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New Reservation Policy for VINP Ranger-led Reef Bay Trail Hike

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Friends of Virgin Islands National Park and Virgin Islands National Park announced last week a change in reservation policy for the National Park Service ranger-led hike to Reef Bay, the premier hiking opportunity in VINP.

Reservations and purchase of transportation vouchers for the Reef Bay Hike, led by VINP rangers, will now be done through the Friends of the Park Store on the first level of Mongoose Junction.

Vouchers for transportation will need to be purchased at the time of reservation for \$30 per hiker.

The maximum number of hikers on any given trip will be 31. Friends will maintain a waiting list once hikes are filled to capacity and will notify those on the list as vacancies occur.

Vouchers for the Reef Bay Hike will be available on the day of the hike on a space available basis; but this is a very popular activity and advance reservations are highly recommended.

Enquiries about reservations for the hike at the VINP Visitor Center will be directed by counter staff to the Friends of the Park Store.

The schedule for trips will be as follows: January – March: four trips/week (Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri); April – July: three trips/week (Mon, Tue, & Thu); August – October: two trips/week (Mon & Thu); November – December: three trips/week (Mon, Tue, & Thu)

The frequency of trips may be modified by VINP based on demand or other conditions.

All details of the trip will remain the same. The taxi to the Reef Bay trailhead will depart the VINP Visitors Center promptly at 9:30 a.m. and return to Cruz Bay by boat by 2:30 or 3 p.m.

Vouchers should be picked up from the Friends of the Park Store in Mongoose Junction, and hikers are encouraged to pick up vouchers days prior to the hike. Anyone who must pick up a voucher on the day of the hike, please do so by 9 am, when the store opens.



Reef Bay ranger-led hike vouchers are available at the Friends of the VINP Store.

Hikers must have their vouchers in hand to board the taxi from VINP Visitor Center at 9:30 am and to present to the boat crew at Reef Bay.

If the hike is cancelled by VINP, voucher-holders will receive a full refund or may rebook the trip at no additional charge. If a reservation is canceled more than 24 hours before the start of the hike, hikers may rebook the hike at no additional charge, or receive a full refund.

There are no refunds for “no-shows” or elective cancellations within 24 hours of the trip. Call the Friends of the Park Store at 340-779-8700 for last minute questions or to cancel a reservation. Vouchers are not transferable.

State of Territory Address January 30

Governor John deJongh will deliver his annual State of the Territory Address before a formal session of the 29th Legislature on Monday, January 30.

Senate President Ronald Russell will convene the Senate Session at 7 p.m. The Address will be delivered at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on the grounds of the Capitol Building, St. Thomas.

Benefit Cruise for Russ Kerr Jan. 27

Calypso Catamaran Charters is hosting a benefit sunset cruise for Russ Kerr — who was injured in a ferry accident and airlifted to Miami — on Friday, January 27.

The sunset cruise will be aboard *Bad Kitty/Calypso* on Friday, January 27, at 4:45 p.m. Attendees should meet in the area of Margarita Phil’s prior to boarding.

All proceeds will go toward Kerr’s medical expenses. There is a donation of \$60 per person and any additional donations would be appreciated.

Please RSVP by January 25 to 777-7245 to make reservations. Please pay with only cash or checks.

HOPE Hosting Outreach Event Jan. 30

To increase awareness about HIV, Hepatitis C, diabetes and hypertension/heart disease, HOPE is conducting a series of screenings with information tables at several locations during the month of January.

The goal of these screenings is to reduce the spread of HIV and HCV while decreasing risk factors associated with diabetes and heart disease in the community.

HOPE was at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on January 21 and will be at Julius E. Sprauve School on January 30. For more information call HOPE at 777-1611.

Mentoring for Girls Available in Feb.

Sisterhood Agenda will offer exclusive sisterhood mentoring services for a limited number of girls at Julius E. Sprauve School starting in February 2012.

The organization will implement *A Journey Toward Womanhood*. Rooted in the African "rites of passage" tradition, *A Journey Toward Womanhood* is a modern approach to instilling knowledge of cultural roots and community awareness by using mentoring, peer influence and community collaboration.

Join Sisterhood Agenda on Wednesday, February 1, at 12 noon for information and refreshments. Residents and their daughters can find out more about this program, ask questions, and register. For more information contact Angela Coleman at 714-7076.

Hope for Hair Founders Walking in St. John Relay for Life

Tangie Warren and Antonia George, the founders of Hope for Hair with Elegance Foundation, will be in attendance for the Second Annual St. John Relay for Life fundraiser on February 11.

Hope for Hair is a non profit organization providing hair enhancements for patients battling cancer. It was created as a way to restore pride, faith and beauty to woman and children who have experienced hair loss due to cancer treatments. They can create wigs and hair pieces from just two inches of hair.

They will be available to accept donations of hair during the event. Anyone interested in donating hair will be offered a complimentary hair cut at the St. John Relay for Life event.

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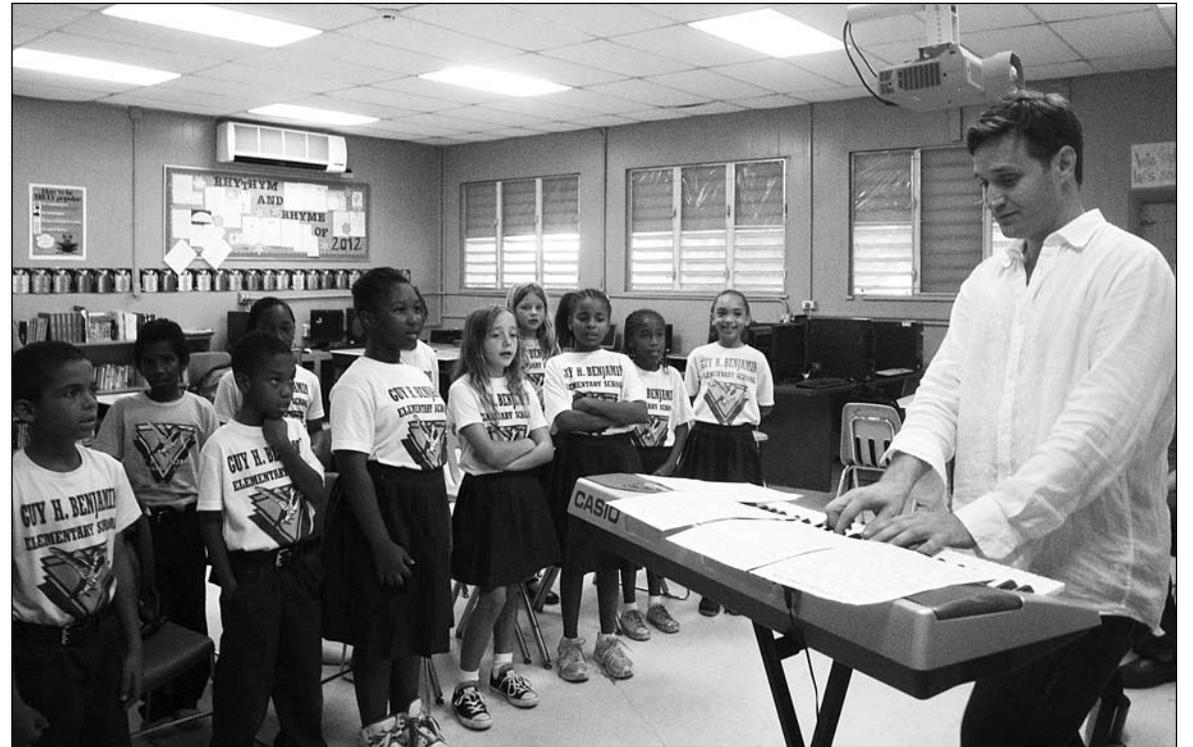
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Donna Drake, above, teaches GBS fourth graders some dance moves while Michael Shawn Lewis, at right, rehearses song lyrics with the students.

Fourth Grade Students Across St. John Gearing Up for “World of Dreams” January 27 at Westin

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

“Why are there so many songs about rainbows,” sang the fourth grade class at Guy Benjamin School on Tuesday morning, January 17.

With two weeks of intense training to go before the big premier show, five Broadway actors, singers and dancers were busy bringing out the best voices and dance moves from GBS fourth grade students last week.

“One more time with the music,” called out Michael Shawn Lewis, who was leading the vocal lesson at GBS.

Lewis, along with John Tartaglia, Laura Barnao, Donna Drake and Rhonda Miller arrived on St. John the first week of January with the original musical production “World of Dreams” in hand.

The five thespians — each of whom has impressive acting, dancing, singing and choreography credits to their name — are working with fourth graders at all three island schools for a total of three weeks. Then it’s show time!

The students, along with St. John School of the Arts students, will perform “World of Dreams” on Friday, January 27, at the Westin Resort and Villas ballroom.

The production is a fundraiser



GBS fourth grade students rehearse dance steps for the upcoming "World of Dreams" production on January 27 at the Westin Resort.

for St. John School of the Arts, which provides essential arts education to children across the island. The sale of \$200 angel tickets for the 6 p.m. show — which includes a champagne reception and dinner at one of the island’s best restaurants — and \$100 raffle tickets — for a three-night trip to New York City with theater tickets, dinners, airfare and hotel stay included — will help SJSA continue to provide classes in a wide range of disciplines for students across Love City.

The actors, who each paid for their own travel expenses and have been staying at the home of SJSA board of directors vice president Ronnie Lee, donate all of their time. While hopefully getting to enjoy a beach or two during their few moments of down-time, the actors work with students at Gift Hill School, GBS, Julius E. Sprauve School and SJSA four days a week for about an hour and a half each day at each school.

GBS fourth graders were perfecting the words and dance

moves to what promises to be one of the many highlights of “World of Dreams” last week. Anyone who caught last year’s SJSA musical production fundraiser “Dream, Wish, Believe” knows the audience is in for a treat on January 27.

Anyone who missed last year’s show, should be sure to get a seat to either the angel performance at 6 p.m. or the open performance at 8 p.m. SJSA officials will accept donations of any kind for the 8 p.m. show, but there is no required

entrance fee for the performance.

Judging from just the practice session at GBS last week, “World of Dreams” will be a stunning performance, no one will want to miss.

For more information about the show or to purchase angel tickets or raffle tickets call SJSA at 779-4322.

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Friends of VINP Eighth Annual Gala Scheduled for February 4

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It's time to pull out those dresses and dust off those fancy shoes.

The Eighth Annual Friends of V.I. National Park gala is set for Saturday night, February 4, and the event promises to be one of the group's most exciting soirees in recent years.

From the setting — Michael and Judy Skurnik's stunning villa Marea on the very point of Ditliff Point — to the music, former Steely Dan guitarist Jon Herington is just one of the performers on tap for the night, the gala is sure to be a night of elegance and entertainment.

Don't feel like driving? Friends will be running two shuttles from the Cruz Bay dock after the 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. ferries arrive. Or guests can park along Ditliff Road, where there is actually plenty of parking space, and shuttles will be running along the roadway to pick up gala-goers, explained Friends' development director Heather Ruhsam.

"No one will have to walk far," she said.

The fun kicks off at 6 p.m. with cocktails at Marea overlooking the sea. Enjoy the sunset and peruse the bevy of raffle prizes available. Guests will be able to choose

which prizes to try their hand at, by dropping tickets into baskets in front of each raffle item.

"There is everything from boat trips to art work and gift certificates around town and dining packages," said Ruhsam. "We're also working on some special items for the raffle as well."

One very special item is already available to view at Mongoose Junction. Rudy Patton of R&I Patton Goldsmithing has created an exquisite necklace and earrings set for Friends. The set, valued at \$4,200, consists of a hand-crafted 18 karat gold large link chain necklace with 66 karats of polished emerald nuggets and matching gold large link chain earrings.

Friends will be selling only 100 raffle tickets for the necklace and earring set for only \$50 each. Raffle tickets for the R&I Patton jewelry set are available at Friends of the Park Store, at Friends' office in Mongoose Junction and at Connections in Cruz Bay.

"Get them before they sell out," said Ruhsam.

If there are any of the 100 tickets for the necklace set not sold by February 4, they will be available at the gala as well, Ruhsam added.

In addition to the exciting prizes available, the night is also going

to be full of outstanding music as well. Steely Dan fans will not want to miss the band's former guitarist Jon Herington, who will perform with his ensemble the Jon Herington Band. Local favorite In the Sand Band will also be entertaining the crowd at the gala.

The evening will also feature delectable fare to keep those dancers going throughout the night. Mathayom Private Chefs/St. John Catering is once again taking care of the culinary side of the night, so the food is sure to impress. And there will be no chance of suffering from thirst. Vintages are being provided by Skurnik Wines with other beverages being supplied by Premier Wines and Spirits.

Tickets for the gala are \$200 each and the funds go to support all of the great work Friends does all year long, explained Ruhsam.

"We like to take advantage of the night to thank our supporters by throwing a great party, but the money we raise at our premier fundraising event goes to support the many educational programs we host," said Ruhsam.

Friend would like gala attendees to RSVP by January 27 if possible. For more information or to purchase tickets call Ruhsam at 779-4940.

Community Foundation Suspends Dial-a-Ride Due To Lack of Funding

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The St. John Dial-A-Ride program has accumulated over \$40,000 of unreimbursed expenses since the end of the main funding sources' fiscal year, and is unable to continue to shoulder the fiscal responsibility.

The St. John Community Foundation (SJCF) will continue to explore all available options to reinstate service, but the current level of unreimbursed expenses has left the Board of Directors with no other choice.

The SJCF has a successful 20-year history of running the St. John Dial-A-Ride Program with the support of the V.I. Government, United Way, and donations from the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, and other local support, including the \$2 fares received from the elderly and special needs clients who were able to pay.

However, this year's 56 percent reduction in the Legislative General Fund allotment, even after drastic cuts in the overall budget, proved to be insufficient to cover basic operational expenses.

The demand for the services is high, however SJCF hopes that the other two community partners in transportation provision (Department of Human Services and Vitran) can fill the gap and not leave the seniors, disabled and individuals with special needs without vital transportation.

The SJCF will work diligently with other community partners to ensure that the elderly and special needs clients do not go without transportation to other supportive services that would relieve them of a situation that threatens their overall health and well-being.

The SJCF is working with the Department of Human Services to determine the schedule of disbursement of the V.I. Legislative General Fund appropriation of \$39,375 which was allotted to the St. John Dial-A-Ride program last November. They are also asking that the Senators override the Governor's veto of the amendment which provided the additional \$56,000 needed to cover basic operational expenses through the end of the fiscal year.



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Historical Society Clears Annaberg School

Nearly 20 members of the St. John Historical Society donated more than 40 volunteer hours in the V.I. National Park on Saturday, January 14. Members wielded machetes, clippers and weed whackers in an effort to clear the brush from the Annaberg School, one of the most significant historic sites on St. John. VINP interns Aleta McKeage and Casey Durchholz were also on hand to assist in the clearing.

The Annaberg School was established in 1839 to educate the children of enslaved workers on St. John. Beginning in 1983, the SJHS logged 1,700 hours of volunteer time over three years to clear and stabilize the site and has continued its stewardship ever since.

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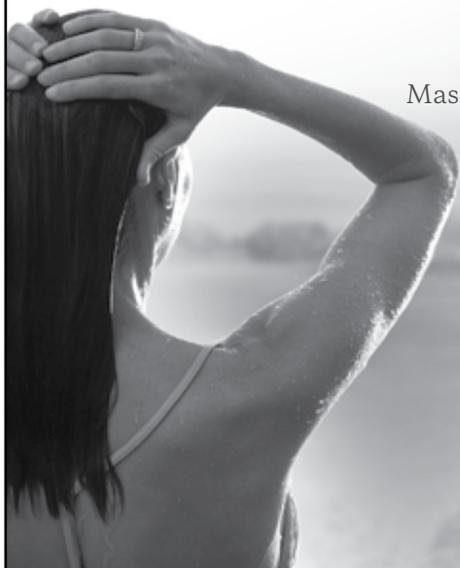
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The quiet, white sand beach at Zootenvaal, left, beckons while mornings spent sipping coffee and gazing that the view, above, are sure to entice.



On *the* Market

A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with *Tradewinds* real estate advertisers

Estate Zootenvaal and 20-acre Parcel Offer Enticing Opportunities

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

There are few places even on idyllic St. John which offer the serenity of Estate Zootenvaal, a small enclave perched right on the pristine and protected shoreline of Hurricane Hole.

The four picturesque waterfront

cottages have recently been refurbished and boast wireless internet, flat screen TVs and even air conditioning. Despite the nods to modernity, however, Zootenvaal, with its private setting and secluded beaches, still offers that unique “old time” feel of St. John.

Spend just a few days in one of

the well-appointed cottages and feel those worries fall away. Just imagine if it was all yours!

It can be, now that the popular property with the four oceanfront rental cottages is for sale. Merry Nash, owner/broker of Islandia Real Estate is the listing agent for the five-acre waterfront property,

which is on the market for \$9.7 million.

Estate Zootenvaal has been in business for more than 50 years and has been owned and operated by one family. The property is bordered by the V.I. National Park on one side, which means no development, and is perched on the shoreline of the V.I. National Underwater Monument Hurricane Hole. It simply does not get more private than that.

“The fact that Zootenvaal has been in business for over 50 years and owned by one family with a great repeat clientele who have been staying at the cottages every year really makes this property unique,” said Nash.

In addition to the four masonry

cottages — two one-bedroom, one one-bedroom plus sleeping alcove and one two-bedroom cottage — the property also includes a white sand beach, beautifully landscaped grounds, a water sports gazebo and a rental office

The business has been managed by the inimitable Robin Clair, who herself might be one of the reasons vacationers return to Estate Zootenvaal year after year.

“What has always attracted guests to Estate Zootenvaal is the quiet, old time St. John feel to the property as well as the very personable long time manager, Robin Clair, who makes everyone’s stay memorable,” said Nash.

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Decorate Luminaria Bags with St. John Relay for Life Volunteers Jan. 28 at Marketplace

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Second Annual St. John Relay for Life is just around the corner — mark those calendars for February 11 at 4 p.m. — and the luminaria committee is hosting a special event this week.

The luminaria ceremony is always poignant part of each American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Luminaria bags are available for \$5 each and are purchased with a particular person in mind.

“People buy the luminaria bags in honor of someone who is battling cancer or someone who has lost their struggle with cancer,” said Karen Radtke, St. John Relay for Life luminaria committee chair.

At 9 p.m. on February 11, those bags, bearing the names and pictures even of loved ones here and lost, will line the make-shift track in the center of Winston Wells ball field. The lights will go out, small candles in the luminaria bags will be lit and survivors alone will walk a lap.

To ensure that everyone is able to decorate their bag in honor of a loved one, Radtke is bringing arts and crafts materials with her on Saturday, January 28, to her luminaria sale table on the first floor of The Marketplace. Stop by Radtke’s table outside of Starfish Market between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and buy a luminaria bag, \$5 each, and decorate it for someone special.

“People can bring photos of loved ones or any kind of tokens or anything to make their luminaria bag special,” said Radtke. “We’ll have glitter and pens and markers and all sorts of stuff for people to decorate with.”



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Luminaria bags, in memory of cancer patients and those who have lost the struggle, are for sale each weekend at The Marketplace for \$5.

Several local artists will also be on hand to offer decorating advice and pointers, Radtke added.

Anyone who misses the craft table, can still purchase luminaria bags. Radtke will be at The Marketplace selling the bags each Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. until February 11.

And be sure to get those teams signed up and funds raised in time for the 18-hour event. The Second Annual St. John Relay for Life will start at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, and wrap up after 18 hours of entertainment and music at 10 a.m. on February 12.

For more information call Radtke at 779-4419.

Full Slate of Musicians on Tap To Keep Walkers Going During Second Annual Relay for Life

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Second Annual St. John Relay for Life is just around the corner and music committee chair-

person Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering has a full slate of talented bands and singers lined up to entertain the crowd all night long.

The fundraiser for the local

chapter of the American Cancer Society kicks off at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, at the Winston Wells ball field. Teams will set up their tents and get ready to have one teammate walking the make-shift track on the field all night long.

The event is designed to remind the community that “Cancer Never Sleeps” as teammates continually walk the track until the closing ceremony at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 12. The local Relay planning committee has been hard at work for months making sure walkers are entertained with plenty of music, singing, dancing and even some acrobatic stunts.

Evanna Chinnery and Carl Powell are slated to get the event off on the right foot singing and

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Giff Hill School students kept the audience in stitches during their production of "Godspell Junior," above and below.

Godspell Junior Delights Audience

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A huge crowd packed Giff Hill School on Friday night, January 13, for the premier performance of Godspell Junior. The production, organized by GHS with the New England Youth Theater Company, was a rousing success by all accounts. The students also performed a matinee show on Saturday, January 14, to wide acclaim.



Deadline for Second Annual USFSC Essay Contest Is Jan. 31

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The Second Annual Tortola Surf Classic, organized by Island Surf And Sail in Tortola and sponsored by BILL-ABONG, is allowing Using Sport For Social Change to host the Second Annual Essay Contest for local U.S. Virgin Island youth surfers 8-17 years of age.

The essay contest, in conjunction with the St. John Community Foundation, will allow up to 10 USVI youth from the St. Thomas and St. John area to be selected from the essay contest entries and will win travel expenses to Tortola to compete in the surf contest.

For each contest winner and one adult chaperone (over 18 years of age) of their choice, this will include passage to and from the event, all customs fees, entry for all youth to compete in the Tortola Surf Classic and lunch and beverages for all contest winners and

their chaperone. Valid passports for each person is the responsibility of the participating parties. Deadline for the essay contest is January 31.

The essay topic is "How has surfing inspired you to make a positive difference in your life as well as in those around you?"

Entries must be received via U.S. mail or email sent to one of the following address no later than January 31, 2012. Dean Doeling, USFSC, 20713 SW Imperial Ln. Aloha, OR. 97006. Or email dean.doeling@nike.com

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Morgan Heritage Set To Rock Love City Live January 28

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready to party St. John!

The island's premier reggae festival is about to kick off and no one will want to miss any of the events.

Global Ventures Consultants' Glen "Wasi" Philbert is back with the Second Annual Love City Live! on Saturday, January 28, featuring reggae roots legends Morgan Heritage performing together for the first time in five years.

"The concert will be their reunion performance because the band has not played together for about five years," said Philbert. "This is their introduction back into the industry as a group. The band members had been working on solo projects, but they're coming together again."

And Morgan Heritage is just one of the four amazing acts set to take the stage in the Winston Wells ball field on Saturday night, January 28. Gates for the main concert open at 6 p.m. and Niyorah Olivacce will start the show, taking the stage at 7 p.m. Olivacce, from St. Thomas, is sure to impress with his distinct brand of roots reggae which has lately been garnering increased attention both locally and globally.

Melame Gange, back again this year, will entertain the sure to be maximum crowd next. Hailing from St. Croix, Gange sings of truth and enlightenment. His up-tempo stage presence and positive lyrics are sure to get the crowd ready for the anticipated set by Bambu Station.

Since forming on St. Thomas in 1996, Bambu Station has taken the reggae world by storm, releasing critically acclaimed albums and performing across the globe. Bambu Station is certain to get the crowd geared up for Morgan Heritage, who are scheduled to take the stage at 11:15 p.m., according to Philbert.

"We are going to start on time this year," he said.

But the fun starts way before January 28. To get ready for the big night of dancing, Philbert is throwing a Sundown Beach Lime party at Oppenheimer on Thursday, January 26, from 3 to 7 p.m. The event is being hosted by Caribbean personality Jeanille Bonterre and Hollywood actor Malik Yoba.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Last year's Love City Live headliner Third World got the crowd in the Winston Wells ball field to its feet and kept them there.

"Jeanille and Malik are hosting the event and it's really a toast to welcome everyone who is coming in for the show," said Philbert. "There will be food and drinks on sale with all proceeds going to our Second Annual Youth Baseball Clinic in July."

Yoba and Bonterre will also be hosting a program at the Julius E. Sprauve School on January 26, Philbert added.

"As part of our youth outreach they are going to talk to the kids about staying in school and the importance of arts and music," said Philbert.

On Friday night, January 27, the party moves out to Coral Bay when Love City Live! takes over Miss Lucy's restaurant for the festival's official Meet and Greet. Home-grown reggae masters Inner Visions will entertain the masses sure to show up to meet Morgan Heritage and all the bands.

"That will be the chance to come out and get those autographs and photos taken with the bands," said Philbert.

A shuttle will depart from Fatty Crab in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. for the concert and fun out at Miss Lucy's with pro-

ceeds funding Philbert's youth baseball workshop. There is no cover charge for the Miss Lucy's party, but the shuttle will run one \$20 round-trip.

The big show at Winston Wells ball field is on Saturday, January 28, from 6 p.m. until Morgan Heritage closes the show in the wee hours of the night. Tickets for the main concert are \$60 in advance and are available on St. John at Connections, Cases by the Sea and Love City Barbers. Or pay \$80 at the door. VIP tickets, which give one access to a great area to watch the show, a bar with no lines, food and chairs, are also still available.

And that's not all. The reggae fun continues after the concert ends. Sunday, January 29, is the chance to hit the seas during the Ultimate Power Boat Party at One Love Bar on Jost Van Dyke, BVI. Private boaters are welcome to join the party and non-boat owners can take one of the 60 left on Limnos Charters over to Jost, Philbert explained.

"We've reached out to a lot of people who own boats to go over to One Love on Sunday and for those who don't have their own boats, we have Limnos going over," he said.

The boat leaves St. John at 11 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m. Check out the Love City Live! website www.experienancelovecitylive.com for a full list of activities, ticket outlets and more information.

Although Love City Live! is still more than a week away, St. John has been buzzing already.

"I'm super excited about the show," said Philbert. "We sold out of early bird tickets two days before the deadline. The buzz is out there and this year we're really drawing reggae fans from around the world."

Philbert, a St. Johnian himself, is happy to offer the community a great show with positive vibrations.

"I'm happy that I was able to come back and do this again," he said. "There are folks who live here who have to deal with struggles every day. This is just one period of the year where I get to bring some excitement down."

"I'm happy that I get to invigorate the folks here and give back to the school and do something for the kids," said Philbert.

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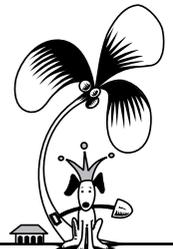
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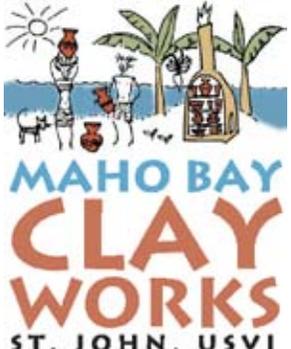


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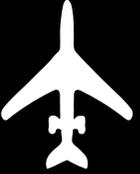
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Clapton's Blue Guitar Anchors in Coral Bay



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Frequent St. John visitor Eric Clapton was likely enjoying the Coral Bay area recently as his luxury motor yacht "Blue Guitar" was spotted anchored in the harbor last week. Clapton is no stranger to the Caribbean, having founded the rehab facility Crossroads in Antigua.

Kids First! Celebrates Three Years of Operations

St. John Tradewinds

Kids First! is celebrating its third year of operation. Started by a group of St. John homeowners, Kids First! is dedicated to supporting education on St. John with particular focus on early learning.

As a result of strong community support, Kids First! has become one of the largest non-affiliated non-profits on the island.

Among their accomplishments are:

- Forty years of education for needs-based children were enabled through financial aid of over \$100,000.

- A total of \$15,000 of matching grants encouraged school fund raising and community support for St. John early learning programs.

- Twenty children now can see clearly as a result of \$5,000 of grants to support free eye examinations and eye glasses for needs-based children

- A grant of \$10,000 to fund a Reading Intervention Teacher at Guy Benjamin School. We also provided \$2,500 so GBS could buy Kindle E-Book readers as part of an enhanced reading program

- Beneficiaries of Kids First! include Guy Benjamin School, Giff

Hill School, St. John Montessori School, Julius E. Sprauve School, St. John Christian Academy, St. John Eye Care, and Friends of the V.I. National Park (for a youth camping experience).

– Total gifts made to date total more than \$130,000.

“This all started with a casual conversation among some neighbors about how we could make a positive contribution to St. John,” said Kids First! president Bruce Clafin. “At that time, questions were swirling around about the possibility of a new school, and we became aware of the educational needs of our island. After discussions with local school administrators, we concluded a focus on early learning could have a major impact.”

“Early learning, birth to age 5, is the most important time of development in a child’s life,” said Clafin. “Access to a quality early learning program can substantially improve a child’s chance of success in grade school and life beyond. There were some strong pre-schools on St. John but the cost was prohibitively high for most families, and there was no VI public school alternative.”

“To make matters worse, most of the pre-school programs on the island were struggling financially and were at risk of closing,” he said. “That is why Kids First! focused on this area.”

Dionne Wells is the current principal of JESS and was the former principal at GBS when Kids First! was first formed.

“Their entire board came to our school to meet with teachers and administrators, in order to understand our situation,” said Wells. “As we approached them with our needs they were very responsive and supportive.”

Kids First! realized the importance of the work St. John Montessori School was doing for the Coral Bay/East End community, explained Debra Polucci, founder of the St. John Montessori School.

“Our biggest problem was the inability of parents to pay tuition and yet that tuition didn’t even cover our costs,” said Polucci. “Kids First! has provided several grants over the past few years which have allowed far more children to attend our school. At the same time, it allowed us to invest in learning materials to make it an

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Casual Elegance and Great Eats Abound at Driftwood David's

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

David Baysden first visited St. John years ago but didn't stay long that time.

"I came to St. John many years ago and thought I could find a better island," said Baysden. "But I never did."

This time around, Baysden is here to stay. He recently opened Cruz Bay's newest eatery Driftwood David's in the old Find de Spot nightclub location on the lower level of the Lumberyard.

Between his Love City stints, the entrepreneur spent time on St. Kitts and Anguilla, where he ran Reggae Reef, a restaurant in Sandy Bottom. At Driftwood David's, Baysden opened up the formerly shuttered space, which is now flooded with light and air.

The first sign things are different at the former nightclub location is an inviting table and chairs set up in the space just in front of the eatery. Step inside the freshly painted interior where huge windows open to a view of the Cruz Bay Creek area below, letting in Caribbean sunshine and breezes. The transformation was no easy task, explained Baysden.

"It took us six months to get this place ready," he said. "We had to come in and demo everything. We opened it all up and we want people to feel at home."

An open kitchen is situated in about the middle of the space, helmed by chef Mike Hammond. The nearby bar area is run by Ben Martinez and Casey Taylor makes sure table service is top-notch.

Get settled in one of the roomy tables and get ready to enjoy a scratch-made meal with nods to the Caribbean and comfort food. For now the restaurant is open for lunch and dinner daily starting at noon — Baysden expects to close on Mondays in the future — and the menu offers a little something for most palettes.

While Baysden created the menu and concept for Driftwood David's, he insisted the restaurant is not about him.

"This is really more about the employees than it is about me," said Baysden. "Driftwood David's is about the food and the people who work here, not me."

And Hammond's food certainly spoke for itself. The lunch menu offers a salad, fish sandwich, hamburger and curry chicken salad, but the slow roasted pulled pork sandwich and baby back ribs are the stars, explained Hammond.

And it's easy to see why. The ribs are fall-off-the-bone tender thanks to a dry rub and four hour roast before being bathed in Hammond's tangy home-made barbecue sauce. The pulled pork gets a similar treatment with a Boston butt slow roasted until it falls apart, then slathered in Hammond's barbecue sauce served on a roll with coleslaw, rice and peas or a side salad.

The Dangerous Dog, an all-beef hot dog wrapped in bacon and topped with chili and coleslaw, is another popular lunch menu item. Lunch items range from \$8 for a vegetarian salad to \$16 for the fresh fish of the day sandwich, which on a recent visit was a beautiful flaky mahi mahi.

Driftwood David's doesn't scrimp on portions and all salad dressings and dips are house-made. The place has a casual feel, but the napkins are thick linen and drinks are served in glassware, not plastic.

The restaurant has a full bar and impressive wine list with a range of prices from casual to high-end. Frozen concoctions like bushwhackers and pina coladas are available and Driftwood David's serves up a signature Strawberry Paradise. With coconut rum, Baileys and strawberry puree, the Paradise tastes like a strawberry shortcake and certainly goes down easy.

Hammond starts serving dinner at 6 p.m., but is willing to take special orders during lunch hours, so just ask. Dinner items, most in the \$20 range, include a chicken marsala, stuffed mushrooms, fresh catch of the day, seafood pasta and a ribeye steak. Hammond also offers an appetizer and entree special nightly as well.

Liz Lowe of Queen of Tarts supplies the exceptional dessert offerings, which recently included a tart key lime pie and a decadent flourless chocolate almond torte, each for only \$5.

Baysden is also determined to

make Driftwood David's the place to go for live music. The restaurant features musicians most evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. and Carl Powell is bringing back Jazz on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Stop by Driftwood David's for a fantastic meal at a great price and sit back, relax and watch the world go by from one of the oversized windows. For more information call the restaurant at 777-4015.



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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

IGBA Thanks Community for Outstanding Support

The Island Green Building Association would like to say THANK YOU! to the community for the outstanding response and support for our new ReSource Depot for donated construction materials.

In just the first two Saturdays, shoppers at ReSource found some great items at great prices - and kept over 500 pounds of materials in use, from being sourced/shipped in again, and out of the landfill!

We had a great turnout of donors and shoppers after the Tradewinds article last week. Board members Bill Willigerod, Doug White and Rob Crane have been coming to help, with Barry Devine on the roster to assist soon. Raf Muillenburg has joined our board. And we have very special volunteers to thank: Judy Buchholz, for our newsletter and ReSource flyer; and Joan and Larry Wilson, who worked tirelessly to help organize on our first day.

We've also received funding support from St. John Hardware, our many professional and associate members, and private donors. Storage on Site has made our location affordable. It is difficult to name and thank everyone that has worked to make the ReSource Depot idea a reality — so please forgive me if I forget anyone!

Our first customer was a young, local couple who was "feathering their nest" and very thankful for the savings they found to help build their first home. Another customer had plans to build soon, and selected items ahead by visiting our website.

The community is obviously ready to find affordable construction materials, and ready to benefit from donating good items to a nonprofit. THANKS to the people who are bringing in good, useable materials to donate - or calling to see what we have or need. Sales proceeds will fund the ReSource Depot and educational programs in sustainable building and island living.

We have applied to VI Waste Management Authority's Community Enrichment Grant Program for further funding to ensure the success of the ReSource Depot. IGBA plans to be a ReSource for the community, and green building, for years to come. We're open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and plan to grow. Thanks to you, St. John!

**Green Regards,
Karen Vahling,
Executive Director IGBA**

Obituaries

Donald H. Brown, St. John Yacht Club Member, Passes

St. John Tradewinds

Brown, Donald H. age 79 of North Haledon, NJ died Thursday, January 5, 2012. Born in Paterson, he lived in Ridgewood over 50 years before moving to North Haledon.

Donald was an Army veteran who served from 1954 to 1956. Before his retirement he was an Investment Counselor for Trident Investment Mgmt., Inc. of Ridgewood, NJ. He was a member of West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ. He was a member of the St. John Yacht Club, St. John, USVI.

Donald enjoyed sailing, adventure and traveling throughout the US, and the world. He and his wife enjoyed sailing their boat "Mer Amie." They built a lovely villa in St. John that he enjoyed for many years.

Surviving is his wife of 58 years, Ruth McIntire Brown of North Haledon, his three sons, David and his wife Gayle of Wyckoff, NJ, Richard and his wife Cindy of Andover, MA and Donald Jr. and his wife Donna of Shamong, NJ. Also surviving are his seven grandchildren, Scott, Emily, Douglas, Sarah, Annie, Leanne, and Michelle.

Visiting was Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Vander Plaat Funeral Home, www.vpfh.com 257 Godwin Ave. Wyckoff, NJ. A Memorial Service was held on Monday at 11 a.m. at West Side Presbyterian Church, 6 South Monroe St. Ridgewood, NJ.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 811 West Evergreen Ave. Suite 204, Chicago, IL. 60642-2642. www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org.

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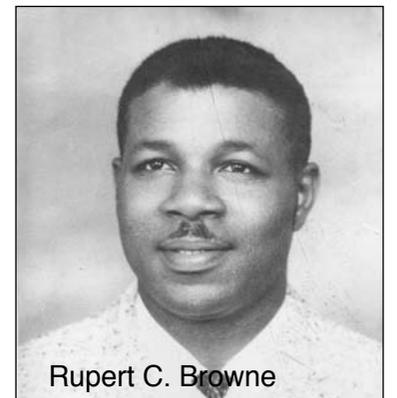
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Rupert C. Browne was a resident of St. John for the last 52 years and was originally from the island of Nevis, Gingeerland in RiverPath.

He leaves behind a wife of 45 years, Avis M. Browne; seven children; 21 grand children; 17 great grand children

Rupert was eldest of ten brothers and sisters and leaves behind three sisters and one brother.

A memorial service will be at the St. John Methodist Church at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 28. Murray Brothers Funeral home in Atlanta Georgia handled the remains.



Rupert C. Browne

New Board Members Voted at Annual Animal Care Center Board Meeting

St. John Tradewinds

The Animal Care Center (ACC) of St. John hosted its annual public meeting on Wednesday evening, January 18, at the lower campus of the Giffit Hill School.

ACC thanks the school for permitting use of the great room for the meeting. Approximately 50 attendees signed in with ACC secretary Sheila Karcher at 6 p.m. Karcher handed each attendee, all of whom claimed ACC membership, an official ACC paper ballot for use later in the meeting.

Out-going president BJ Harris opened the meeting with an address listing the many 2011 ACC programs and accomplishments. Among the successful efforts named were the Letter of Understanding between the V.I. National Park and the ACC whereby VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove and ACC President Harris formally established the policy that any homeless cats or dogs trapped on park lands by park employees would be brought to the ACC shelter in Cruz Bay rather than simply re-located elsewhere on the island.

ACC President Harris spoke at some length about the merits of a new, larger facility for the shelter in the future. The increasing numbers of dog walkers and volunteers were feted and Shelter Administrator Sally Nelson and Kennel Technician Kimber Marnen were cited for their successful efforts in bringing a new spirit to the shelter. Volunteer Laurie Damron was also cited for her various contributions to the ACC this past year, including work on an electronic newsletter. Damron's father, who is visiting the island, was able to join in the standing ovation accorded Damron. In addition, Harris distributed certificates of appreciation to the hard-working members of the Board of Directors.

Monica Munro presented a

treasurer's report which showed that 2011 donations to the ACC, while coming in from numerous different sources, still reflected the general economic downturn experienced throughout the nation.

Her figures supported president Harris' observation that animal shelters in general were experiencing a fall in donations and finances much the same as nursing homes and other health-related services. However, in 2011 ACC received a substantial grant to improve its homeless cat program from Petsmart through the efforts of experienced grant-writing volunteer Donna Traina. ACC friend Angela Coleman also obtained a modest grant of \$2,000 for the ACC.

Former ACC President and ACC Nominating Committee chairman John Fuller explained the election process to the more than fifty attendees. Fuller explained that treasurer Monica Munro was being nominated for re-election to the Board and in addition there were two Board vacancies created by the resignation of Dean Baldwin and the retirement of president Harris.

Fuller described the process whereby the Nominating Committee, which is composed of all ACC past presidents since re-organization in 2005 identified candidates to serve beginning in 2012. Sheila Karcher, John Fuller, Diana Ripley, and BJ Harris were the members of the Nominating Committee and, after confirming willingness of candidates to serve, settled upon a list of four possible new Board members in addition to the re-election of treasurer Munro.

BJ Harris interjected that there were many more willing candidates than the short list presented and she hoped that candidates who failed to be elected by the 50 members attending the annual meeting would consider heading some of the committees necessary for car-

rying on ACC's mission of caring for the island's homeless and abused cats and dogs.

After the paper ballots were collected, secretary Karcher announced that Monica Munro had been re-elected as treasurer and that Dr. Heidi Stout and Kelly Cruikshank, both of whom are relatively new to the island and new to the ACC, had been elected.

Dr. Heidi Stout holds a degree in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania and has been active for many years as part of an internationally recognized oiled wildlife response team. She oversaw the entire oiled bird rehabilitation effort for the recent Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico which included managing care facilities in four states. Stout has also worked in international teams responding to catastrophic incidents impacting wildlife throughout the world including programs focused on planning for the welfare and care of companion animals impacted during disasters and managing coordinated veterinary responses.

Kelly Cruikshank has 20 years of experience in fundraising, marketing, communications, and event management. She relocated from New York to St. John in 2011. She has served as director of corporate relations for the American Cancer Society of New York, and was accountable for event execution along with volunteer committees in support of such events. At the Ulster County SPCA, she provided hands-on work with animal care as well as volunteer coordination for fundraising events. She currently volunteers at the ACC shelter and works at Destination St. John.

The ACC Board of six sitting and two new directors will meet in February to elect its officers for 2012. *St. John Tradewinds* will announce the results of the election of officers.



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Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE

Leaves Cruz Bay	Leaves Charlotte Amalie
8:45 a.m.	10 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	1 p.m.
3:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Guests often find it difficult to pry themselves away from their private deck overlooking protected Hurricane Hole.

St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

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On the Market: Estate Zootenvaal

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144, is located just a few minutes from the shopping, dining and nightlife of Coral Bay, but being situated en route to the quiet East End of St. John, the property truly feels a world away from it all.

If all of that sounds enticing, now imagine owning an adjacent 20-acre parcel just behind Estate Zootenvaal. Nash is also the listing agent for the 20-acre parcel at 3A-1 Remainder Zootenvaal, which offers an exciting opportunity for a green developer.

The property, listed on the MLS for \$7 million, adjoins the V.I. National Park and would be ideal for estate sized parcel development, according to Nash.

"The V.I. National Park adjoins this 20 acre development, or estate sized parcels, insuring green space and privacy in quiet surroundings," according to the listing for MLS #08-354. "Beautiful water views over Borck Creek and Hurricane Hole will be forever preserved in their natural beauty as a protected area. This is a rare opportunity for a conservation minded buyer who wants the best St. John has to offer."

Buyers can purchase both Estate Zootenvaal, with the five acres and four cottages, and the 20-acre adjoining parcel together or individually. There are a number of small-scale, low-impact development opportunities available with the parcels, explained Nash.

"This waterfront will always remain pristine as Borck Creek is part of the National Marine Monument," said the Islandia Real Estate owner/broker. "No docks, or even an-



In addition to the five-acre Estate Zootenvaal property, a 20-acre adjacent parcel is also for sale.

choring, are allowed. The biggest interest in the property is people who would purchase the 20 acre hillside parcel as well and build individual villas on large lots for short term rental and use the five-acre waterfront parcel for clubhouse and water sports."

"This would be a low impact use and would fit in with the ambiance of the cottages and the area," said Nash.

Take a cue from the many vacationers who have enjoyed Estate Zootenvaal year after year and slow down and soak in the quiet beauty of the area and just imagine if it was all yours.

For more information about Estate Zootenvaal, check out the website www.estatezootenvaal.com. Contact Merry Nash at Islandia Real Estate at 776-666 or email MerryVI@aol.com.

Slate of Musicians for Relay for Life

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playing a rendition of "Because We Believe" as the children of St. John show off their dance moves with Liz Putnam.

Survivors will take to the track for the first lap of the event and will then be joined by family members and friends. The Ah We Band is sure to get those Relay walkers moving and shaking with their up-tempo set, slated to take teams through sunset to around 6 p.m.

The Love City Pan Dragons will take over entertainment duties as cancer survivors and caregivers enjoy the special survivor's dinner. The new St. John girl band Island Girl Swagg will show off their skills until around 7:30 p.m. when Koko and the Sunshine Band are set to take the crowd back with some old-school scratch music.

Around 9 p.m. the lights in the field will dim as officials get ready for the emotional luminaria ceremony. Luminaria bags, each in memory of someone who has lost their battle or continues their struggle with cancer, line the inside of the track as a constant reminder of the event's importance.

With the track dark, Relay volunteers will light the luminaria bags and survivors will take to the track alone again for a lap before being joined by family members and friends.

Following the always emotional luminaria ceremony, Pickering's own roots reggae band Inner Visions is set to take the stage, and kick off the wee hours of enter-

tainment. Musicians from Shikima Jones, to T-Bird and Chris Carsel and bands from Paradise People, the ISH and Slammin' will keep those Relay walkers awake and going strong.

The music will last right up until the 10 a.m. closing ceremony and Pickering is excited about the line-up this year.

"We have a lot of different artists on the line-up this year," said Pickering. "This year we're going to be using the big stage from Fourth of July and we'll have really nice lighting from the folks at Concert Works from St. Croix."

"All in all, it's going to be a bigger production than last year," said Pickering.

This is Pickering's second year heading up the musical portion of the evening and he is happy to dedicate his time to the Relay for Life.

"I got involved because it's a really worthy cause and I think that while it doesn't pay for actual medications and treatment, these funds can help pay for screenings and off-island travel," said Pickering. "That might seem small, that can make a really big difference for people. I hear some people complaining about things, but there are a lot of people who need this help."

It's still not too late to get involved with the event. Any musicians still interested in playing at the Second Annual St. John Relay for Life February 11 through 12 should email Pickering at guitar-

Kids First! Celebrates Three Years

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even more positive learning experience."

Kids First! has also provided support to Giffit Hill School, according to Judy Chamberlain, head of School at GHS.

"Kids First! has provided tremendous support for our early learning program, funding financial aid for students and the purchase of learning materials to increase the effectiveness of our program," said Chamberlain. "Of all the years in a child's development, this is the most critical and ultimately transformative time."

The group's success is due to its loyal supporters, Claffin added.

"All our success is due to the generous contributions we have received from island residents and visitors over the past few years," said Claffin. "Despite our accomplishments, we have far more to do. That is why we ask all island residents and businesses to support our efforts."

"It's a good thing to do, the right thing to do, and it's the smart thing to do for the future of our island," he said.

To learn more about Kids First! go to the website www.kidsfirststj.org.

Police Log

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Emergency Cellular: 340-776-9110
Police Dept: 340-693-8880
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Friday, January 13

11:00 a.m. - Badge #1021 and 124 present at Leander Jurgen Command with one Jeffrey James under arrest and charged with violation of a court order. Violation of a court order.

3:35 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident r/ a grand larceny at Wharfside Village. Grand larceny.

4:00 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r damage to a vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

7:50 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, January 14

7:12 a.m. - An Estate Susanberg resident r/ destruction of property. Destruction of property.

2:25 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ a grand larceny. Grand larceny.

8:06 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

10:53 p.m. - A citizen c/r a burglary. Burglary in the third.

Sunday, January 15

12:45 a.m. - A citizen p/r an assault. Aggravated assault and battery.

6:30 p.m. - A citizen r/ a break-in at his apartment. Burglary in the third.

Monday, January 16

12:37 a.m. - A citizen c/r that a woman wanted to kill herself. Police assistance.

1:10 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a vagrant killed a chicken in the

area of Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay. Animal cruelty.

Tuesday, January 17

12:16 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

3:04 a.m. - An Estate Beverhoudtsberg resident c/r a D.O.A. DOA.

8:10 a.m. - An Estate Spring Garden resident p/r that someone called his home and threatened him. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

12:50 p.m. - A minor p/r that he was assaulted by a male in the area of Red Hook, St. Thomas. Assault and battery.

4:05 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Crimes

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to keep the local anonymous tip program active and dynamic in the US Virgin Islands. If anyone knows something, please do something this week for all of us.

This is the first weekly release of Crime Stoppers USVI's fourth year of reaching out to the Virgin Islands community. On January 9, 2009 the 1-800-222-TIPS phone number became fully functional, operated by a professional, totally anonymous Crime Stoppers answering service in Texas.

In the three years since, media partners have published, aired and televised more than 150 weekly releases. The community has submitted 1,435 tips which have helped law enforcement officers make 147 additional arrests, recover 80 illegal guns as well as over \$280,000 in stolen property and drugs.

This week, please visit the "Support Us" page on the website www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org, to learn how to support the rewards fund. To date, Crime Stoppers USVI has authorized 130 rewards totaling \$108,386 and paid out 57 of those rewards, \$46,188, for valuable information that has,

in fact, helped make the community a safer place to live, work and raise a family.

If anyone has any experience with law enforcement organizations, or if you have office or bookkeeping skills or enjoy speaking to groups of children or adults, please consider offering a bit of your time to our volunteer effort. Visit the "Contact Us" page on the website for our administrative email address and phone number.

The Annual Meeting, open to all dues-paying members, is coming up again in June. We will have several board member positions open for election. Again, if anyone has any interest in learning more about how to join us in our work for a safer community, check out the information on our website at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org.

The volunteers at Crime Stoppers USVI thank all of you — law enforcement, the media, our financial sponsors and of course you, the concerned citizen who have submitted information about crimes.

Thank you all for working together with us for three successful years. And we sincerely hope that this, our fourth year of service, will be one of unprecedented peace in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday and Thursday, January 25-26

— The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Division of Property Tax, is in the final stages of preparing for the sale of properties that are in delinquent property tax payment status of 10 or more years. The Office has notified the owners of the properties slated for the first round of auctions, which are scheduled for January 18-19, 2012 on St. Croix and January 25-26 in the St. Thomas/St. John district. In both districts, the auctions will be at the Division of Personnel's offices.

Friday, January 27

— Calypso Catamaran Charters is hosting a benefit sunset cruise for Russ Kerr on Friday, January 27. RSVP by January 25 to 777-7245

— School of the Arts fundraiser "Broadway Comes to St. John," January 27 at the Westin Resort ballroom at 8 p.m.

Monday, January 30

— The increase awareness about HIV, Hepatitis C, diabetes and hypertension/heart disease, HOPE Inc. is conducting a series of screenings with information tables during the month of January. HOPE will be at Julius E. Sprauve School on January 30. For more information call HOPE Inc. at 777-1611.

Monday, January 30

— Governor John deJongh will deliver his annual State of the Territory Address before a formal session of the 29th Legislature on Monday, January 30. Senate President Ronald Russell will convene the Senate Session at 7 p.m. The Address will be delivered at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on the grounds of the Capitol Building, St. Thomas.

Saturday, February 11

— Relay for Life at the Winston Well Ball Field on Saturday, February 11, at 4 p.m. for 18 hours of friendship, food and fun and help to make a difference!

Saturday, February 11

— The V.I. Audubon Society is hosting its 15th annual plant sale on Saturday, February 18, in the Nazareth Lutheran Church yard in Cruz Bay from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Monday at Scandic Executive Service's meeting room in Mongoose Junction from 6:30 to 7:30pm; and every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the VINP ball field bleachers. Warm line: 340-642-3263.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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SOMETHING IN COMMON

ACROSS

- 1 Move belly-up on all fours
- 9 Take — (do some traveling)
- 14 Capital of Tanzania
- 20 Restricted zone
- 21 Espresso with steamed milk
- 22 Reaming appliance
- 23 One using a spare bedroom
- 25 New York's — Island
- 26 Minister to
- 27 Scottish refusal
- 28 Metalliferous rock
- 30 Quiver
- 31 Gloria of pop
- 35 Surf zone sights
- 39 Bicycle spokes, e.g.
- 41 With 3-Down, many a tax auditor
- 42 Inventors of new words
- 43 What many corporations are listed on
- 49 Trio after K
- 50 Angels' rings
- 51 Poetic dusk
- 52 Husband of Sarah Palin
- 54 Droid or iPhone, e.g.
- 57 9-Down seaport
- 58 Lions lie in it
- 59 "Filthy" gain
- 61 Retro hairstyles
- 63 Strike and ball caller
- 64 It's smart to back this up

- 68 19th-century king of Sweden and Norway
- 70 Sothern of "Maisie"
- 71 Butterfly's title
- 72 People who call without being asked
- 77 Prefix with car or law
- 79 "Soap Talk" co-host Lisa
- 80 — to go (fired up)
- 81 Kind of PC monitor
- 82 Stratford's river
- 83 Hang behind
- 84 UPI bulletin
- 85 Pollen carrier
- 86 Capitol body
- 88 Good bud
- 90 Daytona 500 entries, e.g.
- 94 Tiny air sacs in the lungs
- 98 OPEC supply
- 99 Toughen, as to hardship
- 100 Loud couple in a marching band
- 104 Artificial fat
- 108 They require double reeds
- 109 It's all wet
- 110 Missions, for short
- 112 Rail supports
- 113 Italian-style ice cream
- 115 What this puzzle's seven longest answers have in common
- 121 High dice roll
- 122 Bird claw
- 123 Priced separately, as 46-Down items
- 124 Nitrate and nitrite, e.g.
- 125 Actor Edward James —
- 126 Phys ed

DOWN

- 1 10 sawbucks

- 2 Gads about
- 3 See 41-Across
- 4 Abuts
- 5 Obi- — Kenobi
- 6 NPR's Shapiro
- 7 Drumstick
- 8 Madeline of "Clue"
- 9 Like Casbah natives
- 10 Hellenic "T"
- 11 Hwy.
- 12 "There, there"
- 13 — dish
- 14 45 spinners
- 15 Defeat in a pool race
- 16 "Julia" star Carroll
- 17 Scale range
- 18 Less bold
- 19 James of westerns
- 24 Diner bill
- 29 Env. addition
- 32 Lot in life
- 33 Fusses
- 34 Actor Cage, to friends
- 36 Transgress
- 37 Request
- 38 Victor's color
- 40 "— Forgettin' " (1982 pop hit)
- 43 "How Great — Art"
- 44 Goddess of concord
- 45 Sliding by
- 46 Eatery list
- 47 Aquatint, e.g.
- 48 War film, when tripled
- 53 Actor Mulroney
- 54 Of the earliest ages
- 55 Pigeon shed
- 56 Ending for enzymes
- 58 Chemist Mendeleev
- 59 Red Square honoree
- 60 Banquet coffeepots
- 61 Uses a "+"

- 62 Italian monk
- 64 Vena —
- 65 "... — quit!"
- 66 Rikki-tikki- —
- 67 Women's patriotic org.
- 69 It aired "Crossfire"
- 72 Google find
- 73 Work to get
- 74 Actress — de Matteo
- 75 Wine cooler
- 76 Rome's — Fountain
- 78 Snake eyes
- 82 Of one's forebears
- 84 Dog relative
- 85 Gets bloated
- 86 Torah locale
- 87 Emerald Isle
- 88 Deprive (of)
- 89 Farm alarm?
- 91 Weep
- 92 U.S. spy org.
- 93 Brian of rock
- 94 Orbital point
- 95 Stereotypes
- 96 Bluish-purple
- 97 Suffix with robot or poet
- 101 — come (in the future)
- 102 Taj —
- 103 UV ray-blocking stat
- 105 Pageant crown
- 106 Takes ten
- 107 Embers
- 111 Male caribou
- 114 Roll- — (deodorants)
- 116 A hardwood
- 117 "— -hoo!"
- 118 Bridge writer
- 119 "Rambo" site
- 120 CL doubled

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Boat *Peter Bay* found in Coral Bay. Vessel is 8'10" x 32'. Registration #VI9428TA Serial #XAU0500SJ293. Contact Irvin Stevens 340-201-3862.

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"Beach Garden" is a Bali inspired waterfront work of art from which you'll enjoy mesmerizing sounds of the surf and cooling trade breezes. High end finishes throughout include tropical hardwoods, African slate, coral stone, copper & teak. 4 master suites, gourmet kitchen, multiple dining and office areas, media room, knife edge pool, spa, shady gazebo & lush gardens all on a private acre just minutes from town. **\$6.2M**



"Splendore" - Sculptured high on a magnificent bluff overlooking the Caribbean Sea the architectural design of this elegant residence combines Antillean style with European charm. Completely screened & connected by breezeways, 2 private bedroom suites sit on either side of a large great room that opens onto expansive porches with pool & spa. A 2nd story loft office doubles as a 3rd bedroom. Great Cruz Bay **\$1.795**



"Bella Vista" is a well maintained and beautifully decorated home, perched high atop cool Bordeaux Mountain. Views from Jost Van Dyke to Virgin Gorda. Quality construction with hardwood floors and beautiful wood trim throughout. Accommodations include a large master suite, two spacious guest bedroom suites, large loft for additional guests, and a one-bedroom apartment with separate entrance. Spa and sun deck. Tremendous value - a "must see". **REDUCED: \$750,000.**



"Squire's Cottage" - Is a delightful and whimsical stone cottage with separate guest quarters in Chocolate Hole West, a short drive from Cruz Bay. Features include fine local stone and brick work, Turkish travertine floors, brick courtyard, custom light fixtures, large closets, custom hard wood doors & windows, stainless appliances, cathedral ceilings, slate roof and deeded rights to two beaches. The one level main house is handicapped friendly. **\$1.299M**



"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute two bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. Faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. Paved driveway and parking area. Partial furnishings included. A nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. There is a laundry room on the lower level and space to add another bedroom. Paved drive way with easy turn around. **\$575,000.**



"Casa Del Palmas" - Is a completely rebuilt, large, comfortable West Indian style home with pool and spa, nice water and sunset views, easy access with paved circular driveway, established landscaping with many palm trees, colorful hibiscus, and good breezes. Upper level is 2 BR and the spacious lower level has 3 bedrooms, a private entrance, complete kitchen, and adjoins deck with a pool. **\$650,000.**



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NFWF Grant Received by CBCC for Wetland Restoration

St. John Tradewinds

The Coral Bay Community Council is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$20,464 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star Grant Program and its funding partner, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The purpose of the grant is for Riparian Restoration and Wetlands Protection in Coral Bay. The grant commits CBCC to a one-to-one match of in-kind funds, including volunteer services, donations, and partner activities, for a project with a total effort of just over \$41,000.

The project will restore and improve the wetlands in the degraded area on 11 Estate Carolina (Parcel 11) along the roadside at the intersection of Route 107 and King's Hill Road. This is the front portion of the property which includes "the Ag Station" in Coral Bay. Along with this wetlands restoration project, other improvements are being considered for the area including agricultural farmer's plots on the part of the four acre parcel surrounding the Ag Station.

The goal is to restore the riparian area using native trees, shrubs and appropriate ground cover, so that it can serve as

a community-based demonstration of appropriate species and plantings. The project will provide environmental education through an afterschool program for children and project signage for residents of the community so they can learn about native trees and their roles in preserving and protecting ecosystems.

CBCC is partnering with the VI Departments of Agriculture (VIDA), and Public Works to undertake this wetlands restoration project and to work together for the overall improvement of this area - which is at the very center of Coral Bay and visible and accessible to all.

Additionally, part of the corner area that is not wetlands is proposed to become a community park area, possibly with benches, a domino table, and some play structures or sculptures for children, using funding beyond this grant. A covered farm stand is also being considered for sale of produce that the new farmer's plots would grow.

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Louis Peterson and Ag Station Manager Raymond Thomas, Dale Braithwaite of Public Works, and Sharon Coldren and Tricia Reed of CBCC met for an initial planning meeting

on January 10 to kick off the project and agree to responsibilities and timelines. Reed, the new Environmental Projects Manager at CBCC will manage the project.

The team also agreed to pursue the broader objectives of improving this central community location.

"This grant is part of an integrated initiative for the betterment of the community," said VIDA Commissioner Dr. Louis Petersen.

A wetlands plant expert will be contracted this spring to design the plantings and public access and recommend removal of invasive species. As part of this planning process, a public meeting will be held to discuss ideas for the project and the surrounding land on Parcel 11 Estate Carolina.

Various groups in the community as well as individuals are expected to commit to volunteer maintenance and improvements so everyone can enjoy the area and be proud of it. Ultimately, there will be a volunteer committee responsible for ongoing maintenance. To support the planting phase this summer, CBCC is applying to be able to provide jobs to local youth through the Department of Labor's summer job program, and seeking cooperation from

other youth internship programs.

The project also includes funding for an instructor for an afterschool educational wetlands gardening program at Guy Benjamin School in fall 2012 for 10 interested students.

During the next year, CBCC will continue to work with the community and the Waste Management Authority to find a way to move the unattractive household waste bin site on the mangrove shoreline part of the parcel to a less visible and fenced convenience center with an area for recycling.

"The goal of the wetlands funding is to restore the area using native trees, shrubs, and appropriate ground cover and to serve as a demonstration of species and plantings that can be useful in Coral Bay, and inspire people to preserve more wetlands habitats, and also make good public and conservation use of the adjacent properties," said CBCC President Sharon Coldren.

CBCC encourage people to contact the group by calling 340-776-2099, or emailing coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com or to stop by the office to discuss the project, volunteer for project activities, or inquire about offering the expert consulting services needed.

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HOVENSA announced on January 18 that it will shutdown its refinery on St. Croix. Following the shutdown, the complex will operate as an oil storage terminal.

Losses at the refinery have totaled \$1.3 billion in the past three years alone and were projected to continue. These losses have been caused primarily by weakness in demand for refined petroleum products due to the global economic slowdown and the addition of new refining capacity in emerging markets. In the past three years, these factors have caused the closure of 18 refineries in the United States and Europe with capacity totaling more than 2 million barrels of oil per day. In addition, the low price of natural gas in the United States has put HOVENSA, an oil-fueled refinery, at a competitive disadvantage.

HOVENSA explored all available options to avoid this outcome, but severe financial losses left no other choice. After formal shutdown of the refinery, which will occur by the middle of February, most of those employed at HOVENSA will continue working through a transition period. Thereafter, approximately 100 people will remain to work at the oil storage terminal. HOVENSA will provide significantly enhanced benefits for those union and salaried employees who are impacted. The company will also continue to honor its commitment to provide scholarships to students from the Virgin Islands.

HOVENSA has a long proud history as a corporate citizen in the Virgin Islands and will work closely with the government of the Virgin Islands to ease the transition for the community.