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## Minister views site for gymnasium

### Town Meeting displayed plans for gym near new administration building

*By Mirella Santillo*

Abaco will be getting a gymnasium to be constructed near the new administration building in Dundas Town. A delegation of government officials, among them the Hon. Charles T. Maynard, Minister of Sports, Youth and Culture, and the Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Works and Transport, held a town meeting at Friendship Tabernacle in Dundas Town on July 29 to present it.

In his welcome address, Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, acknowledged all the works being presently done on Abaco from the new administrative complex to the sidewalks along Forest Drive, from the pavement of the runway at the Treasure Cay airport to bids being entertained for the roads in Hope Town and the construction of a new airport terminal.

Min. Maynard spoke excitedly about the possibilities offered by sports. He again congratulated the committee responsible for the success of the Little League International Tournament and pointed out the potential of organizing more sports events if the proper facilities were available.

Hence the presence of the delegates to discuss the construction of a gymnasium

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The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Works, inspected the location of a new gymnasium to be constructed west of the new administration building in Dundas Town. He is shown just behind the man with the orange cap. Next to him is Edison Key, MP for South Abaco; John Schaeffer, Abaco's Works engineer; and Livingston Forbes, Works' architect. Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Works, Colin Higgs on the far left. It is expected that the architect's plans will be completed in about three months. Then the project will be put out to tender.

## Friends holds youth camps in each part of Abaco



Friends of the Environment holds one-week day camps for the youth in North Abaco, Central Abaco, South Abaco and Moore's Island each summer. This year Friends used a curriculum prepared by Disney Animal Programme that introduced the campers to various ecosystems. The program included field trips daily as well as other interesting activities. Disney invited 20 of the campers to visit Castaway Cay at the conclusion of the camp. This is part of the group as they snorkeled off the cay. See story on page 5.

## Marine Flea Market gives three computers to Fox Town Primary



Profit from the Abaco Marine Flea Market went to help an area school. Three computers were donated to the Fox Town Primary School in Little Abaco. Shown at the presentation are Steven Pedican, past Chief Councillor of North Abaco; Yolanda Curry representing Fox Town Primary; Donnie Albury, an organizer of the Flea Market; Tourism, Wynsome Ferguson of the Abaco Tourism office; Al Behrendt, organizer of the Flea Market; and Robert Albury of Epyon Technologies that supplied the computers.

*By Leigh Termath*

The Abaco Marine Flea Market was held in Treasure Cay last March. Organizer Al Behrendt said they were very pleased with the turnout to that event and the fact that they were able to raise funds for a worthy cause.

When they had accumulated funds raised from the event, they looked to Steve Pedican, former Chief Councillor of North Abaco, to suggest the best place to put the money. He recommended the

Fox Town Primary School and therefore that school received a donation of three computers to improve its current computer lab.

Principal Austin Mills was unable to be present at the presentation as he was off the island, but he is very appreciative of the donation.

Robert Albury, owner of Epyon Technologies of Marsh Harbour, facilitated the purchase of the computers and will install and set them up correctly at the school.

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# New gymnasium will be a multi-purpose building

## Gymnasium *From Page 1*

for Marsh Harbour. The Minister made a point of stating that the gymnasium was a multi-purpose facility and that it should generate enough income to insure its proper maintenance.

Minister Grant advised the assembly that a lot of thought and consideration had gone into the plans. There will be minimal changes allowed, he said, so it is up to people whether construction starts in three months or in a year.

The architect, Livingston Forbes, explained that the location, west of the administration building now under construction, was chosen because of its high elevation and that this will be another component of the government center planned for that area. The building will be approximately 17,000 square feet and will comprise con-

cession stands, restrooms and shower facilities, a basketball/volleyball court and a stage area. The building can be used for different functions besides its primary use as a sports facility including dining activities, concerts and a hurricane shelter for close to 1000 people. The gymnasium could be utilized for educational purposes such as holding examinations. The estimated cost is \$2 million. The time frame for completion is approximately 18 months once construction has started.

The project was unanimously accepted by the members of the community present. People were invited to ask questions. Some people asked if the roof was rated for hurricane strength winds, others wanted to know who will oversee the management

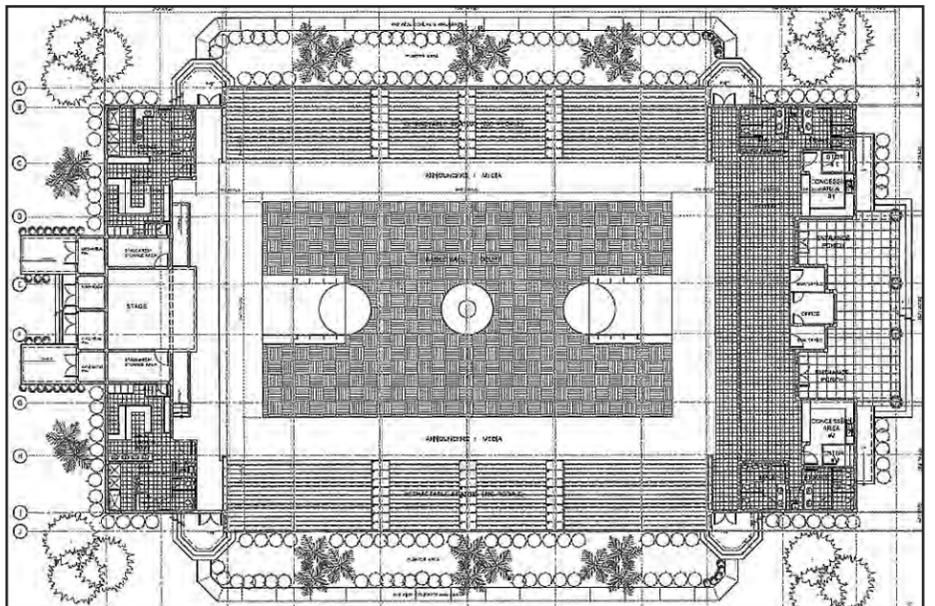
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*The Hon. Charles Maynard, speaking, is pleased that Abaco will have a gymnasium that will encourage Abaco youth to participate more in sports. He praised the committee that successfully organized the Little League International Tournament held last month. Seated are Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, and the Hon. Neko Grant.*



*The new gymnasium for Abaco was announced at a Town Meeting held at Friendship Tabernacle in Dundas Town on July 28. The building will be west of the administration building now under construction. The Hon. Neko Grant and the Hon. Charles Maynard both gave details about the building. Mr. Maynard is at the podium.*



*This is the plan for the new gymnasium. It will also serve in several other capacities, for banquets, for concert as well as a hurricane shelter.*

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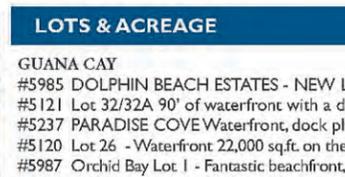
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# Campers learn an appreciation for the environment

By Jennifer Hudson

Each year many children benefit greatly from the Friends of the Environment's Summer Camps where, through many activities and field trips, they learn about the value of their environment and the importance of conservation. Once again this year camps were held in Marsh Harbour, Sandy Point, Cooper's Town and Moore's Island. Camps were held during July for various age groups for one-week periods for six hours daily.

Kristin Williams, Executive Director of Friends of the Environment, was especially excited about this year's camps since the educational team of the Disney Animal Programme and Environmental Initiative put together a new curriculum for Friends complete with materials for each activity. Through this new curriculum the children

learnt about a different ecosystem every day. "I am just amazed at how much the kids have learned through these resources and the different activities throughout each day which include learning through arts and crafts and games. These activities were followed by a field trip every day to reinforce things learned in the classroom. We always do a pretest at the start of the camp and by the end I am blown away by how much these kids retain," enthused Mrs. Williams.

The five ecosystems studied during these camps were coral reefs, sandy beaches, sea grass beds, pine forest and mangroves. Field trips were to Mermaid Reef, Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour where the kids did a beach clean up, sea grass beds, Sawmill Sink and the mangroves at Camp Abaco to see the restoration which was done in October of last year.

Being able to swim is not a prerequisite for participation in a Friends' camp. In fact, very few of the children can swim and yet they all have the opportunity, with the aid of instructors and volunteers, to go out to Mermaid Reef to snorkel. "For the majority, it is the first time they have ever had a mask on and they are so excited to actually see and identify the fish and coral they have learned about," said Mrs. Williams. The children from Sandy Point and Cooper's Town came into Marsh Harbour to participate in all of the field trips.

Camps were run by Friends members Olivia Patterson in Sandy Point, Laura Lee Davies in Cooper's Town and Jim Richard and Amanda Pennell in Marsh Harbour. They were assisted by volunteers from Dr. Craig Layman's Lab at Florida International University as well as parents and local students. Two of Dr. Layman's students, Kendria Ferguson and Joey Peters

ran the camp on Moore's Island.

On the final day of camp Disney Cruise Line invited 20 of the kids to visit and enjoy their facilities on Castaway Cay. The 20 lucky students were selected as part of an ongoing assessment during the entire camp. They were judged on participation, behaviour, attention and completion of a nightly conservation checklist. Of course, all were very keen to be chosen and would rush in each morning to see their assessment for the previous day.

Mrs. Williams was extremely pleased with the results of the summer camps and was thrilled to see how much the children had learned and how excited they had been to see all the different ecosystems. She was also impressed at how dedicated the children had become about protecting their environment and said that parents had been reporting that children were getting them to be much more environmentally conscious.



Friends of the Environment held camps for various age groups in North, Central and South Abaco and Moore's Island using a curriculum developed by Disney. The campers enjoyed the camp while learning an appreciation for their surroundings. The program was very effective as evidenced by the campers retention of information.

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# Central Abaco News

## Update on Credit Union building

By Samantha V. Evans

About a year ago, the preliminary work began for the proposed structure for the Teachers and Salaried Workers Cooperative Credit Union building on Forest Drive. As a part of the preliminary activities, focus group meetings were held with local businesses and community members to find out more about what types of businesses they would like to see come to the community and whether this type of investment would be a feasible one. Locals were receptive and took part in the activities. Since then, Anthony Rolle, Property Manager from the Teachers and Salaried Workers Union's head office in Nassau stated that the project is still on the drawing

board. They have been working steadily to get all approvals in place and to date they have secured all except one. When they get the final approval from the Director of Co-operative Development, they will begin the tender process. He plans to utilize as many local contractors as possible but noted that qualified workers would be the ones they seek to employ.

The work will be done in phases. The first phase will consist of the Teachers and Salaried Workers Cooperative Union's standalone building. This, says Mr. Rolle, is needed to establish its permanent Abaco office. The second phase will be the shopping plaza. Mr. Rolle added that the information they received from the focus groups was great, and the community was in support of the project. He even got calls from local contractors and security person-

nel offering their service, which he found most encouraging. Rolle advise that once all approvals are in place, the tender for building will be advertised in local papers and on the radio.

## Marsh Harbour airport is being improved

The Marsh Harbour members of the Central Abaco District Council are working to improve the Marsh Harbour airport terminal. Yvonne Key is heading the group and has already had Ellsworth Weech repair the electrical work in the main room. He donated his labour while Standard Hardware donated the electrical supplies needed including light fixtures and bulbs. A new urinal has been installed in the men's room and cleaning supplies have been purchased for the janitresses. The six janitresses will work in two shifts so cleaning will be continual. The interior of the main room has been painted. All work has been done after hours.

The group has improved the exterior area. The sand that was used to absorb the septic tank overflow has been removed. Several derelict vehicles have been removed. The area outside the exit gate for Bahamasair passengers is frequently packed with cars waiting for the arrival of the flight. Soon signs will be put up prohibiting parking in that area. It will be for

picking up passengers only.

During the second week of August the Customs side of the building will be repaired. JMJ will donate all electrical work. The interior will be painted and new pictures are being donated.

Bobby Jones, Manager of both international airports on Abaco, is very pleased with the improvements.

## Saunders' Consultant Agency

By Samantha V. Evans

In June 2011 a young college student, Nekhira Saunders, started Saunders Consultant Agency to meet the needs of people applying for the Start Up Program coordinated by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture. Her parents encouraged her to start this business venture since she is currently studying Business Administration in college. Her business specializes in business plans mainly, also providing typing service and assistance in filling out forms.

With regard to the Jump Start program, the main thing she would like for potential entrepreneurs to remember is that it is important for them to have a solid plan.

Nekhira will be starting her last year of college in September but will continue to run her business with the assistance of her

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The roads in Spring City are being improved preparatory to paving. The government has been constructing about 100 houses in the area that are sold to families needing low cost homes. Roads will have a sand and seal paving surface.



The rock base of the sign welcoming visitors to Dundas Town has been smashed, probably from a reckless driver.

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mother. The business is located in Great Cistern. She can be reached at 367-4645 or 475-1621. Her email address is khira2@hotmail.com.

## Babysitters' Club offers daycare service

By Samantha V. Evans

The Babysitter's Club will be open for business beginning September 5th at the Latter Rain Cottage in Dundas Town. The services will be available for infants beginning at six weeks to toddlers up to age two. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The daycare will have a play area, lullaby music and a cozy environment for maximum care and attention. The ratio of adult to infant will

follow the Ministry of Education's Early Childhood Education Standards. Registration has begun and a fee of \$15 is required. Weekly fees are \$65. Persons are encouraged to register early so that they will have a chance to familiarize themselves with the organization's policy. The daycare can be contacted at 458-3785, 458-5973 or 559-8073. The business will be operated by Taanah Newbold and Ruby Mitchell.

## Dispute over driveway continues

By Timothy Roberts

On July 29 customers of Royal Bank of Canada in Marsh Harbour met an unexpected obstacle in exiting the parking lot. A large dump truck blocked access to the parking lot on the side of the bank.

The blocking of the road has come as

a result of a several years of frustration, according to the owner of the dump truck, Curtis Sands. The frustration, Mr. Sands said, is because residents who live behind the bank too often have to wait sometimes as long as 20 - 30 minutes for someone to move their vehicle in order for the residents to get by. The residents agreed they need to do something.

The road between Bellevue and Royal Bank is a private driveway that serves five residences behind the businesses on Don MacKay Boulevard. When the bank was built, the plans called for parking in the rear of the building. However, the parking lot ended up on the side and is accessed by the private driveway.

Despite the residents protesting this move to Town Planning, the building was allowed to finish as it is, said Mr. Sands. They have taken their complaints to the bank manager and have talked to the police but have received no satisfaction.

The residents have placed two signs at the end of their driveway that lets people know it is a private drive. So far they have been largely ignored. Mr. Sands is hoping that something will be worked out between the residents and the property owner, but they are prepared to continue to protest if nothing happens.

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The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire in Pigeon Peas. Fortunately, it was only two derelict vehicles and the firemen were able to get the fire under control quickly. On the scene was ASP Bruce Arnett to view the situation.



This picture shows the congestion between Bellevue Business Depot and Royal Bank in Marsh Harbour. A private driveway to five residences on the hill behind is between the two businesses and is frequently blocked by customers of Royal Bank. On July 29 one resident with a home on the hill parked a dump truck in the driveway which is the only access to the parking spaces adjacent to the bank. The residents of the homes are seeking a resolution to their problem.

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# The Editor Says . . . Abaco's famous regatta & beach party



The July 2011 issue of Florida's Southwinds magazine had a short article on page 21 about our 35th Annual Regatta Time in Abaco. The opening paragraph begins, "This annual regatta, one of the most famous in The Bahamas and Florida, starts with Bobb Henderson's immense 'Cheeseburger in Paradise' picnic . . ."

The beach party is a big mid-day boating event. Even before the magazine article appeared, I was wondering if this might be the biggest beach party The Bahamas. I welcome other people's opinion on this or knowledge of other big beach parties.

Staging this event is a huge undertaking organized by Bobb Henderson of Green Turtle Cay. He has assembled a well orchestrated group of volunteers and a few paid helpers. The beach is cleaned, tents are erected, the area is fogged for mosquitoes, a sound system is installed and food is prepared.

At the end of the event everything is removed, including the garbage, and the beach is left in a pristine condition.

The event has grown without any formal advertising, just word-of-mouth. We recognized boaters from Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay, Marsh Harbour and Cherokee. Many persons congregate out in the shallow water and don't even bother to come ashore. There was a high proportion of boats and people I did not recognize and may be presumed to be boating visitors.

Pictures confirm there were many boats and many people enjoying a day on the water. Surely, we can use this "famous" boating event to draw more boating customers to the area.

The Marine Operators of the Bahamas Association has teamed with the Ministry of Tourism to explore ways to increase marine-oriented tourism. We are suggesting that they send Nassau representatives to see for themselves the magnitude of this beach party.

Abaco has been aware for a long time how beneficial our boating visitors are to our economy. Just as it has taken a long time for the rest of the country to appreciate all the benefits of having second homeowners, it is just now realizing that

the boating visitors are also contributing heavily to the economy.

## Tropical Storm Emily put us on alert

Tropical Storm Emily caused some apprehension throughout The Bahamas as it moved westerly below Hispanola. It was forecast to cross Haiti's mountains and turn northward moving through The Bahamas island chain although it was believed that the mountains would be its downfall.

It never made into much of an actual threat as it fell apart while crossing Haiti. It did bring gusty winds and rain as it crossed Grand Bahama on its way northward. Abaco got a few showers.

The storm served to alert the various

groups that respond to community disasters. Government and NGO organizations reviewed longstanding plans of action and checked critical equipment. The Central Abaco Disaster Committee met twice to confirm shelter locations, shelter management and other aspects related to the protection and safety of residents and visitors. In general, Abaco's hurricane preparations at the management level is a well oiled operation.

Hurricane Floyd in 1999 was the first severe hurricane to strike Abaco after 35 years of calm since Hurricane Betsy clobbered us in 1965. Hurricane Floyd was severe, destructive and jolted us out of the complacency we had developed in the absence of hurricanes.

In 1995 Hurricane Erin brushed us with

minimal damage. Then in August 1999 Dennis woke us up with 80 mile per hour winds. Nearly three weeks later on September 14 Floyd went the length of the island with 115 - 120 mile an hour winds. Those winds cleaned out much marginal construction. A section of the White Sound dune on Elbow Cay was broached as raging seas crossed into the sound on the west side.

Individual homeowners, renters, business owners and others should have plans in the event a real hurricane comes our way. Secure shutters for windows and doors offer good protection for the money spent. Keeping wind and rain outside goes a long way toward minimizing storm damage.

Extensive hurricane help and suggestions begin on page 8 of section B.



The Fiddle Cay Cheesebuger in Paradise attracts both visitors and locals to a casual fun party. It is hosted by Bobb Henderson, a second homeowner on Green Turtle Cay who spends days preparing with his volunteer crew. He provides all the hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for the couple of thousand people who attend. We agreed that it may be one of the biggest beach parties in The Bahamas. This is the initial event of Regatta Time in Abaco held annually in July.

## In my humble opinion

By Stephanie Humblestone

I called up a friend the other day. "I've got a bone to pick with you," I said.

She laughed, knowing me and knowing that it was probably nothing serious. "What is it?" she replied.

"Those photos you took on the ferry dock before catching the ferry last Sunday," I said.

She acknowledged the ones immediately. "Departing mementoes you called them," I continued.

"That's what they were," she confirmed.

"The trouble is you posted them all on Facebook and tagged me in two of them," I said.

"I did," she replied, "I especially liked the one of the lighthouse in the background."

"Yes, but I was in the foreground and, unlike the lighthouse which always looks good, I don't. In fact, I look awful; my face is partially drooped and scrunched up."

"Really?" she questioned.

## Tagged

"If you remember, we were running late so I threw on an old sundress and flip flops and actually said on my way to the dock, 'I hope I don't bump into anyone.'"

There was a silence.

"Well, you didn't, did you?" she replied.

"No, that's true. But I might as well have now that 475 of your friends and all of mine have been treated to early morning photographs of me looking unkempt and somewhat bedraggled. I can't even fathom how many people that is."

Actually I was scared to.

"Oh, come on, Steph, you looked fine." "Do me a favour," I replied. "Open your computer and go to Facebook and tell me what you think."

I waited while she searched recent postings.

"Ok, I'm there," she said.

"Wouldn't you agree that they are two of the worst photos you have ever seen of me? My face is blotchy after being in the sun the previous day. My hair is frizzy, and my smile looks like I've just had a botched Botox job and. . ."

She interrupted me. "I was really taking a photo of the lighthouse. I must have caught you off guard."

"I would have gladly stepped aside for you to get a full view. I asked you not to catch me at all. I look like I have Bells Palsy."

I heard a gulp at the other end of the line. "Bells what?"

"It's a condition which occurs suddenly and paralyzes half of your face," I explained.

"How awful," she said. "How do you know about that?"

"A family member once had it."

She made a squirming noise and then said, "Maybe it's hereditary."

"Hereditary!" I echoed. "I didn't say I have it, and it was a relative through marriage, not blood."

There was a pause before she spoke.

"It's true," she said quietly. "Your face is definitely asymmetrical. Are you sure you don't have... what did you call it?"

"Bells Palsy," I responded, now irked.

"I'm going to Google it right now," she said.

"You do just that and while you are at it Google 'friend'," I suggested.

I hung up and called my daughter.

"How do I remove myself from a photograph posted on Facebook?" I asked.

"Just untag yourself, Mummy."

"I never asked to be tagged in the beginning," I moaned.

"Happens all the time," she said. "No big deal!"

At one time vacationing with family and constantly dodging photos destined for Facebook was at best like traveling with a pleasant news crew and at worse being pursued by the paparazzi.

It got old covering my face and requesting, "No Facebook pictures, please. Not being a killjoy, but at least let me finish what I am eating or comb my hair."

There was a time when it was polite to ask if you would like your photo taken. Say "cheese." Smile. Surely we should not have to watch our backs for fear of appearing on Facebook. Call it vain if you like, but it is more like an invasion of privacy.

The great social network of Facebook is about sharing. It should be about sharing what you choose and not what it chose for you. Tagging is an imposition when permission is not granted.

We don't need Big Brother anymore, George Orwell's 1984 dictatorial surveillance figure. His fictitious Oceania has been replaced by Mark Zuckerberg's 2004 Facebook to which we voluntarily self screen with information, photographs and videos.

I am not anti Facebook, not at all. It

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# Letters to the Editor

## Concerned about under-age drinking

Dear Editor,

I ask that you permit me some space to voice my concern over what I think is a very sad and disturbing situation.

I have noted, especially during these summer months, that there are quite a few teenagers drinking alcoholic beverages. While this is a cause of concern by itself, what bothers me a great deal more is that bars and liquor stores are serving these young people the drinks. The last I checked the legal drinking age is 18, but quite a few I have witnessed are 13 and 14 year olds.

Do these people have no conscience? How can they think it okay to sell beer and rum to children? Also there is the legal aspect of it. Who is policing this? Someone should be held accountable.

I know the teenagers will think I am trying to be a killjoy and rain on their parade. However, consider the amount of lives damaged and ruined due to alcoholism. It is not worth it. No drunkard thought he would end up addicted and unable to control himself.

The police or some authority needs to better monitor this situation, and it needs to be done right away!

A concerned parent

## A message to the Minister of Education

Dear Sir:

Re: Dr. Lenora Black

Dr. Lenora Black has served Abaco in the capacity of District Superintendent of Education for four years and has changed, in a remarkable way, the educational landscape on the island.

Dr. Black has demanded uncompromised stewardship from herself and others. Communication amongst the private and public educational professionals has improved tremendously. Every public and private school graduation has been attended by herself or a representative. She has enforced policies, which have been neglected for years (probably the reason some are disgruntled). She has implemented strategies for improving the educational process in Abaco, which, along with the "esprit de

corp," fostered among the island's educators, has yielded measurable, improved results in many areas.

My primary focus, however, is on the fact that Dr. Black is a competent Bahamian and indigenous Abaconian. I have often noted that most of Abaco's institutions are led by people from elsewhere. It is important for locals to occupy leadership positions in their own community, as they should be most concerned about the future of their area and best able to motivate natives to improve their living and working conditions.

It is incumbent on our national educational officials to review all implications of this decision carefully. Competence, professionalism and diligence to enforcing YOUR policies should be rewarded, NOT punished.

It is also important for young people to see that Abaconians can enter a profession and progress to leadership levels. Most of Abaco's banks, public corporations and larger private entities are led by non-Abaconians. No wonder few of our children who further their education in Nassau or abroad want to come back. I have known for Abaconians to refuse appointments to their own island for the same reason. One would think that the community would strongly support one of its own and resist one of the few of its outstanding public officers being "deported" after such outstanding service here and at previous places of appointment.

Yours sincerely,  
Charles A. Carey, Principal  
Wesley College

## Disappointed with Marsh Harbour Town Committee

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my disappointment in the Marsh Harbour Town Committee as the members refrained from naming anyone to any statutory board during the Central Abaco District Council meeting in early July. These boards oversee areas like Town Planning, Hotel Licensing and Port Authority.

The Marsh Harbour Town Committee members, protesting that Marsh Harbour's development is often dictated

by other communities, decided that they would not name anyone to a statutory board. It is understood that they are upset because some rulings of the statutory boards in the past were overturned by the Council, allowing undesirable buildings and businesses to be built and opened in the township.

There are many problems with the logic of all of this, and such a protest at the outset of a newly formed Council gives the indication that there is no faith that someone from a different township can be fairminded. At this point there is no proof whether the new Chief Councillor will be fair to Marsh Harbour or not. However, starting off with this approach has already created friction that should not have been.

Whether there is a belief that the system works or not, whether it is believed that the players in the system are fair or not, it is the committee members' duty to stand against injustice or imbalance. Every one of those elected to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee knows that there will be times they will have to fight to get what Marsh Harbour wants or needs and that Central Abaco District Council may disagree with them.

So it begs the question - why are they there? Who are they there for? Are they there to represent the people who elected them? If they are, they have failed before they have even begun - they have castrated themselves and become ineffective at representing the township that elected them!

Representation is clearly defined as "the action of speaking or acting on behalf of someone or the state of being so represented." By choosing to act according to their indifference to a situation they claim to be untenable, they have effectively denied the citizens of Marsh Harbour representation on Town Planning, Port Authority and Hotel Licensing.

Whatever the protest is really about, how is it useful for there to be absolutely no representation on any statutory board?

Each one of those boards is now made up exclusively of Dundas Town and Murphy Town appointees.

Marsh Harbour Town Committee members, before you proceed with any further business, ask yourselves who it is you are representing because so far I can tell you are not representing me, and I voted for most of you!

Disappointed Voter

## Frustrations of getting a phone

Dear Editor,

A bit over four years ago we decided we would like a phone in our home on the South end of Elbow Cay. My wife and I went to the phone office and applied for a phone. That application began a series of efforts by ourselves to obtain a telephone. Each time we would visit our island home, we would go the phone office in Hope Town or in Marsh Harbour to enquire as to the current status of the pending telephone application. This went on and on. However, after about two and a half years, we were told to contact the service man when he came to Elbow Cay. We began doing this. Each time whatever man we talked to promised to show up and "check the site." This checking was necessary to the application approval, or so we were told.

Over a year ago, we learned that we had a phone number and a phone in my wife's name. Despite the fact that we still had no phone, and no one had ever come to our home, Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation sent billings to Elbow Cay Properties for our supposed service. When we disputed these billings, they were "credited," and computers were blamed.

Then came the day over one year ago, and after three years of waiting, when we were informed that we were to pay the \$700 fee to complete the installation. My wife and I discussed this expenditure, wondering if it would be productive, but we

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## Scotia Bank holds Auto & Mortgage fair

By Samantha V. Evans

On July 30 Scotia Bank held an Auto and Mortgage Fair outside thier bank at Abaco Shopping Center. Even though the event was held on this day, their mortgage campaign began in June when the bank began offering 7 ¼ percent which will continue until the end of August. The auto campaign of 4.99 percent is only for the month of August.

Numerous vendors were contacted to participate in this event that also offered great deals for those looking forward to building or buying a new vehicle. Some of the vendors included Abaco Auto Mall,

Abaco Hardware, insurance agents, Paint Place, Schooner Bay and Wood You. According to the Senior Manager Leah Davis, they also negotiated discounted legal rates with numerous lawyers to make legal fees less costly.

Scotia Bank recognizes that these are economically challenging times so this event is one way it is assisting their clients and making banking convenient. The flow of people visiting this fair was steady and the public was very receptive of the deals offered. The bank even had a kiddie corner where the manager LaSonya Missick did face painting. Loot bags were given out to the kids and they enjoyed the bouncing castle. Customers also got to win small gifts. The event climaxed with a Junkanoo rush out by the Murphy Town Superstars.



Scotia Bank held an Auto and Mortgage Fair outside the building on July 30. It invited vendors to set up booths to promote its low cost loans that are available for cars and other household goods. The bank even had entertainment for the children.

## Boyz to Men Barber Shop opens

By Samantha V. Evans

Donald Pinder has recently opened Boyz to Men Barber Shop. He began his professional career as a barber 14 years ago but has been cutting hair since he was 15 years old. He is from Mount Hope and began his services at Pretty Hands and Feet in the Abaco Shopping Centre next to Kentucky Fried Chicken in early August. His services extend to males and females.

His Boyz to Men Barber Shop is located inside the Pretty Hands and Feet shop. His regular fees are \$4.99 for children 12 and under, \$7.99 for teens ages 13 to 18 (school age), and \$9.99 for adults. He extends a half-off discount to senior citizens 65 years and older from Tuesdays to Fridays. He will be offering a back-to-school special during the week of August 29 to September 3 where parents that bring three kids in for a haircut will get the third one free. His hours of operation are Tuesday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. He can be contacted at 367-0126 or 458-2185.

## The Walk-in Closet offers large sizes

By Samantha V. Evans

The Walk-in Closet recently opened for business next door to Island Veterinary Clinic in Marsh Harbour. The store specializes in male and female casual clothing. Female sizes range from XS to 3X and the male sizes range from M to 4X. It carries name-brand apparel in the hottest styles as

well as sunglasses, wallets, bathing suits, handbags, shoes, socks, and a variety of accessories. Proprietress Prescola Sawyer opened this business to fill a need for the big women. The store is open Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday until 8 p.m. The phone number is 367-1315.

## Photographer has opened studio

By Samantha V. Evans

Images by Alexander does exceptional photography and has been open on Abaco for the past two months and is owned by Nelson Alexander Ranger. He has been in this business for many years and worked on Exuma for several years where he sold his photos. Now that he and his wife are on Abaco, they are having great success in the business.

Mr. Ranger came here to do a photography shoot and decided that he would return. His motto is *Your Image is Our Business*. He describes his photos as going beyond the norm which takes his work outside the studio. He takes pictures on the beach with a sunset as a backdrop or in any setting where the beauty of nature can be seen. His goal is to bring the client's vision to life so it may take him out on a sailboat or at a regatta event. He specializes in action shots including sports events. Mr. Ranger has his studio in the Josh-Han Plaza behind Agape Family Dental. He specializes in weddings, christenings, graduations, parties, pageants, modeling

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shoots and the like. He takes a lot of Junk-anoo, sailing and regatta shots which he sells as artwork as these are popular with second homeowners. At events he can take pictures and have them as a slide show at the same event and ready for sale. He can print photos onsite as well. He can be contacted at 458-1422 for further information or an appointment.

## Soraya's Boutique opens

By Samantha V. Evans

On April 31 a new boutique, Soraya's Boutique, opened in Dundas Town. The store specializes in dressy wear including ladies' suits for work and church. It carries all sizes and has a great selection of plus sizes. Designer bags, unique accessories, perfumes sets and singles, hair clips, designer sunglasses, scarves and belts are all available. It sells pant suits, slacks and work pants for women as well as a small line of men's clothing. It intends to add casual wear soon and a small section of dress shoes. The items are top-of-the-line designer items, yet affordable. The store is closed on Sundays and Mondays. It is open Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The store is located in the Bayview Building. The phone number is 475-1011.

## Abaco Nature Tours

By Samantha V. Evans

In February of this year Ricky Johnson launched Abaco Nature Tours. This is Ab-



Ricky Johnson

aco's newest eco-adventure. Ricky and his team introduce guests to the beauty and serenity of South Abaco's wild places.

They offer bike tours, kayak tours and bird watching tours.

Ricky spent years getting trained and certified for this career move and so far it has been great. He embarked on this business because he loves it. but he also realizes that it was an area that was deficient.

He has been certified as a bird guide since 2000. He has been doing nature tours and bird watching all over Abaco but South Abaco is the best place to do both. Bird watching can take place anytime of the year, but he explained that birds move around depending on the weather and reproduction time. So according to Ricky, you just have to know where to go to see the birds desired.

The bike tours are done mainly along the shorelines near South Abaco. The kayak tours can be done in numerous areas depending on weather. He enjoys giving an ecological outlook of areas, nature of mangroves, history and commentary. He calls it edutaining. Ricky offers tours to schools as well. In fact, he has done tours with the Lyford Cay School in conjunction with the Fast Ferries. He did a tour with Long Bay School. He does trips to the blue holes, too. He specializes in customizing

tours for a wide range of people including schools. He looks forward to more schools utilizing his tours to teach their students about nature. Transportation is available to and from tours. Ricky can be contacted at 577-0004 or on Twitter and Facebook.

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## Gymnasium

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of the facility and whether enough parking spaces will be provided.

Mr. Grant explained that the location had been chosen because it was part of a Master Plan that will be an extension of Marsh Harbour. It will include a library, a mini-hospital, a fire station, the gymnasium and an amphitheater as well as commercial and residential lots. The gymnasium will be managed by a corporate entity until the National Sports Authority (in the process of being founded) ultimately takes over.

Mr. Maynard congratulated Abaco on being the first Family Island to have a government gymnasium, and he is looking forward to have the facility open for the young people of Abaco.

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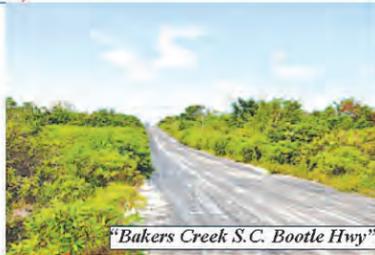


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 - 35 KW Diesel Generator  
 - Fabulous Atlantic Beachfront  
 - Sea to Sea  
 - Dock  
 #MWH1164 - **\$1,170,000.**

### ★ FEATURED LISTING ★



**Cherokee Sound Area**  
 - Great Boating Cottage  
 - 24,621 s.f. - 0.565 Acre  
 - 1,062 s.f. - 2 Bedroom - 1 Bath  
 - Additional Studio - Office  
 - Fully Equipped - turn key  
 - City water plus backup tank  
 - Close proximity to Little Harbour and the Abaco Club  
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 - Rental History  
 #CSH1145 **\$149,000.**



**Green Turtle Cay**  
 - 33,342 s.f. - 0.765 Acre  
 - 161.30' on Coco Bay  
 - 3,300 s.f. - 3 Bd.-3 Bath  
 - Double Garage - 600s.f.  
 - Impact Doors & Windows  
 - Turkish Stone Floors  
 - Galvalume Metal Roof  
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 #GTH1162 **\$2,050,000.**



**Man-O-War Cay**  
 - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths  
 - 1,560 s.f. Concrete House  
 - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs  
 - Land ± 1.824 Acres  
 - Entire S.E. Point of Dickie's Cay  
 - Private Dock  
 - Auxiliary Generator  
 - Point can be sub-divided  
 #MWH1099 - **\$1,850,000.**



**Great Guana Cay**  
 - 17,800 s.f. - 4086 Acre  
 - 80' Atlantic Beach-front  
 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath  
 - 1,686 s.f. Residence  
 - Deeded Semi-private dock  
 - Generator  
 - Excellent Rental History  
 #GGH1075 **\$1,170,000.**



**Green Turtle Cay**  
 - 4 Bedroom, 4 Bath  
 - 4,948 s.f. of Residence  
 - 19,083 s.f. - 0.438  
 - 85' on the Sea of Abaco  
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 - Sea of Abaco views  
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 #GTH1181 - **\$2,165,000.**



**Man O' War Cay**  
 - 103,237 s.f. - 2.37 Acre  
 - Sea to Sea Parcel  
 - 339.94' on the Atlantic Ocean  
 - 125' on the Sea of Abaco  
 - 1,000 s.f. House - 2 bd. 1 bth  
 - 510 s.f. Guest House - 1bd. 1bth  
 - Utility Garage - Generator Shed  
 - Dockage included - membership Sea Glass Harbour Association  
 #MWH1178 - **\$3,500,000.**



**Great Guana Cay**  
**For Sale or Lease**  
 - 22,694 s.f. - 0.520 Acre  
 - 97.42' on Sea of Abaco  
 - 1,950 s.f. - 3 bd - 2 bth  
 - 256 s.f. Guest House  
 - T&G clear cypress  
 - Mahogany floors  
 - Generator  
 - Rights to Shared Dock  
 #GGH1158 **\$1,299,000.**



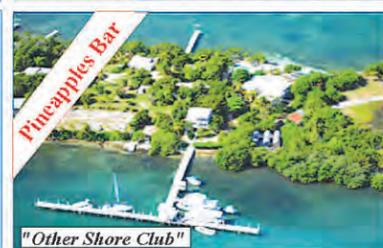
**Green Turtle Cay**  
 - 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath  
 - 2,448 s.f. of Luxury Home  
 - 27,965 s.f. - 0.642 Acre  
 - 90' on Gilliam Bay  
 - Wood Floors  
 - Double Golf Cart garage  
 - 2,356 s.f. Wrap around decks  
 - Built 2009  
 - Tastefully Decorated  
 #GTH1179 - **\$3,300,000.**



**Man-O-War Cay**  
 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.  
 - 2,664 s.f. Residence.  
 - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.  
 - 838 s.f. Guest House  
 - Land - Sea-to-Sea  
 ± 43,800 s.f. - 1.1 Acres  
 - 98' Ocean Beach Front  
 - Private Dock On Creek  
 - Fabulous Views  
 #MWH1116 - **\$3,750,000.**



**Green Turtle Cay**  
 - Land 12,825 s.f. - 0.294 Acre  
 - 1,600 s.f. - 4 bd, 3 bth  
 - 740 s.f. - 2 bd, 2 bth guest  
 - Corner Lot  
 - Ocean Views  
 - Fully Furnished  
 - R.O. & city water  
 - Fenced yard  
 - Rental History on guest cottage  
 #GTH1161 - **\$798,000.**



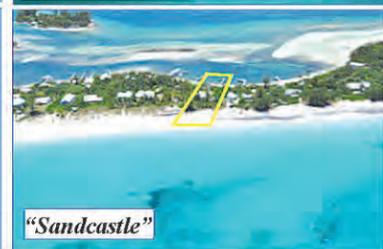
**Green Turtle Cay**  
**Marina Resort for Sale**  
 - 1500' Black Sound frontage available  
 - 1114' Sea of Abaco frontage available  
 - +/- 2.78 Acres  
 - Restaurant & Pool Bar  
 - Shell Fuel Dock  
 - 1.5 Additional Acres Avail.  
 #GTH1151 - **\$4,100,000.**



**Man O' War Cay**  
 - 134,491 s.f. - 3.08 Acres  
 - Sea to Sea Parcel  
 - 695.49' on Atlantic  
 - 290.65' on Sea of Abaco  
 - 4,056 s.f. - 3 bd, 3bth  
 - 1,595 s.f. 3 guest cottages  
 - Garage-Generator Shed  
 - Dock-12,000 lb. boatlift  
 - Infinity Pool  
 #MWH1159 **\$5,790,000.**



**Green Turtle Cay**  
 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Baths  
 - 1,282 s.f. under air  
 - 887 s.f. ground floor - bed-bath-garage  
 - 1,597 s.f. decks  
 - 15,710s.f. - 0.360 Acre  
 - 200' on Coco Bay Beach  
 - 8,000 gallon cistern  
 #GTH1152 - **\$1,285,000.**



**Man-O-War Cay**  
 - Sea to Sea property  
 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
 - 1,096 s.f. Beach Res.  
 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath  
 - 625 s.f. Guest Cottage  
 - Land 0.764 Acre  
 - Workshop/Laundry  
 #MWH1164 - **\$1,090,000.**



**Marsh Harbour**  
 - Regatta's of Abaco  
 - 1,200 s.f.  
 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
 - Overlooking Pool  
 - Gated community  
 - Located near marinas  
 - Private Unit  
 #MHH1183 **\$290,000.**

## ★ VACANT LAND ★

### ELBOW CAY

• **"BERKLEY'S BLUFF"** - 31,000 s.f. - 0.7116 Acre - 100' of Atlantic ocean frontage - 275' depth - Great elevations - overlooks surfer's beach. #HTV1125 - **BRING OFFERS NEW PRICE \$375,000.**

### GREAT GUANA CAY

• **"SEA TO BAY"** - 148,104 s.f. - 3.40 Acre - Sea to Sea parcel - 201.87' on the Atlantic Ocean - 159.15' on the Sea of Abaco overlooking private harbour inclusive 2 boat slips - Great elevations - Can be Divided. #GGV1008 **\$1,472,000.**

• **"SURFER'S BEACH"** - 31,299 s.f. - 0.718 Acre - 110' on pristine Atlantic beachfront - up to 25' elevations - paved road and electricity in place. Access to shared dock. Combine with "Lost Shaker" for a total of 68,138 s.f. - 1.56 Acre site. #GGV1156 - **\$388,000.**

• **"CLAIRE'S BEACH"** - Beachfront building site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' of Atlantic beachfront - Dock access - good elevations - superb ocean views. #GGV1006 - **\$478,000.**

• **"LOST SHAKER"** - 36,839 s.f. - 0.847 Acre - 65' of Atlantic beachfront - Dolphin Beach Estates - oversized parcel - good elevations - easement to beach. #GGV1000 **\$460,000.**

• **"ATLANTIS"** - 19,239 s.f. - 0.4417 Acre - 95' of Atlantic beachfront - Dolphin Beach Estates - Semi-private dock. #GGV1135 **FORCLOSURE MUST SELL! \$350,000.**

• **"SEAVIEW"** - Dolphin Beach Estates - 24,292 s.f. - 0.557 Acre 136' prime waterfront - great elevations - fabulous views of Delia's

Cay and the Sea of Abaco. Shared dock access or can build a private dock on shoreline - 8' depth at MLW - #GGV1118 - **\$368,000.**

• **"MIRABELLA"** - 15,174 s.f. - 0.384 Acre lot - one of Guana's highest elevations with panoramic views of the Atlantic and Sea of Abaco - Paved road and underground electric in place - Deeded rights to shared dock in Susan's Cove. #GGV1153 - **\$99,900.**

### GREEN TURTLE CAY

• **"COCONUT BEACH"** - 63,815 s.f. - 1.465 Acre - Prime beach front lot - secluded beach cove on north end-driveaway in place and previously approved building plans available - GTV1172 **NEW \$675,000.**

• **"LONG BAY BEACH & SOUND"** - 51,154 s.f. - 1.174 Acre 60' of spectacular Atlantic Beach - 105' on Black Sound. **Owner financing available - #GTV1121 - \$599,000.**

• **"PLAYING HOOKY"** - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime building site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public dock access - Beach access - #GTV1080 **\$430,000.**

• **"MADERIA HILL"** - 65,208 s.f. - 1.497 Acre = Dock Access - Beach Access - Great elevations. **BANK OWNED - MUST SELL! #GTV1009 - \$395,000.**

• **"CONCHED OUT"** - 30,361 s.f. - 0.697 Acre - 125' of Atlantic beachfront - 12' elevations - beautiful ocean views - very private area - additional acreage available. #GTV1008 - **BRING OFFERS - \$325,000.**

• **"OCEANVIEW LOT"** 22,141 s.f. - 0.508 Acre - overlooks pristine beachfront on Atlantic side - snorkeling reef just off shore -

Great view - close proximity to Green Turtle Club. #GTV1157 **\$294,500.**

• **"SEABREEZE"** 14,960 s.f. - 0.343 Acre - close to ocean beach clubs & town. #GTV1173 **\$145,000.**

• **"COCO BAY BREEZE"** - Prime building site - .2699 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 **\$47,500.**

### MAN-O-WAR CAY

• **"SEA TO SEA PARCEL"** - +/- 12,283 s.f. - 0.282 Acre Sea to Sea parcel north end of Man O' War Cay - +/-119.7' of Frontage. #MWH1175 **\$625,000.**

• **"SUMMERPLACE"** - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Prime building site - over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - private dock - fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWV1082 - **\$233,000.**

### MOORE'S ISLAND

• **"WILLIAMS TRACT"** - 400 Acres - 9,147' of Shoreline - Approx. 2 miles to deep water - Utilities - Close to Castaway Cay #SAV1171 **\$12,270,000.**

### TREASURE CAY

• **"ANCHORAGE ESTATES"** 14,250 s.f. - 0.327 Acre - Corner Lot - centrally located - golf course - beach access - Treasure Cay Marina. #TCV1174 - **MOTIVATED SELLER - BRING OFFERS \$130,000.**

• **"SAND BANKS CREEK" LOTS 4&5** - #4 1.120 Acres - 97.42' on the creek. #5 - 1.155 Acres - 100.92' on the creek. Both lots creek to highway - near Treasure Cay. #CAV1182 - **\$89,500.**

# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### Another one missed us

We were prepared, but thank goodness another hurricane missed us. Boats were put into the mangroves, trees were trimmed, lawn furniture brought indoors, gas tanks filled and batteries were laid out for all the flashlights. We were expecting the worst and more than appreciative of



Three-year-old R.J. Albury was taken fishing by his grandfather, Dee Albury, and this is what he caught. He brought it in himself. R.J. is the son of Keisha and Robyn Albury of Yellow Wood. A very serious little fella, especially when it comes to fishing, he can name every fish in the book.

the rain we did get. The ocean was quite rough, and our fishermen cut their first voyages of the season short. But Emily broke up before she ever got this far, and for that we were truly thankful.

### Lots of Visitors

Tourism may be off and the boaters may have gone back home, but as always happens this time of the year Cherokee is filled with visiting family and friends. Nearly every home has seen cousins, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles come to Cherokee during their summer vacation, and we are always glad to see old friends and welcome new ones. It's like old home week.

### Monthly Soup Kitchen

Seeing as how August is the opening of crawfish season, we were able to give our senior citizens and shut-ins a treat this month due to the generosity of the fishermen who donated tails for us to make crawfish salad for all our recipients. So far, the community continues to support and help us and in return we get lots of smiles and see lots of happy faces.

### The Long Dock

Since the new cabana or hut was completed, the picnic area in and around the Long Dock is almost constantly used for something, a family get together, a birthday party or just a place to sit, relax and enjoy the view. Who knows, it may even be getting people out of the house, away from the television and the kids out in the sunshine. This has got to be a good thing, and I'm sure those that are taking advantage of it really appreciate it.

## Bahamas Striping has first Abaco job

By Robin Termath

A crew from Bahamas Striping was on Abaco on July 30 to work at the Abaco Club at Winding Bay and a small area on the Capt. Ernest Dean Highway. What makes this interesting is that the company was founded and is owned by a young man from Murphy Town. Atario Mitchell started the company at the age of 23 with the help of a \$5,000 government Self Starter

grant about a year ago in Nassau.

He gained experience in the business working with his uncle on Grand Bahama and decided to strike out on his own. Mr. Mitchell is happy to be back on Abaco and hopes to expand his business to his home island in the future. This is his first job in any of the Family Islands.

"The most important thing for this trip is for me to perform quality work on the job. I take a special pride here because this was where I was born and raised. It will be wonderful to see many familiar faces. Like everyone who was born here,

one day I want to move back here and settle," said Mr. Mitchell. Having graduated from Abaco Central High, Mitchell worked holidays as a bus boy at the Abaco Beach Resort before moving to Freeport and then to Nassau.

The company employs seven people and it currently owns two pieces of state-of-the-art equipment, one of which uses melted thermoplastic, which lasts four times longer than paint.

Bahamas Striping will be returning shortly to Abaco to work with Knowles Construction for the striping at the new government complex in Marsh Harbour. The company plans to hire local Abaco youth for their future projects.



Atario Mitchell is shown striping at Abaco Club at Winding Bay. This young man from Murphy Town has started his own business with the aid of a government grant and now owns the only Bahamian striping company.

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<p><b>Barefoot Breezes</b></p>  <p>35,000+ square feet 143' Oceanfront North of Tahiti Beach \$1.35M</p>	<p><b>Second Chance</b></p>  <p>"Second Chance" 2 Bed/1 Bath Guana Cay <b>\$280K</b></p>	<p><b>9 Acres</b></p>  <p>Sea to Sea Estate, 649' of sandy Beach, 625' of Sea of Abaco Bayfront, Peaceful &amp; private. N. of Hope Town. \$11.75M</p>
<p><b>Las Brisas</b></p>  <p>3B/3B Immaculate home stocked w/amenities includes two private dock slips. Great Views! \$1.195M</p>	<p><b>Plantation Beach House</b></p>  <p>3B/2.5B Includes Dock Slip Rental. GREAT Buy \$795K</p>	<p><b>Marnie's Landing</b></p>  <p>Marnie's Landing Private Marina, Gated, 5 Lots left \$590K+</p>

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# Edison Key speaks of BAIC's focus on handicrafts

By Jennifer Hudson

On speaking of the achievements of the Bahamas Agricultural Industrial Corporation (BAIC), Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco and Chairman of the Corporation, stated that a main focus of BAIC is the development of the craft industry which has now become a \$300 million industry in The Bahamas.

Over the past several years, qualified teachers have conducted training classes in straw work and shell and coconut jewelry on all of the islands including Abaco. Most recently a classes are being held on Abaco in sea glass jewelry and this will now be taken throughout the entire Bahamas.

Training sessions have been held throughout various settlements on Abaco including Moore's Island. Over the past four years over 2,000 persons have graduated from BAIC handicraft classes, many

of whom were from Abaco. These graduates receive a certificate and many can become self employed.

Within the next several months the government will complete its craft centre in Nassau where only authentic Bahamian goods will be sold. This will create thousands of jobs for Bahamians. Crafts persons from all over The Bahamas will also be able to sell their products online as BAIC has developed a programme similar to QVC with the Inter American Development Bank.

Closer to home, plans are going well for Marsh Harbour as work has already begun on the erection of two buildings for a Farmers' Market and Handicraft Market on the BAIC park opposite BEC. Persons interested in renting space can do so through BAIC. It will also act as a venue for people to hold functions; there will be

a permanent platform which can be used for such occasions as the Christmas Bazaar and agricultural shows. Mr. Key hopes to see the entire park completed by the end of 2011 and this will include a beautification programme. A large section will be paved to allow more parking.

The old Ministry of Works building ad-

acent to the BAIC Park has been turned over to BAIC and will be completely refurbished to house the BAIC office, training centre and restrooms. Fencing and a wall will complete this area. Mr. Key hopes that this entire project will make a nice addition to the town.

## Classes are teaching sea glass jewelry-making

By Jennifer Hudson

Eighteen students have completed an intensive sea glass jewelry-making class under the tutorship of jeweler Peter Bradley. The classes, which were held at the Central Abaco Primary School, were sponsored by the Bahamas Agricultural Industrial Corporation (BAIC) which provided all of the large equipment for use in the classes while students purchased their own kit containing silver, solder and saw blades. The first class was held during the daytime followed by a class taught at night.

All students began by making pendants which involved learning all of the basic steps. They were then able to add charms

and other ornaments as they became more adept. All of the students were unanimous in how much they had enjoyed the class and were amazed at what they had produced. They admitted that they had found the first day to be frustrating as they tried to learn the new skills but soon mastered the soldering process which they found to be most challenging. "We are really fortunate to have a skilled jeweler teaching us," said Cindy Albury.

All of the students except one were completely new to the craft of sea glass

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Peter Bradley, right, is the instructor for the sea glass jewelry-making classes offered by BAIC. These classes are limited to 12 students as BAIC provides the necessary equipment for making the jewelry. Students have to purchase the consumable materials.

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<b>Amenities</b>	Full service Beach Club with Infinity Pool & two lit tennis courts (images are conceptual).
<b>Concierge</b>	Yes.

# Local Government at Work



## Murphy Town Committee July 18

By Mirella Santillo

The first Murphy Town committee meeting held by the new Chairman, Shawn Simms, started with a quorum of five members.

This meeting was aimed primarily at going over the new budget which is the same amount as last year, \$207,000. Administrator Cephas Cooper insisted that the proposed budget be followed closely. However, he informed the committee that there was some flexibility within the budget and that the committee could move money from one area of expenditure to the other.

The fixed expenses were covered first, salaries of the Town Committee's employees. Last year's expenses were reviewed and 30 new tenders were examined and a follow-up meeting will review the tenders for cleaning roadsides and the cemetery.

The follow-up meeting was held on July 25. They went through 30 letters but decided to hold another meeting to finish reviewing all the tenders and make a decision.

The Chairman expressed his intention to renovate the Burial Society building. He wants to repaint the building, change the windows and redo the bathrooms. He also intends to continue the construction of the Community Center. Those topics will be discussed further during the next meeting.

A third meeting was called on July 26 to meet with people offering tenders for the garbage collection. However, no final decision was reached. Trevor Mills will continue the garbage collection until a subsequent meeting is held.

## Dundas Town Committee July 19

By Mirella Santillo

The first meeting of the new Dundas Town Committee was held Burial Society building and was chaired by Faron Newbold and was dedicated to examine the budget.

The Dundas Town budget is \$205,100 for the year 2011-2012. The Committee reviewed the previous year's expenditures.

The Chairman was granted a maximum amount of \$1,000 to deal with emergency situations. Administrator Cooper reminded the Committee that it had to be an "emergency," something that could not wait until the next meeting to be approved. The Chairman should still inform the other Committee members of the use of the funds and these will have to be documented in the next meeting.

The areas of responsibility were delegated. George Cornish, Cecil Ingraham and Raquel Thurston oversee Central Pines and the graveyard. Christine Boswick and Faron Newbold will oversee Ocean View Park, the Burial Society and the side streets. Marguerita Cornish will oversee Brown's Bay with Mr. Ingraham. The Committee approved Mr. Cornish to accept his tenders for Front Street and Forest Drive.

Anyone renting the Burial Society will be required to pay \$75 to be used to clean the premises.

Ms. Cornish mentioned that the bathrooms at Brown's Bay need a new door and a barrier pole to prevent cars going over the grass. Quotes were requested.

Chairman Newbold wants to make Ocean View Park a cultural center. He had a proposed plan which he said should be done in stages. The park will have a sea-

wall, a dock and a board walk with sitting accommodations and stalls for food and arts and crafts vendors. He envisions the center as an area frequented by locals and tourists alike, attracted by live music and Junkanoo rushes.

Cay Mills attended the meeting briefly. He was sworn in and left.

## Central Abaco Town Planning July 25

By Timothy Roberts

The new Town Planning Board held its first meeting on July 25 after being appointed by the new Central Abaco District Council. It was the first meeting in about two months and the group immediately got to work reviewing over \$1 million worth of plans for extensions, residences and commercial buildings including an airplane hangar and a radio station.

Airplane pilot Sean Nixon was given approval for an airplane hangar with a mini Fixed Base Operation which is expected to be built just east of Zig Zag's existing hangar at the airport.

A number of plans were deferred because the applicants had not submitted proof of ownership. The Board agreed that all applicants need to be told that they will not review any application that is not accompanied by proof of ownership.

Robert Malone submitted an application for the building of a radio station including a 150-foot tower on property just off Crockett Drive. Administrator Cephas Cooper suggested that the Board send the application to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee for its review to ensure there are no concerns with its placement. He also noted that the broadcasting license submitted was for the existing radio station in Nassau and that a separate license from URCA must be acquired for the new location as licenses are not transferrable.

Denise Archer submitted an application for a take-away in Cove Estates along S.C. Bootle Highway which the board approved. CJ's Welding also got approval for a new building across the street from their present location.

Freddie Jones wanted to know what more the board could do to stop illegal building from continuing. He said their at-

tempts in the past have not been carried out and enforced and of no construction illegal buildings was effectively stopped.

It was suggested that they take any matters such as illegal building to the Council and let it pursue and pressure the relevant authorities to address these problems.

## Central Abaco District Council July 26

By Timothy Roberts

A presentation was made to the Central Abaco District Council seeking approval for a stone crab farming and processing business to operate just north of Busic Bight on the south side west of the Stink Pond area.

Wenzel McBride along with foreign investor, Lewis Meade, requested 20 acres of coastline property in Busic Bight where they would set up the operation under the name Friendly Catch Ltd. They intend to use pens, begin farming stone crabs and develop a viable industry on Abaco exporting up to 16,000 pounds of claws per month. They would buy from local fishermen as well.

The Council decided they would consult with Friends of the Environment to get a scientific evaluation on the operation before making a final decision.

Yvonne Key, reporting on the airport, said that electrical work on the lights at the terminal had been carried out already and added special thanks to Standard Hardware for the donation of materials to complete the work. She has acquired paint from the Paint Place and is hoping to get donations to take care of part of the cost.

Mrs. Key reported that she and Chief Councillor George Cornish held a meeting with the janitresses and groundsmen at the airport which they felt went well. The employees are aware now of the expectations and that they will be held accountable. A new schedule is set for the cleaners, and they now have two supervisors to ensure that cleaning is done. Clifford Williams is in charge of maintenance.

The Council has had to supplement the Civil Aviation Department's budget for Abaco because it was cut from \$10,000 to

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## ISAIAH RUSSELL Open House Benefit



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\$6,000. They have put controls on materials and cleaning chemicals in order to keep costs under control.

Mrs. Key spoke to Customs and Immigration and airport staff about parking away from the prime spots at the terminal, allowing the areas closest to the terminal to be used by guests.

Faron Newbold said a letter should be written to the proper authorities that the Civil Aviation budget should not be cut for the second busiest airport in The Bahamas. Mr. Cornish agreed saying they will write a forceful letter to the respective authorities to encourage them to increase the Civil Aviation's budget and also to buy a new air conditioning system.

He explained that the central air conditioning unit was inspected and was found to be in disrepair and needs to be replaced. The cost of replacing the unit is estimated to be \$15,000 in parts and labor.

It was suggested that if nothing is done within a reasonable time of sending the letter, they will then notify the press.

Additionally, Mr. Cornish said that the Marsh Harbour Clinic is without air conditioning or fans. Letters were sent to Public Health last year detailing the need for a new air conditioning system as the one in the clinic was out of date and failing. They have received no reply on the matter.

Mr. Cornish suggested that they keep tabs on the statutory boards to ensure people are showing up to meetings. He said they should waste no time replacing someone if they miss three meetings keeping to the regulation of the Local Government Act.

# Open House will benefit handicapped child

*By Jennifer Hudson*

Isaiah Russell is a twelve-year-old with a lovely big smile despite having been born severely physically challenged. He is unable to hear or speak and cannot eat normally; he is fed eight times a day through a feeding tube. Isaiah's many medical problems still have specialists puzzled to this day.

Since he was born in Florida, the hospital brought in several specialists to carry out tests and try to make a diagnosis. After six months the family had to leave the country with Isaiah and return to their home in The Bahamas.

Leona and Terrell Russell have to take their son to Florida three or four times a year for check ups and he has undergone several major surgeries. The family has over \$200,000 in medical expenses because of Isaiah's condition and bills keep piling up.

Isaiah needs another operation to straighten his hands. Following this surgery he will need mouth surgery and later two very major surgeries on his jaw. When he is older, he will need surgery to open his esophagus. Isaiah also needs costly medications to reduce severe pain.

Isaiah's mother, Leona, is unable to work outside the home as she needs to take full time care of her son who is the couple's only child.

Isaiah cannot play much or interact with other children because his skull does not cover his entire head. Another major surgery will be required to rectify this when he is much older. Despite all of these problems

his mother describes him as a very happy and affectionate child who is always laughing. He spends his days playing games on the computer and loves toys with lights and action. Isaiah likes to be barefoot because he uses his toes to help him do things he cannot manage with his hands alone.

An Open House Benefit is planned for August 20 to raise funds to assist Isaiah and his parents with their huge medical bills. The event will be held at Villa Tatutina, home of John and Donna Milanowski on Pelican Shores, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. This promises to be a delightful day of fellowship with live music and entertainment, swimming, snorkeling and food and beverages in the beautiful grounds of Villa Tatutina. There will be a raffle drawing with

the superb prize of an all inclusive weekend getaway at Villa Tatutina.

All food will be provided and will be cooked by Chef Terrell. Tickets are priced at \$25. This will give you an enjoyable time and includes the chance to win a great prize as well as help with the Russell family's enormous medical bills.

Terrell is an excellent chef and a very reliable worker who, in addition to having his own businesses in the past, has worked at the Abaco Beach Hotel and as personal chef to many. He is presently without a permanent job. If anyone could assist in giving Terrell employment, it would greatly help the family. For additional information contact John and Donna Milanowski at 367-4753 or johnm@jmrepro.com.

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# 959 - 2 bed, 1 bath furnished 2 level condo overlooking marina, includes garage	\$219,000.
# 1942 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 450 s/f, 2nd level furnished unit overlooking community pool.	\$199,000.
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**Superb Beachfront Parcel #1362** - Treasure Cay Blvd. Level & cleared beach lot, 12,600 s/f, 90' fabulous sandy beach frontage. Breath-taking sea views. **\$1,275,000.**

**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. **\$1,195,000.**

**Windward Beach - Beach Parcel #1470** - 23,151 s/f parcel with 101' of stone wall & sandy beach on Sea of Abaco. All utilities available. **\$843,000.**

**Treasure Cay Canal Parcels**

**Brigantine Bay - #1662** - Two adjoining single family residential lots, 13,602 s/f total with combined 144' of sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. Superb water views. **\$785,000.**

**Brigantine Bay - #1559** - 16,108 s/f level, cleared canal parcel with 164' of bulk headed & protected water frontage. Dock & dolphin pilings installed. **\$599,000.**

**Windward Beach Drive - Beach Parcel #1693** - Oversized 17,000 s/f parcel with 100' powder sand beach frontage & 2 tier sea wall. All utilities available. Suberb sea views. **\$599,000.**

**Treasure Cay Harbourfront Lot - #1804** - 13,678 s/f landscaped parcel, 153' of bulkheaded seawall, 140' of lay-along docks, garage, water & electricity **\$499,000.**

**Galleon Bay - #1441** - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$498,500.**

**Brigantine Bay #1598** - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$495,000.**

**Galleon Bay #422** - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot, 88'+ protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**

**Galleon Bay #1473** - Approx. 10,000 s/f canal parcel, 100'+ of sea-walled protected water frontage. utilities available. Easy access to sea. **\$349,950.**

**Brigantine Bay #1173 & 1174** - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f, 80' bulk head, 140' depth. Cleared, utilities available. **EACH \$299,950.**

**Brigantine Bay #1494** - 18,807 s/f cleared canal parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**

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**Treasure Cay Sea Views Lots 10 & 11.** - #1908 - 2 adjoining inland lots on Windward Beach Drive. Total 21,600 s/f. All utilities available. **EACH \$74,995.**

**Treasure Cay Inland Lot #12 Block 194** - #1954 - 10,980 s/f cleared & level lot - ready for building, all utilities available. **\$69,000.**

**Treasure Cay Inland Lot Near Beach #1609** - Residential lot 1 block from beach, 8,000 s/f, All utilities available **\$36,000.**

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**"Ridge Runner" #1185** - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 s/f furnished home-main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock. 1.74 elevated acres, 330' shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$2,390,000.**

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**Beach Front Parcel #714** - 45,343 s/f parcel, 100' ocean beach frontage. Electricity available. Ideal site for permanent residence or vacation home. **\$325,000.**

**Inland Lot - Near Beach - #1176** - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$57,500.**

**Inland Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 4 #1868** - 2 adjoining lots of 10,000 s/f each. Short walk to beach. **Each at \$27,500.**

**Inland Lots 11 & 12 - #1661** - 2 adjoining lots, 9,600 s/f each in Sect. 4. Short walk to Atlantic beach. Electricity available. **Each \$24,600.**

**CASUARINA POINT**

**"Casuarina Cottage" #1866** - 2 bed, 1 bath, 816 s/f semi-furnished cottage on 14,000 s/f lot with 127' of canal frontage with boat ramp. **\$175,000.**

**TURTLE ROCKS**

**"Coco Beach" #1676** - Newly built 3 bed, 3 bath, 3 level fully furnished beachfront home, 1,700 s/f under air, 1,290 s/f open patios. 0.93 acre parcel with 101' sandy beachfront, plus dock and boat lift. Sensational sea views from virtually every room. **\$999,000.**

**"Turtle's Rock" - 1833** - 2 bed, 2.5 bath elevated furnished beach home, 1,100 s/f under air, 1,866 s/f under roof, open decks, 0.94 acres, 90' beach. **\$875,000.**

**Beach Home - 1532** - 3 bed, 3.5 bath elevated 2 level semi furnished home on 0.89 acres, 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$799,990.**

**Beach Lot - #1815** - 0.94 Acre beach parcel with 120' of Sea of Abaco sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available, great water views. **\$225,000.**

**NORTH ABACO**

**Blackwood Waterfront Parcel #1521** - 38,514 s/f parcel, 167' of deep water Sea of Abaco frontage and highway frontage. Topography well suited for a marina site. Utilities available **\$98,500.**

**NORTH ABACO**

**Boiling Hole Lot 18 - #1827** - Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 17,472 sq. ft. with 100' hard rock shoreline & magnificent sea views. All utilities available. **\$79,000.**

**GREEN TURTLE CAY**

**Lot "A" - The Bluff #1910** - 15,600 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 89' hard rock shoreline, 30' elevations, Near Bluff House, great sea views **\$491,000.**

**GREAT CISTERN CAY**

**#1787 - "Rivendell"** - Rustic 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,284 s/f. furnished beach cottage on 2 building lots total 41,800 s/f 236' sandy beach frontage & 2 garages. **\$599,000.**

**MARSH HARBOUR**

**Pelican Shores Harbourfront Home - #1563** - 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 5,600 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home with pool & dock. Well maintained, superior quality construction, many extras. 1 acre+/- landscaped, 115' water frontage. **\$3,495,000.**

**"Sea View" - Great Abaco Club #1203** - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,880 s/f furnished sea view home, plus 280 s/f of open deck on 4,918 s/f parcel. Well maintained, gated community, great rental income potential. Includes private deep water dock. **\$699,000.**

**Commercial Bldg. #1792** - 6,000 s/f retail & warehouse bldgs on 20,000 s/f parcel in heart of town. 4 tenants, monthly rental income. **\$499,000.**

**Regattas of Abaco #27 - #1853** - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$199,950.**

**Keys Tract Parcel - #1879** - 0.94 acre parcel on Pole Line Road near Maxwell's. Zoned (commercial residential) Utilities available. Great Potential. **\$149,000.**

**LEISURE LEE**

**#1846 - "Yellowbird"** - 2 bed, 2 bath, turn-key furnished elevated canalfront home. 1,900 s/f under roof. 80' lay-along dock, plus boat slip, ramp & lift. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE \$645,000.**

**Canalfront Home #1865** - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003. 11,378 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$549,000.**

**Waterfront House (Under Construction) #1374** - 18,600 s/f sea front parcel, 108' deep water frontage, plus 50' long boat slip. 3 bed, 3.5 bath, 2,284 s/f home under construction. Great sea views. **\$489,000.**

**Residential Parcels**

**#1258** - 9,000 s/f building envelope, 160' of deep water layalong docks. New Hi Tide vertical boat lift up to a capacity of 20,000 lbs. Near beach. **\$295,000.**

**#1845** - 11,531 s/f canal lot, 100' canal frontage, boat slip, dock, ramp, 12,000lb boat lift, electrical power & water. Accommodates up to 80' boat. **\$275,000.**

**#602** - Large 15,344 s/f cleared & level lot with 197' of fully seawalled, protected canal frontage. Water installed, other utilities available. **\$269,000.**

**#704** - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' deep water canal frontage. Sea views, walk to beach. **\$239,500.**

**#1844** - 2 adjoining deep water, sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' shared dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks each. Near beach. **Each at \$238,000.**

**#1080** - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$197,500.**

**#1593** - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **\$199,000.**

**#811** - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$99,950.**

**#1902 - Leisure Lee Inland Lot #170** - Sea view parcel with 13,459 s/f - Near Beach **REDUCED TO \$75,000.**

**Ocean View Lot #168 - #1854** - 9,680 s/f lot close to beach. All utilities available. **\$60,000.**

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# Stone crab project is discussed with Friends

By Leigh Termath

A company, Friendly Catch owned by an American and an Abaconian, is proposing to develop a stone crab farm and claw processing plant just north of Bustic Bight. When they sought the recommendation of the Central Abaco District Council, the Council looked to Friends of the Environment to see what that group felt about the project.

Friendly Catch representatives, Wenzel McBride and Louis Meade, held a meeting with Friends on July 29 to discuss the project. They had earlier submitted a copy of their proposal to Friends. This business venture is requesting an initial 20 acres including 1200 feet of seafront land to harvest and breed stone crabs. Mr. McBride opened the presentation saying that Friend-

ly Catch plans to start with a minimum harvest of 1,000 pounds of crab claws per day. The company has its own boat but additionally will be buying crabs from local fishermen for processing and export. Their own boat will be catching crabs to take one claw but then keeping the crabs to populate their stock. The company requested 20 acres configured to include 1200 feet of waterfront for holding and breeding pens.

After their presentation they fielded questions from the Friends' staff who brought up several concerns. The group wanted to know if the operation will be conforming with all the latest regulations for exporting. The most immediate concern was whether this type of operation would deplete the stone crab stock. Scientist Craig Lehman said there had to be

some kind of survey of existing stock to know whether this operation would wipe out the crab population. Additional concerns were about the purity of the water around the facility and concern about what would be pumped out into the marls. There were, however, no engineering plans to show the sea pen facility.

In continuing the discussion it was noted that crabs may be able to regrow their claws only three times in their life cycle.

An additional concern was the actual viability of breeding crabs. It was noted by Dr. Lehman that these kinds of operations have not been successful because of the actual life cycle of a crab depends the larvae discharging at sea.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was felt that more research has to be done to determine the viability and impact of this project.



Part of the process of mounting sea glass to make pendants is soldering a silver rim around the glass, using a oxygen/propane torch. Those wanting to continue this craft must purchase a Dremel power grinder and solder equipment. The students were thrilled that they could learn such a technical craft.

## Crafts

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jewelry although many had taken all of the other courses previously offered by BAIC. "I had wanted to learn how to do this all my life and have been collecting sea glass for years," stated Julia Sawyer. Kim Roberts had done some before through online classes but had encountered problems. She came to the class to figure out what she was doing wrong. "I have learned a new way of making the jewelry which I like much better," she said.

Mr. Bradley was assisted by Victoria Forbes, who worked with him at the Conch Pearl Gallery. At the beginning of the course she took the students on a field trip to collect sea glass. Mr. Bradley enjoyed teaching them and was very impressed with his students. "They have learned a lot, and I hope they will pass this skill onto their daughters. The tourists love this stuff," he stated.

At the completion of the course, the

students were given instruction in record keeping and in the marketing of their products.

Day classes will be held in Treasure Cay from August 8 to 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. followed by evening classes from August 15 through 26 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Day classes in Sandy Point will be held on August 29 through September 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with night classes from September 5 through 16 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Eventually, Mr. Bradley will teach the sea glass jewelry-making classes on other Family Islands.



The two principals of Friendly Catch, a company wanting to develop a stone crab farm and claw processing plant, met with Friends of the Environment to get its recommendation of the project. Present at the meeting was Dr. Craig Layman, a marine scientist from Florida International University.

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# Local student continues his impressive path of study

By Jennifer Hudson

Congratulations to Mitchell Albury, son of Mollie Albury and the late Ray Albury of Marsh Harbour who continues to chalk up impressive academic achievements in the United States. Mitchell is a 1995 graduate of Forest Heights Academy and has recently been awarded full academic funding to complete a Ph.D. programme in Economics at Suffolk University in Boston.

After graduation from Forest Heights Academy Mitchell worked for 10 years in the family business, Abaco Hardware.

However, he always wanted to go away to study. In 2005 he fulfilled his dream and entered the University of Miami. He followed a double major, graduating in 2009 with both a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, majoring in economics, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with a minor in mathematics. Not only was this impressive enough but he achieved it Cum Laude and General Honours. At the University of Miami Mr. Albury was inducted as a member into both the Beta Gamma Sigma, International Business Honour Society, and the Golden Key International Honour Society.

Mr. Albury went on to further study at Boston University and in May of this year graduated from the University of Boston with a Master of Arts degree in economic policy. His very proud mother and his Aunt Cathy Key were present for the graduation ceremony.

The expected fields for his Ph. D. in economics will be public finance and international economics. He has received full academic funding for the PhD programme as well as a graduate assistantship. As part



Mitchell Albury is now working toward his doctorate at Suffolk University in Boston. He is shown with his proud mother, Molly Albury.

of the assistantship he is required to do research for a professor. During the final two years of the programme after completing the core courses, graduate students are expected to teach introductory economics

courses to undergraduate students at the university. Upon completion of his doctorate, Mr. Albury says that he plans to focus on public economics "wherever this may take him."

# Nominations are requested for Keep Abaco Beautiful

By Michelle Mikula

The Abaco Tourist Office and Friends of the Environment are currently accepting nominations for the third annual Keep Abaco Beautiful Awards Ceremony that is slated for September 16 at New Vision Ministry.

The organizing committee is once again calling upon the Abaco community to nominate deserving individuals and organizations who have contributed significantly to the protection and sustainability of their environment. The categories in which individuals and organizations can be nominated are as follows:

**The Educational Award:** This award is the highest honor given by Keep Abaco Beautiful and is presented annually to one or more schools who built and sustained an environmentally-conscious program with exceptional success.

**Friends of Environment Award:** This award is for a group who has helped build Abaco in the area of environmental consciousness through beautification, litter prevention and promoting awareness.

**The Volunteer Leadership Award:** This award honors an individual who goes above and beyond to improve and beautify their community.

Notable recipients of the Keep Abaco Beautiful Awards include Tom Hazel of Hope Town Harbour Lodge, Hope Town Primary School, the community of Cherokee Sound, Yvonne Key, Tropical Shipping and Randy Key.

The awards ceremony is tied to the Keep Abaco Beautiful program, which was officially launched on Abaco in September of 2007 in an effort to engage individuals and organizations in activities that would improve their community environment. Keep Abaco Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, an environmental organization based out of the United States that focuses on litter prevention, waste reduction and community beautification.

Nomination forms are currently available at the Abaco Tourist Office and Friends of the Environment. Deadline for submission is Friday, September 2.



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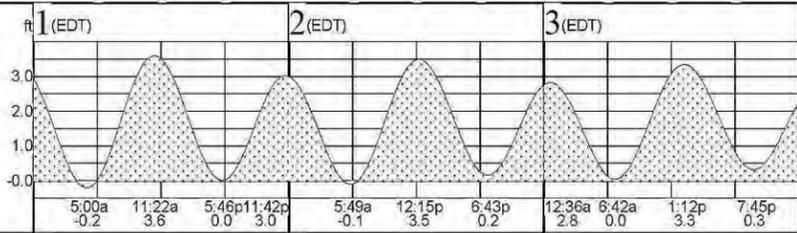
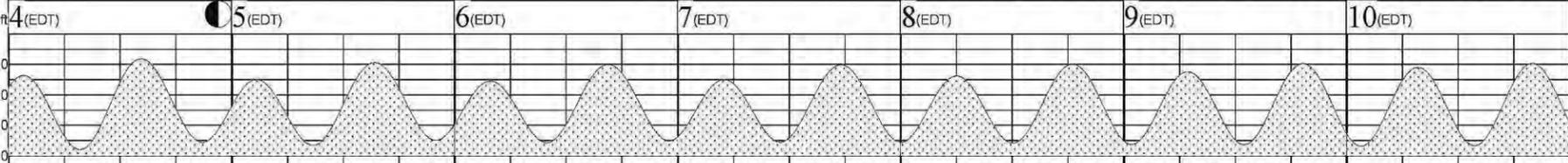
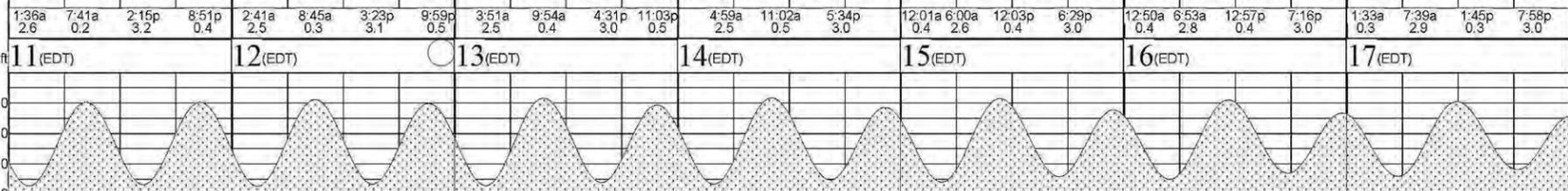
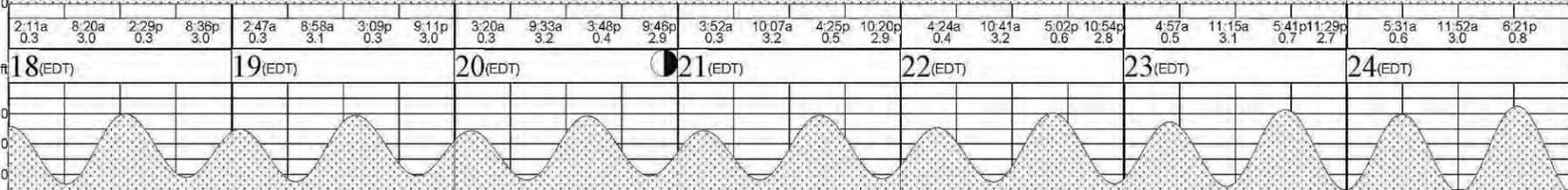
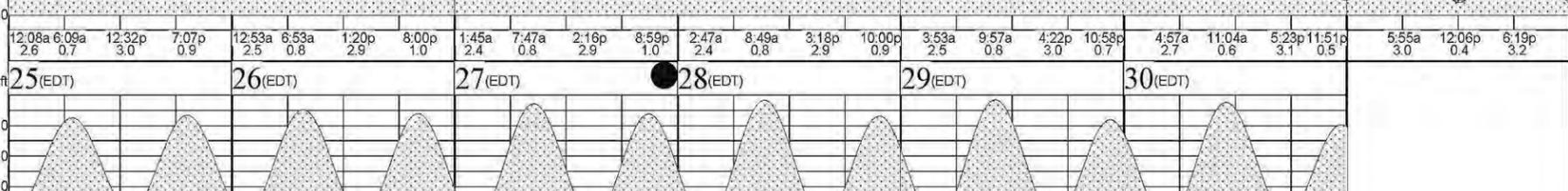
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Letters

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finally decided to pay the \$700. Nothing came of the monies deposited. Feeling we were out the \$700, we went back to the offices in Marsh Harbor, albeit for the umpteenth time.

Many of these visits showed us that we were the only folks in the BTC Marsh Harbor office and that the supervisors we had previously spoken with, who had told us they would "investigate and get right back to us," never did. Each time we asked for them by name, they were "in conference." Of course, this was so coincidental as to be almost unbelievable. We were frustrated. Our home caretaker eased our minds with similar tales of experiences she was aware of. A neighbor suggested a donation of a \$100 token to an official at the BTC office could help.

A few days ago, last Friday to be exact, we went again to the BTC Office. We were the only customers. It was our ritual trip, Maxwell's and the BTC office. However, all the supervisors were "in conference." The clerks were texting or something similar, and the security guard was in attendance to open and close the door. This time my wife insisted that she be allowed to speak to someone of importance, and I knew right then that she would have her wish.

We were directed to Emalin Sawyer, someone who had never spoken to us before. He was wonderful and understanding and promised the usual, and I am sure intended to deliver. He called a man into his office while we were there who was familiar with our case. We knew him from Hope Town where we had talked to him on occasion about our phone. Mr. Sawyer stated that he understood the problem and that someone would be out to our home tomorrow. Tomorrow was Saturday, and

we waited at the house, but no one ever appeared.

While I felt Mr. Sawyer was sincere, my conviction was confirmed when he called on Monday, July 25. He had been told that someone had gone out to our home on Saturday and that we had been gone from the island. We listened to him admonishing someone in the office over the phone for not being truthful. Then he came back on the phone and said someone would be out to our home that day. Yesterday.

Sure enough, three someones arrived, well dressed and unprepared for work. My wife provided them with tools to lift the cover on the road and visually inspect the wires. Yes, they were there. Now all that was left was for us to install the cable from our house, cross the road and into the box, and they would return the very next day to "hook up the cables." They told her what we must do and how to do it and left us the cable and the phone. When my wife told me this, I couldn't believe it. Here we were four years into a phone promise, expected to dig our own cable in. Well, stranger things may have happened . . .

But soon my son Travis, visiting from Sydney, Australia, and his brother-in-law Callin decided to help me dig the cable into the box on their last day of vacation. Monday afternoon found us doing just that. We almost completed the job.

On the final part of the dig, going down to the utility box in the road, a black car came over the hill, apparently on the way to Tahiti Beach. It stopped. A man stepped out in uniform, police uniform, placed his hat on his head, walked over to us and asked what we thought we were doing. I told him our instructions from the phone people, but he apparently didn't believe me. Cpl. Smith said that he had been a police officer here for many years and had never heard of such a thing. I said,

believe me, I haven't either. My wife and I produced the 125 feet of phone cable and the telephone, and Mr. Sawyer's business card.

We were required to give our name and date of birth, and, of course, we had to stop digging and fill in our work. Officer Smith promised to check into this matter on Tuesday morning and get right back to us, and I imagined being arrested and locked up until the matter of digging a phone line in was resolved.

Monday night the Bachelorette was on television, which is required watching for my wife. I, of course, watch it, also for family political correctness. During the show a vehicle stopped out in front, and a police officer got out to check the ditch, maybe to see if it had been tampered with.

Tuesday morning, July 26, my wife gave Mr. Sawyer a call at the phone company. Mr. Sawyer promised to look into the matter immediately, to call Officer Smith, and get right back to us. While we wait, I ponder the thought that the \$700 charged by BTC for this mystery phone may have just been an entertainment expense.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Smith  
Tahiti Hai, Elbow Cay

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can be a wonderful vehicle for sharing and caring, an avenue for self expression, a comfort and a great tracking device. I only wish I had it when the children were teenagers, but they probably would not have invited me on their vast friend list.

However, I do have mixed feelings.

A few weeks ago I was sitting on Cap n' Jacks deck at sunset with family members enjoying a wonderful dinner. My son and his girlfriend had their backs to the light-house. The light was perfect. It was a Kodak moment.

"Take a photo, please," they asked another family member.

I was sitting next to them.

My hair was sleek and styled. I was wearing make-up and dressed for dinner. I was well rested. I felt good, my face relaxed.

I tried to edge my way into the photo but to no avail.

I knew it might end up on Facebook. Maybe I had hopes of redeeming myself!

But no one was taking any risks.

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Oh well!

I suppose I can't have it both ways!



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Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16
Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue	365-9112
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
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Abaco Dive Adventures, Marsh Harbour	367-2963
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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

Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers	
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<b>• Marsh Harbour Airport to:</b> Effective Dec 08	
Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
Snake Cay	\$35
Casuarina Point	\$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
Crossing Rocks	\$105
Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$165

**• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:**  
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel .....\$ 10  
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern .....\$10

Wait time \$0.40 per minute, Hourly rate \$40 per hour  
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people  
Luggage \$0.75 each over two, large bags \$1 ea.

• Treasure Cay Airport to:	
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80

Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$85
T Cay Hotel to G Turtle Ferry	\$25
T Cay Hotel to Blue Hole	\$30

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

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 30 minutes

Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch	
<b>Marsh Harbour&gt;Hope Town</b>	
7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm	
Return: 8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm	
<b>Marsh Harbour&gt;Man-O-War</b>	
10:30am 12:15pm 2:30pm* 4:00pm 5:45pm	* Not on Sundays or holidays
Return: 8:00am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:15pm* 5:00pm	
<b>Marsh H.&gt;Guana Cay/Scotland cay</b> From Conch Inn	
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Return: 8 am 11:30am 2:30pm 4:45pm 6:30pm	

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**Green Turtle Ferry** • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride  
**T Cay Airport>Green T Cay** 8:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm 5:00pm  
Return: 8am 9am 11am 12:15pm 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:30pm  
New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks

**Abaco Adventures** • Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available  
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### Attractions

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	
<b>Items of interest</b> • 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	

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Abaco's Nature Adventure	559-9433
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
C & C Charters - Treasure Cay	365-8506
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Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024

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Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	45..... F..... 365-4200
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Treasure Cay	
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Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
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Boat Harbour Marina183	F..... 367-2158
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Marsh Harbour Marina52	F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	..... 366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	60..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Bakers Bay Marina	158..... F..... 365-5802
Guana Hide-aways	37..... 577-0003
Orchid Bay	64..... F..... 365-5175

Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

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Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
A Salt Weapon - Hope Town	366-0245
Down Deep	366-3143
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Back Breaker	365-5140

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Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals	367-1035
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Cruise Abaco	577-0148
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
The Moorings Boat Rentals	367-4000

Green Turtle Cay	
Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
Cruising Cart Rentals	365-4065
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
Kool Karts	365-4176
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055

Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175

Lubbers Quarters	
Cruise Abaco	321-220-8796
Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143

Hope Town	
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Elbow Cay Cart	366-0569
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069

Treasure Cay	
Adventure on Prozac - Kayak	365-8749
Blue Marlin Rentals	365-8687
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749



### Bonefish Guides

<b>Casuarina Point</b>	
Junior Albury	366-3058
<b>Cherokee</b>	
Noel Lowe	366-2107
Marty Sawyer	366-2115
Randy Sawyer	366-2284
Will Sawyer	366-2177
<b>Crossing Rocks</b>	
Tony Russell	366-3259
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Rick Sawyer	365-4261
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Maitland Lowe	366-0234
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
David Albury	365-6059
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
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Sidney Albury	477-5996
Richard Albury	367-0367
Terrance Davis	367-4464
Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Justin Sands	367-3526
Danny Sawyer	367-3577
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
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O'Donald McIntosh	477-5037
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Edward Rolle	365-0024
Herbert Thurston	365-2405
<b>Sandy Point</b>	
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Nicholas Roberts	366-4486

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### Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper  
(Based on dinner entree range)  
+ Picnic tables & restroom only ‡ Provides ride from town

Marsh Harbour	
Abaco Pizza	\$..... 367-4488
Anglers	\$\$\$..... 367-2158
Blue Marlin	\$..... 367-2002
Curly Tails	\$\$\$..... 367-4444
Gino's	\$..... 367-7272
Golden Grouper	\$..... 367-2301
Island Family Rest	\$..... 367-3778
Java Coffee House	\$..... 367-5523
Jamie's Place	\$..... 367-2880
Jib Room	Closed Jul 31 to Mid Nov..... 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	..... 367-2615
Mangoes	Closed Aug 15 to Nov 17..... 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$..... +..... 367-3796
Snack Shack	\$..... +..... 367-4005
Snappas	\$\$..... 367-2278
Wallys	Closed Aug 20 to End of Oct..... 367-2074

Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	Closed Aug 1 to Nov 1..... 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	Closed Aug 6 to Oct 1..... 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$\$..... 366-0087
H T Coffee House	Closed Mid Aug to 1st Nov..... 366-0760
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$..... 366-0095
Munchies	\$..... 366-0423
OnDa Beach	Closed Aug 22 to End Oct..... 366-0558
Sea Spray	\$\$\$..... ‡..... 366-0065
Sugar Shack	\$..... +..... 366-0788

Little Harbour	
Pete's Pub	Closed Aug 14 to End of Nov..... 366-3503

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

Man-O-War	
Dock'n Dine	..... 365-6139
Island Treats Snack Bar	..... 365-6501

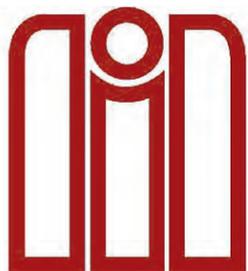
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# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



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## Salvage operators meet with Minister Deveaux

### A ban on exporting metal will hopefully reduce theft



Salvage operators met with the Hon. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment on July 27 to discuss the problems that have developed as a result of unscrupulous stealing from businesses, government entities and individuals. As a result the government has placed a 90-day ban on the exporting of metals and a permanent ban on the exporting of copper. The salvage operators on Abaco are forming an association and are making a proposal to control the situation. Shown are Cleola Pinder, Ryan Williams, Karel Guerra, Al Jennings, Scott Wilson, Ernest Scott, Sherilyn Cooper, Brian Williams, Garard Nairn, Mike Scarlett, Fontaine Joseph and Paul Williams.

By Timothy Roberts

Salvage operators on Abaco pulled together a meeting with the Hon. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment, on August 1 at Friendship Tabernacle to discuss the recent ban on exporting scrap metal and copper.

On July 27 government has banned the export of scrap metal for 90 days and placing a permanent ban on the export of copper. The ban came after months of escalating thefts of copper and other valuable metals from private and government properties.

Mr. Deveaux addressed the audience, made up of buyers and sellers in the salvage industry on Abaco, saying that the government did not "undertake the ban on scrap metal and copper in isolation." He shared stories of how large amounts of copper in particular have been stolen from private properties and government properties alike.

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## Site is being prepared for Marsh Harbour terminal



The site is being prepared for the new terminal at the Marsh Harbour International Airport. Although no date has been announced for the signing of the contract for the construction of the building, the Hon. Neko Grant said that the signing would be soon.

This is very good news for all of Abaco as it has been a very long time in coming. It is understood that FES, a construction firm based in Freeport, will be getting the contract.

## Furniture Plus holds Summer Showcase



Furniture Plus held a reception to introduce their Summer Showcase, a showing of art work and crafts featuring Abaco artists. The reception begins two months of showcasing artwork that is also available for sale. The door prizes given at Furniture Plus' Summer Showcase were impressive. These ladies left with lovely items for their homes. Shown are Luzena Dumercy with her friend, Krystynia d'Arville in the center, Lauren Riviere and Lillian Cash. See story on page 7.

## Contracts are signed for infrastructural works



Three contracts were signed on July 28 for re-paving the Treasure Cay runway and the new by-pass road under construction from the Marsh Harbour airport roundabout joining the road to the new administration building and for sidewalks on Forest Drive. Shown in front are PC Cedric Rolle; Permanent Secretary Colin Higgs; Whelma Colebrooke with the Ministry of Sports; Emile Knowles of Knowles Construction; the Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Works; Octavia Dean-McIntosh; John Williams of Williams Construction; and Edison Key, MP for South Abaco. See story on page 4.

# Scrap metal exporting will be controlled

Scrap Metal

From Page 1

He added the story of Lindar, a lumber mill to produce finished boards, recently set up in South Abaco that was robbed of over \$100,000 of equipment. The operation, which Mr. Deveaux said he and Edison Key had worked to bring to Abaco for many years, is now uncertain that it will continue.

Mr. Deveaux said the story of Lindar shows us how serious the thefts are. If Lindar closes down, the opportunities for employment and the benefits to the Abaco economy will never be realized. However, he said the government does want to

encourage the salvaging of derelict cars, scrap metals and contracted demolitions to continue.

Mr. Deveaux encouraged the scrap metal dealers that have containers ready to ship to get them certified, and they will allow them to ship. He said in order to get a container certified the exporter needs to have proof of what is in the container, be certain there is no copper in the container and show a chain of custody proving the materials were legitimately obtained. To facilitate this, government expects to send someone to Abaco soon to carry out inspections.

He said, "We want your help in estab-

lishing the rules that will regulate your industry. There has to be a legitimate partnership between the salvage industry and the government."

Mr. Deveaux continued, "We are prepared to accommodate legitimate trade in

scrap metal," and complimented the group in being proactive in arranging the meeting. He said he would share their thoughts with the group meeting in Nassau on August 2. "Let's work together for a wholesome solution," he concluded.

## Scrap metal dealers submit a proposal

By Timothy Roberts

Sherilyn Cooper and Cleola Pinder put together a presentation that outlined a number of solutions that could allow scrap metal dealers to get back to work. Ms. Cooper said "The scrap metal business is a lucrative business once managed properly. However, there are persons who are not licensed or authorized collecting scrap illegally, which is creating problems for legitimate operators."

She said the result of stealing and the lack of regulations has brought about the financially crippling 90-day ban on scrap metal export and permanent ban on copper. In response to this Ms. Cooper said that scrap metal dealers need to get together to "regulate the salvage industry and form an Association to take control of the raw scrap metal on Abaco."

She outlined a number of solutions with the view to bringing about a quick solution to the present problem facing the industry. One of the suggestions put forward was that a Peddlers Permit be required for persons who sell to scrap yards. This would include identification, signature and proof of ownership of items being sold.

There was agreement on the permanent ban of copper export, though with the ex-

ception that a special permit could be obtained if there was a legitimate need. It was suggested that Custom Officers be able to inspect outgoing containers and strict fines be imposed for any offender (peddler or vendor).

With the formation of an association for Abaco of scrap metal dealers, Ms. Cooper expects they will be able to regulate the industry better. They will seek to partner with Friends of the Environment, the Bahamas National Trust and local government to institute recycling programs that will enable them to be better stewards of the environment.

Ms. Cooper said they will seek to identify all of the sites where scrap metal is located and obtain the relevant approvals.

Ms. Cooper added that the salvage industry "provides a great service in cleaning up the entire Bahamas at practically no cost to the government." She noted that Abaco presently has 10 salvage operators, and to date some have made significant contributions to the economy of Abaco including Mills Brothers Fabricators \$400,000, H.W. Heavy Equipment \$350,000, N.E. Enterprises \$300,000 and L.B. Williams Enterprises \$100,000.



The Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux held a meeting with scrap metal dealers to discuss the recent ban on exporting metal. This was brought about because of extensive thefts, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses for businesses, government agencies and individuals. Dr. Deveaux is speaking with Brian Williams. The Abaco dealers are forming an association and making a proposal to government that would allow exporting under strict regulations.



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# Signed contracts are for paving and sidewalks

By Timothy Roberts

The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport, held a public meeting on July 28 at the District Education office conference room to sign contracts for infrastructural works on Abaco totaling \$3.5 million in value.

Contracts were signed for the construction of a bypass road in Central Abaco, sidewalks along Forest Drive and the re-paving of Treasure Cay airport's runway and apron. The contract for the bypass road will include the installation of a water main from S.C. Bootle Highway to the new government complex along with lateral connectors which will provide future de-

velopment in the area with access to water.

The contracts for both the bypass road as well as the Treasure Cay Airport re-paving went to Knowles Construction & Development Company Ltd. that submitted the lowest qualifying bid for both jobs, beating five other contractors in a pre-qualification tender exercise.

The bypass road, which will run from the airport roundabout to connect with the port road at S.C. Bootle Highway via a new roundabout, will entail 1.5-inch thick hot mix asphalt on the roundabouts and prime pea gravel and sand seal on the new access road and remaining surfaces. The contract awarded is valued at \$965,818.95.

Mr. Grant stated, "There is evidence of significant deterioration of the existing runway surface at the Treasure Cay airport, bearing in mind that more than 20 years have elapsed since the airport was constructed." With this in mind, re-paving of the runway will be undertaken with a 1.5 inch layer of hot mix and will include patching and paving of the parking apron with a prime pea gravel and sand seal surface. This contract is valued at \$1,894,222.70.

Mr. Grant said it was determined that, in the tender process for the Forest Drive sidewalks, John Williams Construction Company submitted the lowest bid and were awarded the contract for \$630,200. He said the sidewalks were determined to

be needed due to Forest Drive being described as one of "the most traversed roads in the Central Abaco area." It was noted there was significant pedestrian traffic on this road because of the two largest schools on Abaco accessed on that road and the sidewalk is a necessary step to address public safety concerns.

At the conclusion of the signing Mr. Grant thanked the contractors and encouraged them to complete their projects "on time and under budget." He added for the public's interest that he would be back soon to sign two more contracts, one for the paving of some roads in Hope Town and one for the construction of the terminal at the Marsh Harbour airport.



The Hon. Neko Grant is congratulating John Williams for winning the contract to construct sidewalks along Forest Drive through Dundas Town and Murphy Town. This road has many children walking it daily during the school year as Abaco's two largest schools are accessed on Forest Drive. Mr. Williams is from Dundas Town. Shown are, Edison Key, Sean Lightbourne, Mr. Grant, Mr. Williams, Colin Higgs and Octavia Dean-McIntosh.



Construction is already underway on the the new bypass road. The vehicles are on S.C. Bootle Highway. The road in the foreground is new and joins the old airport bypass road from the airport roundabout. The road in the distant right is the new segment of road joining the port bypass road. This new road will avoid all the congestion of Don MacKay Boulevard into Marsh Harbour.

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## New administration building is progressing



While the Hon. Neko Grant, right, was on Abaco on July 28, he toured the new administration building and was pleased with the progress of the work. The \$19.2 million building will house many of the government agencies now located throughout Central Abaco. Also touring the building was the new magistrate for Abaco, Ancella Evans-Williams, who was impressed with two court facilities.



The corner of the new administration building that is in the center of the picture is the new post office. It is an open area, allowing access to post offices boxes round the clock.

## Abaco teachers attend a week of workshops

By Samantha V. Evans

Teachers from the public and private sectors attended a week of workshop sessions last month at Abaco Central High School. The first presenter was Charlene Carey from Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation (BREEF), a private non-profit organization for marine conservation in The Bahamas. The focus of the session was on coral reefs and showing teachers how to impart this information to their students with hands-on, skill-based focus. Ms. Carey introduced them to what a coral reef is, types of coral reefs and threats to coral reefs. She stated that a coral reef is made up of living creatures. Some corals are over 1000 years old, and they grow very slowly. In order for coral reefs to grow, she explained, they need clean clear salt water, a tropical climate, relatively shallow water and sunshine. She engaged the group with numerous hands-on activities where they had to work as a team. Ms. Carey advised the teachers that the reefs are in danger and outlined those threats. Finally, she spoke about ways corals are beneficial to the environment and

about adaptation.

On day two Disney Cruise Line representatives met with teachers to speak to them about ways they can help students discover the sea life of The Bahamas. Each teacher was given a student handbook and teacher manual that outlined the curriculum. Discovering the Sea Life of The Bahamas is a fun-filled activity booklet that covers topics related to mangroves, the Nassau grouper, spiny lobster, sea turtles, pine forests and much more. Sara Green, the Disney presenter, spoke to them about how the activity book will help children learn more about the environment. After completing the Cruisin' the Big Blue curriculum, the students are expected to be knowledgeable about the biodiversity of Caribbean plants and animals and become inspired to take conservation action. The teachers had an intriguing time with the representatives from Disney.

The remaining three days addressed reading, science, writing, and social sciences. On the final day the teachers enjoyed a day at Camp Abaco where they learned more about mangroves first hand.

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# Crawfish season opens with a fair start

By Mirella Santillo

According to a local fisherman, this year's crawfish season started earlier than August 1 as rumor has it that a large number of crustaceans were caught prior the official starting of the season. It was confirmed by an officer of the Department of Marine Resources that two fishermen from Moore's Island were arrested on July 28 while catching crawfish.

Another disconcerting report from Kenny Long, a fisherman who had set over 100 habitats around Central Abaco, was that his "condos" had been visited before he had a chance to reach them. A foreign vessel with a Bahamian rental

boat in tow was being loaded with the crawfish supposedly coming from his traps. As he went in the water, Mr. Long saw two teenagers catching the crawfish. His "condos" showed evidence that they had been raided. The disheartened fisherman brought back 94 pounds of crawfish the first day and only five pounds on a subsequent visit, only half of what he had caught last year.

Jeremie Saunders, an officer of the Department of Marine Resources, explained that foreign boats are allowed only ten crawfish per vessel. The owner / captain of a foreign registered boat needs a Sport Fishing License if fishing from his own boat. If fishing from a rental boat, he does not need a license, but the number of crawfish allowed remains the same: ten crawfish. His advice to the fishermen confronted with poaching, whether by locals or foreigners, is to try to identify the vessel and report it to the police. He confirmed that officers of the Department of Marine Resources had been patrolling

the northern area up to Walker's Cay and the Little Bahama Bank. Mr. Saunders is checking the south of the island around Sandy Point and Moore's Island.

In spite of these incidents, crawfish are present but not as abundant as last year, according to a report from the north; they are also smaller. Leon Pinder from the Department of Marine Resources in Cooper's Town confirmed that information. He said that a fisherman who owns three boats goes as far as the Little Bahama Bank; other fishermen go out daily to check the waters around the northern cays as far as Grand Cay. The first feedback from these fishermen and from employees of the holding station is that the harvest does not seem to be as abundant as last year. However, fishermen said that they have seen a lot of smaller "lobsters" around and they hope

that the season will improve as they grow in size.

Around Sandy Point, on the contrary, it seems that the fishing started on a good omen. Fisherman Jimmy Greene said that he had come across more crawfish of a fair size than the previous year. Mr. Saunders said that he could verify that information as he went fishing on August 1 around Sandy Point and did not see many undersized crawfish in the "condos" nor did he get reports from the Sandy Point holding station that there were undersized "lobsters" brought back. "Anyway, fishermen know better," he mentioned. "They know that the Fish House will not buy them and that we will enforce "size matters."

This year the crustaceans are sold to the Fish House for \$8 per pound wholesale and retail for \$15 per pound.



Marsh Harbour Exporters and Importers has been busy since the start of crawfish season on August 1. Although opinions varied, many thought the season was normal - a good omen for our economy.

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# Furniture Plus opens summer art show

By Jennifer Hudson

Furniture Plus hosted a private Summer Showcase reception on July 29 at its store located in the Maxwell's Plaza. This event launched Plus Arts and Culture - a celebration of arts, crafts and more by Bahamian artists which Furniture Plus was pleased to introduce in association with the Abaco Island Artists. The work of 20 artisans was featured and included oil and water colour paintings, ceramics, accent pillows, straw work accessories, quilting, sculpting and photography. All items were artistically incorporated into the furniture vignettes and all were available for purchase.

The bright hues in the Bahamian paintings and ceramics and the colorful fabrics of the place mats and napkins all provided a striking background for Furniture Plus's own stock throughout the entire showroom. The idea behind the showcase is to

encourage visitors to purchase favourite pieces by Bahamians and thus directly support local talent.

Krytstynia Lee d'Arville, Vice President of Marketing and Sales, explained, "Investing in The Bahamas is the mission statement of Furniture Plus and so with the Summer Showcase we are investing in the community. A home is more than furniture, and we want to develop the concept of the individual as well as quality furniture. We have supported the arts for 22 years and host Charity of Hope events for the support of children's charities. But this is our first major event to showcase art and culture," she explained.

One of the artists showcased was Leanne Russell, Sales and Store Operations Assistant for the Abaco store who played a large part in collaborating with all of the artists and crafts persons. "We have so many lo-

cal artists, and I wanted to showcase their work instead of importing everything. The colour from the Bahamian paintings and Furniture Plus furniture makes a beautiful mix," she stated. Ms. Russell mentioned that she would like to see the artists come together to establish a Home Collection for Furniture Plus.

Scott Ferguson, General Manager of the Grand Bahama store who was on Abaco for the celebration, stated, "August 15 will make one year since the Abaco store opened, and we are very excited about this kind of evening, to be working with Abaco artists and what it means for the Abaco community." He mentioned that the Abaco store was the first of their three stores

to create a picture rail for displaying paintings and that the Abaco store is the gem of all three of their stores.

Specially invited guests for the event enjoyed fine wines courtesy of Burns House and a delicious variety of hors d'oeuvres while perusing all of the pieces showcased. Several lucky door prize winners went home with some very nice home decorating items courtesy of Furniture Plus.

Persons are invited to go to the Furniture Plus store and view the artwork as it will remain on display from July 30 through September 30. "We will be constantly adding more items, and we plan to make a summer and a winter showcase annual events," stated Ms. Russell.



Furniture Plus began its two-month Summer Showcase with a reception on July 29. The store featured a variety of art work by Abaco artists. The art will be on display and available for sale until September 30.

## Tourism is offering improved BahamaHost Program

By Samantha V. Evans

The BahamaHost program was revamped last year with a new look and format. Its new logo includes a starfish, the meaning of which has dual significance, the development of "star" employees and the regenerative process of learning since a sea star can regenerate limbs. The BahamaHost program's renewed vision is to establish a culture of service excellence and professionalism which will result in delightful guest experiences, repeat business and global recognition. The program hopes to achieve this through its mission to equip the Bahamian workforce with the essential product knowledge, customer service skills and leadership competencies required for success in the tourism and hospitality sector.

The next training sessions are scheduled for North Abaco in Cooper's Town from

August 29 to September 22 and in Marsh Harbour from September 26 to October 20. These intense month-long training sessions run Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The new revamped program is divided into four workshops. The first workshop covers four modules and is entitled My Bahamas Product Knowledge. The second workshop covers three sessions and is entitled Professional Service Excellence. The third workshop is called Sustainable Tourism and covers two modules. The fourth workshop is entitled Leadership Excellence and covers three modules. Dushinka Roberts, trainer for this program looks forward to attracting persons from all sectors as Tourism remains everyone's business.

The cost is \$100. Application forms can be picked up at the Tourism office in Marsh Harbour.



## Hurricane TIPS

BEC recommends that hurricane preparedness be given optimum attention. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. The following tips are offered to help reduce potential damage, injury, frustration or loss of life:

- Keep at least one battery-powered flashlight where it can be easily located. Keep extra fresh batteries.
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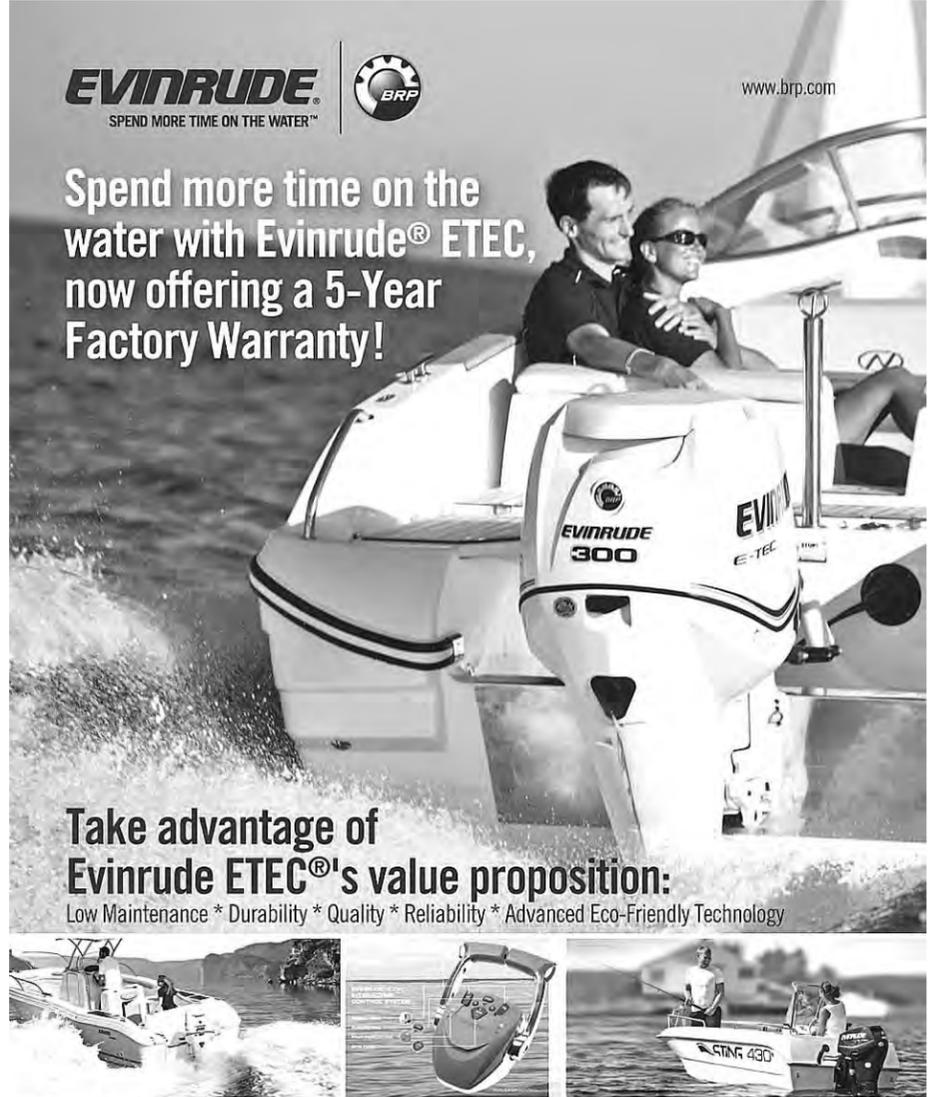
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# A guide to hurricane preparations



## Stong hurricane season is predicted

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting one of the strongest seasons on record.

Last year was the third busiest hurricane season on record with an amazing 19 named storms. Forecasters are predicting another very busy year of storm activity. There are several reasons for this prediction. Ocean temperatures remain above normal which is a strong factor in the formation of hurricanes.

There have already been five named storms this year in the Atlantic. During a normal storm season only two would normally have formed by early August. The first storm of the 2011 hurricane season in the Atlantic basin, Tropical Storm Arlene, formed on June 29 with top winds of 65 mph.

## NOAA's outlook for the Atlantic hurricane season

NOAA predicts 14 to 19 named storms during the 2011 season. Named storms

## The most important thing to remember about hurricane preparations is to act early.

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have sustained winds of 39 mph or higher. As many as seven to 10 could turn into hurricanes with winds in excess of 74 mph. Three to five could become major hurricanes or Category 3, 4 or 5 storms with winds of at least 111 mph.

The Atlantic water temperatures are above normal but not as warm as they were last year, and also the upper air pattern looks slightly different than last year. Warm water is "hurricane fuel," in that it supports the development of tropical systems.

El Nino is not present to suppress storm formation. This weather phenomena is a high level wind that takes the top off the low pressure areas, keeping them from developing into bad storms. And we are in a 20-30 year cycle of increased hurricane activity.

The United States has several hurricane hunting planes. Hurricane forecasters have steadily sharpened their accuracy over the last decade thanks to research work done aboard these specialized planes based in Tampa, Florida. One of them is a state-of-the-art, high altitude jet that was acquired to improve hurricane forecast capability by being able to drop dropsondes. These can measure more accurately the storm conditions as they parachute to the ocean. They contain a GPS receiver, along with pressure, temperature and humidity sensors and relay these data to a computer in the aircraft.

Proposed spending cuts would reduce the funding for this research. The reduced budget would not affect day-to-day flights into active tropical systems, just the research being done to forecast information about future hurricanes more accurately.

## Hurricane season is here

A hurricane starts as a low pressure zone and builds into a tropical wave of low pressure. In addition to a disturbance in the tropical ocean water, the storms that become hurricanes also require warm ocean waters (above 80°F down to 150 feet below sea level) and light upper level winds.

A tropical wave grows in intensity and then may grow to become an organized area of showers and thunderstorms known as a tropical disturbance. This disturbance becomes an organized area of tropical low pressure that is called a tropical depression with speed is up to 38 mph.

When the average winds reach 39 mph, the depression becomes a tropical storm and receives a name. It is at 74 mph that a tropical storm becomes a hurricane.

Hurricanes can be from 60 to almost 1000 miles wide. They vary widely in intensity; their strength is measured from a weak Category 1 storm to a catastrophic Category 5 storm. Only two Category 5 hurricanes with winds over 156 mph and a pressure of less than 920 mb have struck the United States in the 20th century. One of these was Hurricane Andrew that hit North Eleuthera and other islands in The Bahamas before crossing Florida and ending up in Louisiana in 1992.

## Names for this year's hurricanes

Arlene	Harvey	Ophelia
Bret	Irene	Philippe
Cindy	Jose	Rina
Don	Katia	Sean
Emily	Lee	Tammy
Franklin	Maria	Vince
Gert	Nate	Whitney

## It takes only one hurricane to have a bad hurricane season

## Hurricane damage results from four primary causes

► **Storm Surge:** Approximately 90 percent of all hurricane deaths can be attributed to the storm surge, the dome of water created by the low pressure center of a hurricane. This storm surge quickly floods low-lying coastal areas with anywhere from three feet for a category one storm to over 19 feet of storm surge for a category five storm. Hundreds of thousands of deaths in countries such as Bangladesh have been caused by the storm surge of cyclones.

► **Wind Damage:** The strong winds of a hurricane, at least 74 mph, can cause widespread destruction far inland of coastal areas, destroying homes, buildings, vehicles and infrastructure. It is extremely important that you secure your home and cover your windows. The goal is to keep the wind out of your home. If a window is broken or a door does not hold, it will allow the wind access to your home and can cause damage from the inside.

► **Freshwater Flooding:** Hurricanes are huge tropical storms and may dump many inches of rain over a widespread area in a short period of time that can cause flooding. Marsh Harbour received over 19 inches of rain in Hurricane Francis in September 2004.

► **Tornadoes:** Hurricanes can produce tornadoes which we have experienced. The death of a woman on Abaco during Hurricane Irene in 1999 was due to a tornado hitting her house in Bahama Palm Shores. However, tornadoes are not a common occurrence at our latitude but are more likely to form north of us.

Hurricanes ultimately diminish reverting to tropical storm strength and then into a tropical depression when they move over cooler ocean water, move over land or reach a position where the upper level winds are strong.

Although we can do nothing to affect a hurricane's path or intensity, we can all prepare. We stress with our readers that you use this section of the paper to be your guide to prepare in case we have another hit this year. Preparation needs to begin well ahead of any storm being predicted to affect Abaco.

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# Shutters are important



## Be prepared with adequate shutters

With the current increase in number and intensity of Caribbean region hurricanes, a new focus needs to be placed on preparedness.

Well built structures still need the added protection of hurricane shutters. Without shutters, substantial damage can still be experienced due to window breakage giving hurricane winds and rain access into the building. Well designed shutters can result in substantially reduced damages. There are a number of commercial shutters on the market and various handmade plywood designs. It is important for the public to become informed about which types of shutters are the most effective. Obviously, the more effective types of shutters need advanced preparations. It is often difficult or impossible to obtain the materials and to construct or install the shutters after a hurricane watch or warning is already in place.

## What are the best shutters?

The best kind are those that are affordable, are easy to install and offer the greatest protection. Which of these properties is most important depends on individual circumstances. For a disabled or elderly person it may be ease of installation with either an automatic closing mechanism or accordion type shutters. For those with limited incomes plywood shutters may be the only affordable option. For most people the best compromise would be steel

panels which offer good protection, but are certainly more expensive than plywood.

The most worthless type of protection is the often employed use of various types of tape over the windows. This practice does little or nothing to prevent breakage, may result in large, more dangerous pieces of flying glass and is extremely difficult to remove after the storm.

Some people are experiencing a certain level of protection by covering their windows with special impact resistant protective film. Others are using a new type of impact-resistant storm window. Various types of commercial storm shutters can be effective, but many are untested and have been found to fail in stronger hurricanes. Miami-Dade county (Florida) now requires that all commercial shutters pass rigorous tests before they can be approved for sale and installation. It is recommended that commercial shutters are not used that have not passed these types of tests. The shutters range from the most inexpensive (but still highly effective) metal corrugated panels type -- aluminum or steel (heavier but stronger!) to electrically operated roll-down shutters, also effective if properly constructed.

Many people, however, cannot afford any type of commercial shutter. Most resort to using plywood attached to the structure using various types of methods. The least effective method, used by many people with minimal time to prepare is to let the plywood overlap the window opening and attach it to the structure using concrete nails. This technique can cause more

harm than good since in even moderately high winds, most of these poorly-attached boards will be ripped off and become dangerous flying missiles.

Whichever type of shutter is selected, it is important to remember that shutters are only as good as the quality of their installation. Also, no shutter can fully compensate for a poorly constructed house, an unprotected garage or various large objects that can impact homes and other structures during a major hurricane. But, the higher the degree of preparation, the greater the probability that damage will be minimized.

Plywood is the least expensive alternative. But you have to make them yourself, and they can be heavy and awkward to install. They should be made of at least 5/8 inch plywood and are fastened to the building either with lag bolts or barrel bolts.

It should be noted that they do NOT

meet the specification of the South Florida Building Code and they do require a good deal of physical labor to manufacture and install.

## Basics of plywood shutters

A few basic comments on the construction of these plywood shutters

Use 5/8 or 3/4 inch exterior grade plywood and 3- or 4-inch heavy duty barrel bolts.

Please see **Storm**

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It is good to check hurricane shutters before you need to put them up. See that they are in good condition and that you have all the hardware and tools needed to put them up.



Putting up plywood shutters is very heavy, awkward work. However, many business owners and homeowners are not able to afford other types of shutters that are easier to install but more expensive.

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# Preparation Is Essential



## Preparations must begin early

Hurricane preparations must be started now to ensure that we are ready for any storm that threatens. The key to surviving is the preparations you make beforehand. After a hurricane is predicted to come close, too many things need to be done in a short period of time and some things are sure to be forgotten or left undone. It is

good to prepare now before a storm is predicted.

If you wait until the last minute to purchase supplies, the lines may be long and store shelves may be empty, leaving you ill-prepared. The following suggestions are recommended.

## Early Preparations

The most important preparation for home owners and business owners is to have shutters for all your windows and doors. They need to fit well and install quickly. Now is the time to check to see that shutters are in good condition and you have the necessary hardware for installing them.

Other types of shutters include aluminum or steel panels. More expensive roll down shutter systems offer protection with little maintenance. If you need a ladder for installation, make sure you have one available. It is good to keep a supply of boards for last minute repairs. If you do not have shutters, now is the time to purchase or construct them.

If you have a gabled roof, make sure that the gable is well braced internally. Also make

sure that there is wood sheathing, either planks or plywood, behind the gabled end walls. A bead of good adhesive caulking along the joint of the beam and decking of your roof will greatly increase the strength of the roof.

Entry doors are easily damaged by high winds. Bolt all doors with foot and head bolts with a minimum of 1-inch of the bolt length in use. Garage doors are quite vulnerable to high winds. In the United States about 80 percent of residential hurricane wind damage starts with wind entry through garage doors.

## Hurricane categories

All hurricanes are dangerous, but some more so than others. The way storm surge, wind and other factors combine determines the hurricane's destructive power. To make comparisons easier and to make the predicted hazards of approaching hurricanes clearer, NOAA's hurricane forecasters use a disaster potential scale that assigns storms to five categories.

Category 1 is a minimum hurricane; Category 5 is the worst case.

► **Category 1** 74-95 mph Damage primarily to unanchored mobile homes, shrubbery, and trees. Also, some coastal road flooding and minor dock damage.

► **Category 2** 96-110 mph Some roofing material, door and window damage to buildings. Considerable damage to vegetation and docks. Small craft in unprotected anchorages break moorings. Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004 are examples.

► **Category 3** 111-130 mph Some structural damage to residences and utility buildings. Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures. Hurricane Floyd in

1999 is an example.

► **Category 4** 131-155 mph More extensive, major erosion of beach areas. Major damage to structures near the shore.

► **Category 5** 155 + mph Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures. Major damage to all structures located less than 15 feet above sea level and within a quarter mile of the shoreline.

## Storm

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For a small or medium size window, only four barrel bolts are needed -- one for each side or two each on the left- and right-hand sides. Large windows need additional bolts. A good rule of thumb is to use one bolt every two feet or so.

A good fit is important for the window to be protected. Some window frames may not be square, so be sure to carefully measure each side and corner angle and cut the plywood to fit.

For panels covering very large areas such as sliding glass doors, you can connect additional pieces of plywood with 2x4's.

**Pick up litter when you see it.**



One of the jobs of the Ministry of Works crew is to see that all the storm drains in Marsh Harbour are cleaned. Recently firemen of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department have assisted. They frequently tie a float on a cord to the drains. Then if the drains are clogged after the heavy rains of some hurricanes, they can be easily located to clean out.

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Comfortable, well designed, fully furnished CBS home has 2 bed/ 2 baths with large kitchen/ living/dining room facing deep water canal. Includes dock

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#### 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.

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#### PALM BAY

Unit 3 - Located on Anchorage Estates. Fully furnished. Lower level 4 bed/ 3½ bath attached garage. \$856,250 plus purchasers closing fees  
Unit 5 - Waterfront Townhouse fully furnished. Lower level 2 bed/ 2 bath with garage. Upper level master bed with ensuite bath/living/ dining/ kitchen/lanai, powder room. Dock, 25' Carolina skiff w/250 HP Evinrude engine GEO Tracker, golf cart  
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#### MARINA VIEW VILLA

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.  
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#### ROYAL PALM

2333 - 2 bed/ 2 bath lower unit with marina view. 12ft. Boat slip with 12,000lb lift. Never rented.  
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#### OTHER

Lot 10, Block 182 - 16,660 sq. ft. steps from the beach \$235,000 + 8.5%

#### Potential Development Property

6.667 acres on S.C Bootle Highway between Treasure Cay and T.C airport. Running from highway north to the sea. 180' on the water front and 165' roadside, 1500' road to water. Prime property that can be subdivided, commercial and housing/condos or subdivide into lots, commercial and residential.

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### BEACH PROPERTIES

#### BEACH VILLAS

#583 - Not only a 2 bed/2 bath unit but an entire room addition creating a living room area which allows a full dining space. Another feature is a large screened-in porch.

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#### BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Luxury Condominium project on Treasure Cay Beach . 3 bed/ 3 bath/Den/Lanai/onsite pool and many other features.  
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#### OCEAN VILLA

2 bed/ 2 bath villa facing garden and pool are. Tropical privacy hedge offers real home atmosphere. Steps from the beach. Fully furnished. Many special features.

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#### ROYAL POINCIANA TOWNHOUSES

On-site pool and tennis, newly completed luxury townhouse units directly on Treasure Cay beach each totaling 3 bed/ 4 1/2 baths plus loft bedroom/den. Ground floor - garage,, 2 bed/ 2 baths 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. Price is MLS \$2,075,000 + 8.5% closing

#### THE COTTAGES

Now the newest ocean front development on Treasure Cay beach comprising 10 individual luxury units.

Starting at \$595,000 + 12%

#### TREASURE HOUSE

Ocean front luxury octagonal units with lagoon/pool/waterfall. Good rental potential. Unit #7 - Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home.

REDUCED MLS \$350,000 + 8.5%

#### TRIDENT/TURQUIOSE 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 \$1,999,000 + 8.5% 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 \$755,000 + 8.5% closing

#### ABBREVIATION CODE

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

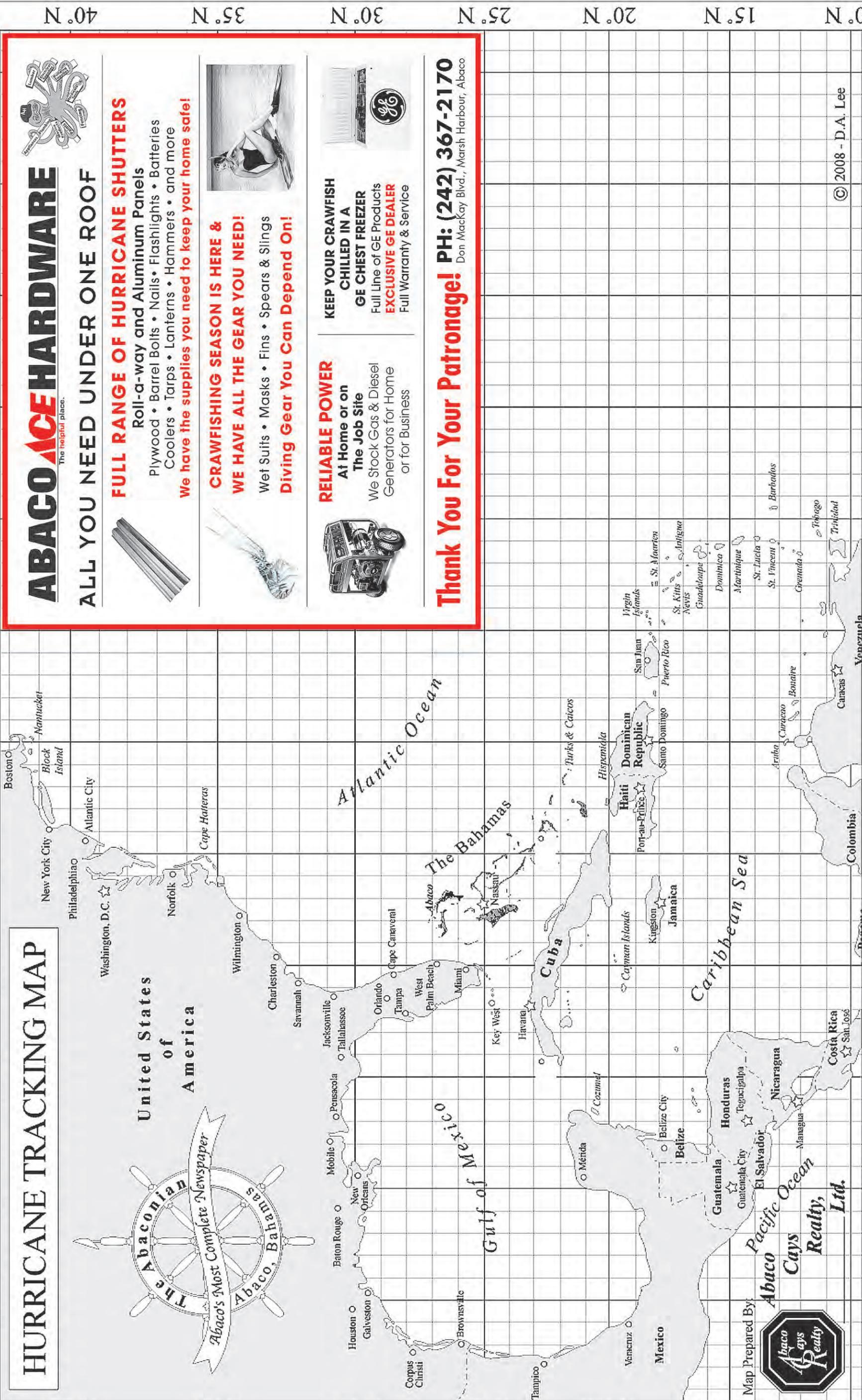
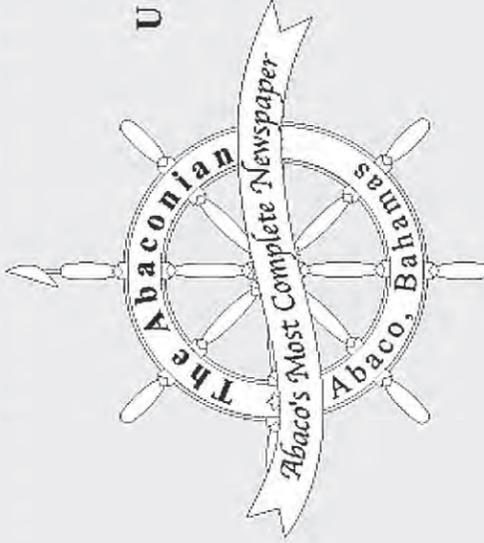


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# HURRICANE TRACKING MAP



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# Early Planning Is Critical

## Review and Update Your Insurance

Before a hurricane threatens, insurance industry representatives suggest that you do the following:

- ▶ Read your policy to see exactly what coverage you have.
- ▶ If you don't understand the policy, get your agent to explain it.
- ▶ Find out whether you have "guaranteed replacement cost" insurance which is what it would really cost to replace your home and the contents at current value. Or you may have "actual cash value" which is depreciated cost.
- ▶ Be aware that your homeowner's policy does not usually cover flood damage. Also find out if the policy covers sewer

backup and wind damage.

- ▶ Know your insurance carrier and make sure that you have phone numbers for the company. Keep your policy in a safe place.
- ▶ If you rent, be aware that your landlord's insurance does not cover your possessions. You need your own renters' insurance.

Remember when a hurricane watch or warning is announced it is too late to buy insurance policies.

If you are under insured, you may not receive enough payment from the insurance company to replace what was damaged.

## Protect Your Business

Many businesses on Abaco suffered heavy damage from hurricanes in 2004 and 2005. Marsh Harbour businesses in particular suffered from flooding from the storm surge in Hurricane Jeanne in 2004 and even more businesses were flooded in 2005 as a result of Hurricane Wilma piling up the water in the harbour of Marsh Harbour. Many business owners are considering ways of

keeping this damage to a minimum. Be sure to prepare your business as well as your homes for any threatening storms.

- ▶ If a storm threatens, secure your building and cover or move

equipment or furniture to a secure area.

- ▶ Always protect your data with backup files. Make provisions for alternate power and communications.
- ▶ Make plans to work with limited available cash and no water or power for two weeks. Store emergency supplies at the office.
- ▶ Protect your employees as their safety comes first.
- ▶ Contact your customers and suppliers. Prepare a list of vendors to provide disaster recovery services.
- ▶ Review your insurance coverage. Appraise your business regularly. Take inventory, document equipment and supplies in your workplace. Make copies of insurance policies and customer service and home numbers.

After the storm use caution before entering your business. Check for power lines, gas leaks and structural damage. If any electrical equipment is wet, contact an electrician. Prepare information for insurance claims. Take pictures before cleanup.

## Protect Your Property

Protect your property the best you can. Remember that wind and water are potentially two very dangerous elements of any storm and your goal is to keep both these out of your house or business. Most damage to homes occurs when a window gets broken or doors blow in, allowing the wind to blow through.

- Check your roof for loose shingles or tiles and make sure they are securely fastened down. Check for other repairs that need to be done.
- Clean your yard of debris that could be damaging in high winds.

Check around your house for dead or dying trees. Trim shrubbery to reduce damage to the plants. If tree limbs are potentially damaging to power lines, notify BEC to have its crew trim the branches. Do not attempt to do this yourself because of the danger of the live power lines.

- Secure all outdoor furniture, garbage cans and outdoor objects.

## Saving your computer files

If there is any chance that your computer may be damaged during or after a hurricane, now is the time to save critical files.

For saving e-mail messages and contacts some programs provide the ability to transport files for storage. Export files you want to a flash drive or portable storage drive. If you use a financial program like Quickbooks, make backups of your data that you can keep with you. You may want to keep the installation disks and license codes with you also. Make sure you put all disks and drives in watertight plastic bins or zip lock bags.

Some people keep their files on a portable hard drive with a USB connector that can be plugged into any computer. Or a person could keep identical data on a computer at work as well as one at home. Flash drives with USB connectors, also called thumb drives or smart drives, can be purchased with several gigabytes of memory. These are an easy way for individuals to backup files to be carried with them and can be plugged into any newer computer.

It is better to plan now to save important files than to try to deal with problems after a storm.



One thing that has to be considered is where you keep your car during a storm. These vehicles belonging to a car dealer were moved from a low area prone to flooding to a higher more protected place.



*Samuel David Albury*  
Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1946 - Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

How quickly time passes us by  
Seems like yesterday we said good-bye  
Dates and time will not stand still  
But our enduring love, forever will

We miss you every minute of every day  
At home, at work, at church, at play  
An unreplacable void, an empty place  
We carry the sorrow on our face

We have had to plunge through another year  
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Christmas, all without you there  
We cry and then wipe the tears  
For instead we should be thankful for the years

Mommy is going to be OK  
Taking good care of her, as you would have it no other way  
Grandkids are growing, you would be so proud  
If only we could hear your voice, so loud

As you celebrate your year in peace  
Walking golden streets, all pain has ceased  
We here on earth find strength this way  
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We miss you Daddy, to say the least  
But you continue on enjoying God's feast  
You worked so hard and left us with much  
Everything around us still bears your precious touch!

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# Plan Ahead - Prepare Well

No one ever knows when another hurricane will affect Abaco. However, it could happen any year and the best way to ride out a storm is to be prepared. The better you are prepared, the better chances you have of coming through with minimum damage and the better you can cope with the problems afterwards.

Make the decision ahead of time as to where you plan to be during a storm. If your house is on low land or you feel it is not built securely, make plans to stay with friends or family in a well built home or go to a shelter.

If you decide to remain in your home, decide what room in your house you will

use during the hurricane. It is best if you have an inside room with no windows. Put basic supplies in that room along with comfortable seating including pillows. If you have children, include games or other toys to entertain them.

If you have elderly relatives, make sure they are somewhere safe and that someone is with them who can help them during the storm and afterwards.

Children need special reassurances. It is good to talk with them about their fears and answer their questions honestly. Give lots of verbal reassurances.

Gather clothing, bedding, toiletries and flashlights that you will need for the duration of the storm. Have a battery-operated radio with fresh batteries. If you have a VHF radio, make sure it has its own power supply.

Make sure each person has sturdy shoes for protection after the storm for protection from debris.

## Keep important papers with you

It is important that you protect important documents. If you have a scanner, scan all these documents and keep them on a thumb drive or stick drive. If you don't have a scanner, make copies and keep the copies in another secure place. Remember to make copies of the items in your wallet. Keep them in a waterproof plastic bag and keep the bag in your possession. Some can be left in a safety deposit box in bank.

- ▶ Birth and marriage certificates and passports
- ▶ National Insurance card
- ▶ Mortgage papers
- ▶ Loan documents
- ▶ Bank account and credit card account numbers
- ▶ Check books and savings account info
- ▶ Financial statements, bank account information
- ▶ Insurance papers, life, medical, house and car
- ▶ Cash or travelers' checks
- ▶ Drivers license
- ▶ Wills
- ▶ Titles to home and vehicles
- ▶ Inventory of your possessions and their value
- ▶ Photos of your home and possessions
- ▶ Important phone numbers of family and friends
- ▶ Copies of recent electricity, phone and water bills
- ▶ Legal documents
- ▶ Medical records
- ▶ Education records
- ▶ Duplicate prescriptions
- ▶ Computer back up
- ▶ Copies of important keys

This is a good time to take pictures of the rooms in your house which show your furnishings. Then have a camera on hand for recording damage for insurance claims purposes. These photos are excellent when dealing with insurance adjustors as proof of what you have lost.

## General preparation

Protect your property the best you can. Remember that wind and water are potentially two very dangerous elements of any storm and your goal is to keep both these out of your house.

Know the storm surge history and elevation of your area.

Learn location of shelters

Review needs and working condition of emergency equipment, such as flashlights, battery-powered radios, etc.

Ensure that enough non-perishable food and water supplies are on hand to last for at least two weeks.

Obtain and store materials, such as plywood and plastic sheeting or tarps, necessary to properly secure your home.

Check home for loose and clogged rain gutters and down spouts.

Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed. Cut weak branches and trees that could fall or bump against the house. When trimming, try to create a channel through the foliage to the center of the tree to allow for air flow.

## Using generators

Gas or diesel-powered generators can provide temporary power until BEC can be operational. Be sure to have fuel and oil on hand for the generator. Remember several precautions.

Do not connect a portable generator to the building wiring. Plug appliances directly into the generator.

Place the generator outdoors or in a well ventilated area.

Check the oil every time you add gas. Conserve fuel by alternating appliances. For example, refrigerators can be kept cool by supplying power for six to eight hours a day.

## Get Necessary Supplies

Buy supplies early at the beginning of the season. These should include a battery-operated AM/FM radio with extra batteries, one flashlight with extra batteries for each person in your family, candles, kerosene lamps, water-proof matches, first aid kit.

Be very careful with kerosene lamps and candles during a storm. If the wind blows something over with a flame, it could start a fire. You do not need to contend with a fire during a storm.

Get your supplies early to avoid a rush and crowded shops just prior to a storm. Also remember that stores could run out of essential supplies that you may want.



Hurricanes can bring many inches of rain in just a few hours. Hurricane Francis in 2005 dumped about 19 inches of rain on Abaco, making an interior flood that extended from the Marsh Harbour airport for many miles south.

## BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION, ABACO

# HURRICANE Related Tips

Should a hurricane strike, with full cooperation from the public, BEC is confident of its ability to restore services promptly.

Below are tips that should be taken seriously, in the event of passage of a hurricane:

**1. Remove Television Antenna With extreme Care.** Strong winds may cause it to come into contact with powerlines, and this can result in death or very serious injuries.

**2. Disconnect all electrical equipment in your house** with the exception of a small lamp to alert you when the power is restored.



**3. Beware of fallen wires,** particularly if they have fallen in puddles of water. Stay away from such puddles of water. Do not touch fallen or over-hanging wires of any kind under any circumstances. This could result in serious injuries. **Report all downed lines.**

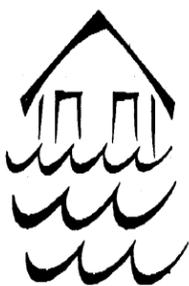
**4. Do not touch a tree** or any object which is in contact with power lines, including trees.

**5. Please call the emergency telephone numbers** or the police emergency numbers immediately to report a fire, sparking power lines or other life threatening situations. Otherwise, do not call BEC's emergency numbers. Instead, listen to one of your local radio stations.

**6. Do not touch a downed power line.** If you see one, please report it to the Bahamas Electricity Corporation's Emergency Department, phone 367-2727.

**7. If you need to dismantle a building** that has an existing power supply, please contact BEC first.

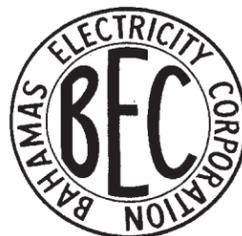
**8. Do not attempt to cut trees** which may have blown onto or near to power lines. Contact BEC to assist. Also, do not attempt to pick fruit from such trees, especially when they are wet.



### BEC Emergency numbers

367-2727  
367-2846  
367-4667

- Under storm conditions BEC will stand by on VHF radio Channel 16 .
- Stay away from trees which are in contact with power lines. Bring these to our attention immediately.
- If you experience any unusual electrical conditions during a storm (unusual bright or dim lights, or fluctuating power) turn off appliances and electronic devices until normal service is restored.
- Turn off your main switch if storm conditions cause flooding inside your house. Stay out of water which may be in contact with electricity.
- During storm conditions BEC will endeavour to maintain the electricity supply for as long as possible. However, our main consideration is the protection of human life and the preservation of our operating plant.



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# Get Supplies Early



This hurricane season be prepared so storms will not take you by surprise.

Hopefully, you will not need to use these emergency items. After the hurricane season is over, you can use most of the items. Some can be kept until another year.

We suggest that you cut this article out and keep it in a place where you can refer to it for help in preparing your house and family for the height of the hurricane season.

Some of these foods require hot water, but hopefully you have planned a way to heat water or food.

## Food Requirements

In anticipation of losing power and the use of your cooking gas, be sure your house is stocked with at least a week's worth of foods that will remain edible without refrigeration or foods that will be consumed when opened. They could include the following:

- Cereals, breakfast bars
- Instant powdered drinks, coffee, tea, etc.
- Evaporated, sweetened condensed milk or sterilized milk
- Canned or bottled juices
- Cheese and cheese spreads
- Ready-to-eat canned goods like fruits, apple sauce, vegetables, soups, tuna, salmon, chicken, ham
- Canned fruits and vegetables that can be heated in the opened can
- Mayonnaise, ketchup, flour, sugar
- Bread, crackers, cookies and other baked goods
- Fruits and vegetables that will keep for several days without refrigeration. These could include lemons, oranges, apples, bananas, mangoes, carrots, celery.
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Nuts, raisins and dried fruits
- Snack food, ready-to-eat puddings and other foods to give variety
- Drinks which can keep such as sodas, canned or bottled juices, instant coffee
- Toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, plastic forks, garbage bags
- Detergent
- Charcoal
- Flash lights, batteries
- VHF radio with batteries
- Oil for lamps
- Waterproof matches
- Stove fuel

Some cheeses and fruits keep at room temperatures for several days. Choose foods that can be eaten at room temperature and do not require cooking. Many foods such as pickles, ketchup, mustard will keep without refrigeration. Keep a manual can opener with these supplies.

Keep on hand supplies such as paper plates, cups and plastic utensils, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, large plastic garbage bags, tin foil.

Canned foods can be heated in the can but be sure to remove the label first. They can be eaten right out of the can.

## What is safe to eat

Be very careful about eating foods normally kept in a refrigerator. However, with care some can be used soon after the power goes off. Meats, fish and dairy products usually spoil first. Be especially careful about using meats as there is no way to tell if it is still good or not. Milk spoils quickly but many cheeses keep several days without a problem. Juices, butter, margarine and fruit juices will keep for a few days.

## Other Supplies

- Battery-operated AM/FM radio with extra batteries
- Battery-operated flashlights with extra batteries, one flashlight per person
- A camping stove or Sterno stove for

heating food. Remember propane stoves and grills will give off fumes when used in closed rooms and may start fires or cause asphyxiation. Do not use these inside a building.

- Chlorine bleach for disinfecting
- Keep mosquito repellent and citronella candles handy.
- Use ice chests for keeping food if ice is available.
- Keep with you two weeks' supply of prescription medicines and remember other medicines such as aspirin.
- Invest in blue plastic tarpaulins and rolls of builders plastic (Visqueen) for covering furniture and other belongings or damaged roofs or window repair
- Duct tape
- Caulking
- Hammer, nails, crowbar

## Water Supply Is Critical

Have bottled water and extra water in clean containers enough for one week, allowing one gallon of water per person per day. If you use a bath tub or other container for water, clean thoroughly and rinse with bleach. Caulk the drain of a tub so it will not leak. This water can be used for a variety of ways including flushing the toilet. Large new garbage cans can be filled with water.

Past experiences, both our own and the experiences of others, can teach us a lot. Disasters from past hurricanes in The Bahamas and in the States have left us with an idea of how devastating a storm can be and how vulnerable we are. Some of this can be avoided with better planning. We cannot rely on government agencies to take care of us, but we must be responsible for ourselves as much as possible.

In the event of a major storm, we need to make as many preparations as we can to help us get through such a disaster. Here are more tips.

## Plan Ahead

Keep your car and boat gas tanks full. For boaters have a supply of 50/1 oil. Plan where you will keep your car during a storm. It needs to be high to keep it from being flooded. But it also needs to be where you can access it after the storm

is past.

Persons with a chain saw should ensure that the saw is operational and that a gallon of fuel is on hand.

If you have a stand-by generator, check to see that it is operational and that you have a supply of fuel.

Make arrangements for taking down any antennas on your roof.

Find out where the hurricane shelters are in your community.

See that your LP tank is filled if you use gas appliances.

## Do not forget

- First aid kit
- Medicines, prescription and other medicines such as aspirin
- Baby disposable diapers and handy wipes
- Baby food, formula, medicines and other necessary supplies
- Sanitary supplies

## Protect Your Pets

If you have pets, remember you have a responsibility to care for them properly.

Plan for a safe place for pets to stay during a storm. They should not be left outdoors.

Never leave your animals behind to fend for themselves.

Never tie animals up or leave them con-

finied in any way, as they will be trapped and unable to flee rising flood waters.

Know your destination ahead of time. Shelters refuse animals so if you plan to go to a shelter, make plans of what to do with your dog, cat, bird or other animals.

Many small animals feel secure in carriers. Get them used to being in the carrier at night or other times so they will be happy in it. Keep larger dogs leashed as they can become frightened with the strange sounds and unfamiliar surroundings during a storm. Provide water and food along with your animal's favorite toy or blanket, a towel, and keep enough food for at least a week. Get supplies such as cat litter, trash bags, etc. that will be needed.

Put secure, legible identification tags on them.

Watch for other animals in need, including strays and animals left behind by neighbors. If you see an animal in distress and are unable to help, note the animal's condition and location and call authorities or someone from a humane society for help as soon as possible.



Make sure all your preparations are complete before the winds pick up. It is not safe to be out and about after the winds start picking up.

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# Boats Need Special Preparation

## Storm tips for boaters

Secure your boat before a storm is close, either by hauling it up on land or if you leave your boat in the water, finding a secure place.

All loose items should be removed or well secured. This would include cushions and removable canvass. Sails should be removed if possible. When this is not possible, they should be well lashed to the boom and the boom secured.

A boat on a trailer should be placed flat on the ground, lashed down and half filled with water. The trailer should also be lashed down. The outboard engine and gas tanks should be removed and secured.

Boats, even large ones, should be hauled by a boatyard when possible. Although damage can still occur, at least they do not sink. Arrange early to have your boat hauled as the boat yards are very busy with many boat owners wanting their boats hauled at the last minute.

Boats in storage should be well blocked and stands

checked carefully. In heavy rain and wind, jack stands can be pushed into soft ground allowing the boat to rock and eventually fall over. Stands should be tied so they cannot blow over if the boat rocks allowing the stand to be loosened and blown over. When the boat rocks the other way, it will fall on its bilges.

If you leave your boat in the water, the best place is to tie it securely in mangroves. This will require that you use long spring lines, leaving all lines with plenty of slack. Keep in mind that the storm surge can either be several feet higher or several feet lower than normal tide levels, even on mainland Abaco. Do not be caught struggling with your boat when hurricane force winds are already approaching. Another option for large boats is to put them off in a canal run them into mangrove creeks and canals and tie them to as many different trees, mangroves or piling as possible. Every available rope should be used. Rope left in a locker is not offering any secu-

rity. Every anchor with a rode attached, either chain or rope, should be deployed. This needs to be done early as there are not enough creeks and canals to hold all the boats looking for space. Make sure you have a secure supply of gas and oil for your boat after the hurricane is past if you are dependent on a boat for transportation.

Make sure you have a secure supply of gas and oil for your boat after the hurricane is past if you are dependent on a boat for transportation.

## Older Adults

Senior citizens are especially susceptible to the effects of severe weather. Those who live alone or are without the support of family or friends must take special precautions in the event of an emergency. People who are frail or disabled may need special assistance from family members, friends or social service agencies. Older adults who are also care givers may require outside assistance.

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## Important to Boaters

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If you plan to go to a safer place than your home during the storm, you should remember to take the following with you.

- ▶ Your important papers such as insurance policies, birth certificates, passports, deeds, insurance policies in a sealed plastic bag
- ▶ Battery operated radio and batteries
- ▶ Flashlight
- ▶ Quiet games for children, playing cards or dominoes
- ▶ Extra clothing and shoes
- ▶ Pillow and light blanket or sleeping bag.
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- ▶ Supplies for any infants such as disposable diapers, formula, baby food
- ▶ Toilet paper and other personal hygiene items
- ▶ Face cloth and bath towel
- ▶ Tooth paste and tooth brush
- ▶ Take all necessary bedding as the shelters do not have pillows, blankets or bed rolls
- ▶ Disposable plates, cups, spoons
- ▶ Can opener
- ▶ Take all necessary water and food that you and your group will need for several days. Storms are unpredictable and you do not know how long you will need to stay at the shelter.

Remember shelters do not provide food and water.

- Tips
- ▶ Register when you arrive at the shelter
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Everyone hopes that a hurricane will not affect Abaco but in the case that one does come close or even hits, we need to be prepared and know what we should do during the height of the storm, and afterwards. This gives you some guidelines for last minute preparations and during the storm.

► If you have elderly relatives, make sure they are somewhere safe and that someone is with them who can help them during the storm and afterwards.



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# Last Minute Tasks

► Pregnant women in the last month or at high risk should check with their doctors before the storm. Babies frequently arrive when the barometric pressure is low.

► Prior to the storm, turn your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. Freeze water in plastic containers to help keep your foods cold during any power outages.

► Gather clothing, bedding, toiletries, and flashlights that you will need for the duration of the storm. Have a battery-operated radio with fresh batteries. If you have a VHF radio, make sure it has its own power supply independent of household electricity.

## During the Storm

Stay in a safe place for the duration of the storm. Do not venture out until the storm is subsiding. If the eye of the storm passes over your area, the wind will lessen and there will be a lull which can last several minutes or up to an hour. But then the storm will hit again with full force from the opposite direction. Leave your safe place only if you have an emergency.

Keep listening to the radio to know where the storm is traveling and what it is like in your area. ZNS will be the best source of storm news. A VHF radio is excellent to keep you in touch with your neighbors but remember that high winds may destroy your VHF antenna, leaving you out of touch.

Remember that you may be without power, water, food or other services we normally rely on. Residents must be prepared to be self-reliant for several weeks.



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# After the Storm



## After a Hurricane

There are many precautions which people should follow after a hurricane has passed.

If a hurricane passes directly over Abaco, the eye can be deceptively calm. It is the center of the hurricane and can take from a few minutes to pass to several hours depending on how fast the hurricane is moving and the size of the eye. The calm will suddenly end as the winds return from the opposite direction, possible with even greater force. The most intense winds blow closest to the eye and are strongest northeast of the eye. Do not go out until you are sure that the entire storm is past.

When you do go outdoors, be extremely careful.

► Avoid downed or dangling utility wires. Be especially careful when cutting or clearing fallen trees. They may have power lines tangled in them

► Stay tuned to your radio for advice and instructions about emergency medical aid, other assistance and general information.

► Avoid driving. Roads will have debris which could puncture your tires. Do not add to the congestion of relief workers,

supply trucks and law enforcement personnel. If you must leave your home or the shelter, keep your driving to a minimum.

► Do not sightsee, especially at night.

► Supervise children at all times, especially if power lines are down.

► Be very careful in turning your electricity back on.

► If possible, let relatives and friends know that you are safe but keep all phone calls to a minimum.

► Find out if your water supply is safe before you use it. Until then, use only the water you have stored for the emergency.

► Let officials know if you or someone you know is injured and needs medical help.

► Keep receipts for all items you buy before the power is restored. Your insurance may cover the cost of emergency food and ice.

► Make temporary repairs such as covering holes in the roof, walls or windows.

► Take photographs of all damage before repairs are made.

► Always use proper safety equipment such as heavy gloves, safety goggles, heavy boots, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

► Drink plenty of fluids.

► Lift with your legs, not with your back.

► Be extremely careful with a chain saw and always heed safety warnings.

► If there has been flooding, there is a potential for bacterial contamination that can cause disease.

► Disinfect any faucet water you drink or use for cooking or cleaning. If you are not sure if the water is safe, bring water to a rolling boil for 5 minutes or use eight drops of chlorine bleach per gallon or use water purification tablets. Let the water sit at least 10 minutes before using. Water saved in clean containers before the storm will be fine for two to three weeks. To be sure, add two drops of chlorine per gallon before drinking.

## Chain Saw Safety

Chain saws are indispensable after a hurricane hits an area. It is also a very dangerous tool and can cause severe injuries. Here are some safety tips.

► Maintain your chainsaw according to the manufacturer's instructions.

► Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes.

► Protect eyes with safety goggles.

► Wear gloves as they will help you grip the handles.

► Keep both hands on the handles. Many chain saw injuries result from using a saw with just one hand.

► Use the chain saw at waist level or below. Many injuries occur to the head when making overhead cuts.

► Be careful cutting limbs that are twisted or caught under another object. They may snap back and hit you or pinch the saw.

► Shut off the chain saw when adding fuel or carrying the saw more than 100 feet or through slippery areas or heavy brush.

► Do not set a hot saw down on dry brush. A fire could start.

► To avoid kickback, do not cut with the upper tip of the chain saw.

## Take Precautions with Your Water

Boil all water for drinking, cooking, preparing baby foods, making ice and mixing drinks.

To make water safe, boil for five minutes.

Safe water should be used for drinking, bathing and brushing teeth.

Water should be stored in clean containers which must be covered.

Always use a clean dipper for collecting water from storage containers.

## A Note to Gardeners

Salt in the atmosphere from a hurricane can quickly poison grass, shrubs, trees and decorative plants that are not tolerant of it. Hose down plants right away after exposure to salt if you have water pressure. This could save valuable decorative plants.

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## Viewpoint

# Is an agricultural sector viable?

By John Hedden

In my previous articles I have presented what I see as some of the biggest factors affecting present day agriculture in the Bahamas. These include brief touches on the history of farming, the mental attitude towards the land; infrastructural systems, advances in technology and education, and the urgent need for vastly improved knowledge and application to actual farming practices.

In this article I will present agriculture from an environmental, and hence a sustainability perspective. So what is the environment?

For farming, the environment includes climate and weather, the nature of the soil, water availability, natural vegetation, land profiles and native supply of farming inputs. In other words our geography.

The climate of The Bahamas is almost ideal for crop production because we have a sub-tropical system with pretty much constant seasons from year to year. This is one reason why we are so popular as a tourist destination. However, weather patterns show differences with high summer temperatures and humidity; and the occasional winter extreme where freezing temperatures may affect the islands of the northern Bahamas.

In the southern islands, however, temperatures are much warmer and less variable over the year, and rainfall is very low. These will have an effect on the types of crops that can be grown over the course of the year with the different seasons. In the northern region cooler winters allow production of temperate crops from September planting to late June harvest. Crops would include the cabbage, tomato, squash, and lettuce families. Summer production will be limited to more heat adapted crops such as melons, sweet potatoes, cassava and okra. In the southern islands, however, temperate crops may not be readily adaptable, and the weather pattern will more and more dictate the planting of more heat and drought adapted crops.

Even though the whole of The Bahama chain, which incidentally should include the Turks and Caicos, is made up of limestone, the lower flatter Northern Bahamas is made up primarily of marine sedimentary

rock while the southern Bahamas is made up of wind-blown dune sediments, which explains the higher and hillier profile of these islands. Again, the northern islands have a more loosely cemented limestone which allows for easier break up by agricultural machinery (softer rock) than in the south.

As far as soils are concerned The Bahamas essentially has none. What we in fact have are protosols, which literally means "not yet soils."

The rooting medium is almost all calcium carbonate (chalk) which is very alkaline (lime) with little additional soil content other than rotting organic debris from vegetation and some red soils which in times past were wind carried over the Atlantic from Africa. These red soils, of course, are the pineapple soils of Eleuthera, Cat island and Long island. Over the centuries these red soils washed with the rains into the pot holes and cracks and crevices along with decaying organic matter to form the basis of "pot hole" farming on the black lands.

The white lands were essentially carbonate sands which in past times had blown up into dunes set back some distance from the sea. These areas were considered better for farming because a wider range of crops, including root crops, could be more easily grown. Whole families would migrate from the settlements to these white land areas and actually live there for the season or sometimes for a period of years when warranted.

Water was always in short supply and people were lucky to find a "spring" or be able to dig a well for fresh water. The soils are in reality very infertile, as the planters quickly found out when they grew the heavy feeders such as cotton and tobacco. This is one of the main reasons why the plantation system of agriculture failed so quickly. Not only do our soils lack a natural nutrition, they are unable to hold any added nutrients such as fertilisers. Because of the high alkalinity of the calcium carbonate nutrients such as phosphates become tied up, by chemically reacting with the soil particles, and so become unavailable to the roots for absorption and use by the plant; while for others the nutrients wash right through.

Native vegetation is well adapted to our growing conditions, whereas introduced

crops grown by farmers would lose out big time if they had to compete in a natural environment with the natives. This is why farming requires the attempt to replace any native competitors with the crop being planted. In modern times this eradication of native species has become a major concern world wide, because the biodiversity of natural growing systems (ecosystems) is affected, and the ability of geographical areas to continue to provide for native plants and animals in an area is threatened. This in turn has an harmful effect on the production of 'biomass' in many areas of the planet and the ability to cope with changing weather patterns, climates, and ultimately food growing conditions all over the world. This is why we now know that agricultural practices must make every effort to protect the natural heritage and its productivity. This ultimately protects us as humans also.

In years gone by with shifting agriculture as a way of life, no access to commercial fertilisers, chemicals, and pesticides was likely because most people did not have the money to buy them. They relied on sea weed, cave earth, burning the land, following the moon, timing of seasonal rains and strong backs, to help them sow, grow, maintain, and harvest their crops. They would watch them 'Come to perfection' in the last days before reaping.

Modern agriculture relies on huge advances in technology, where machinery, large amounts of fuel energy, chemicals, mineral fertilisers, packaging, biological manipulation, and preservatives are all used for the 'seed to consumer' cycle. Here in the Bahamas every single one of these inputs is imported from a foreign country. Even the crop variety and the labour to grow it are imported.

It now becomes apparent that any truly modern approach to agriculture must take place in the northern islands. This region has the machinery capable land, the cultivatable soil tilth, the water reserves, the relatively large tracts suitable for mechanical technology; and the climate for a wide variety of crop production.

Again, a major concern is the protection of the growing environment in both land and fresh water systems. Pollution of

soils and irrigation supplies will ultimately affect potable supplies, mangrove ecosystems, shallow banks and coastal communities, by lateral flow and drainage. Nature's systems in the Bahamas are non renewable, and once damaged will never be capable of self repair.

It should be now readily seen from my previous statements that for us in the Bahamas there will never be any shape or form of either sustainable agriculture, food security, or any approach towards self sufficiency unless we move towards subsistence production methods, which history has already proved can not feed a country. The closest we can possibly come to this is to use all of these imported inputs to try and ease the food import and foreign exchange bills by creating a value added Bahamian farm product; by quality Bahamian innovation and Bahamian labour on the small farm. To me this would express Bahamian pride.

Large scale agricultural enterprises are not the answer because the agribusiness sector creates large amounts of unmanageable wastes, toxic runoff, environmental damage, and needless animal suffering. Just watch the happenings and concerns over the intensive animal production of hogs and cattle in the first world. If countries like the USA and the UK find these things impossible to harness, then we don't stand a chance.

All in all, looking at agriculture and farming from an environmental point of view, agriculture is a non starter. Land preparation permanently destroys the topographical geology of our land systems, and continuous farm operations do nothing to improve our 'soil' conditions. Any inputs to make agriculture any where near viable must be imported. Foreign, unwanted pest, and harmful species of animals and plants enter the country and, biodiversity is immediately threatened by the monoculture of our practices, and some form of environmental pollution is guaranteed.

And still no security and self sufficiency. Suppose the boat with the fertiliser stops coming? Or the plane with the seeds? Or the ship with the tractor and pump on board?

Next article will be on agricultural policy and the need for environmental monitoring systems.

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**Your Health**

**How dangerous is Dengue Fever?**

*By Dr. James Hull*

I was going to write about hurricane preparedness in this article but I have been asked to talk about Dengue Fever instead. Dengue Fever is a disease that is caused by a virus and is transmitted from person to person by a mosquito.

Let's focus on how you get this disease. Firstly, you need people who have the disease in the same area as the mosquito that transmits the virus. The Aedes mosquito is the only mosquito that can transfer the virus from person to person. The mosquito has to bite the infected person and then the mosquito must bite you. This may seem like a simple process, but the twist is that the Aedes mosquito usually does not travel more than 100 feet to find and bite you. If there are no people who have Dengue Fever on Abaco, then the disease cannot be spread here. If we control our mosquito population then Dengue does not spread easily either.

Since it is hard to keep people from travelling to Abaco, what we can do is control the mosquito population. The Aedes mosquito lays its eggs in standing water so remove all pots and sources where water can sit and allow the mosquito to breed. Re-

member it is the mosquito in your immediate area that will bite and infect you. If you can't control the mosquito population, then you can put a mosquito repellent on so they do not bite you. If you do not get bitten, then you do not get Dengue Fever.

This disease is also known as break bone fever because of the pain associated with it. Most children and adults who get the disease have mild to moderate symptoms. Most people have fever, headaches, muscle and joint pains and a rash. I have personally had Dengue Fever and I can tell you it is not fun. But you will recover, and there will be no problems associated with it. I also worked in Nassau over 10 years ago when we had an outbreak of Dengue Fever and there were no deaths.

If anybody thinks they have Dengue Fever, please go and see your doctor. We can keep track of your blood counts to make sure you are not developing anything serious. Dengue Fever is not to be taken lightly, but it is not a disease that kills large numbers of people. You do not want to catch this or any other disease, so go get those mosquitoes and protect yourself.

**Police Crime Report**

**Fraud by False Pretenses** - On July 28 a bank notified the police that \$5000 was transferred from one account to another without the knowledge of the first person. The person receiving the money attempted to withdrawn some of the funds but then fled the scene.

**Stolen Vessel(Recovered)** - On July 29 a 24-foot Edgewater boat with two 150 HP Yamaha outboard engines was stolen from Marsh Harbour. It was recovered in Freeport intact.

**Shop Breaking** - On July 29 a shop in Marsh Harbour was broken into but nothing was stolen from the shop. However, the windshield of a Lexus parked outside was broken and the stereo system was stolen.

**Stealing from a Person** - On July 29 two men in a golf cart in Treasure Cay had an unknown man jump on the back and snatch a 14k gold chain and a blue dolphin chain valued at \$10,000 from his neck.

**Suspect Arrested** - On July 29 three men from Dundas Town were arrested for stealing.

**Assault with Intent to Rape** - On July 29 a ten-year-old girl was assaulted.

**Suspect arrested** - On July 29 a man was arrested in reference to Assault with

Intent to Rape. He was released on bail of \$5,000.

**Stealing** - On July 30 150 egg-laying hens were stolen from a farm in South Abaco. They were valued at \$800 and \$10,000 in loss of income over one-year period.

**Attempted Shop Breaking** - On July 31 a shop in Dundas Town was broken into but the suspect was unable to gain entry.

**Housebreaking & Stealing** - On July 27 a home of a resident of Crossing Rocks was broken into and a gold watch valued at \$6000, a diamond wedding ring valued at \$1,200 and another ring valued at \$250 were stolen.

**Indecent Assault & Threats of Harm** - On August 6 a female Bahamasair passenger reported that a male passenger was acting in a disorderly manner on a flight. He threatened to shoot her and the pilot, putting her in fear of her life.

**Suspect Arrested** - On that same date a resident of Marsh Harbour was charged.

**Housebreaking & Stealing** - On August 7 a residence in Dundas Town was broken into and a 19- inch television, a dish drain, a Dell computer, an E-reader and a Razor cell phone were stolen.

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