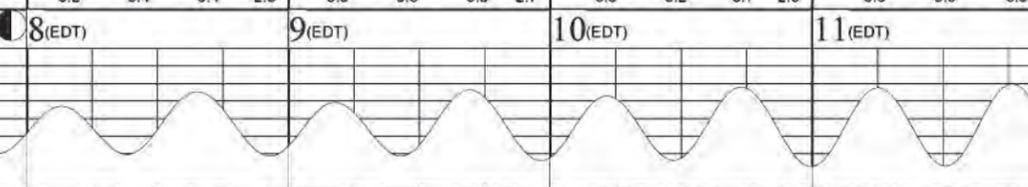
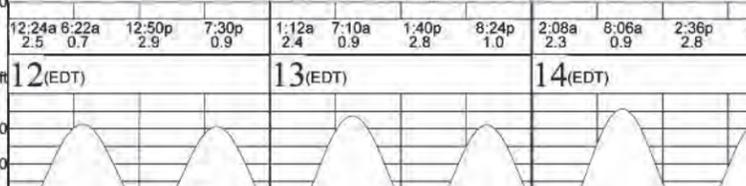
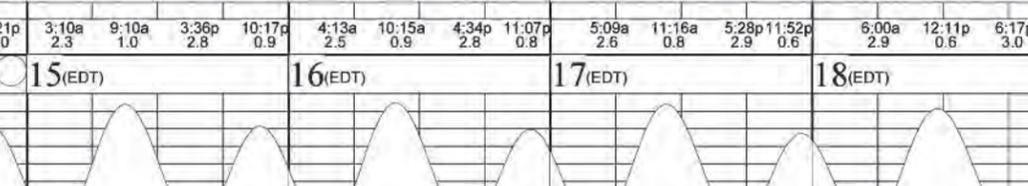
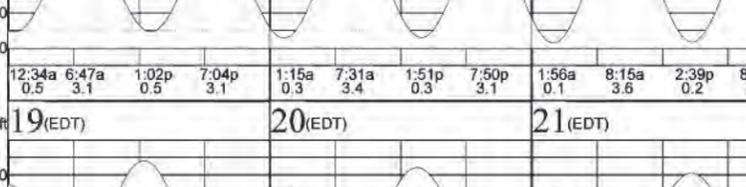
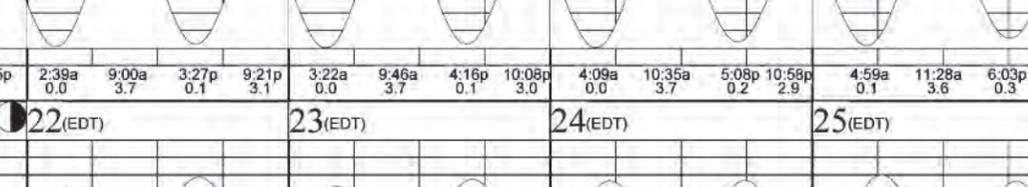
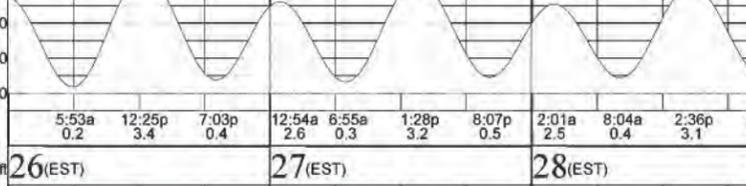
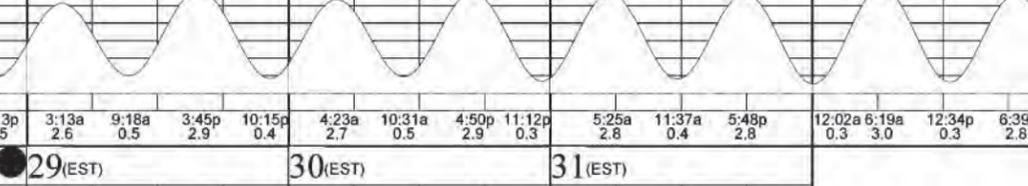
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### Tide - North Bar Channel October 2008

Average Tides  
Mean Range: 2.6 ft  
MHWS: 3.1 ft  
Mean Tide: 1.4 ft

Monthly High & Low  
High October 16, 9:46a 3.7 ft  
Low October 16, 3:22a 0.0 ft

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 n 6	6 n 6	6 n 6	6 n 6	6 n 6	6 n 6	6 n 6
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Letters *From Page 8*

### Being Friendly?

#### Protecting my birth place

Dear Editor,

After many years of living on my beautiful island, I won't call names in order to protect my birth place. There are person who sit around and in our local places of business gossiping about people. This has been going on for 30 odd years (near to my age).

It's rude, insulting and un-christian like for these people to continue to do this after all these years. These people with their superior attitudes think they are untouchable. I know I'm not alone in the way I feel because there are others who feel the same.

I guess some people don't have anything better to do. When you have visitors, before their bags are unpacked, they are sitting up telling them "I think you need to know - blah, blah." Maybe if you weren't so miserable, you might remember my friends. Maybe your friends, too. So it's only natural that they will tell all.

You need to sip, sip - a long one.

### Abaco has a new pre-school

By *Samantha V. Evans*

Sonshine Development Center, a Christian school, opened for the September 2008 school year with the motto "Train up a child in the way he should go." The Center is a state-of-the-art pre-school that specializes in early childhood education. The owner and operator, Mrs. Eleanor Darville, has over 35 years experience as a trained teacher, and this Center will teach a blend of the A Beka and Ministry of Education curriculum. The Center will cover social and character building skills as well. The ratio at the school will be 1:15 which will allow the teachers to focus on one-on-one learning. After-school care is also available for a small fee. The Center is located on Stratton Drive in the First Assembly of God Church building. It caters to students ages 1-5 years. Registration is going on now and persons wanting more information can call the Center at 475-3722.

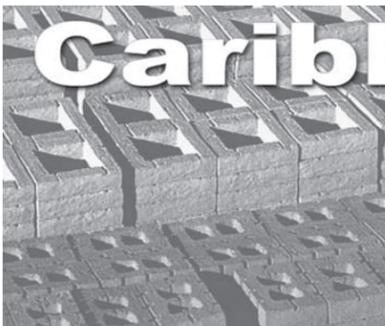
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Emergency Services	
Police - Marsh Harbour	367-2560
The following services are provided by volunteers	
Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000
Fire - Dundas Town	367-2935 or 4935
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16
Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16
Hope Town 366-0500	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay 365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services	
Abaco Family Medicine Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre	367-0049
Government Clinic Marsh Harbour	367-2510
Corbett Clinic Treasure Cay	365-8288
Government Clinic Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic Fox Town	

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers	
Plus extra for each passenger above two	
• Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:	
Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr	\$12 + \$3
Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru	
Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market	\$10 + \$2
Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto	\$ 6 + \$2
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Murphy Town to Shell Sta	\$14 + \$4
Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house	\$14 + \$4
Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house	\$14 + \$4
Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house	\$16 + \$5
Great Cistern	\$20 + \$5
Spring City	\$15 + \$5
Snake Cay	\$35 + \$10
Treasure Cay	\$60 + \$10
Casuarina Point	\$60 + \$10
Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores	\$70 + \$10
Little Harbour or Cherokee	\$80 + \$10
Crossing Rocks	\$100 + \$10
Sandy Point	\$135 + \$10
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore	\$ 2 each
Jib Room	\$ 3 each
Solomon's Super Center	\$5 + \$3
Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock	\$ 6 + \$3
Government Freight Dock	\$ 7 + \$3
Gov.Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance	\$ 9 + \$3
Mother Merle restaurant	\$10 + \$3
Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour	
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people	
Luggage \$1.00 each over four, Surf boards \$4.00 ea.	
• Between Treasure Cay Airport and: Effective 13 Nov 05	
Treasure Cay Resort	\$20 + \$5
Madeira Park	\$14 + \$4
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$8 + \$4
Moxy	\$18 + \$5
Bahamas Star farm	\$24 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$24 + \$5
Joe's Creek, Leisure Lee	\$44 + \$10
Black Wood	\$18 + \$5
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$37 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$55 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$60 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$65 + \$5
Fox Town	\$70 + \$5
Crown Haven	\$75 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$75 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	\$18 + \$ 5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxey	\$16 + \$5
T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX	\$6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$75 + \$10

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
BaerAir - Melbourne/Treasure Cay	321-453-2605
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Craig Air Service - Jacksonville, Datona	904-641-0300
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B.	(closed 18 Jul 08)
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	367-0032
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

Dive Shops	
Abaco Dive Adventures, Marsh Harbour	367-2963
Above & Below, Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Froggies, Hope Town	366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay	365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay	365-4411
Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Items of interest	
• Man-O-War boat yards • Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill • Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide • Hole in Wall lighthouse - last mile very rough road • Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805 • Bird watching - ask tourism 367-3067	

## Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes from Crossing Beach  
 Marsh Harbour to Guana Cay - 40 minutes

Abaco Ferry Service	
VHF Ch 16 • Scheduled service discontinued until Nov 1, 2008	
Available for charter service	
<b>Albury's Ferry Service</b> • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16	
<b>Marsh Harbour &gt; Hope Town</b>	7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm* 2 4 5:45
Return	8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm* 3 4 5 6:30
<b>Marsh Harbour &gt; White Sound</b>	Contractor's special - Mon - Fri 7 am Return 5 pm
<b>Marsh Harbour &gt; Man-O-War</b>	10:30 am 12:15 pm 4 5:45
Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 5 pm
<b>Marsh H. &gt; Guana Cay</b> (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn	* Not on Sundays or holidays
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30 1:30 pm 3:30	
Return	8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 pm
Same day fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$16 / Round Trip \$22, • • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride	
<b>Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport</b>	8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
<b>T Cay Airport to Green T Cay</b>	8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks	

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
<b>Treasure Cay to Guana Cay</b>	Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT
<b>T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town</b>	Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT
<b>T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise</b>	- Fr \$25 , call for time

Pinder's Ferry Service	
Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -	
<b>Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah.</b>	-Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm
<b>McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return</b>	Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm
Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information	
Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.	

Bahamas Ferries	
Sandy Point to Nassau under 4 Hr. Call Sandy Point 366-4119	
or Marsh Harbour 367-5250 for sailing dates • Adults \$95 RT, \$55 OW • Cars & trucks	

**The Great Abaco Express** Marsh Harbour charter bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165, Group tours

Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
<b>Walker's Cay</b>	
Walker's Cay	Closed
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bluff House	45..... F..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32..... F..... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10..... F..... 365-4033
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	50..... F..... 366-0065
<b>Spanish Cay</b>	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Orchid Bay	64..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024

Points of Interest	
Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb.	..Pelican Shore
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	.....Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry-	Little Harbour
Working boatyards	Man-O-War cay
<b>Pocket beaches</b> • Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour	
• Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour	
<b>Miles of beach</b> are generally on ocean exposures	
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay	
• Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore	
• Sandy Point & more	

Bonefish Guides	
<b>Sandy Point</b>	
Patrick Roberts	366-4286
Nicholas Roberts	
Derrick Gaitor	
Ferdinand Burrows	366-4133
Vernal Burrows	
Kendall White	
Anthony Bain	366-4107
Floyd Burrows	366-4175
Links Adderly	366-4335
Valentino Lightbourne	
Ricky Burrows	366-4233
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Jody Albury	375-8068
Terrance Davis	367-4464
Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Justin Sands	367-3526
Danny Sawyer	367-3577
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
David Albury	365-6059
Crossing Rocks	
Tony Russell	366-3259
Cherokee	
Theodore Sawyer	366-2111
Will Sawyer	366-2177
Marty Sawyer	366-2115
Noel Lowe	366-2107
Randy Sawyer	366-2284
Casuarina Point	
Junior Albury	366-3058
Hope Town	
Maitland Lowe	366-0234
North Abaco	
O'Donald McIntosh	477-5037
Pope McKenzie	477-5894
Orthnell Russell	365-0125
Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Edward Rolle	365-0024
Green Turtle Cay	
Rick Sawyer	365-4261
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Jeff Survance	365-4040

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## Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper  
 (Based on dinner entree range)  
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Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ ..... 367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ ..... 367-4444
Gino's	\$ ..... 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ ..... 367-2301
Hummingbird	\$\$ ..... 367-2922
Island Cafe	\$ ..... 367-6444
Jamie's Place	\$ ..... 367-2880
Jib Room	\$ ..... 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	..... 367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ ..... 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ ..... + ..... 367-3796
Poppa Georgio's	\$
Sea Shells	\$ ..... 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ ..... + ..... 367-4005
Snappas	\$ ..... 367-2278
Subway	..... 367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ ..... 367-2074

Dundas Town	
Mother Merle's	\$\$

Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ ..... 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ ..... 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$ ..... 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ ..... 366-0095
Munchies	\$ ..... + ..... 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$\$\$ ..... ‡ ..... 366-0065

Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's	..... 366-3139

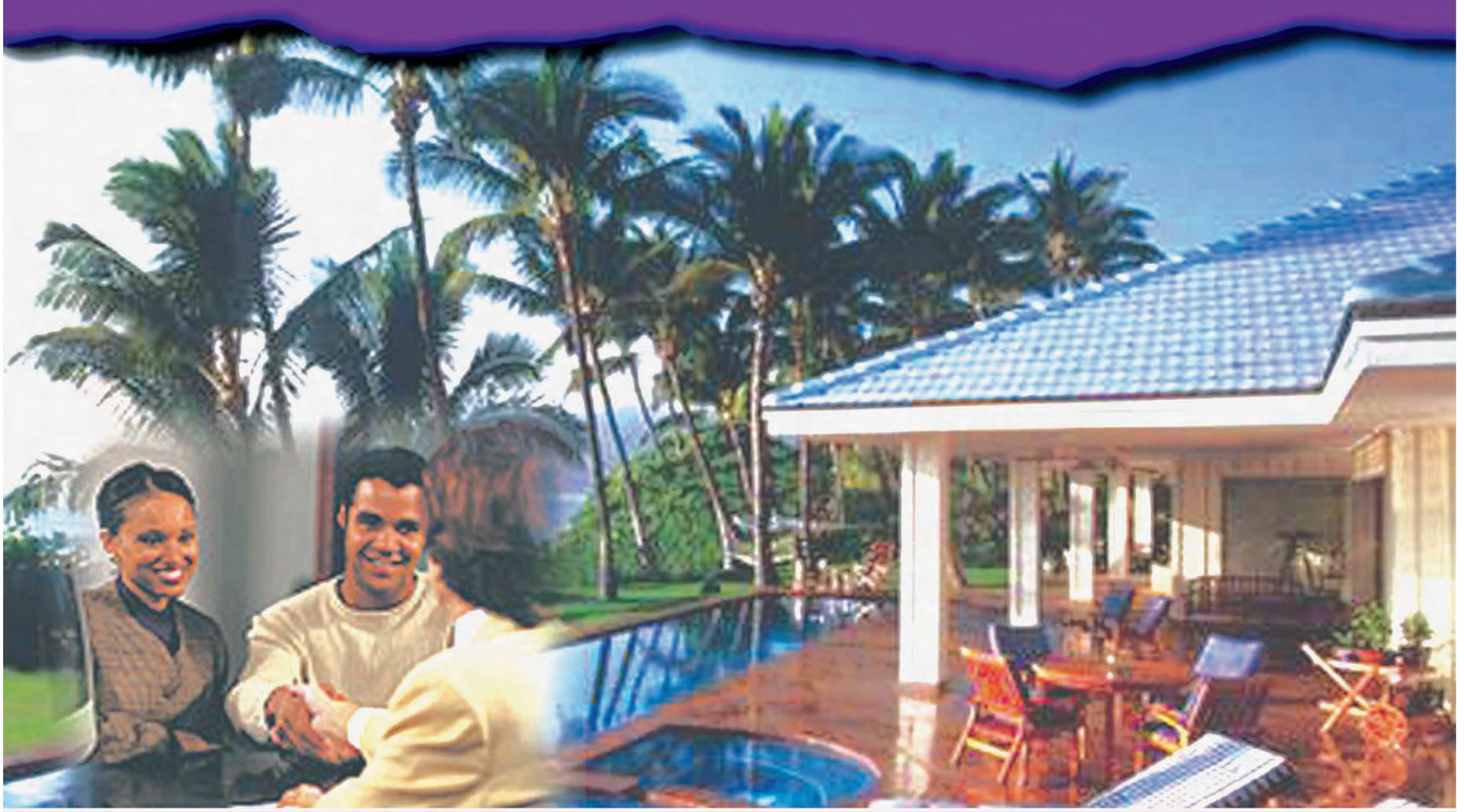
Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	..... 365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	..... 365-6501

Guana Cay	
Docksiders	\$\$\$ ..... 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ ..... 365-5133
Nippers	\$\$\$ ..... 365-8469
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$ ..... 265-5175

Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	..... \$
Coconuts	.....
Harbour Cafe	\$ ..... 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	..... \$ ..... 365-8648
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## SECTION B



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### Dock for North Abaco is planned

#### Conch Rock north of Cooper's Town will be site of freight dock



The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, second from left, was on Abaco on August 28 with a group to walk through the area at Conch Rock, the proposed site of a freight dock. The group is looking at a land plat with the proposed harbour. They are Daniel Wilkinson, Senior Land Surveyor; Mr. Ingraham; Mrs. Michelle Bethel, who will be doing an Environmental Impact Assessment; Mr. Benjamin Pinder, Administrator for South Abaco; Mr. Keith Bishop, marine consultant with Islands by Design; and Mr. Benjamin Ferguson with Lands and Survey.

North Abaco will have a new port and marina facility. The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, made a quick trip on August 28 with consultants to walk the area that has been selected for the port. It will be a short distance north of Cooper's Town. Mr. Ingraham realizes that the residents of Cooper's Town have no safe harbour or convenient area for their boating activities. And he wants freight boats to be able to off-load freight in the north to keep the residents from having such high trucking costs on all their freight when it is off-loaded in Marsh Harbour.

The port area will be about 45 acres entirely inland. Preliminary plans indicate that the facility will include a boat yard for dry storage, a small marina, a ramp for launching small boats, a fuel dock and several slips for boats up to 120 feet long.

The area for freight boats will include two roll-on, roll-off ramps, a warehouse and a port administration building and a secure area for containers. The administration building will include offices for Customs, Immigration and other governmental offices. The plans show a 400-foot turning basin.

The residents of North Abaco have wanted to have a facility of this type for a long time as the area around Cooper's Town has no natural harbour.

A government notice relative to the acquisition of this land may be seen on page 19.

### University of the West Indies launches Internet learning

The University of the West Indies launched its Open Campus in August, making higher education available over the Internet to anyone with a high school

certificate in The Bahamas and 11 other Caribbean nations.

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### Notice to students planning to attend schools in Canada

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to advise that Bahamian students who are expecting to attend colleges or universities in Canada should not travel to that country unless they are in possession of the proper authorization from the Canadian High Commission in Kingston, Jamaica.

If they arrive in Canada without the relevant documentation, they will not be allowed to enter Canada.

It is recommended that students contact their college or university and request they hold their place while their letters of authorization are being processed.

### The Economic Partnership Agreement was explained



The Hon. Zhivargo Laing, Minister of State for Finance, spoke at two town meetings, one in Cooper's Town and the other in Marsh Harbour, to discuss the proposed Economic Partnership Agreement, a trade agreement with the European Union. The Bahamas expects to sign on to the agreement. He is shown here on the left talking with Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper and Deputy Chairman of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee, Mr. Colon Curry. See story on page 2.

### Fire guts Dundas Town home



A fire on September 1 gutted the interior of the home of Viola Johnson off Forest Drive in Dundas Town. The structure was fully engulfed in flames by the time the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department could get to the scene. With three trucks they were able to subdue the fire quickly. Ms. Johnson was in church at the time of the fire.

# EPA will encourage free trade with Europe

By Jennifer Hudson

The Hon. Zhivargo Laing, Minister of State for Finance, visited Abaco on August 25 to educate people on the proposed Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and the impact it will have for The Bahamas. He spoke at two town meetings, one at Cooper's Town in the afternoon followed by one in the evening in the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour. In addition to Nassau, town meetings have already been held on Exuma and Grand Bahama.

"The role of the Economic Partnership Agreement is to establish a trade agreement between the European Union (EU) and CARIFORUM," stated Min. Laing. CARIFORUM consists of all the countries of CARICOM plus the Dominican Republic. "It outlines the rules that will govern the import and export of goods and services between the EU and CARIFORUM. It is good that I can be here to share the facts of the agreement so that you can decide for yourself what your view is."

Negotiations for the EPA began in Brus-

sels on September 27, 2002, which has allowed for five years of negotiation. The agreement signing was slated for September 2 but Mr. Laing said that The Bahamas has been given a six-month extension after the signing of the agreement to present the country's services schedule. The reason for this extension is because there was a change in government during that time which has not allowed sufficient time for the preparation of the offer it is prepared to make. Each country makes its own offer within the EPA's three-tiered structure which is

- Main Text - Common Obligations
- Protocols- Custom's Cooperation, Rules of origin, Culture
- Schedules - Goods, Services, Investment

"The services schedule represents the commitments The Bahamas is making to the EU and CARIFORUM with respect to trade and services. The Bahamas services offer covers 128 of the 155 sectors considered under the EPA. There are 11 specific sectors, namely business services, commu-

nication services, construction and related engineering services, distribution services, education services, environmental services, financial services, health related and social services, tourism and travel related services, recreational, sporting and cultural and transportation services.

The services offer mirrors that of the National Investment Policy which reserves 13 sectors exclusively for Bahamians including wholesale and retail sector, import/export trade, real estate, public relations firms, domestic newspapers and magazines, nightclubs and restaurants excepting specialty, gourmet and ethnic restaurants or those in a hotel or resort, security ser-

vices, cosmetic and beauty establishments, distribution of building supplies, auto and appliance service operations, public transportation including mail boats and shallow water scale fish, mollusk crustacean and sponge fishing operations.

"The EPA is a Free Trade Agreement between countries trying to reduce rules and make it easier to trade," explained Minister Laing. Its benefits will be the following:

- Protect and preserve existing duty free marketing accessibility for goods (such as fish and rum) to the world's second most lu-

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A meeting to explain a trade agreement, the Economic Partnership Agreement, was held in the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour with the Hon. Zhivargo Laing, Minister of State for Finance, outlining the basic points of the agreement.

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**Three bedroom, two bathroom home, #500** fully furnished, central air conditioning, on 9,000 sq. ft. Landscaped with beautiful trees and lawn. Rented. REDUCED \$185,000. Can be sold separately or with above property.

**Duplex Murphy Town #501** 2 story, 2 bedroom 1 bath up and down. \$160,000 net

**Three unit townhouse #502** each unit is 1500 sq ft and fully furnished. Located behind John Bull in Marsh Harbour. Great rental income. Sale price \$650,000 net.

**Duplex, 2 1-bed, 1-bath apts.** off Forest Drive in Dundas Town \$140,000

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**For sale three lots** located on South Lubbers Quarters in the Abaco Ocean Club Estate. Lots number 11, 44, 112. These lots are priced individually. 11,022 **SOLD**

Lot #44 13,307 sf \$98,000 gross    Lot # 112 20,485 sf. \$175,000 gross

**For sale 15 acres of land at Baker's Heights** near Leisure Lee off the Treasure Cay Highway. Priced at \$450,000, this property will go fast. Call today.

**Triplex 3 - 1 bed/1 bath in Murphy Town** \$160,000

**Two lots 84 ft. x 100 ft. near Treasure Cay**, one mile northwest of Treasure Cay School. \$55,000 each net

**Two lots for sale located on hillside in Yellowwood** Property adjacent to The Abaco Club on Winding Bay  
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 Lot # 7 G4 size 12,600 s.f. \$63,000 gross

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**Triplex for sale Murphy Town** 2 one-bedroom, one-bath and 1 two-bedroom, one-bath. \$145,000 net

**6 lots in Marsh Harbour** off Don MacKay Blvd.  
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 2 lots 12,086.1 sq. ft. \$70,099 each

**5 lots in Murphy Town, water view**, across from Abaco Block and Concrete, could be commercial, 56,260 sq. ft. Sold together \$253,171  
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# School News

## A New School Year at Abaco Central

By Mirella Santillo

Abaco Central High School starts the new school year with, at last, a full administrative staff. Last year's Acting Principal, Ms. Vanessa James, is now the principal, but she will be supported by Vice-Principal Dominique McCartney from North Andros.

Principal James itemized her goals for this school year. Besides settling the students into a new school year routine, she wants to dedicate her attention to two immediate projects that will take place in September: a school-wide testing in reading to be held on September 10th and an Awards Ceremony scheduled for September 19.

The Awards Ceremony, an annual event, is aimed at recognizing the students who have done well in national examinations and in the summer examinations.

According to the principal, there was a significant increase of students taking the BGCSE examination last year, 92 percent versus 73 percent the preceding year. There was also an improvement in all subjects and more students improved. This was an improvement that Ms. James has wished on her students with her perseverance and dedication as an administrator, first as the Vice Principal with Mr. Kendris Hield as Principal and last year in her capacity of Acting Principal. She wants to increase this improvement during this new school year, inspiring the students with this year's theme Ready to Win.

The emphasis will be to create a culture of learning and self-discipline, following the Ministry of Education's theme of promoting literacy. There will be more literacy-related initiatives, a focus on more parental involvement and more homework-related initiatives. "It will be an exciting new year," stated Ms. James, convincingly.

Two new teachers have already taken their positions: Mr. Conlife Green from Jamaica, who teaches technical drawing and graphic communication, and Ms. Princess Williams, who transferred from S.C. Bootle to head the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. More teachers are expected to join in the near future. For the last three years the student enrolment has ranged between 500 and 550.

ment, assuring them that the items will be put to good use.

## Abaco student will represent the Bahamas at an Essay Contest

Students and faculty members of St. Francis de Sales School are pleased to be opening the school year on a high note as Adrienne Kelly became the winner of The Bahamas round of the Conde Nast Traveler My Caribbean Essay Contest.

Adrienne, who is an 8th grade student at St. Francis, was selected as the best candi-

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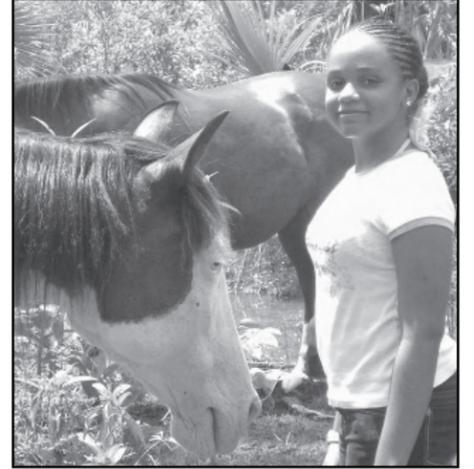


Ms. Eunice Mills was busy on the first day of school enrolling students and getting the new school year underway at Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town. It is the largest school on Abaco with an enrollment of over 800 students.

## Ritz Carlton Donates School Items to Central Abaco Primary

By Samantha V. Evans

Margo Dean and Portia Jonsson of the Abaco Club at Winding Bay donated three boxes of sports bags containing composition books, pencils, erasers, pencil cases, and rulers to Central Abaco Primary School on September 2nd. These items were donated by the Guest Services Department of the hotel. Management wants the school to know that they are committed to assisting with the advancement of education on Abaco and this is just a small contribution to help them educate the children of the Abaco. Principal Eunice Mills graciously accepted the items on behalf of the school and extends her sincerest gratitude to the management of this develop-



Adrienne Kelly, a student at St. Francis de Sales School in Marsh Harbour, was the winner at the national level of the Conde Nast essay contest. She wrote about the unique experiences that Abaco offers including the wild horses. She will compete next month in the Caribbean-wide competition to be held in Trinidad.

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The Abaco Club 1363 - Two adjacent beach lots with unobstructed views of Winding Bay.

Yellowwood - Hillside ocean view lot. Electricity and water now available.

Guana beachfront home 1256 - 3/2 on high dune, endless views. Great rental history.

Marsh Harbour home 1364 - 2/2 on lovely landscaped lot. Centrally located. \$206,000

Sea Glass 1337 - 3/2 home on Guana Cay with beach access just steps away. \$439,000

Watching Bay 1392 - Fabulous hill top lot with great views. Short walk to beach.

Turtle House on Guana harbour - 2/1 with private dock on harbour. Great views and rental potential. NEW PRICE

White Sound - Two adjacent beach lots with 150' of beachfront and 100 ft. private dock on White Sound.

Great Cistern Triplex 1393 - Great investment in a newly built triplex. Excellent rentals

Casuarina Point home - 1439 - 2/2 home on large landscaped lot. Dock approval in place.

Bahama Palm Shores - A large selection of interior and beach lots starting at \$30,000

The Great Abaco Club 1189 - Jaffa is a 3/3 home on a double lot positioned to capture views from every room.

Royal Harbour waterfront lots - Two waterfront lots, both offering great dockage.

Sweetings Village - Residential lot in fast growing community

Regattas Penthouse unit 1334 - The only 3/3 unit in complex. Very spacious, wonderful kitchen, double patio, huge master bath. A must see unit.

Marsh Harbour pool home 1422 - 3/2 home on large landscaped lot with pool and spacious decking and patio, central a/c, central location.

Marsh Harbour executive home 1421 k - Spacious home with 3/2 on three levels, along with 2/2 and 1/1 apartments. Pool and large landscaped lot.

Cove Estates home 1377 - Well designed 2/2 offering cathedral ceilings, a/c, large patio, lovely lot.

Watching Bay - Three adjacent lots near the entrance of this new subdivision just outside the settlement of Cherokee.

White Sound 1476 Oceanfront lot - Great oceanfront lot just south of Sea Spray \$727,000.

The cook Estate at Turtle rocks - Almost 5 acres offering 3 homes & four other buildings. Sea views. Call for info.

The Abaco Club - Hope Town Cottage 1437 - 4/4 turn-key hilltop cottage overlooking the 18th green and Atlantic Ocean. \$3,175,000

Guana Cay - Two bay lots starting at \$370,000.

Two ocean lots starting at \$399,000. Beach lots starting at \$599,000  
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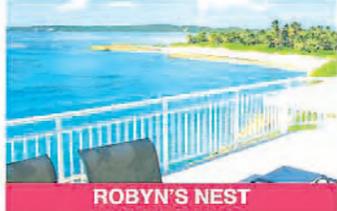
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**LUBBERS QUARTERS**  
Amazing 3.64 acre property featuring three separate cottages totaling 3 bedrooms, a private dock, and views over the Sea of Abaco, Tahiti Beach and Tilloo Cut.  
**\$999,000. Ref. AS10889**



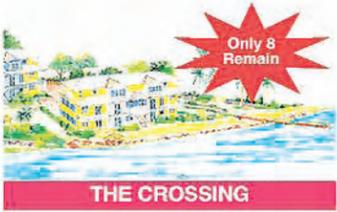
**GREAT GUANA CAY**

Immaculately maintained 2 bedroom, 2 bath island retreat complete with generator, tools, and utility vehicle. Near the beach, restaurants and shopping.  
**\$349,000. Ref. AS10648**



**SEA SALT**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Brand new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home of 1,600 sq. ft. This two storey villa is highlighted by a private balcony, ocean view deck, and is just one lot away from the beach.  
**\$799,000. Ref. PS10640**



**THE CROSSING**

**MARSH HARBOUR**  
Collection of 2 bedroom condos and 3 bedroom penthouses overlooking the sea in a gated development offering a pool and private beach.  
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**GREEN AND SILVER DOLPHIN**

**HOPE TOWN**  
Waterfront estate with 85 ft. on the Sea of Abaco and comprising a two storey building totalling 5 bedrooms in 2 separate units. Ideal rental business or private family retreat.  
**\$899,000. Ref. PS10645**



**VILLA PASHA**

**GREEN TURTLE CAY**  
Luxurious Caribbean style beachfront villa on 0.84 acres. This 5,750 sq. ft. home has 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, fully equipped kitchen, and wrap around porches.  
**\$2,545,000. Ref. TS10581**



**AEOLIAN**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Well located waterfront home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a well equipped kitchen, large living area, wrap-around deck, amazing views and possible dockage.  
**\$1,190,000. Ref. PS10565**



**LAS BRISAS**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Fun-filled 3 bedroom, 3 bath, turn-key home on 21,089 sq. ft. overlooking the ocean with decks, loft/office, "widows walk", workshop area, 2 car garage, and 2 dock slips.  
**\$1,395,000. Ref. PS10700**



**LONG BEACH**  
Brand new, two story home with 5 bedrooms and 3 baths in 4,000 sq. ft. of well-appointed space. Set on an 18,700 sq. ft. lot overlooking an incredible beach.  
**\$849,900. Ref. AS10905**



**TRESCAPE**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Charming 3 bedroom, 3 bath home hidden amid lush trees and vegetation. Enjoy views of the sea, access to the Lucayos dock and the nearby beach.  
**\$798,000. Ref. PS10596**



**GUANA RIDGE HOUSE**

**GUANA CAY**  
Elevated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath guest apartment and water vistas. Set on over an acre and completed by a deck and protected dock.  
**\$1,390,000. Ref. AS10945**



**ISLAND PARADISE WEST**

**MARSH HARBOUR**  
Centrally located 4 bedroom, 4 bath canalfront home with dock pier, brand new tasteful decor, a large modern kitchen, and a spacious covered back porch.  
**\$1,250,000. Ref. AS10917**

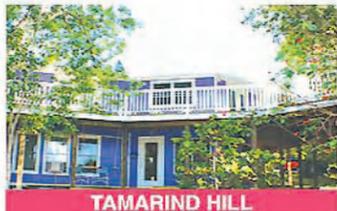


**CENTRAL ABACO**  
5 acre beachfront tract situated between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Good elevations provide scenic sea vistas. Utilities are available at the nearby highway.  
**\$650,000. Ref. AS10756**



**ONLY TWO**

**GREAT GUANA CAY**  
Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath ocean view home set high on a hillside. Features include high quality finishes, modern kitchen, a screened-in covered porch, and sun deck.  
**\$475,000. Ref. AS10968**



**TAMARIND HILL**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Elevated 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment below. Set on an acre of land with gorgeous sea views. A community dock is just steps away.  
**\$1,295,000. Ref. PS10649**



**ISLAND PARADISE EAST**

**MARSH HARBOUR**  
Offered with brand new tasteful furnishings, this 4 bedroom boater's haven features 10 ft. ceilings, a large covered patio, dock pier, and a relaxing ambience.  
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**BAY WINDOWS**

**ELBOW CAY**  
Elevated 3 bedroom, 3 bath waterfront home with a 130' dock, relaxing decks, pool, cabana, guest apartment, and a 2 car garage. Nearby a white-sand beach.  
**\$3,900,000. Ref. PS10639**



**YELLOW WOOD**  
Two adjacent lots of 1.033 acres each set between Winding Bay and Cherokee Sound Settlement.  
**\$100,000 ea. Ref. AS10973 & AS10974**



**WHITE SOUND**  
Gorgeous 15,500 sq. ft. beachfront lot with 75 ft. of amazing waterfrontage, endless views of the ocean, and views of White Sound and Seaspray Resort.  
**\$299,000. Ref. PS10618**



**AUNT PAT'S BAY, ELBOW CAY**  
Stunning 14,914 sq. ft. corner lot with 35 foot elevations providing picturesque views of the Atlantic Ocean and White Sound. Community dockage available.  
**\$364,000. Ref. PS10661**



**TILLOO CAY**  
16,000 sq. ft. homesite on a quiet and private island community just minutes to Marsh Harbour. Nearby a large community dock. Electricity to be completed soon.  
**\$150,000. Ref. PS10630**

**FEATURED RENTAL**

This luxurious 2 bedroom, 2 bath vacation getaway sleeps 6 persons comfortably. Features include a private beach just off the covered verandah, and a fully equipped kitchen.  
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**YELLOWTAIL COTTAGE**  
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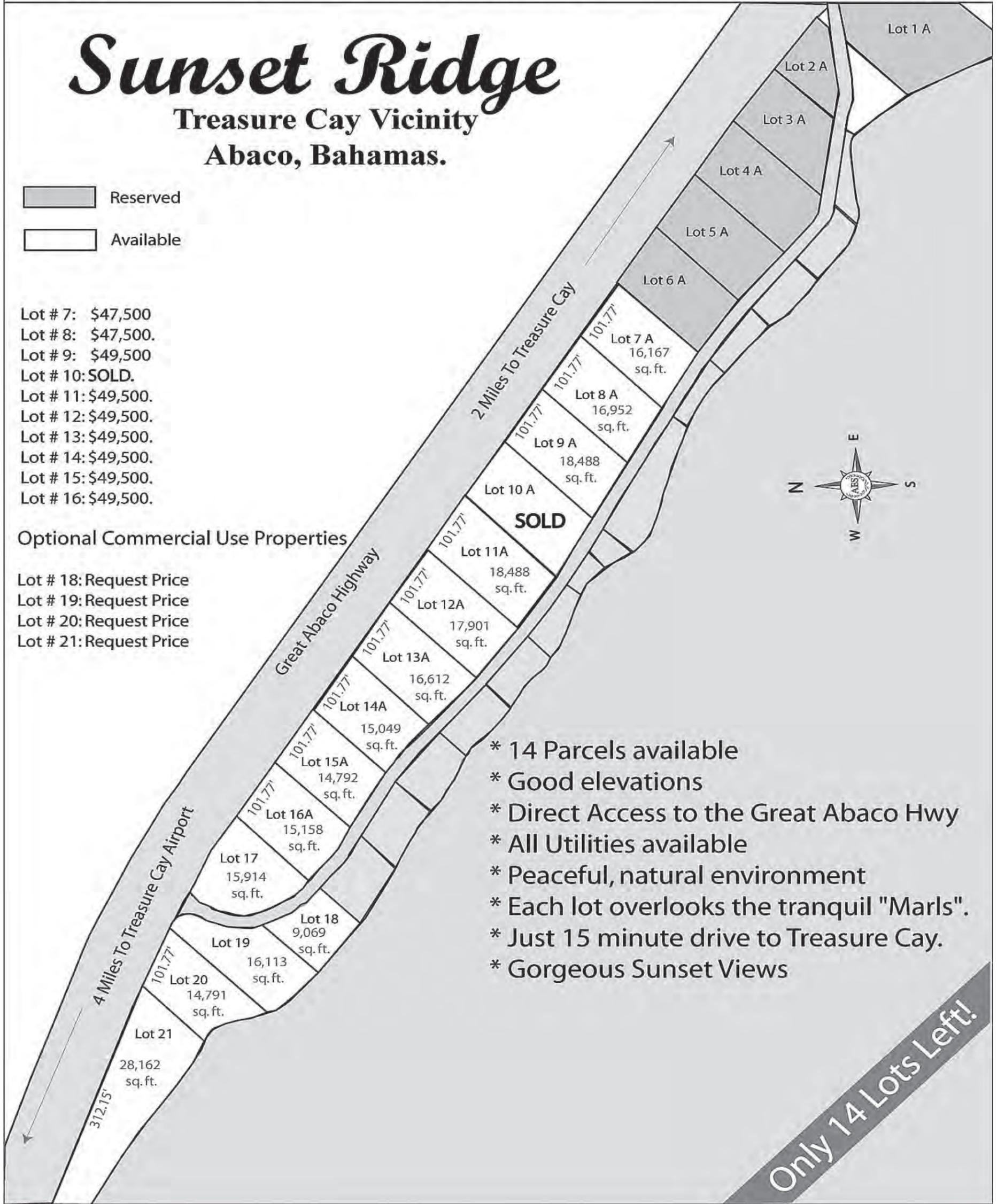
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"Argyll House" # 483 - Elegantly furnished, elegant 4 bed, 5.5 bath, 6,900 s/f Ocean Blvd. estate on 1.6 landscaped acres with 153' beachfront. Includes vehicles & 2 additional residential lots - **REDUCED TO \$3,995,000.**

"Tradewinds" Beach House # 1066 - Luxurious 4 bed, 3.5 bath 5,536 s/f furnished waterfront 16,420 s/f parcel with 130' of white sandy beachfront. Recently renovated. **\$3,995,000.**

"Peace & Plenty" # 1059 - 7 bed, 4.5 bath, 2 storey furnished Ocean Blvd. home. 163' of beach frontage, 1.453 landscaped acres, magnificent sea views, superior finishes. **\$3,800,000.**

"Final Approach" # 601 - Recently renovated, furnished canal front 2 storey, 5,500 s/f 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath private home on large property, 100' private dock, 4 car garage **\$2,625,000.**

"Another World" # 1007 - Ocean Blvd. 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 3,500 s/f furnished beachfront home, pool, patio & garage on 1.2 landscaped acres. Excellent rental income history. **\$2,500,000.**

"Trident House" # 317 - Superb 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath fully furnished, 3,500 s/f beach front home. **NOW \$2,200,000.**

"Fish Tales" # 808 - Elegant 3 bed, 3 bath furnished canal front home, 3,430 s/f under roof on 15,493 s/f landscaped parcel. 90' deep water frontage & dock. **\$1,725,000.**

"Flip Inn" - Windward Beach # 1008 - 2 bed, 2 bath beach home, plus garage on 2 parcels. Recently refurbished, tastefully furnished. 180' sandy beachfront **\$1,725,000.**

"Porter Place" - Brigantine Bay # 868 - Newly constructed, furnished 3 bed, 3 bath canalfront home, 3,040 s/f under roof, double garage. 165' of dockage, new boat lift. **\$1,600,000.**

**Palm Bay Harbourfront Home # 2 # 1071 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath new, 2,077 s/f, unfurnished waterfront home. Private garage, private boat slip with 20' beam. Fantastic panoramic water views FINANCING AVAILABLE! REDUCED \$995,000.**

"Laguna" Galleon Bay # 745 - 3 bed, 2 bath single storey, 1,550 s/f canal front home, furnished, elevated landscaped lot, carport & garage, deep water dock with boat lift. **\$985,000.**

"The Cottages" # 535 - New 3 bed, 2 bath beachfront cottages, 1,300 s/f living space on main level, plus 970 s/f lower level. Superior construction/finishes. Fantastic Views **10% DOWN-FINANCING AVAILABLE \$900,000.**

**Golf Course Home # 1081 - New in 2008, 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,400 s/f unfurnished home. modern, open kitchen includes major appliances, granite countertops, 10,000 s/f parcel adjoining golf course. B\$305,000.**

"Home, Sweet Home" # 784 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,240 s/f furnished home on 13,500 s/f lot, close to beach. Adjoining lot also available. **\$268,000.**

**Royal Poinciana Beachfront Condominiums -Phase 4 # 716) Premier 3 level, 3 bed, 4.5 bath, plus loft newly built condos on Treasure Cay Beach. 2,860 s/f under roof, attached garage. 644 s/f covered/open balconies/porches. \$2,075,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2083 - # 1079 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath ground level Phase 5 tastefully decorated & furnished condo. 1,645 s/f living space plus screened lanai overlooking beach & community pool. Includes garage. \$1,210,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2046 - # 1009 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level Phase 5 condo, closest to beach, tasteful contemporary furnishings, unparalleled sea & beach views. \$1,150,000.**

**Bahama Beach Club 2020 - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beachfront condo, Stunningly furnished, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. \$1,035,000.**

**Atlantis Condo 2112 - # 929 - 4 bed, 4 bath 2,000 s/f 2 level furnished waterfront condo on Brigantine canal, great water views, includes 2 large boat slips. Beach nearby. \$865,000.**

**Royal Poinciana #2612 - # 972 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level, furnished beachfront condo, fully renovated & re-furnished in 2000. Golf cart garage. Great sea & beach views. \$865,000.**

**TREASURE CAY**

"Halyard Quay" # 827 - Superior 3 & 4 bed 1,568 s/f & 2,108 s/f waterfront condos, gated community, 15' beam dock slip, private garage Pre-construction pricing from **\$603,000.**

**Atlantis Condo # 2202 - # 987 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. "Turn-Key", Near Treasure Cay Beach \$499,950.**

**Atlantis Condo # 2203 - # 1000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. Overlooks Brigantine Bay, Near beach \$499,950.**

**Atlantis Condo # 2209 #770 - Elegantly furnished, well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath waterfront condo on Brigantine Bay. Includes boat slip & finger dock for 32' boat. \$495,000.**

**Beach Villa 507 # 782 - Newly renovated, 2 bed, 2 bath 1,150 s/f villa, plus 592 s/f patios. Tastefully furnished. Many extras. Close to beach, marina, golf course. \$490,000.**

**Beach Villa 685 - # 958 - Attractive 885 s/f 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa. Community pool, near marina & golf course, 2 minute walk to Treasure Cay Beach \$399,000.**

**Brigantine Beach Condo # 369 - 2 bed, 2.5 bath furnished townhouse, ocean views, close to beach, furnished, excellent rental history. REDUCED TO \$398,000.**

**Mariner's Cove Condominiums**

# 959 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level furnished unit, overlooks marina, includes full size garage **\$299,000.**

# 454 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level poolside unit **\$295,000.**

# 985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level "turn-key", harbour front end unit. Refurbished in 2000 **REDUCED TO \$271,500.**

# 928 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level, overlooking harbour **\$279,000.**

# 655 - 2 bed, 1 bath with marina view **\$274,000.**

# 455 - 1 bed, 1 bath, ground level, poolside **\$185,900.**

**Beachfront Parcel - Ocean Blvd. # 876 - 1.5 acres with 100' of beach frontage, on spectacular Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available Gorgeous beach & sea views. \$1,510,000.**

**Beach & Canal Lot Package #941 - Windward Beach lot with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage \$1,446,000.**

**Beachfront Parcel, Sunrise Point # 1068 - Spacious 19,570 s/f with 100' powder white sand beach frontage, superior sea views, ideal building site, all utilities available \$1,445,000.**

**Windward Beach # 999 - 12,750 s/f Beachfront parcel with 85' of frontage on Sea of Abaco. All utilities available, great building site. \$845,000.**

**Windward Beach # 1090 - 12,100 s/f Beachfront parcel with 85' of frontage on Sea of Abaco. Native stone/concrete bulk head. All utilities available, great building site. \$845,000.**

**Brigantine Bay # 841 - 11,220 s/f cleared canal lot with 80' protected deep water frontage on quiet street. New 40' dock & 16,000 lb boat lift. All utilities available. \$485,500.**

**Windward Beach # 817 - Half acre waterfront parcel directly on Sea of Abaco, 124' beach frontage. Newly installed sea wall. All utilities available. \$482,000.**

**Galleon Bay # 1061 - 10,751 s/f cleared canal parcel with 80' of sea-walled protected deep water frontage. Generous 145' depth. All utilities available. New "T" Dock. \$375,000.**

**Galleon Bay # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot. 88' + protected canal frontage, all utilities available. \$350,000.**

**Rock Point Waterfront Parcel # 783 - 12,200 s/f lot near entrance to Treasure Cay Marina. 90' newly installed sea wall. Cleared, all utilities available. \$289,000.**

**St. Andrews Drive Lot 1 # 1076 - 14,700 s/f residential parcel adjacent to 14th tee of golf course. Quiet community, all utilities available, short walk to Treasure Cay Beach \$76,925.**

**SCOTLAND CAY**

**Sea of Abaco Lot Q1 # 845 - 25,658 s/f lot, 172' water frontage in quiet cove, good elevations, native vegetation, access privileges to Atlantic Ocean beaches: \$559,000.**

**GREAT CISTERN CAY**

**"Paradise Point" # 659 - Furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,400 s/f waterfront home with porches & balconies on 1/2 acre. 193' elevated Sea of Abaco frontage. Fantastic views. \$759,000.**

**TURTLE ROCKS**

**"Turtle's Rock" # 1062 - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath furnished home on 1.18 acre parcel with 102' sandy beach frontage. Built in 2000. Very private area. \$795,000.**

**LEISURE LEE**

**"Double Eagle" # 757 - Recently renovated 3 bed, 3 bath, plus loft, 2,500 s/f furnished home on canal front parcel. 95' sea wall, 68' dock, Underground utilities, Near beach \$776,000.**

**Residential Parcels**

# 823 - 10,708 s/f canal lot w/130' frontage & 105' deep water dock w/ water & electricity, Fantastic beach nearby **\$345,000.**

# 886 - 12,828 s/f canal lot, 100' sea wall, 50' dock **\$329,000.**

# 602 - 15,334 s/f canal corner lot w/197' seawall **\$299,500.**

# 704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' frontage **\$265,000.**

# 597 - 11,242 s/f canal lot w/171' seawall, sea view **\$265,000.**

# 1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed **\$249,500.**

# 904 - 16,345 s/f w/ 108' water frontage, sea view **\$165,000.**

# 811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot, near beach **\$107,000.**

# 998 - 13,459 s/f canal view corner lot, near beach **\$ 96,500.**

**GUANA CAY**

**Atlantic Oceanfront Parcel #746 - Approx. 1 acre residential parcel, 154' elevated shoreline near Orchid Bay community, great ocean views. \$395,000.**

**NORTH ABACO**

**Boiling Hole Parcel # 1022 - Total 11 acres sea-to-sea from Sea of Abaco to bay side. 153' high rocky shoreline on Sea of Abaco. (Also available in smaller parcels.) \$394,000.**

**Boiling Hole Lots # 1030 - 2 Sea of Abaco waterfront parcels on Great Abaco Highway. Choice of 73' or 80' rocky shoreline, utilities available, great sea views. Each \$95,000.**

**GREEN TURTLE CAY**

**"High Point" Seaview Lot # 684 - Hilltop 0.405 acre parcel on White Sound Bluff overlooking Sea of Abaco, Fantastic Sea Views, Privacy, near beach \$725,000.**

**BAHAMA PALM SHORES**

**Beach Front Parcel # 714 - 45,343 s/f parcel, 100' beach frontage on Atlantic Ocean. Electricity available. Ideal site for permanent residence or vacation home. \$349,000.**

**Ocean View Lot - # 1036 - 17,650 s/f parcel with unobstructed Atlantic ocean view, just across street from beach. \$190,000.**

**Inland Lot - Near Beach (Ref # 756) Large 13,000 s/f lot near white sandy Atlantic Ocean beaches, native vegetation, Good road access. \$38,000.**

**LONG BEACH, SOUTH ABACO**

**Ocean View Residential Lot # 887 - Elevated, hillside corner parcel, 12,600 s/f +/-, close to sandy Atlantic Ocean beachfront, All utilities available. Ideal building site. \$179,000.**

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# More School News

**School** *From Page 4*

date to represent The Bahamas at the Caribbean-wide contest based on her entry of the essay topic *If you could share a secret about your island with someone visiting for the first time, what would it be?*

She reveals, "All aboard! Prepare yourself for an enchanting tour through Great Abaco. If I could share a secret with a first time visitor, it would be that Abaco is not just a sun, sand and sea brand, but it's an eco-tourist wonderland." Adrienne spoke of the blue holes, the Spanish Barb's, the Sawmill Sink, the Abaco National Park and other adventurous activities that visitors to Abaco would find memorable and enjoyable.

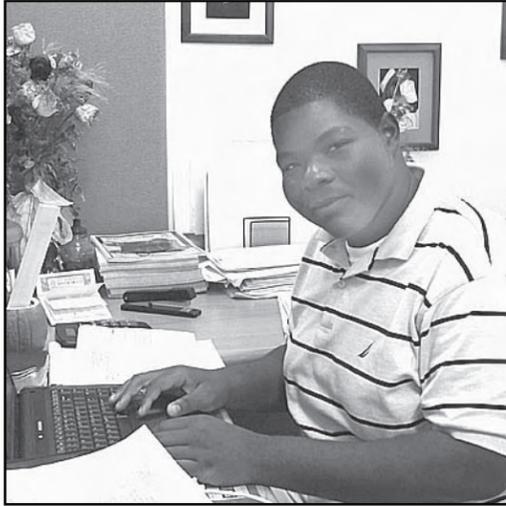
By being named the country's finalist, Adrienne and her school have become the recipients of prizes and a cash award which includes an all expense paid trip to Port of Spain, Trinidad, to attend the Caribbean Tourism Organization Conference on October 25th-29th. At the conference Adrienne will join other finalists from the Caribbean countries where they all will attend an exclusive reception, an educational island tour and the annual awards ceremony where the Editor-in-Chief of Conde Nast Traveler Magazine will announce the grand prize winner and the two runners-up.

**Junior Tourism Minister for Abaco**

*By Mirella Santillo*

In 2002 an educational program sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism was initiated in New Providence and adopted by the Caribbean Tourism Organization the following year. The program emerged as a result of the Caribbean Tourism Organization's Youth Initiative that required the Caribbean countries to send a representative to the Youth Congress. A high school student was to be chosen according to his/her academic performance and vision concerning tourism in The Bahamas as part of Caricom and become a Junior Minister of Tourism for one year.

To become a Junior Minister a student



Marcus Sands, a student at St. Francis de Sales School, won an essay competition sponsored by the Caribbean Tourism Organization earning the title of Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco.

had to participate in several elimination steps the first of which was composing an essay. If the grades were satisfactory, the second step involved having an interview with officials from the Ministry of Tourism. The grades from the first and second step were then combined, and the students with the top grades took part in the final step, a speech competition. The

overall best student showing leadership skills, outstanding personality, possessing the ability to communicate and debate effectively and having a cumulative GPA of 3 points or above was to be chosen.

In October of 2007, the program was extended to Abaco. Ms. Millie Dawkins,

*Please see School Page 10*

## Amanda's

White Sound, Elbow Cay

Located in a protected cove, on the North side of White Sound harbour; there sits a nicely elevated, wooded lot. Comprising of 34,766 sq. ft., the lot runs 192 ft. along the shoreline, 260 ft. deep on its longest side and its back boundary runs 168 ft. along a public road. There is a beautiful view looking South and West out over White Sound and the Sea of Abaco, towards Lubbers Quarters. Located on the property, there is what remains of a dock and a small cottage, where its previous owner, Amanda, once lived. **U.S. \$975,000**

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### CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENTS

#### 1. CARLETON LANDING

Newest opportunity  
 Canal front condo and cottage units with available boat slips  
 Starting at \$680,000 + 14% closing

#### 2. NEW LUXURY WATERFRONT CONDOS WITH DOCKS!

**"Pineapple Point Resort"** - Luxury gated community - Treasure Cay's newest waterfront development. 2 bed/ 2 bath and 3 bed/ 3 bath condos with availability of private boat slips. Pre-construction price starting at \$529,000 net (plus closing costs). MUST SEE! Great investment opportunity and the most spectacular location in Treasure Cay

#### 3. THE COTTAGES

Now the newest oceanfront development on Treasure Cay beach comprising 10 individual luxury units  
 Starting at \$900,000 + 12% closing

#### 4. BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Luxury condominium project on Treasure Cay Beach. 3 bed / 3 bath / Den / Lanai / on-site pool and many other features  
 Starting at \$907,500 Plus 14% closing

#### 5. ROYAL POINCIANA TOWNHOUSES

On-site pool and tennis, newly completed luxury townhouse units directly on Treasure Cay each totalling 3 bed/ 4 1/2 baths plus loft bedroom/ den  
 Ground floor - garage, 2 bed/ 2 bath with ocean front patio  
 First floor - open concept living / dining/ kitchen plus master bedroom suite, all ocean views with patio/ balcony  
 Loft - bedroom/ den with ocean view  
 MLS \$2,075,000 + 7.5% Closing

### MARINA VIEW VILLA

Recently completed delightful villa with great marina view and access. Modern 2 bed/ 2 bath CBS fully furnished home, 1020 sq. ft. plus porches and garden area. Must see to appreciate. FGS \$555,400

### MARINER'S COVE

Townhouse condos with on-site tennis, heated pool, office, laundry  
 Marina view, 2 bed/ 1 1/2 bath, fully furnished, never rented, extra features.  
 MUST SEE FGS \$295,000  
 Marina view, 1 bed / 1 bath upstairs - good rental potential \$220,150 FGS  
 Marina view, 2 bed/ 2 bath and unit - fully furnished- storm shutters- good rental potential \$271,500 + 7.5% closing

### TREASURE LANDING

Unit #4 Upstairs 3 bed/2bath fully furnished, direct beach access. Good rental investment  
 EXC. \$514,250 FGS

### ROYAL PALM

Canal front condos with on site tennis and pool  
 2 bed / 2 bath lower unit marina view. Good rental income EXC \$526,350

2 bed/ 2 bath lower unit with marina view. 12 ft. boat slip with 12,000 lb. lift. Never rented.  
 EXC \$655,950 FGS

### TREASURE HOUSE

Ocean front luxury octagonal units with lagoon/ pool/waterfall. Good rental potential.

Unit #7 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home.  
 MLS \$545,000 + 7.5% closing

Unit #9 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home  
 \$500,000 + 7.5% closing

### BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Resale condos available in first completed project. Ready to go. Both units never rented but definite potential. MUST SEE PROPERTIES.

Downstairs unit 3 bed / 2 bath with den/ optional 4th bed. Completely and tastefully furnished with many extra features including garage and Ford Taurus \$1,002,000 FGS

### ATLANTIS

Canal Front Condos with on-site Pool  
 Bldg 4 Downstairs 2 bed / 2 bath, totally redone, 12' wide slip  
 EXC. \$468,000 FGS

### SAND DOLLAR

Unit #3 Ocean front, downstairs 2 bed/2 bath, fully furnished. \$640,000 FGS

### ROYAL POINCIANA

Ocean Front Condos with on site pool and tennis  
 3 bed / 3 bath upper unit, fully furnished, beach front, with good rental potential.  
 Priced to sell. \$865,000 + 7.5%

2 bed / 2 bath newly renovated, fully furnished end unit includes 2 garages for car and golf cart along with a jeep and a golf cart. Never rented. MUST SEE! Priced to sell \$695,000 + 7 1/2%

### SANDPIPER BEACH

"Lacey Daze" Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 1/2 bath, fully furnished, CBS home with panoramic ocean views and direct beach access from every room but one via decks and patios. The main house has living/ dining/ kitchen/ master bedroom suite, two guest bedrooms with bath, powder room, double garage and utility/workshop area. Included with its own entrance is a private king size 1 bedroom/ 1 bath apartment with an open living/ dining/ kitchen with its own deck. Many features.  
 MUST SEE. MLS \$1,990,000 + 7.5% Closing

### GALLEON BAY ESTATES

"Gramling House" newly built, 2 storey home located on Galleon Bay canal with a 45' dock. Upper level has 4 bed/ 2 bath. Open living/ dining/ kitchen. Lower level has 2 bed/ 1 bath, laundry room plus covered open boat/ car storage MUST SELL  
 VERY MOTIVATED SELLER EXC \$790,000

"Fish Tales" unique canal front 3 bed / 3 bath home on 2 full lots, 180' waterfront with 118' serviced dock, deep water, great for larger boat. MUST SEE! MLS\$1,725,000 + 7.5%

### OCEAN VILLA SUBDIVISION

Second row beach with direct ocean access. Great view. 2 bed / 2 bath, many special features. MUST SEE EXC. \$485,500 FGS

### LEEWARD BEACH ESTATES

"Trident"/"Turquoise Seas" You cannot be more "on the beach" than in this special home. Offering 3 bed / 3 1/2 bath in the main house with detached garage / bed / bath / attic plus storage. Vast deck oceanside with widow's walk. WOW!  
 MLS \$2,200,000 + 7.5% closing

"Cross Winds" Split level CBS home extra large lot across from 2 beach greenways. Private. Master bed/ bath suite upstairs. Lower level 2 bed / 2 bath, cozy living room/ kitchen/ dining/ utility. Apartment annex 1bed/ 1 bed, living kitchen, enclosed patio. Plus! Plus!  
 Plus! MLS \$820,000 + 7.5% closing

"Surf Shack" This CBS totally renovated two-storey luxury modern home is located on a large corner lot in the prestigious area of Lee ward Beach and Sunrise Point. Both levels include 4 bed / 3 1/2 bath plus above ground pool with wrap around deck. many, many more features, i.e. hurricane shutters and generator. "A definite must see!"  
 \$1,403,600 EXC

### WINDWARD BEACH ESTATES

"Dream Point" Special CBS split level home located on a corner lot near "The Point" with two choices of direct beach access. Upper level has master bedroom with ensuite bath plus two guest bedrooms and bath. On the split level there is the main entry into a large open living/dining area, modern well equipped kitchen. All rooms open onto a wrap-around partially covered deck overlooking the garden. Ground level has an extra large garage/ workshop with lots of storage.  
 EXC. \$996,300 FGS

### ROCK POINT

"Pilot House" special unique location with a commanding, enviable view of the Sea of Abaco. Water front home, 2 storey, CBS/ frame. Upstairs master and guest bed, 2 baths, large living/ dining/ open kitchen; lower level 1bed / 1 bath, 2 car garage plus 1 car/boat garage. MLS \$1,160,000 + 7.5% closing

Apartment four-plex, 2 storey CBS building, each level has 2 bedrooms with 2 bed, 1 bath, living/ dining/ kitchen. Great rental investment. MUST SEE! EXC. \$400,000 FGS

### VACANT LOTS AVAILABLE

- Ocean front properties Casuarina Beach/Ocean Blvd. Sand Piper Beach Sunrise Point Beginning at \$1,250,000 FGS
- Canal Front Beginning at \$350,000 FGS
- Rock Point Waterfront, bulkheaded Beginning at \$430,000 FGS
- Golf Course / Interior Beginning at \$60,000 FGS

### ABBREVIATION CODE

- EXC - Exclusive listing
- FGS - Full gross or all-inclusive price
- MLS - Multiple Listing
- List price plus buyer's closing

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# More School News

**School** *From Page 8*

the Educational Officer for the Office of Tourism, contacted three schools, St Francis de Sales, Agape Christian School and Abaco Central High School. Three students from Agape Christian School, three students from St Francis de Sales and two students from Abaco Central were chosen to take part in the first step in October 2007. They were given the choice of two topics for their essay: Health and Well-ness Tourism or The Caribbean Inter-Regional Tourism Market. Among them was tenth grader Marcus Sands, an Interact Club member at St Francis de Sales.

In early November, Marcus Sands re-

ceived a letter stating that he had been accepted to participate in the next elimination process and he was off to Nassau for the interview which would leave 20 students allowed to take part in the speech competition. Marcus was one of them. Before the end of November 2007, he was the Junior Minister for Abaco.

The Junior Minister's new duties included the welcome speech and reading the message from the Minister of Tourism at the opening ceremony of the Christmas Festival held in Marsh Harbour. He represented Abaco at a student conference held at St Andrews Methodist Church and hosted a People to People party at Mangoes in February for boaters and second homeowners.

As a continuation to his appointment, Marcus spent three weeks in a paid summer training program at the Tourism of-

fice under the supervision of Director Don

*Please see **School** Page 11*



Students attending Abaco Central High School are checked at the gate by a police officer and a security guard. All bags are examined before they are allowed on the school grounds. Ms. Vanessa James is pleased that the results of the national examinations last spring showed an improvement compared to last school year.



In a review of the problems at Central Abaco Primary School, William Johnson, resident engineer with the Ministry of Works, left, is examining the area where standing water keeps grass from growing. Showing him around are Assistant Principal Beatrice Moxey and Senior Master Leroy Thompson.

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### Marsh Harbour Area

- MLS # 1101 Regattas of Abaco 2/2 Condo's 4 to choose from \$315,000.00
- MLS # 1003 Lookout House Eastern Shores Waterfront \$1,395,000.00
- MLS # 1005 Royal Harbour Lot 26 \$299,000.00
- MLS #1006 Sunrise Bay Subdivision Lot 31 Includes Dock Slip \$310,000.00
- MLS #1067 Pelican Shores Waterfront Property with Dock \$1,225,000.00
- MLS #1115 Great Abaco Club Luxury Canal Pool House \$1,995,000.00

### North Abaco

- MLS #1102 Leisure Lee Several Interior Lots from \$34,800.00
- MLS #1193 Leisure Lee Lot 35 Waterfront \$129,000.00 "NEW PRICE"
- MLS #1100 Joe's Creek **UNDER CONTRACT** \$43,000.00
- MLS New Sand Banks Creek Several Interior Lots from \$23,000.00
- NEW MLS #1220 Red Rock Point 15 min. N. of Marsh Harbour 42 acres, 1000' +/- feet waterfront \$2,150,000

### South Abaco

- MLS #1008 Long Beach Lots 316 & 418 \$50,000.00 each
- MLS #1008 Long Beach Lots 413 & 414 \$89,000.00 each
- MLS #1008 Long Beach Lots 412 \$83,000.00
- MLS #1012 Bahama Palm Shores Several Lots from \$30,000.00

### The Cays

- MLS #1062 Guana Cay Interior Lot / Great Views \$129,000.00
- MLS #1150 Guana Cay Dolphin Beach Estates Lots 93A & 92B \$179,000.00 each "NEW PRICE"
- MLS #1102 Guana Cay Sea of Abaco Waterfront \$399,000.00
- MLS #1149 Guana Cay 1 Acre Atlantic Beach \$369,000.00
- MLS #1097 Guana Cay Sea of Abaco Estate Property \$895,000.00
- MLS #1103 Guana Cay Coconut Tyme Great Rental \$590,000.00
- MLS #1063 Guana Cay Estate Waterfront Home \$1,995,000.00
- MLS #1064 Guana Cay Sea Shore Villas & Harbour View Haven \$3,500,000.00
- MLS #1066 Lubber's Abaco Ocean Club 2 Interior Lots \$99,000.00 each

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# More School News

**School** *From Page 10*

Cornish. During his stay he worked in all the departments inviting people to meet-

ings, planning meetings, doing press releases and taking minutes of the meetings he had arranged as well as working at the reception desk.



Nasasha Bootle won \$500 for her third place finish in Water and Sewerage's Water Is Life essay competition held in Nassau in May 2007. She will be entering Forest Heights 12th grade in September, having maintained a 4.0 grade average for the past two years. She hopes to continue her education leading to a degree in medicine. Presenting her prize on July 17 in the Marsh Harbour office is Mr. Keith Thompson, Abaco Manager of Water and Sewerage.

"I enjoyed my position," said the young man. "I learnt a lot and I am now pressing more towards career goals. I would like to be engaged in the tourism market and eventually develop my own resort." Marcus' vision of the ideal resort is an idyllic place, laid-back and environment-friendly where people would come to get away from the stresses of modern life, to relax and enjoy the surrounding beauty of our island. Marcus will return to St Francis de Sales in September as an

eleventh grade student, but will continue a relationship with the Office of Tourism throughout the next school year.

Ms. Millie Dawkins is in the process of organizing the next Junior Minister of Tourism competition that will take place in early fall, contacting every high school in the area. She is hoping that a fair number of students will be ready to participate. The criteria and qualification process will remain the same.

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## Graham Real Estate This Week



**Turtle Cove Development - Abaco**  
Ref #: 3692  
Price: \$71,000 to \$95,000  
Agent: June Russell

8 single family sea view lots remaining. Located 12 miles North of Marsh Harbour and 3 miles South of Treasure Cay. Small boat basin with dock for owners. Reserve your lot TODAY!

**Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club**  
Ref #: 3887  
Price: \$2,950,000  
Agent: June Russell



Baker's Bay offers 100ft of ocean direct oceanfront and is 20ft above sea-level. Breathtaking views of the Great barrier reef just outside your back door! Living area is 35,365 sq. ft.



**Pelican Shores - Marsh Harbour**  
Ref #: 4501  
Price: \$795,000  
Agent: June Russell

This vacant lot has recently been cleared and landscaped and is ready for development. The property includes 60ft of protected dockage in a small canal. Excellent Investment! Lot size is approx 33,000 sq. ft.

**Southern Breeze - Lubbers Quarters**  
Ref #: 3502  
Price: \$625,000  
Agent: Patti Love



Overlooking the Sea of Abaco, this charming 3 bed/3 bath cottage on the island of Lubbers offers the island life you've been searching for.



**Casa Jewel - Turtle Rocks**  
Ref #: 3518  
Price: \$699,000  
Agent: June Russell

Custom built 3 bed / 2.5 bath home located in the Turtle Rocks just North of Marsh Harbour. Comes equipped with a swimming pool and there is always a way to a private beach. Living area is 2,936 sq.ft.

**Vacant Land Available**

- Ref# 3970 - Lubbers Quarters - Ocean View lots starting at \$70,000 - Contact Patti Love
- Ref# 4123 - Dorros Cove, Elbow Cay - Vacant lot with dock slip. \$375,000 - Contact June Russell

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### LITTLE HARBOUR ON THE SEA OF ABACO

Fabulous 2.46 acre private estate with beach. Located at the entrance to beautiful Little Harbour, this property features unparalleled views including the Sea of Abaco and Atlantic Ocean. Three pods connected with verandahs, comprise over 3,500 square feet of living space. Vaulted ceilings with copulas. Six bedrooms, four baths, laundry room, storage, garage, and backup generator systems. Landscaped beautifully with tropical hibiscus, bougainvillea, silver buttonwood, coconut palms among others. Located in secluded gated community. **If you like going green, there is enough solar power to run this home without the use of the generators. The reverse osmosis system is rarely used due to the massive rain water tanks.**

#13563

Price: \$4,700,000



### LITTLE HARBOUR

3 bed, 2 bath harbour view home. Spectacular 360 degree views of Little Harbour & Sea of Abaco. Private dock & harbour mooring.

#13494

Price: \$640,000



### LITTLE HARBOUR BEACHFRONT

This offering includes 14+ acres of property situated on Bookies Bay with 335' of sandy beach frontage. Just 1/3 of a mile north of the prestigious Abaco Club at Winding Bay. Perched upon the hilltop (elevations of 60') this cottage enjoys unparalleled views of the Atlantic Ocean from the covered porch. One bedroom, 1 bath cottage plus additional guest house with bath. The gardens are filled with beautiful tropical plants and surround the home with flowers. Privacy and seclusion in your own piece of beachfront paradise.

#13515

Price: \$4,250,000



### LITTLE HARBOUR

Just under one acre of direct ocean front property. Fantastic Atlantic Ocean views. Power available. Good elevations. Cleared & ready to build.

#13604

Price: \$330,000



BELOW APPRAISED VALUE

### CASUARINA POINT

Comfortable 2 bed, 2 bath with views of the Atlantic and beach access just steps away. Nice waterfront community that has all of the essential services.

#13596

Price: \$200,000



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### CASUARINA POINT

Nice 4 bed, 4 bath furnished home on gorgeous beachfront with views of Atlantic. Generator, cable, phone, fenced, deck, turnkey.

#2818

Price: \$530,000



NEW LISTING

### CASUARINA POINT

Beachfront home, 2 story, 3 bed, 2 bath, furnished, master suite with sauna & jacuzzi, workshop, landscaped, bonefishing, deep sea fishing

#13877

Price: \$900,000



NEW LISTING

### CASUARINA POINT

2 bed, 2 bath cottage, fully furnished. Built in 2008. Great views, beach access. All utilities, cable, etc. Turnkey.

#13821

Price: \$350,000



### BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Lovely well maintained CBS home featuring 3 bed, 2 bath on corner lot 90x150. Enclosed & landscaped property with secluded garden.

#2837

Price: \$350,000



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### BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Fabulous 3 bed, 3 bath, beachfront home with garage. Open concept beach side living on spectacular Atlantic Ocean lot.

#13552

Price: \$580,000



### BAHAMA PALM SHORES

1 & 2 acre estate beachfront lots in sea side community. Good elevations, gorgeous Atlantic Ocean views.

#13544

Price: \$295,000



### LEISURE LEE

Lot 164 on Palm Drive. Cleared and ready to build.

#13891

Price: \$249,000



NEW LISTING

### LITTLE HARBOUR

Two plus acres with 135 ft. of direct water frontage on Little Harbour. Private, gated access.

#13827

Price: 495,000

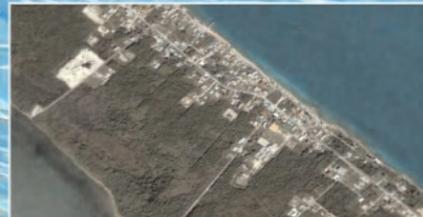


### MURPHY TOWN

Very nice 2 bed, 2 bath home with open concept living, sits on 1.75 acres. Can be subdivided. Great investment opportunity.

#13475

Price: \$305,000

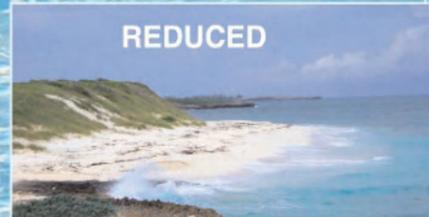


### COOPERS TOWN

Opportunity awaits! 40 acres of untouched property with nice coppice growth. Hilltop and waterfront ideal for residential development.

#13558

Price: \$490,000



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### WATCHING BAY

8+/- acres of beachfront 90' elevations with 35' dunes. Fabulous views of Atlantic and Cherokee Sound. 3 miles to The Abaco Club. Can be sub-divided.

#13482

Price: \$1,980,000

Bahama Coral Island Interior lots available	Starting at: \$ 23,000	*Turtle Rocks Waterfront, 2.5+/- acres	\$495,000
Casuarina Point Interior lot	\$ 60,000	*Treasure Cay Elevated lot, near beach, golfing, fishing and boating	\$ 90,000
Elbow Cay Newly constructed 3 bed, 2 bath hilltop home. Dock slip	\$925,000	*Treasure Cay Lot 100+/-ft. of waterfront with southeast exposure	\$350,000
Hope Town Comfortable 2 bed, 1 bath Bahamian style home	\$260,000	*Green Turtle Cay 1.5 acres on gorgeous ocean beach, 135' frontage	\$665,000
Little Harbour Interior, 1.34 acres, 60' elevations, ocean views	\$330,000	*Long Beach Homes and Lots	Starting at: \$ 30,000
Bahama Palm Shores Large selection of interior lots	Starting at: \$ 30,000	*Casuarina Point Long term RENTAL - 2 bed/1 bath and 1 bed/1 bath	



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**Elbow Cay Hope Town**  
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Bath  
- 2,200 s.f. Residence  
- 1,000 s.f. Porches & Decks  
- Boat House & Private Dock on the Harbour  
- Fabulous Harbour Views  
- Great Rental History  
#METH1104 - \$1,150,000.



**Prince's Trust**  
- 12.5 Acre Estate  
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath  
- 1,760 s.f. Residence  
- Covered & Open Decks  
- 593' of Ocean Beach  
- 664' on Sea of Abaco  
- Fabulous Ocean Views  
- Private Boat Basin  
#GGH1096 - \$8,995,000.



**Watch Hill**  
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths  
- 1,686 s.f. Residence  
- 725 s.f. Open Decks  
- 80' of Prime Beachfront  
- Over 1/4 Acre  
- Superb Ocean Views  
- Semi-private Dock  
- 30 KW Aux. Generator  
- Great Rental History  
#GGH1075 - \$1,380,000.

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**Art Cafe**  
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- Best Location in town.  
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- Commercial Grade Kitchen  
- Land - 96' x 84' - 8,064 s.f.  
- Great Restaurant or Retail  
#GGH1109 - \$1,200,000.



**Beach House**  
- Great Guana Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Baths.  
- 768 s.f. Residence  
- 336 s.f. Open Deck  
- Central Air  
- Beachfront  
- Central, Convenient Location  
- Fabulous Ocean Views  
- Fully Furnished  
#GGH1108 - \$699,000.



**Junkanoo Splash**  
- Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates  
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.  
- 1,150 s.f. Residence  
- 760 s.f. Covered Porch  
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath  
- 490 s.f. Apartment  
- Workshop  
- Great Views  
- Near Settlement  
#GGH1015 - \$550,000.



**Garden Walk**  
- Great Guana Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.  
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- 848 s.f. Covered Decks  
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- 12 KW Aux. Generator  
- Income Producing  
- Ocean View  
#GGH1105 - \$491,000.

**MAN-O-WAR CAY**

- **"HARBOUR LIGHT"** - Dickie's Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,560 s.f. Residence - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest house - 1.824 Acres - Entire S.E. - Point of Dickie's Cay - Private Dock. Auxiliary Generator - Superb Views - Furnished. #MWH1099 - **\$2,200,000.**
- **"VIKING"** - Dickie's Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. #MWH1001 - **\$1,995,000.**
- **"FRESH WIND LANDING"** - Dickie's Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths - 2,460 s.f. Residence - 1,400 s.f. Porches-Decks - 1 Bed, 1 bath Shore Box - 7,500 s.f. Land - Private 93' Dock - 40 KW Aux. Generator - Superb Harbour Views - #MWH1107 - **\$1,200,000.**
- **"SCHOONER'S LANDING"** - Five Oceanfront Condominiums - Three - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - Two - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath with Bunkroom. - Central A/C - Fully Furnished Equipped - Fresh Water Pool On-Island Management - Great Rental Property. #MWH1069 - 73 - from: **\$395,000 to \$455,000.**



**Sonn Light**  
- Green Turtle Cay  
- 5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths  
- 4,977 s.f. Residence  
- 3.5 Acres - Sea-to-Sea  
- 130' Ocean Beachfront  
- 200' on Coco Bay  
- Private Dock on Coco Bay  
- 15KW Aux. Gen.  
- 600 GPD - Watermaker  
#GTH1097 - Four Possible Sale Options - From: **\$848,000** - for 1 acre w/bock lic. on Coco Bay. to **\$3,490,000** for entire Estate



**Fast Bites**  
- Green Turtle Cay  
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
- 1,455 sq. ft. Luxury Villa  
- Covered Screened Porches  
- Land - 7,554 sq. ft.  
- Deeded Dock - Boat Lift  
- Golf Cart Garage  
- Complete Renovation 2007  
- Tastefully Decorated  
- Auxiliary Generator  
- No Expense Spared  
GTH1098 - **\$995,000.**

**SCOTLAND CAY**

- **"SUMMER CAMP"** - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,300 s.f. Residence - 300' of Ocean Beach - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest House - "Playhouse" with Bar - Covered & Open Decks - Fabulous Ocean Views #SCH1094 - **\$2,140,000**
- **"BLESSING HOUSE"** - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1600 s.f. of residence - 785 s.f. wrap around porch - 23,938 s.f. - .549 Acre land - 180 degree views - 250' to the Atlantic Beach - 240 s.f. garage - 28,000 gallon cistern - Fully furnished - Runway & Dock access - #SCH1093 - **\$895,000.**



**Coconut Grove Cottage**  
- Man-O-War Cay Eastern Harbour  
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths  
- 1,030 s.f. Residence - 1,290 s.f. Covered Deck  
- 0.877 Acres  
- 82' Ocean Frontage  
- Semi-Private Dock.,  
- Superb Ocean Views  
#MWH1076 - \$1,550,000.



**Bonnie Dune**  
- Man-O-War Cay  
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.  
- 660 s.f. Residence.  
- 240 s.f. Studio  
- Dock House  
- Land - Sea-to-Sea  
- 36,775 s.f. - 8442 Acre  
- 100' Ocean Beach Front  
- Private Dock On Creek  
- Fabulous Views  
#MWH1018 - **\$1,250,000.**

**TILLOO CAY**

- **"BOUNTIFULLY BLESSED"** - 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath - 800 s.f. residence - 3.75 Acre, sea to sea - 109' of frontage - on Sea of Abaco - 106' on Atlantic - Boat basin with lift - 170' of dock - Swimming Pool - Approved plans for 3/2 New England Style cottage #TLH1086 - **\$1,595,000.**



**Simsplash**  
- Man-O-War Cay  
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- 1,921 s.f. Residence.  
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- 1.189 Acres  
- Beautifully Landscaped  
- Semi-Private Dock  
- Fabulous Views  
#MWH1019 - **\$1,165,000.**



**Buttonwood**  
- Man-O-War Cay - Settlement  
- 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.  
- 1,240 s.f. Residence.  
- 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f.  
- Hillside for great Ocean Views.  
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- Fully Furnished & Equipped.  
#MWH1020 - **\$592,500.**

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- Man-O-War Cay - Settlement  
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#MWH1024 - **\$525,000.**



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- Boat Slip.  
#MWH1084 - **\$2,700,000.**

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**GREAT GUANA CAY**

- **"BLUE LAGOON"** - Parcel # 45 - Orchid Bay - 43,480 s.f. - 0.9982 Acre - 190.88' on Sea of Abaco frontage - prime building site - +/- 15' elevations - Orchid Bay amenities - Allows for private deeded dock - mature trees. #GGV1087 - **\$940,000.**
- **"112-112A"** - Fabulous waterfront building site - Two parcels containing a total of 69,197 s.f. - 1.588 Acres - 241' of Sea of Abaco Frontage - great elevations to 42' above sea level #GGV1112 - **NEW LISTING \$850,000.**
- **"AERIE"** - Parcel # 58 - Orchid Bay - 174,775 s.f. - 4.012 Acres - Orchid Bay amenities. - One of the Highest Points in Orchid Bay - Fabulous Panoramic Views. #GGV1077 - **\$850,000.**
- **"CLAIRE'S BEACH"** - Beachfront Building Site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' Beach Frontage - Dock Access - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - Lush Vegetation, #GGV1006 - **\$790,000.**
- **"SECRET BEACH"** - 16,500 s.f. - over 1/3 Acre - 100' of Ocean shoreline - Over 200' of depth - Prime Ocean-front building site - Good elevations - Deeded dock access. #GGV1092 - **\$375,000.**
- **"CAPTAIN'S COVE"** - 6,653 s.f. - 0.152 Acre - 45.47' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime building site - can carry a private dock - 180 degree views - underground electric and paved road. #GGV1091 - **\$375,000.**
- **"Cottage Parcel # 10"** - Orchid Bay - 14,574 s.f. - 0.3346 Acre - 82.20' on the Sea of Abaco - Great Views - Orchid Bay amenities. #GGV1077 - **NEW LISTING \$366,000.**

**GREEN TURTLE CAY**

- **"CONCHED OUT"** - offered in 1 to 4 prime sites - 100' - 460' of water frontage - Atlantic Beach and Sea of Abaco frontage available - 10' - 32' elevations - 360° views - Very private Area #GTV1008 - **\$546,000. - \$3,000,000.**
- **"PLAYING HOOKY"** - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime Building Site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public Dock Access - Beach Access - 50' from Coco Bay Beach. #GTV1080 - **\$625,000.**
- **"COCO BAY VIEW"** - 32,690 s.f. - 0.7567 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 - **\$291,000.**
- **"COCO BAY BREEZE"** - 19,558 s.f. - 0.4490 Acre - Prime Building Site - Dock Access - Beach Access, #GTV1007 - **\$167,500.**
- **"CASUARINA"** - 8,126 s.f. - 0.1865 Acre - Corner lot - Prime building site - Central location - Short walk to Bita Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore #GTV1074 - **\$112,500.**

**LYNYARD CAY**

- **"LYNYARD PALMS"** - 42,906 s.f. - 0.985 Acre - +/- 134' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime Building Site - Build private dock - Well established Coconut trees - Views of Sea of Abaco and Atlantic Ocean. #LCV1090 - **\$274,000.**

**MAN-O-WAR CAY**

- **"GRAND BOIS"** - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWW1081 - **\$695,000.**

**MAN-O-WAR CAY**

- **"SUMMERPLACE"** - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Sewall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWW1082 - **\$395,000.**

**MARSH HARBOUR**

- **GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 6A and # 7A** - # 6A - 9,243 sq.ft. - # 7A - 13,845 sq.ft. - Private Dockage - Great Sea of Abaco Views. # 6A - #MHV1102 **\$970,000.** # 7A - #MHV1103 **\$1,455,000.** # 6A & # 7A - **\$2,182,000.**
- **GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 48 and # 49** - # 48 - 7,548 sq.ft. - # 49 - 7,117 sq.ft. - 50' of Boat Basin Frontage. - Semi-Private Docks - Ridge Parcels - Good Elevation. # 48 - #MHV1100 **\$667,000.** - # 49 - #MHV1101 **\$667,000.**

**SAND BANKS**

- **"Sand Banks Creek - # 2"** - 47,524 s.f. - 1.091 Acres. 108' of frontage on Sand Banks Creek, 540' in Depth. 80' on S.C. Boothe Highway - #ACV1113 - **NEW LISTING - \$108,000**

**SCOTLAND CAY**

- **"141 Hillside Developer Parcels"** - Over 1/2 Acre with beach access. Aircraft Landing Rights and Boat Slips available **NEW LISTING** - Priced from: **\$170,000 - \$438,000**
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**Central Abaco District Council 28 Aug**

The meeting began with allegations made by members that sums in the neighbourhood of \$40,000 were misappropriated by each of the last two councils. Specific information was not given although the topic was not readily dismissed.

Members wanted assurances that no monies were left owing by the last Council to be paid by funds from this Council's budget. It was intimated that a substantial sum may be still due to Abaco Hardware from hurricane preparations four or five years ago.

Extensive discussions centered over the amount owed Three D's Signs for traffic and township signs being erected throughout the townships. Although the work was authorized by the last Council, the fabrication, installation and payment for work completed in July are this Council's responsibility. It was said that the last Council did not commit beyond their term of office. Although the work is on-going, it was brought out that the present Council has the option of cancelling the work which is being paid for as the signs are delivered and erected.

It was decided to invite the owner of Three D's Signs to the next Council meeting to clarify the status of the work and the estimated funding required. It was believed that the figure of \$120,000 was given to the previous Council as the amount for the completed signs in the four towns.

Questions arose over a short section of fencing erected at the preferred parking

area at the airport but which was subsequently removed. It was installed in an attempt to resolve parking and traffic issues in that area. Administrator Cephas Cooper said it was paid for from the discretionary funds available to the South Abaco Member of Parliament.

Councillors noted that a police presence at the airport, as required, would have avoided the need for the fence. While discussing the airport, it was noted that fill was donated by Bahama Hot Mix and was graded free by Big Cat Equipment. This filled a frequent mud-hole immediately west of the terminal.

On another topic, Councillor Mike Malone gave a short summary of the management requirements expected of the contractor selected for the new solid waste landfill. These are the minimum requirements taken from the ten pages of the tender documents devoted to the site management and subject to change. [This is not a comprehensive list.]

- A \$50,000 bond and adequate insurance is required.
- The contractor must be competent in managing this operation.
- The government chipper must be properly maintained.
- The incoming refuse must be pushed three times per week.
- The leachate must be managed and distributed properly.
- The entire area including the approach road must be kept clean.
- The hours open to the public are 6 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday mornings. Mr. Malone felt that the schedule should accommodate the public on a seven-day basis.

# Local Government at work

- Separate areas are to be maintained for items either too bulky for the main cell or which may have recycling potential: tires, batteries, major household appliances, junk vehicles, etc.

- A representative must be appointed by Council to oversee the operation. It was suggested that Abaco's newly appointed District Engineer, Mr. John Schaeffer, be Council's representative.

- The contract will be for a three-year period. When fully operational, the site is expected to accept all of Abaco's trash and refuse.

Councillor Ross Thompson then gave statistics found in the tender documents which implied that the contractor could expect about 100 cubic yards or 39 tons each week. He expressed surprise that the four-year projection gave no allowance for increased volume to parallel Abaco's growth.

Furthermore, he had researched the amount of trash presently generated by Central Abaco. Since 90 percent of Central Abaco's refuse is moved in 30 cubic yard containers, it was fairly easy to determine the volume that the site will get from this area alone. The refuse from South Abaco and North Abaco must be added to these figures.

In round numbers the present weekly amount in cubic yards and origin is:

300	Hope Town
180	Man-O-War

360	Guana Cay
30	Matt Lowe's Cay
750	Bahama Waste
450	E & D Waste
150 (Est)	Murphy & Dundas Towns
300	Marsh Harbour
210	Abaco Club, Winding Bay
2730	Estimated weekly total

Even allowing for inaccuracies in determining this figure, it was obvious to Mr. Thompson that the figures given in the tender are grossly understated. He said that the three cays alone now send 780 cubic yards of refuse each week.

It was noted that these figures would not materially impact the operation of the facility other than the cell may fill sooner than expected. However, prospective contractors must be made aware of the anticipated volume.

Mr. Thompson noted that the cell will be 30 feet high when filled, fully compacted and covered. His information indicated that a D8 tractor compacts two cubic yards of typical trash to approximately one yard.

In view of the magnitude of the landfill operation, further discussion was put off until the next Council meeting when a representative from Environmental Health from Nassau is expected to be present.

Councillors were then shown a petition with 91 signatures asking that the solid waste landfill be opened as soon as possible.

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## TIPS OF THE MONTH

B.E.C. takes this opportunity to give you these valuable conservation tips to help reduce your electric bill.

You may be surprised to learn that the water heater is a large user of energy in most homes. In fact, the average household spends about \$45 per month at our current rates to heat water. And larger families spend even more. However, there are a number of things you can do to conserve energy and trim your water heating costs

Use less hot water. Using less water provides your biggest opportunity for savings

Adjust the temperature on your water heater. Lower the hot water thermostat to 120 degrees to save energy and reduce the risk of scalding.

Know when to turn off your water heater. Only turn it off when you will be away for an extended period of time (i.e., a weekend or longer). Using a timer or turning off the water heater between daily uses only saves about \$6 per month

The average life of a standard electric water heater is about 10 years. If you're in the market for a new one, consider a high efficiency water heater. This may cost more to purchase, but actually saves you money over time because they use less electricity to operate.

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# Local Government at work



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Moving on, the Chief Councillor had been allowed \$150 toward his monthly cell phone expense. However, he discovered that the monthly bill is closer to \$300. Council will consider raising his phone allowance at the next meeting.

Councillors reviewed an invoice from Shoreline Construction for \$15,000 related to improvements at the Marsh Harbour airport terminal. Work there began as a partnership between Council and the business community. Apparently, the first improvements were so dramatic that additional work was requested bit-by-bit without following the normal protocol of requesting bids. Since no contracts or letters of authorization were noted, the contractor will be invited to attend the next Council meeting. The role and amount of community funding will be looked into.

Councillor Cay Mills had several topics to bring to Council's attention. He was upset that of the \$100,000 allocated to each Member of Parliament for discretionary capital improvement within their respective districts, the North Abaco representative did not give any benefit to Dundas Town.

Additionally, he was upset that contracts issued by Council were vague as to work requested, poorly defined as to dates of service requested and were given poor oversight as to contract performance.

Mr. Mills asked why additional staff for the Council office had been authorized much earlier but why the position still remains vacant?

He felt that the Administrator had disre-

spected him as he had not been notified of the Prime Minister's recent visit related to a new port north of Cooper's Town.

Mr. Mills left the meeting after making the above statements.

Due to the impending visit by the Minister of Education, \$600 was paid to have a the school yard cleaned at Abaco Central High School. However, several Councillors noted that an employee is paid monthly for this work, and Councilors wondered why it was necessary to hire another person if the work was being done regularly through the summer. This will be investigated.

On a separate note, Administrator Cooper stated that he will not issue payment until satisfactory work is verified by an appropriate Council member.

A letter was circulated to Council members from the Abaco Public Conservancy group which asked that Snake Cay be reserved for the people of Abaco as a community park or other public entity. The letter asked for a public meeting moderated by Central Government with the developer making their presentation and being available to answer questions from the public. It was noted that government extended this courtesy for the 4.5 acres of private Pascoe land on Pelican Shores, which a foreign developer wanted to buy for a condominium project.

Council's last meeting authorized a letter in support of the Snake Cay project to be sent to the Prime Minister. The letter was sent in support of Snake Cay to be used singularly without reference to Tuggy's Cay or Bunk's Cay. The letter made no reference to the solid-waste landfill on the Snake Cay road. Marsh Harbour Council members had asked that their names be

omitted from the letter.

A letter was read from the Principal of Abaco Central High School asking for help

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Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources  
Department of Agriculture

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Director of Agriculture  
15th September 2008

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# Local Government at work

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in purchasing landscaping tools.

Before adjourning, portfolios were assigned Council members as follows:

- Schools Danny Sawyer
- Clinic Cubel Davis
- Airport Faron Newbold
- Port Ross Thompson
- Roads & Works Renaldo Curry
- Solid waste landfill Mike Malone
- Police & Public utilities - George Cornish

These are areas in which Council members are expected to take a personal interest and communicate with their counterpart in these agencies to establish a working relationships between the agencies and Council.

Administrator Cooper announced that a working seminar will be held on September 18 for all of Abaco's Local Government representatives.

The Council meeting lasted from 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

## Town Planning

1 Sept 2008

Newly appointed Chairman Marcus Bethel began his term by asking members to work toward the orderly development of the greater Marsh Harbour area with particular attention to parking, setbacks and

building appearances. He would like the Town Planning Board to leave its mark as fostering orderly growth.

It was said that there is no need to make hasty decisions. Submitted plans can be delayed if more information is needed or if there are questions that the submitted material does not explain. It was stated by District Engineer John Schaeffer that small sites in particular must be looked at carefully to ensure that all the facilities and improvements shown on the plans are acceptable and workable.

Concerns noted by Board members over the plans being reviewed related to a lack of any coherent zoning, leaving them to judge what might be appropriate or inappropriate for a given neighbourhood.

Questions constantly arose over setbacks and appropriate firewalls in duplexes.

Twenty building permit applications totaling nearly \$7.5 million in finished value were on hand for review as follows:

- 17 of a residential nature including a condominium project
- 1 rebuilding of Sapodilly's Restaurant and Bar
- 1 small shopping plaza on Don MacKay Boulevard
- 1 Maxwell's Supermarket, 60,000 square feet

## Dundas Town Committee

Sept 2nd

By Samantha V. Evans

The Dundas Town Township Committee met for their monthly meeting to discuss

the way forward for the advancement of their community. The following contracts for awarded for the new fiscal year: Denzil Pinder was awarded the contract to clean 23 side streets, Lennis Cornish was awarded the contract to clean the back and front streets, and Anitra Cornish was awarded the contract for the cleaning of the bathrooms at Ocean View Park.

The Committee members were informed by the chairman, Mr. Cay Mills, that this will be the last meeting that Mrs. Margaret Symonette, Assistant Administrator, will be attending as she has been reassigned to a post in Crooked Island that she begins in October. Mrs. Symonette will be leaving Abaco on September 12.

Chairman Mills would like the Committee members to be more visible in the community so that the persons who elected them can see them at work. He explained that he would like them to meet with the various ministers of government when they come into town but so far this has not been done. This also includes their having a meeting with the Prime Minister, their Member of Parliament, but this, too, has

not happened as yet.

Mrs. Symonette encouraged them to not depend on lip service to get them what they want but to put all of their requests in writing to the appropriate minister so that he will know that they have a need or are requesting an audience with him. The Committee secretary, Talana Newbold, took note of this as she was instructed by Mr. Mills to prepare letters right away. Mr. Mills explained that he believes that it is important that they meet with the Prime Minister so that they can share their plans for the community with him along with their concerns and needs and do a walk-about through the community.

The Committee discussed some of their immediate concerns including the insecurity of the play set at Brown's Bay. It is presently unsafe for the children to use so it was suggested that steps be taken to secure it by bolting it into the ground. Since Wanda McIntosh has been placed in charge of parks, she will spearhead this project. Committee member Maggie Cornish ex-

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pressed her concern about the procedure for using the park and play ground for functions and Mrs. Symonette explained that permission should be granted before any function is held at any site in the community. A fee will be charged to secure the function at the requested site. However, residents can be assured that the fee will be returned once the area is left clean after the event. Lighting at Brown's Bay will be requested so that residents can feel safe sitting out there during the evening hours.

Chairman Mills expressed his concerns about the lack of sufficient drains in Dundas Town. He stated that this is a request that he made some time ago when he was in office previously and to date nothing has been done. He sees this as a matter of urgency since many parts of Dundas Town are prone to flooding during hurricane season and periods of excessive rain. He informed the members of the plans of the Disaster Preparation Committee which has identified the shelters. They will be opened on Thursday prior to the passing of Tropical Storm Hanna. He plans to take Wednesday off to help BEC cut down dangerous trees throughout Dundas Town, and he encouraged the members who will be available to join him. He asked them to identify residents who have large trees or limbs hanging in their yard that they can

cut down.

Chairman Mills told the Committee that the seawall for Ocean View Park and the docks for Dundas Town are priority as persons with boats in the community have no place to secure them. He stated that the seawalls in Dundas Town are eroding and need to be addressed right away. Since Dundas Town has more beach front property than any other community, he does not see why they cannot get the needed docks in their community.

The committee will plan a Town Meeting to address the residents and keep them informed of the projects they are working on in the community.

Mr. Mills has a concern about non-Abaco residents purchasing property in the new lots in Central Pines which makes it difficult for residents who want to move into the new areas to do so. He would like to find out how many residents are interested in applying for property in the new subdivision so that he can submit those names to the appropriate parties for consideration.

The Committee discussed the budget, realizing that they do not yet have sufficient funds to accomplish a lot of projects. Since much of the work planned by the former committee has been downsized, this Committee has been left with some money to hold in reserve for hurricane emergencies and other small projects.

The Committee members have not yet been given their posts of responsibility,

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# The Rotary Club honours three

By Jennifer Hudson

During its 2007/2008 year the Rotary Club of Abaco awarded three Paul Harris Awards to Immediate Past President Bryan Thompson, Mrs. Yvonne Key and Mr. Randy Key.

On July 22 the Rotary Club of Abaco made the Paul Harris Award presentations to Yvonne Key and Randy Key. Mrs. Key was recognized by the club for her untiring community work in Marsh Harbour. Mrs. Key has made contributions to many community initiatives such as the Memorial Garden, the Marsh Harbour Community Center and Library, the Volunteer Fire Department, local cleanups and many others.

Mr. Key was recognized by the club and Rotarian Jo-Ann Bradley for his beautification of Marsh Harbour and many contributions he has made to various charitable

causes over the years.

The Rotary Club of Abaco has awarded 31 of these awards over its 30 years of existence. Awards have been given to both Rotarians and Abaco community activists.

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Three persons were honoured by the Rotary Club of Abaco with Paul Harris Awards for their community service. One was a Rotarian, Mr. Bryan Thompson, a past president of the Rotary Club of Abaco. The other two were persons who have donated much time, effort and money to make their community, Marsh Harbour, a better place, Mrs. Yvonne Key and Mr. Randy Key. Shown here is Mr. Mike Malone, current president of the club; Mr. Thompson; Mr. Key; Mrs. Key; and Rotarian Don Cornish.

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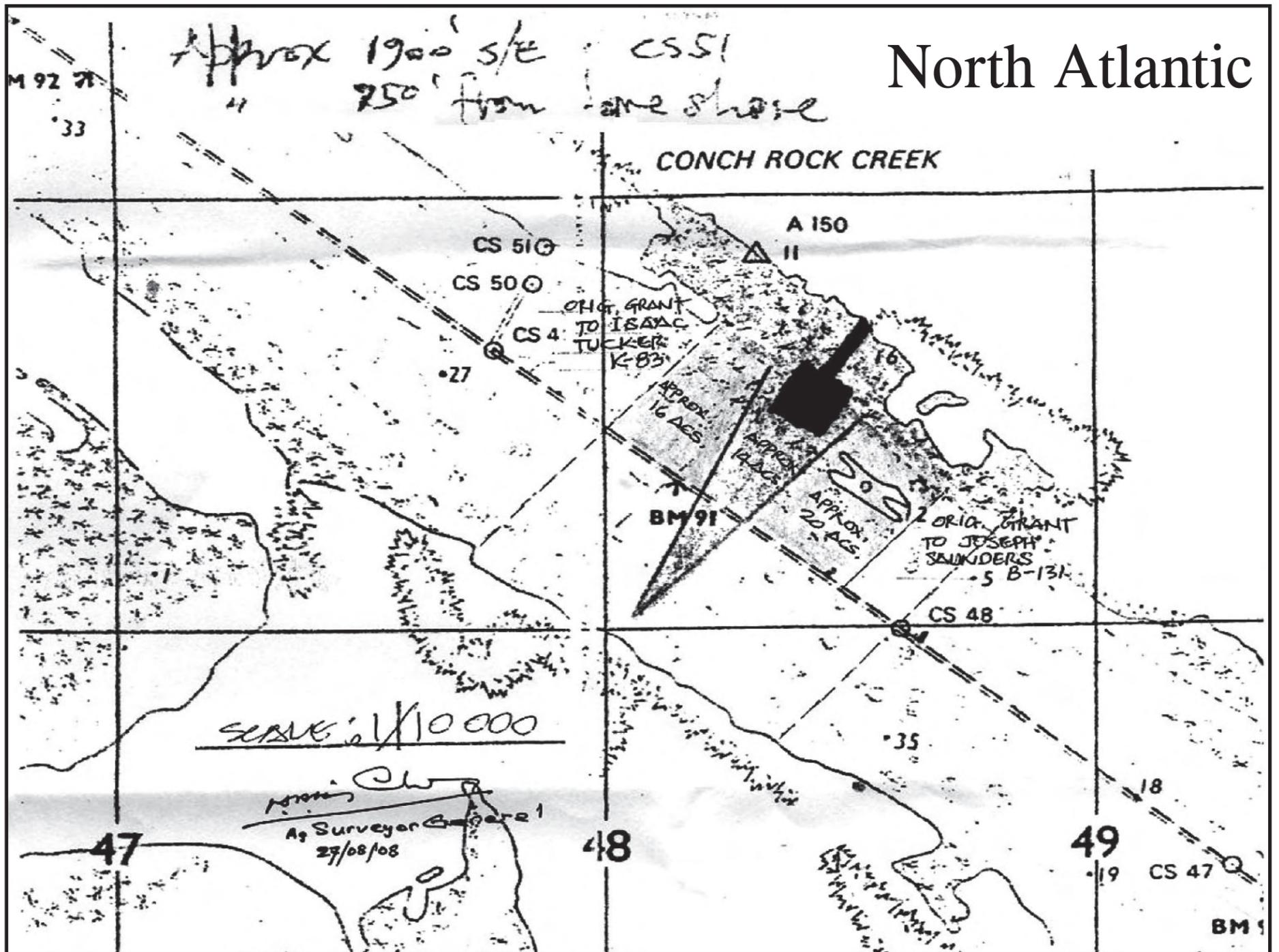
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**EPA**

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crative market, the European Union (EU).

- Maintain the country's competitive position vis a vis other CARIFORUM states as a destination for EU investment.

- Provide a platform to enhance or develop new exports for the European market (financial services, cultural services, company services.)

Min. Laing addressed main areas of public concern. "One of these," he stated is, "Will the EPA open up reserved areas to foreign investors? No, this is a mirror image of the National Investment Policy. Some areas will be closed to non-Bahamian participants, we are not opening up any areas to foreign participation that are not already opened.

So, for instance, the wholesale and retail trade where straw vendors and shop owners are participants has no need to fear because The Bahamas rule says that we do not allow non-Bahamian participation in those areas and that will continue to be the case. The EPA will not permit people to show up and look for a job; there will be no free movement of people. It is completely untrue that this will be opening up The Bahamas to all kinds of people.

If an investor is approved by The Bahamas government to set up a business in

The Bahamas and a key person on the level of CFO or CEO is needed to set it up, then that person can be given a work permit for three years which is the same as is done today. Neither are we giving up our sovereignty," he assured the audience.

"The EPA will allow Bahamian exporters to continue sending their products into Europe duty free. It will lower customs duties on goods from the EU and CARIFORUM into The Bahamas over the next 25 years so that customers will benefit from lower costs and greater product choice. It also promotes investment from Europe into the economy which can result in more jobs for Bahamians."

The next steps he listed as

- September 2 signing of Agreement
- Submit it to the Bahamas services sector
- Pass the necessary law in parliament
- Prepare to implement the agreement over the next three to five years
- Enjoy the benefits thereafter

In order to reassure people even further, Minister Laing stated, "There is a Denunciation Clause which takes effect six months after a request to get out. It is as simple as that."

During the discussion period which followed, a concern regarding the comparison between the CSME and the EPA was brought into question. Minister Laing stat-

ed that there is a huge difference. Whereas the CSME involves the free movement of goods and the free movement of labour, the EPA is a pure and simple trade agreement involving only the movement of goods and trade services.

In his welcome prior to Mr. Laing's talk, Senior Administrator, Mr. Cephias Cooper, said that by the end of the evening he hoped that people would have enough information to make up their own minds about the Economic Partnership Agreement.

Following the presentation Mr. Cooper asked the audience to show their decision as to whether or not we should go ahead with the agreement by standing if they are in favour of its going forward. An over-

whelming majority rose to their feet showing that Min. Laing had done a good job in presenting the terms of the agreement clearly and setting their minds at rest on matters of concern.

Accompanying Min. Laing from Nassau were Mr. Colin Higgs, Acting Financial Secretary; Mr. Simon Wilson, Director of Economic Planning, Ms. Dorothy Smith and Ms. Theresa Major from the Ministry of Finance as well as personnel from the ZNS News Department. Ms. Margaret Symonette, Assistant Administrator; Mr. Benjamin Pinder, Administrator for South Abaco, and Mr. Cubell Davis, Chief Councillor for Central Abaco, were among the platform party.

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Professor Spencer said, "The Open Campus will provide quality teaching and learning experiences, relevant research and community partnerships through a combination of face-to-face, blended and online learning activities."

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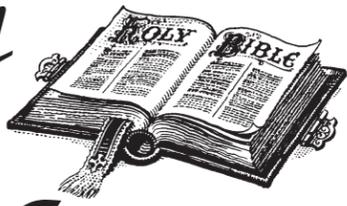
Christina Pyfrom won a silver medal in sailing this summer when she successfully completed a two-week sailing course at the Grand Bahama Summer Sailing School in Freeport. This took place the last two weeks of July and was attended by three groups of 25 children. The instructors were a group of young men and women from Canada. They sailed in the canals at first, then graduated to the open waters where they had races. On the last day Christina brought home the Silver Medal. Christina also won two gold medals at the National Swim Meet in Nassau at the end of June. She swam the 3rd leg of the 200m freestyle relay and the backstroke of the 200m medley relay for the girls eight and under.

## Pastors were honoured



An honorary reception and dinner was held for Rev. Keith Evans and Rev. Una Evans on May 3 at Faith Convention Center to show appreciation for their work at the First Assembly of God Church in Marsh Harbour. They worked together in the church for several years before Rev. Keith was named the Senior Pastor of the church in 1992. They have been dedicated to providing pastoral for their congregation for all these years. The program included special music, remarks by Rev. Patrick Paul, Superintendent of the Assemblies of God and special tributes by Rev. Stafford Symonette and Jeffrey Lowe. Entertainment was provided by the New Direction band.

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One of the Foreign Language Cadets who recently returned from a month-long visit to Costa Rica was Catherine Martin. We regret that in the September 1st issue we incorrectly named her Catherine Seymour.

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 The answer will appear in the next issue of this paper.  
 Our first 12 puzzles are rated as easy.

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2	7	9	3	4	5	6	8	1
6	4	8	9	1	2	3	7	5
3	1	5	6	8	7	9	4	2
8	9	4	7	6	1	2	5	3
1	3	7	2	5	4	8	9	6
5	6	2	8	9	3	7	1	4
7	5	6	4	2	8	1	3	9
4	2	3	1	7	9	5	6	8
9	8	1	5	3	6	4	2	7

Answer to previous puzzle

1		7			3		8	
	2				6			5
	6	3	2				1	
			7		2	9		
	3						7	
		8	4		1			
	8				4	2	6	
4			5					9
	7		3			5		1

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