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Residents of all ages packed the V.I. National Park ball field to grab fresh produce from local farmers on Wednesday, March 16. Sunburst squash, zucchini, arugula, bok choy, wild honey and more were available during the National Agriculture Week festivities. **See page 2 for a full story.**

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Karen Samuel, at right, sells VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove, at left in uniform, some local tarts. With a \$100 donation from a CBCC member, Sharon Coldren, above with VIDA Commissioner Louis Petersen, shopped for Guy Benjamin School.



## Bountiful Market Day Draws Crowd

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Residents snatched up crunchy cucumbers, sweet cantaloupe, leafy collard greens and spicy arugula last week.

From school children to V.I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove, residents packed the VINP ball field to take advantage of a Market Day hosted by the V.I. Department of Agriculture.

As part of the celebration of National Agriculture Week, VIDA officials hosted Market Days across the territory, bringing farmers and their wares to St. John on Wednesday, March 16.

"The week's activities are going very, very well," said VIDA Commissioner Dr. Louis Petersen last week. "We had a lot of sup-

port on St. Thomas yesterday and today on St. John. We're heading to St. Croix tomorrow and expect a lot of people to come to our Market Day there as well."

Farmers from St. Croix, St. Thomas and vendors from St. John set up tables to sell everything from local honey to walnut rum cake.

"It's a true Virgin Islands fair," said Petersen.

The week of island Market Days presented VIDA logistical challenges, which were met with the help of several transportation partners, Petersen explained.

"It was difficult getting everyone and everything to each location," he said. "We have to thank my great staff on each island, the Office of the Governor,

Cooperative Extension Services, Senator Shawn Michael Malone, Department of Transportation and Seaborne Airlines. Also a big thank you to my farmers."

VIDA's planned Coral Bay organic farm has been delayed as the department's expected funding to cover fencing and silt work fell through, Petersen explained.

"We're really looking for a public and private partnership to cover our fencing and infrastructure needs in Coral Bay," said the VIDA commissioner. "We need fencing, piping, pumps and a water storage unit."

For more information about the Coral Bay organic farm or to make a donation to the project call Raymond Thomas at 340-776-6274.

### Chamber Chapter Meeting March 22

The monthly meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will be on Tuesday, March 22, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Ocean Grill Upstairs.

The Chapter's agenda on Tuesday will include an update on the Chamber's input on the proposed tax increases, the status of the opening of the parking lot and ADA issues with the lot and the status of the Town Meeting regarding noise in Cruz Bay.

### Next St. John Recyclers/Go Green V.I. Meeting Set for March 22 at Tamarind

The next St. John Recyclers/Go Green VI meeting is Tuesday, March 22, at the Inn at Tamarind Court at 5:30 p.m.

Come get updates on current recycling efforts and offer input on taking it to the next level! And don't forget to take e-waste to the Susannaberg Transfer Station Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The St. John Community Foundation is willing to spearhead collection of household batteries, printer cartridges and is looking into "Cell phones for soldiers," all of which will be discussed at the meeting this Tuesday. Form more information, call SJCF 693-9410.

The cans at Enighed are being transported to St. Thomas as you read this, so keep on collecting, the trailer will be accessible!



### Free Documentary Screening About Legendary Conservationist Is Mar. 25

See the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold and his environmental legacy at Maho Bay Camps on Friday, March 25, at 8 p.m.

"Green Fire" shares highlights from Leopold's extraordinary career, explaining how he shaped conservation and the modern environmental movement.

It also illustrates how Leopold's vision of a community that cares about both people and land continues to inform and inspire people across the country and around the world. Leopold's ideas remain relevant today, continuing to inspire projects all over the world that connect people and land.

### Annual CBYC Flotilla at Miss Vie's Campground To Benefit Guy Benjamin School on Saturday, March 26

The Coral Bay Yacht Club is hosting its annual Flotilla to benefit Guy Benjamin School on Saturday, March 26, at Miss Vie's Campground beach.

Come to the party by boat, for only \$40, or by car. To sail over and back, meet at the Coral Bay dinghy dock at 9 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure.

To attend by car, come out from noon to 4 p.m. and pay only \$20 for a great afternoon of BBQ, local food, drinks and live music by Inner Visions. Don't miss out on the raffle for a chance to win \$500 cash.

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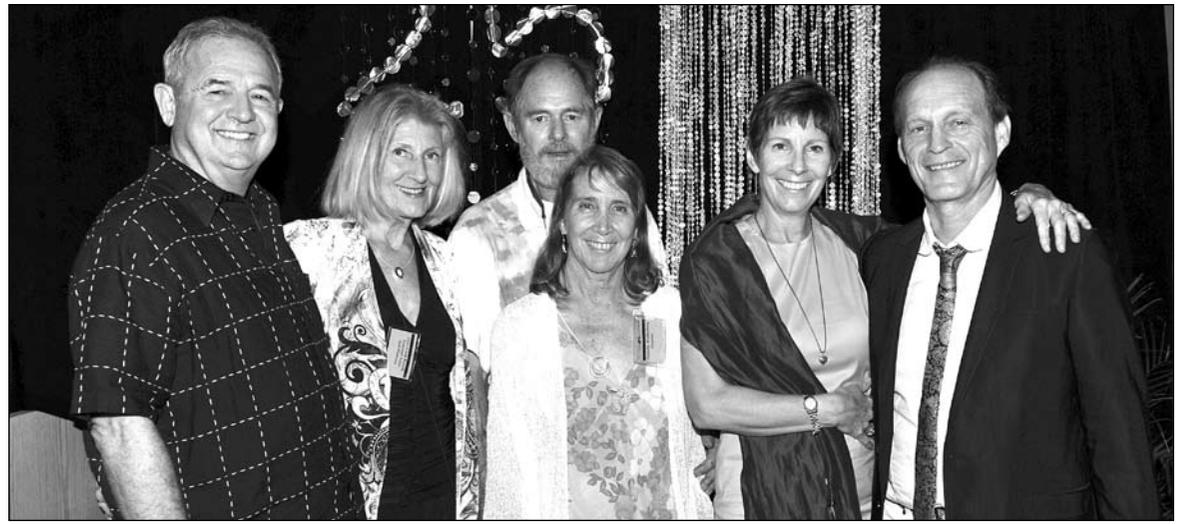
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Auctioneer Darron Meares, left, got people spending on Saturday evening, March 12, to support the GHS scholarship fund. School officials honored several founding families, above from left to right, Andy and Janet Rutnik, Peter and Dorothy Muilenburg, and Debbie and Donald Schnell.

# 25th Annual GHS Auction Nets More Than \$160,000

Giff Hill School raises more for \$160,000 for scholarship fund

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Gourmet cuisine, fine wine and exquisite art work marked the Giff Hill School's 25th Annual Auction on Saturday evening, March 12, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

A high-energy auction led by Darron and Hope Meares of the Meares Auction Group helped net the St. John private school's scholarship fund more than \$160,000, according to Molly Murrill, GHS development director assistant.

"It was fabulous," said Murrill. "It was the best auction ever. Our goal going in was \$150,000."

"Last year we raised \$140,000 and we thought we could surpass that since it was our 25th anniversary," she said.

From the sale of "golden tickets" for the chance to snatch up any of night's the luxurious travel packages, to the "wall of wine," and the champagne raffle, the evening was full of games and chances to take home exciting prizes.

The night's success was a result of hard work by GHS volunteers and dedicated support from the community, Murrill explained.

"It was so successful because the Westin really went all out for us," she said. "The food was amazing and they donate all of that; the food, the time, their staff and the space. We couldn't do it without them."

"It was a lot of work by the auction committee and the volunteers gave it their all this year," Murrill said.

Tickets for the auction were already sold out the Monday before the event, a first, according to Murrill.

"We've never sold out that early before," she said. "That had never happened."

The more than 200 attendees had the chance to bid on stunning art work and jewelry during the silent auction portion of the night. New works by Janet Cook-Rutnik, who continues on her Transfer Project path focusing on the nature of migration with beautiful results, was only one of the highlights of the night.

Other popular artworks included oversized photographs by Bob Schlessinger, woodcut prints by Mary Vargo, landscape photographs by Ryan Witbeck, vases by Maho Bay Glassworks and jewelry by Karen Calandra.

A number of other goods, services and items, from boat trips to hotel stays and hair cuts and barge tickets, were also available for bid during the silent auction.

Eighteen travel and culinary packages available for bid during the live auction portion of the night raked in serious donations for the school's scholarship fund, upon which sixty percent of the

GHS student body relies.

The biggest ticket of the night was a package which sold two African safari trips, garnering almost \$14,000, explained Murrill.

"Our top grossing package was the one with the two Africa trips," Murrill said. "The company that offers the trips offers it that way, you sell it as one trip and let them choose between the safari lodge or game lodge. Then you tell your audience you have the other trip available for that same amount."

An elegant cruise aboard SeaDream Yacht Club, with its five star cuisine and almost one-to-one crew to guest ratio, was another top earner for GHS. A last minute pledge by an anonymous donor also helped push the night's tally so high, Murrill added.

"We had an anonymous donor pledge matching donations three to one at the last minute — we just found out that night," she said. "Darron just asked for donations during that portion and we raised over \$75,000 in all. The portion of the night last year raised less than half of that."

Each year St. John photographer and videographer Steve Simonsen creates an original short film about GHS and its students, which emphasizes the night's importance. This year the film might have been the best one Simonsen has produced yet.

Always a tear-jerker, this year Simonsen's film was shot in high definition for the first time, bringing it to a new level of professionalism. Set to the song "Every Day" from High School Musical, Simonsen's film once again brought tears to many eyes and had auction-goers digging into their pockets to ensure the continued success of GHS.

"Steve's video was very uplifting and made the energy in the room really great," said Murrill.

The evening also honored several founding families of the Pine Peace School, which opened 1978 and eventually became GHS. Andy and Janet Rutnik, Peter and Dorothy Muilenburg, Donald and Debbie Schnell and Victor and Anna Johansson were singled out for their vision and dedication to getting the fledging school off the ground.

After the live auction wrapped up, GHS supporters took the party over to La Plancha del Mar at Mongoose Junction to dance the night away to DJ Liston Sprauve. The guys at La Plancha got into the giving mood also, donating proceeds from the bar and a cuisine and cocktail special available during the after party.

"The after party was a blast," said Murrill. "La Plancha del Mar was great; they gave us the venue and half the proceeds from the bar

and they ran drink and food specials, all of which came back to us."

"The dance floor was full until about 2 a.m.," Murrill said. "The entire event could not have gone better. It was a ton of fun and it is all for the scholarship fund."

For more details about GHS or to make a donation to the school check out [www.giffhillschool.org](http://www.giffhillschool.org) or call 773-1730.

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WAPA replaced about 100 HPS bulbs with LED lights in street lamps throughout Cruz Bay like this one next to the Cruz Bay ferry dock.

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 Photos by Jaime Elliott



## New LED Streetlights in Cruz Bay To Cut Consumption and Up Visibility

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Water And Power Authority will soon start conserving energy and increasing efficiency on St. John.

With a \$2.5 million grant from the V.I. Energy Office (VIEO), WAPA officials replaced 100 high-pressure sodium bulbs in streetlights throughout Cruz Bay with LED bulbs over the past several weeks.

The new bulbs use thirty percent less energy than the old ones, explained Radclyffe Percy, Supervisor of Engineering for VIEO who was on St. John last week inspecting the project.

“The grant was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and there are monitoring and reporting requirements,” said Percy. “I’m here to see what has been done and what needs to be done still.”

WAPA will be installing a total of 972 LED bulbs in streetlights across St. Thomas and St. Croix, but launched the program on St. John.

“We wanted to start the whole project right here on little St. John,” said Allyson Gregory, WAPA’s system planning manager. “So many people forget about St. John, we wanted to make a big impact with these lights and install them right here in Cruz Bay.”

For now the 90 LED streetlights in Cruz Bay will be only ones out

of the island’s total 560 streetlights switched over, but WAPA is looking to expand LED usage in the future, according to Arthur Burton, WAPA’s Electrical Engineer II.

“The project is a large pilot program for WAPA as we look into possible future investment in LED lights,” said Burton. “We’ll track the energy consumption of the LED lights and we can compare them directly to HPS lights and see if it is worthwhile to invest in these bulbs in the future.”

The new lights give off a white instead of yellow glow and increase visibility while reducing light pollution, officials explained.

“The LED bulbs give off direct light below instead of the HPS bulbs that emit light in all directions,” Percy said.

“The LED emits light that is much more concentrated in the area right below the light, not dispersed in a wide area” said Burton. “Also the distinctive white light the LED gives off is more like natural light and allows colors to be seen a lot clearer.”

Each LED streetlight runs around \$745 but does come with a five year warranty.

“If HPS lights burn out, we won’t be replacing them with LED bulbs,” said Burton. “But the LEDs are under warranty for five years, so if one of them burns out, we’ll just box it up and send it back to the dealer who will replace it.”

LEDs bulbs also have longer

life cycles than HPS lights, Burton added.

“They last longer than traditional lights and we expect that to add to the savings we’ll be seeing,” said the engineer.

WAPA has also installed a streetlight management system on St. John, allowing the utility to stay on top of any maintenance issues remotely, explained Burton.

“Another part of this project is a state of the art technology which very few utilities have in full deployment,” he said. “We are starting our streetlight management system on St. John and should have the majority of the island complete within one to two weeks.”

The system will alert WAPA when a light burns out as well as if a light is on during the day, Burton explained.

“Right now if there is a maintenance issue, someone makes a phone call and we have to drive around and find the pole,” he said. “The system will alert us to any poles that need to be fixed and we can send someone right there to fix them. This will eliminate ‘day burners.’”

The streetlight management system is expected to increase the utility’s efficiency while reducing energy consumption, Burton added.

For more information about the WAPA LED streetlight project contact the VIEO by calling 713-8436.

# Smith Shares Draft of First Module of New USVI Development Code

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

About a dozen people heard an overview of the first draft of modular one of the proposed changes to the USVI Development Code at a Coral Bay Community Council planning meeting on Monday evening, March 14, at the Guy Benjamin School.

Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning Director Stuart Smith shared the recently compiled section of the code, modular one, which deals mainly with administrative and procedural provisions of the development code.

DPNR contracted consultants from Rutgers University's Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy to take a look at the existing code and write a new one. The project launched in August 2010, and when it wraps up, officials hope the document will get approval from the V.I. Senate.

"This was determined to be the easiest thing for the legislature to stomach and our best chance to make any changes in the next five to 10 years," said Smith. "We're going to take the inside of the book and make as many changes as we can. We're also cleaning up how you find things in the book and we'll take the CZM and Earth change regulations and put them all in one book."

Rutgers consultants assessed the existing development code and then visited all 16 zoning districts in the territory, Smith explained.

"They went out and saw what was being built on the ground," he said.

A total of five to six modules, which will be drafted about every six weeks, will be prepared by the consultants with input from DPNR staff and the public is welcome to comment on the document as well.

The first module draft, a 60-page document available at [www.dpnr.gov](http://www.dpnr.gov)

and at CBCC and DPNR offices, addresses seven articles in the code: legal framework; definitions and interpretation of language; territorial comprehensive plan; review and decision-making bodies; development review and approval procedures; nonconformities; and violations and penalties.

"My view on what changed substantially in this section is that we spent a lot of time to do a framework for a Territorial Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan," said the CCZP director. "There is no time frame outlined, but DPNR is mandated to have a Territorial Comprehensive Plan and we know there were issues when previous plans were attempted."

The draft module lays out the framework for a Territorial Planning Commission comprised of commissioners from various government departments which would be affected by any such plan, Smith explained.

"The different commissioners would then look at their land uses, their projected needs and be able to communicate across the board for future planning," he said.

The finished document will not include a Territorial Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan, which would redraw the islands' zoning maps and be subject to senate approval. Instead, the new development code will be designed to encourage site-appropriate development, according to Smith.

"If no plan is passed, we can put things in the code that will steer people to what they should be building in a certain area," he said. "Like for steep slope development we can put in density standards for certain steep sites. But we don't want to confuse people, change classifications or take away anyone's property rights."

The new development code will not change the territory's current zoning map, but is being designed to give the islands the best subdi-

vision and zoning laws available, Smith explained.

"We're spending a lot of time on this because we want to be left with the best subdivision and zoning laws that we possibly can," said the CCZP director. "We're changing some of the wordage, but we are not changing the zoning map. When this is done, your property will be the same zone it is now."

"We want to allow people to build, but also to sustain the environment," said Smith. "This document is designed to protect property owners, not the government of the Virgin Islands."

The draft of module one is available online at [www.dpnr.gov](http://www.dpnr.gov), at CBCC's office in Coral Bay and at DPNR's St. John office located near the Elaine I. Sprauve Library. Smith is available to answer questions about the draft as well.

For more information call Smith at 774-3320 or email [smith@dpnr.gov](mailto:smith@dpnr.gov).

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## VIWMA Relocating Upper Carolina Dumpster

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The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority advises residents of the Estate Carolina area on St. John that the small six-yard bin located on the roadside on Centerline Road, Route 10, will be temporarily relocated.

Effective Monday, March 21, the Carolina bin will be temporarily relocated to the Sea Breeze site in Coral Bay. Residents who utilize the Carolina bin site are encouraged to use the bin sites at Sea Breeze, Mamey Peak or Coral Bay.

The bin is being relocated because of the recent landslide on the roadway which has negatively impacted the shoulder and sides of the road, reducing the size of the space adjacent to the bin site and the barricades placed for the protection of the motorists have lessened the space for safe use of the bin site by residents.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott carolina dumpster\_

This dumpster in Carolina will be temporarily relocated to the Sea Breeze site in Coral Bay.

The authority apologizes for any inconvenience that this temporary bin site relocation may cause. Residents are asked to refrain from illegally dumping at the site once the bin site has been relocated and

closed.

For more information on the relocation of the dumpster contact the Office of Communications Management by telephone at 712-4950 or 712-4951.

## Historical Society Hosts Potluck at Oppenheimer



Tradewinds News Photos by Andrea Milam



St. John Historical Society members enjoy a beachfront lunch on a gorgeous afternoon at the society's Saturday, March 12, picnic at Oppenheimer Beach. Entertainment was provided by Delroy "Ital" Anthony, and Eleanor Gibney gave a history of the area. More than 50 people attended.

# UVI Opening St. John Academic Center at The Marketplace Monday

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The University of the Virgin Islands will unveil its latest educational achievement — the St. John Academic Center — on Monday, March 21.

The Center is a learning center located on the third floor of The Marketplace which will improve the university's delivery of educational programs, resources and technology by allowing students on St. John to attend UVI classes without leaving the island.

A highly interactive classroom environment will connect St. John students to instructors and students on St. Thomas and St. Croix. The Center will be equipped to deliver select UVI classes for the Spring 2011 semester and will offer more classes by the start of the Summer 2011 session, which begins in May.

"This is a major step in the University's quest for greatness," said UVI President Dr. David Hall. "We can't be great if numerous individuals in the territory don't have easy access to our higher educational resource."

"The Center will create an academic footprint on the island of St. John that has never existed before," said Hall. "My dream is that more St. John residents will now pursue degrees and courses at UVI, and thus more of them will be able to fulfil their dreams"

Funded in part by a Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the Center will evolve

over a five-year period, providing state-of-the-art classroom space with videoconferencing capabilities and access to UVI electronic resources.

UVI's Cooperative Extension Service and Small Business Development Center will each have a presence in the Center, where CES and SBDC classes and workshops will be offered.

In addition to four classrooms, the St. John Academic Center will provide all of the amenities of individual UVI campus libraries that facilitate student success, including a small computer lab with wireless network capabilities and private areas where students can meet with instructors, counselors or advisors.

Individual and group study space will be available where students can collaborate with other university students in person or via technology.

UVI's Chief Information Officer Tina Koopmans is tasked with outfitting the Center with the technology to function as a 21st century learning environment.

"The Center sets the foundation for increasing enrollment and providing technology and outreach services to students," Koopmans said. "We're further along the path to reaching our retention goals — especially with regard to students from St. John."

For more information about classes at UVI's St. John Academic Center contact the UVI Office of Information Technology Services at 693-1367.

## GBS Superhero Teachers



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Guy Benjamin School teachers donned capes and masks to share tips with students gearing up to take the standardized V.I. Territorial Assessment Tests this week. As the "VITAL villain" Nurse Brown tried to get students to stay up late and not prepare, but the GBS Superhero Teachers took care of her, below, and got students excited for the week of testing.



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## Savannah Lyons Anthony Heads To D.C. for National Youth Leader Conference

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Last Tuesday, March 15, Savannah Lyons Anthony traveled to Washington D.C. to serve as a National Scholar in the National Youth Leader Conference.

Anthony was personally nominated out of some 1,500 students at Charlotte Amalie High School by Jacqueline Leader, U.S. History Teacher, as an outstanding individual who has achieved academic excellence and possesses leadership potential. Anthony is completing the second semester of her junior year.

As a National Scholar, she will join peers from across the nation and meet with high-ranking government officials, members of Congress, national media figures and other distinguished NYLC scholars. Past participants include Al Gore, Colin Powell, Jesse Jackson and Janet Reno. Anthony also joins several other distinguished CAHS students who have previously attended a Congressional Youth Leadership Council Conference.

Anthony's many activities include National Honor Society, Junior Class President, Quiz Bowl Team, Symphonic Band and Junior Statesman of America. She is also a serious student of dance, at Interlochen School of the Arts in Michigan, the St. Croix-based Caribbean Dance School, and the St. John School of



Savannah Lyons

the Arts.

Anthony, 16, is the daughter of Kim Lyons and Kendall Anthony Jr. of St. John.

## Annual JESS Gala Less Than Month Away

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The 14th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Benefit Gala will be on Saturday evening, April 16, at Caneel Bay Resort.

"Our theme for this year is, 'Together We Can Make A Difference As Our Children Reach for the Stars,'" said JESS principal and gala chair Mario Francis. "The Gala Committee has agreed to enhance our school community through the renovation and conversion of the current computer

lab from the use of Mac equipment to a PC Lab; an investment in electronic books for our secondary Pre-Advance Placement Class, English Language Learners (ELL) and elementary Gifted and Talented Class; and replacement of current student lockers."

"Additionally, we hope to finally complete our fitness center, a carry over from last year initiatives," Francis said. "Tickets for this event sell out quickly so do not delay to make your reserva-

tion."

Tickets are \$100 per person and will be on sale at various locations in Cruz Bay as well as the school office until April 15. The customary raffle tickets and silent auction prizes will be available for purchase.

Any businesses or organizations interested in donating products, services or merchandise are asked to contact the school at 776-6336 and speak with Cleameana Duncan or Ivy Scatliffe-Lynton.

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St. John CZM Committee members (Right to Left), Edmund Roberts, Gerald Hills, Andrew Penn and Madeline Sewer with CZM staff, approved a sediment detention basin in Coral Bay last week.

## St. John CZM Committee Approves Coral Bay Sediment Detention Basin

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee unanimously approved a sediment detention basin in Coral Bay during a decision meeting at The Marketplace on Tuesday afternoon, March 15, which drew no residents.

After sailing through a public hearing last month with no opposition, the committee adopted Department of Planning and Natural Resources' staff recommendations and approved the V.I. Resource Conservation and Development Council's major CZM permit.

The project aims to remove sediment from water flowing through the main Carolina Valley gut across a five-acre parcel of government-owned land in Coral Bay. A rock weir will allow water to flow through the existing gut on the property but reduce the amount of sediment by slowing down the speed of the water.

VIRCD won a \$2.7 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for coastal and marine habitat restoration under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act last year. VIRCD is overseeing a project on East End, St. Croix, and partnered with Estate Fish Bay Home Owners Association and the Coral Bay Community Council for grant-funded projects on St. John.

The Fish Bay project has wrapped up with roadways in the neighborhood paved and new swales installed reducing the amount of storm water runoff and sediment flowing into the sensitive bay.

In Coral Bay, CBCC has gotten some work started on all of its planned 18 projects, which will cost a total of a little over \$1 million. The sediment detention basin was the sole project requiring a major CZM permit, and the project is now available for bids.

The basin covers a roughly .42-acre area on the five-acre Parcel No. 6-4 Estate Carolina located along Centerline Road heading into Coral Bay. A gut already cuts through that portion of the land, but is filled with sediment and rocks, which the CBCC contractor will remove.

The project also includes installing a rock weir to slow down the water flow once the gut is restored. Department of Public Works officials are expected to help CBCC maintain the gut, as routine maintenance

will be required, explained CBCC president Sharon Coldren.

"The basin is not designed to hold water," said Coldren. "The weir will slow the water down and allow sediment to settle in the basin and the water will flow through and remain in the gut. We're trying very hard to get this done before the rains start."

Once started, the project is expected to take two weeks to complete, Coldren added.

CBCC officials must still obtain a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and find a contractor with \$1 million in liability insurance before breaking ground on the project, according to the CBCC president.

"The project is out to bid now," she said. "We have \$63,500 budgeted for the project and we still have to get our Army Corps of Engineers permit too."

The community group is under the gun to get all 18 projects covered by the VIRCD NOAA grant wrapped up by June, as required, Coldren added.

"We're working away on our 18 projects which need to get done by the end of June," she said. "We're underway on all projects at this point, but we had to cancel two projects which were planned. We're working very hard to get things done because if we don't spend the money by June, we'll lose it."

"A planned sediment detention basin behind the Moravian Church Cemetery and one next to Sputnik's were both canceled because we had difficulty reaching agreements with the landowners," said the CBCC president.

CBCC has been working closely with Department of Public Works officials on many of its sediment reducing projects, Coldren added.

CZM Committee chair Madeline Sewer and members Gerald Hills, Edmund Roberts and Andrew Penn were present and all voted to grant the permit.

The committee added seven special conditions to the approval which require the contractor to notify the group before it commences work on the project, obtain all permits, cease work if historic features are found and comply with approved soil maintenance plans. Work on the project will be allowed Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. only.

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# Mares Crane Starts New Catering Company Mares By La Mer

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

There is a new caterer on island who brings more than 20 years of experience, an impeccable palate and extreme attention to detail to her business.

Mares Crane recently launched Mares By La Mer, a full service catering company available for everything from an elegant hors d'oeuvres party and lunches to dinners for 20.

The Cordon Bleu trained chef has been working in kitchens across the globe for more than two decades. From running director's dining rooms in London to working for one of the largest catering companies in Australia, Crane has helmed kitchens of all sizes and prepared meals for all types of functions.

"I've always been a team player and been able to work in so many different atmospheres," she said.

Hesitant to name one specific type of cuisine she specializes in, Crane instead strives to always make her clients happy.

"I don't really have one particular style," said Crane. "I might be a bit eclectic, but my fulfillment comes from meeting the desires of my clients. I get satisfaction from preparing and serving my clients meals."

"It's not about what I want, it's about what my client wants," she said. "I can do whatever is asked of me. What I love to cook varies with time and is typically whatever I am focused on."

One undeniable element Crane brings to each menu, however, is her impeccable palate honed by her undeniably European sensibilities.

"I definitely think of the menu as a whole," she said. "I look to ensure complimentary flavors throughout the entire menu. I look at it as one big picture."

Crane also brings her discerning eye to each indi-

vidual dish, she added.

"I look at every plate and every dish and it has to be perfect," she said. "I don't overlook any part of the meal."

When booking a party, Crane will send over a proposed menu to a client and then work with the host or hostess to create the perfect fare for the event.

"I just don't fit into one theme or one box because I love everything," she said. "I do what the client asks for."

She cut her island chops late last year when she prepared much-praised cuisine for a Governor John deJongh reelection campaign fundraiser. Since obtaining all her necessary licences, Crane has hit the ground running, having prepared fare for several dinner parties already, and she hasn't even launched her website yet.

Crane's cooking and business are also very personal affairs. In naming her new venture, the chef honored her dear friend Ruth "Sis" Frank, who passed away on Thanksgiving 2010.

"Sis always spelled my name 'Mers' so I had to include something with that in the name of my business," she said.

While unwilling to pigeon-hole her art, clients can expect a peerless meal, custom tailored to fit their exact party needs. Meeting her client's needs is exactly why Crane launched her new venture in the first place.

"I started this business because it's what I've always wanted to do," she said. "I like to make people happy and people get joy from my cooking. That makes me happy."

To book Crane for a party or for more information, call the chef at 244-6992 or email mares28@hotmail.com. Mares By La Mer's website should be up soon.



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A few of Crane's creations are Thai beef tartlets, above, with sesame, cilantro and chili, and smoked salmon and creme fraiche in a thin pastry case topped with fresh dill, below.



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## Senator-at-Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

### Touring Schools, Senate Audit and Improved Legislature Layout

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

There is much news to report in this Senator at Large report. So much that each item will be just one or two sentences. Please call me on any of the action items. My St. John office is still closed, so call 693-3546 or email to senator@barshinger.net.

I am arranging to hire Catherine

Stephen on a contract with my office for three hours per day so that she can continue the excellent work she was doing for St. John. The senate majority would not rehire Catherine on Central Staff after the abrupt and unjustifiable dismissal. Her contract has been in drafting for weeks, and it still is not complete. I have made it our

number one drafting priority.

I toured the schools of St. John last Wednesday with Senator Jannette Millin-Young, Chairperson of the Committee Education Youth & Culture. We met with Principal Mario Francis at the Julius E. Sprauve School and Principal Dionne Wells at Guy Benjamin School. The schools have many

problems and we aim to do what we can legislatively to fix them.

At JESS, there was concern by the administrators about a new bar being built across the street from JESS. Legally, there can be no bars within 1,000 feet of a school. The new one is 50 feet away. Let me know by email or telephone how you feel about this.

In support of the JESS, I will again serve as a celebrity waiter at the school's fundraising gala on April 16, and I would like to sell you a ticket and invite you to sit at my table. Please email me personally at craigcell@earthlink.net or call my cell phone at 642-9955. It will be a fun evening, the food is great and it's a good cause!

I have been speaking with Delegate Donna Christensen about the new school on St. John. Look for a further report in the next Senator at Large report. The issue is not dead, but it is moving slowly — too slowly.

Our interim Parking by the Pond was open, then closed. Watch the driving on gravel! It will be a relief to our crippling lack of parking in Cruz Bay. Remember that this year we have \$4 million in the budget for an actual multi-level lot in Cruz Bay.

This was a resurrection of a bill I sponsored in 2006, that was "reprogrammed" while I sat out a term. I brought it back in 2010. I need 25 dedicated residents who will help drive the use of this \$4 million. Otherwise it will languish.

A brief rain squall flooded the road adjacent to the new parking lot. Alert residents called me and I photographed the flooding and emailed it directly to DPW Commissioner Smalls. DPW is aware and working on preventing future flooding due to a clogged drain.

The Marine Issues Group continues to meet. The St. John Chamber of Commerce organized a dinghy dock repair. I understand that the Chamber is also organizing our Youth to paint a mural on the fabric wall enclosing Powell Park. That will help mitigate the rather abrupt sight one sees when disembarking the ferry. The seaplane is preparing to resume service to St. John. Seafight plans to bring the seaplane to St. John and give tours and perhaps demo flights in the near future.

Previously I reported impend-

ing disaster in the new St. John Legislature Building. Senate President Russell and Executive Director Pamela Richards have since reviewed the situation. They have formulated a new plan that remedies many of the deficiencies of the previous plan.

Improvements include: adding more public seating in the Chambers; moving my office down to street level; and providing a public meeting room at ground level. I thank the new leadership for their responsiveness to the island's needs and will continue to work with them.

Diagrams and information about the proposed Hansen Bay Tower are available at the St. John Legislature. Let me and my staff know how you feel about the plan. You may remember that I "de-funded" this antenna due to opposition in September, and it was sneaked back in the "ominous omnibus" bill on November 22.

I have little access to my Legislative funds as specified by Title 2 section 76. I simply am not able to access my allotment. This problem has been going on since 2005. For four years I kept things going by paying for office expenses with my own salary. I now realize that my funds were being "diverted". The Inspector General's audit is due out imminently. It will open our eyes to something that has been hidden.

For me the most severe difficulty is that, since February 10, I have had no access to my office's shared FirstClass calendar, email and confidential file storage. My staff is severely hobbled. The Legislature's business office refuses to pay the bill.

You simply wouldn't believe it if you knew all the details. Or perhaps you would. I will keep doing the best I can with the hand that I am dealt.

A call to action: the Coral Bay Central Park is in jeopardy. The local match was secured by Legislation that I sponsored. Unfortunately, the Forest Legacy Program did not choose the plan for Parcel 7, comprising 170 acres in Central Coral Bay.

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## Thanks for Cleaning Coral Bay Dumpster Area



These Coral Bay residents were spotting shoveling in the hot sun on Sunday, March 13, cleaning up the neighborhood's major trash dumpster area. A thankful resident snapped a picture and sent it to *Tradewinds* and added "good deeds speak volumes." Indeed!

St. John Tradewinds News Photo

# ROCK THE ROCK WITH THE SJCF

## Volunteers Rock!

by Celia Kalousek

### St. John Tradewinds

Young volunteers are the rock of our community, the foundation of growth and excellence. How do you recognize a young volunteer, someone who has done so much for the community, an organization or for other youth in the islands?

By saying "You Rock!" of course. After all, they have an impact, make great things happen and ask for nothing in return. Do you know someone like this? We want to know who they are, and we want to talk about them!

Talk the Talk...

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Rock the Rock!

The saying, "If you are going to talk the talk, you've got to walk the walk," is a modern version of sayings like "actions speak louder than words" and "practice what you preach."

We want to take it to the next level. This column will be dedicated to featuring people and organizations in St. John who Rock this Rock we call home.

As part of the JOY project of the St. John Community Foundation, we invite you to Join Our Youth as they look for ways to fulfill their 100-hour commitment of community service and stay involved after that is complete.

Are you willing to help us design a volunteer apprenticeship position or a potential job shadowing experience that would prepare our youth for "the real world?" You have skills to share, we all do, and sharing them is one of the best legacies you can offer the next generation.

We want to match volunteer's skills and interests to local organizations' needs. We're recruiting parents, students, artists, computer technicians, chefs and other professionals — anyone who wants to volunteer their time to make a difference.

We're recruiting volunteers to listen, to read, to draw, to exercise, to dig, to GoGreen, to surf the net. We're using volunteering to help bridge the Inter-generational Divide. We're asking young people to change the world by getting involved.

We're not saying we have got everything lined up perfectly or that we'll even get it right all of the time. But we still passionately believe in volunteering and how it can benefit both the individual and the community.

Encouraging people to volunteer will be at the heart of what we do now and in the future. We want volunteering to become part of the fabric of everyday life and we think you can help us do this.

Does your organization need volunteers? Send us your volunteer job descriptions, and as we develop our bank of volunteers we will be able to match their interests and skills with what you need.

Do you have a fundraising event coming up that we can feature in this column? Send it to me at [celia@csivi.org](mailto:celia@csivi.org) or stop by the St. John Community Foundation. Fill out the volunteer application on our website at [www.sjcf.org](http://www.sjcf.org) and we will start walkin' the walk and Rockin' the Rock!

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Come to our annual dinner meeting at the Fish Trap on Monday, March 28. Please RSVP to 693-9410 by Wednesday, March 23, for the dinner at 6 p.m., or just join us at 7 p.m. for the presentation of programs currently underway, and what people have said they want us to do next.

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Ruby Rutnik was a pitcher for Antilles School Hurricanes softball team.



### Ruby

Fifteen years have passed since that tragic day when our Ruby died in a car accident in Washington, DC. A daughter who called St. John her home and the Virgin Islands her birthplace. Only 21 years of age and about to finish her last year of college, Ruby was poised to enter her more productive years as a graduate of American University in Washington DC.

As a memorial to her I would like to tell her story, a St. John story full of happiness and love, achievement and idealism, but mostly about a girl growing up on the island of St. John.

Ruby was born April 9, 1975. Her first seconds of life were in the hands of the doctor as he raised her for all to see, her color a Ruby red, hence her name. Within days she was bundled up by her proud parents and brought to St John.

Her early years were spent like all children of St. John, learning how to entertain themselves in a mostly adult world. St. John offers a unique experience for children as they are exposed to activities of all age groups and backgrounds, socializing with locals and visitors alike. As a result St. John children tend to be more sophisticated than their stateside counterparts.

So Ruby was just another child growing up on St. John, without prejudice or fear, making friends and enjoying the closeness of the community. When it was time for pre-school, her idealistic parents joined with others to found a school.

The children grew and so did the school, from four pre-school students starting out in a two room building in Pine Peace in 1978 to a pre-school through 3rd grade two story structure on Giffit Hill in 1981.

Ruby was a very happy girl, with good friends, a loving family, and a community that embraced her. Her demeanor was shaped in those early school years and she became known for her calm attitude and peacemaking qualities.

Her grades were above average and school was fun. It was a chance to see her friends; share her stories and enjoy the nurturing

atmosphere of Pine Peace School. But at fourth grade it was time to graduate and move on to Antilles school.

Ruby was now nine years old and over the next eight years the young girl would become the beautiful young woman. The trek to Antilles was by car, boat, taxi and a long way from Guavaberry Farms in Fish Bay. Despite all the stress and anxiety of making the long journey every day, Ruby was able to make it seem effortless. Antilles School had high academic standards and a great sports program, both suited to Ruby's competitive nature.

Barely a teenager, she was recruited to play for the Antilles girls' softball team, a fledging program that found it difficult to compete against the larger public schools. That was all to change as Ruby mastered the windmill style of pitching and took over the duties for the Hurricanes. She immediately impressed her coach and other schools with her windmill style pitching and calm demeanor under pressure.

After four years of high school, achieving excellence in her studies and giving Antilles school three girls' softball championships, Ruby graduated with honors. Her name, her pitching style and her modest nature were known throughout the St Thomas/St John school district, a legacy that we still celebrate today.

In her junior year in high school she chose to participate as a volunteer for the World Health Organization's, "Las Amigos" program and spent the summer in the mountains above Oaxaca, Mexico. She raised all the funds for this herself and was awarded a scholarship.

Upon graduation Ruby was ready to spread her wings and after visits to mainland campuses she chose American University in our nation's capital. Not known for its softball program, but well suited for Ruby's desire to learn more about the world. She enrolled in the School of International Studies and focused on ways to help third world countries solve their problems and cope with the grow-

ing disparity between the rich and the poor.

In her second year she chose a newly offered major, Peace and Conflict Resolution with Africa as the area of concentration. Her experience in high school with the "Los Amigos" program that sent young girls and boys to remote villages worldwide to assist in public health projects had a lasting impression on her.

Spending the summer in a remote mountain area of Oaxaca building latrines in a small isolated village while staying with a very poor local family was not only brave but also dangerous.

While at American University she wrote an impassioned paper on the collapse of the world's fisheries and how that negatively affected the undeveloped nations' main source of protein. In her last year she began to think of a degree in law that would enhance her chances of landing a job with the agencies involved in world hunger and resource management.

This story has both a sad and happy ending. It is sad that such a promising young woman was never able to live out a full life, make a family as she had planned (three children she wrote in a grade school essay) or fulfill her ambition to help solve the social, economic and political problems plaguing Africa and the third world.

The happy part is that we have a community that will not let her legacy be forgotten; that every spring since her death we celebrate both the game of softball which she loved, and the young women who with the help of scholarships are able to fulfill their ambitions.

This story is not unique and over the years Janet and I have spoken with many bereaved parents who have lost children tragically at young ages.

What makes it more bearable for us is that Ruby touched so many people in her short 21 years, who are willing to remember and celebrate with us every April for the last 15 years the Ruby we love and miss so dearly.

**Andy Rutnik**

### Keeping Track of Crime

#### 2010

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 3

2nd Degree Burglaries: 22

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 0

#### 2011-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 3

3rd Degree Burglaries: 4

Grand Larcenies: 14

Rapes: 0

### Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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## Letters To Tradewinds

### The Lie of a "Hard and Happy Life"

"Hard But Happy Life" by Chuck Pishko is disingenuous in that the word Black is not found in the body of article, and named persons are not identified as to their relationship with Black History. By way of the internet, I discovered that Bruce Schoonover is a local historian. Also, that John Achzet of Penn Yan, NY served there in the fire department for 63 years and retired after 37 years with RG&E. What did he contribute to Black History?

Furthermore, I wonder why Schoonover decided to revisit the Civilian Conservation Corps program by way of a National Geographic article from September 1940 stating "the camp had to be dissolved for lack of recruits." The questions posed in "Hard But Happy Life" is "How come the CCC program went so well in the states but failed here?" The answer

to the question, according to the author, is "they were satisfied with their lot."

When will die hearts stop lying, they perpetuate this lie time and time again. For example in 1968 a book was published in my hometown in Virginia recording the town's history from 1650 -1967. "Another cause for the peaceful existence on the plantation was the fundamental contentment of the Negroes themselves. Their background was primitive and they did not require more advantages than they had. They had a portion of happiness."

Recently, many of the ruling class in North Africa and the Middle East who proclaimed that their subjects were happy and content are getting a wake-up call.

Ethel Thomas  
Queens, NY

### Dalmidas Thank Everyone Who Helped in Wake of House Fire

Brenda and Alex Dalmida wish to here and now extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the amazing support, encouragement and prayers during our recent fire. The outpouring of assistance has been both staggering and humbling, to say the least. We would certainly be remiss if we didn't openly acknowledge the following:

- The Westin Resort and Spas (Mike Ryan, GM; SVO, the security and housekeeping teams as well as the overall Westin staff)
- Sprauve School (Mario Francis, Faculty, Staff and students)
- Angel Electric (what pros!)
- Larry Clarke Trucking
- DPNR, WAPA, St. John Rescue, St. John Fire Stations
- Connections
- 212 Boutique
- St. Thomas/St. John School Administrators
- St. Thomas/St. John School Administrators Union
- The Seventh Day Adventist

- Church
- Friends of the Park
- St. John Rotary
- Aqua Bistro
- Westin Taxi Operators
- Nancy D'Anna, Esquire
- Kathryn Depree, Esquire
- Dr. DeJames, MKC
- Estate Concordia Preserve
- Coral Bay Jewelers
- American Red Cross

...and a host of incredible individual cherubs!!

We will begin tearing down the damaged portion of the property on Sunday, April 3, at 8 a.m. We would greatly appreciate any and all volunteers (with hand tools and ladders) to assist us. You can call 227-7218 or 776-6336 for further information.

Finally, as our island population ages they will require more medical attention, patience and love from all of us. Any signs of drastic physical or mental decline should be swiftly addressed by medical professionals.

Much love,  
Brenda and Alex Dalmida

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## Attention Parents & Guardians

Is your child due for shots? If you are not sure, don't wait until it's time to register them for school or during the summer to get them up to date.

Children entering, or attending, public, private or parochial schools in the Virgin Islands are required by law to be up to date with their immunizations.

Avoid the back to school rush! Call your healthcare provider or the Department of Health Immunization Clinic in your area. The Immunization Clinics are open year round Monday through Friday at 8:00am:

St. Thomas (340) 776-8311 ext. 2120

St. Croix (340) 773-1311 ext. 3254

St. John (340) 776-6400

## *Don't wait; Vaccinate!*



## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### St. John Is Lucky To Have Dr. DeJames Practicing

Dr. Joseph De James is one of the best physicians I've ever consulted and I think he should be noted publicly.

He's thorough, he knows his stuff on a wide range of medical disciplines, but most of all, he spends time with the patient and explains diagnoses and potential treatments to them. He is also not afraid to tell a client that a particular symptom may have an unclear cause, but will always give the possibilities and suggest a course of action.

He will ask medical questions not directly related to the immediate problem, thus getting a comprehensive and holistic picture of the patient. Most of

all, Dr. DeJames is willing to confront a patient on something that their doing with which he disagrees.

The Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, but moreover the St. John community, is lucky to have Dr. De James in such a critical and needed human service. This is not only my opinion, but of many St. John residents to whom I've talked.

I can't recall ever hearing a negative commentary about Dr. De James. He is a solid professional with compassion for others.

Hippocrates, the founder of modern medicine, would be proud.

**Name Withheld by Request**

### Disappointment Is Necessary Part of Life

Are you disappointed with the way your life has turned out? What about in your business, church or home? Should we even mention the government, its bureaucracy and our leaders?

Well let me share an important message with you. "It's all right." Disappointment in its many forms is a catalyst for change.

You see, even though we as humans strive for improvements with social programs, self-help seminars and technology, we forget that the hard knocks of life can teach us very important lessons.

"Pain brings change." Don't run, hide or deny it. As a matter of fact, admit it to God, yourself and others — I am hurting, lonely and afraid. Feelings like these are normal. If we continue to walk around pretending to be secure when our lives are on the rocks,

we won't get any help.

And don't give me the hogwash that you don't need assistance. I need it and so do you. Just as sickness brings healing, debt brings focus and tragedy brings closeness. You and I must channel disappointment into positive works.

Talking about it with the right counsel is first and taking the appropriate steps is second. We are going to challenge our way of life. Because it is our present state of being that has gotten us into this mess, in order for different results, our steps must fall in line with the desired goals. We might cry, curse and stumble, but keep pressing on.

Slaves did not let the pressure of danger stop them from reaching freedom. Sailors don't let the presence of rough seas detour

them from making port. We as citizens of this great island have a destiny to fulfill.

Our community needs to believe that we can be cleaned, respected and loved. So let's forgive the mistakes of the past, stop living for selfish reasons and walk toward a future of sanity.

One last note — please don't shelter your children from the disappointments of life. The reality is, kids must also deal with pain. Children need to understand that adults get disappointed too, attitude determines outcome and always remember there is tomorrow.

If our children don't get the latest item or adults the latest fad, it's okay. It may be better to gain something intangible than to squander something tangible.

**Emmanuel Prince**

### Project Will Bring Faster, More Reliable Internet Service

I am writing to tell our community about the importance of the governor's new broadband initiative. The broadband initiative will bring high-speed Internet into homes, schools and businesses, a project the governor has described as "critical to the economic, education, and social development of the Virgin Islands."

We can all agree that faster, more reliable Internet service is essential for our schools, libraries, medical and health care providers, university campuses, research centers, and community centers. The aim of the territory's broadband initiative is not to enter the Internet business to compete with local providers.

This project has a strong public purpose and is not geared toward competing with our current ISP providers. Rather, the vision is that the residents of the Virgin Islands deserve the same infrastructure at a price point that is affordable and provides a full range of product offerings.

It is no accident that the Virgin Islands was awarded all four federal broadband grants, the only applicant to have such a distinction. The current local communications infrastructure is not only expensive it is also bandwidth-limited.

With a local average residential cost of \$60 dollars for DSL service versus \$15 for DSL service and an average local business cost of \$700 for a fractional T-1 (less than the full 1.5 Megabit bandwidth) versus \$150 for a full T-1 connection in the continental United States; an average factor of 5 to 1 more expensive locally. The fact is that the U.S. Virgin Islands has one of the most expensive communications infrastructures in the United States.

The "middle mile" network planned by the Virgin Islands Next Generation Network greatly enhances current providers' capabilities and aims to reduce their need for continual cap ex spending to maintain their private proprietary networks. We have invited these providers to the table throughout this process

### People's Agenda 2011

"The People's Agenda 2011," which launched a series of town hall meetings in November 2010 in an effort to gather the concerns of citizens of the U.S. Virgin Islands, is now prepared to move forward and present The People's Agenda to key policy makers over the next week.

Recipients of the document will include V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, Department of the Interior Officer of Insular Affairs Field Officer Basil Ottley, Jr., Governor John deJongh, and Senators of the 29th Legislature.

"The People's Agenda 2011" is an on going, growing document that began development over the past year. Through solution-oriented discussions, the People have created a document containing the concerns, issues and solutions to present to those elected, as well as appointed, to Public Service.

Though The People's Agenda includes a large number of action items, chief among them are these three: amendment to Title 18 Chapter 1 V.I. Code to include "Paper Ballot"; petitions re HOVENSA emissions; and town meeting issues of concern from each island.

Election reform is a time-sensitive issue, and all registered voters asked to contact their legislators to express their desire for support of the amendment to Title 18 Chapter 1 of the V.I. Code.

The issues of health and environment (particularly for the inhabitants of St. Croix) took priority following a disturbing series of emissions from the Hovenssa plant, and a survey was created to assist the residents to gather empirical data, documenting the health and environmental impact of these.

The people also value opportunities to address policymakers on an ongoing basis, and should invite elected and appointed officials to their own organized functions, or attend those being offered by these individuals.

The goals and objectives of The People's Agenda rest in the hands of the citizens of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the community is urged to continue to engage in this crucial dialogue. For copies of all pertinent documents and for guidance on participation, contact Caroline Browne at 774-6683 or [info@thepeoplescarvi.com](mailto:info@thepeoplescarvi.com).

**Caroline Browne**

### GBS Thanks Supporters

The Guy Benjamin School family would like to send special thanks to Mr. Steve Simon for his donations of gifts to our students. Extra special kudos to the St. John Accommodations Council for their generous donation to our locker funds, to the 8 Tuff Miles crew for left-over Gatorade and cups, to Vanessa Campsey for special treats, to Veronica of Alfredo's Landscaping for her donations of plants for our school's garden, which now adorn our library, to Paradise Lumber for paint brushes and to any number of the St. John community who has donated or contributed to our school. Your donations are always welcomed and greatly appreciated!

**Claudine Daniels,  
PTO President and the GBS Family**

in order to discuss these points. The "middle mile" network, once built, will bring economies of scale that will reduce the cost of providers' access to the global Internet by at least a factor of five to one.

In a true public-private partnership, it is our hope that the private providers will do their part by passing on these savings to the local consumer by either more bandwidth (with more choices of features) for the similar existing prices and/or

lower cost over all.

Once complete, the broadband initiative will provide access and training through its public computer centers to bridge the digital divide along with training to modernize the territory's labor force to spur entrepreneurial thinking and development.

We hope you join us in applauding the importance of this project.

**Julito A. Francis, President  
V.I. Next Generation Network**

## Rotary's Javon Alfred Scholarship Deadline Set for March 24

The Javon Jade Alfred Scholarship is offered by the Rotary Club of St. John to assist a resident of St. John graduating from a high school in the U.S. Virgin Islands in the pursuit of higher education.

A need and merit based scholarship award will be an annual scholarship totaling \$5,000 during the student's first year, \$3,500 the second year, \$2,500 the third year and \$1,500 the fourth year. Recipients may reapply for consideration annually.

Monetary awards shall be made on an annual basis and disbursed at the beginning of each semester. Students are expected to maintain a 3.0 average.

Application forms can be obtained from high school guidance counselors, at Connections or by email from [william@willigerod.com](mailto:william@willigerod.com) or [jfuller@rotarystjohn.org](mailto:jfuller@rotarystjohn.org). All applicants meeting the eligibility requirements will be interviewed.

The interviews will be conducted in April 2011. Eligible applicants will be notified of the date, time and place of their interview. The applications, including an essay, letters of reference and proof of financial need must be completed and submitted to the Vocational Services Committee of the St. John Rotary Club c/o Connections of St. John or William Willigerod, 16213 Spring Garden, St. John, VI, 00830, no later than 5 p.m. March 24.

## Montessori Kids Festival Fish Fry Apr. 2

It's time for fun! The St. John Montessori School is hosting its annual Kids Festival and Fish Fry on Saturday, April 2, from noon to 5 p.m. at the school

Families can fill up on a healthy meal while having a great time with games, prizes, donkey rides and more. The school grounds are located at the John's Folly Learning Institute, just before Concordia. Call the school at 775-9594 for details or to volunteer.

## Trish Roddis Is Guest Speaker at UU

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the Great Room at Giff Hill School.

The guest speaker is Trish Roddis. On April 3, 2011 the topic is "The 4 Ls: Essential Ingredients for Life." On April 10, 2011 the topic is "Who's Life are You Living?" For transportation from Cruz Bay, call 776-6332. Childcare is available upon prior request. For more information visit [www.uufstjohn.org](http://www.uufstjohn.org).

## Maho Bay Camps Featured on "Today"

Anyone who was watching the TODAY Show on NBC on Friday, February 11, would have recognized the beautiful views from Maho's tent cottages and the announcement that Maho Bay Camps has been named #1 in the Caribbean and #9 in the world for Best Value Hotels by Travel + Leisure Magazine.

## Young Artist Award by VICA Available

Virgin Islands Council on the Arts announced last week the establishment of its first annual award to recognize and celebrate the achievements of young artist in the territory.

The deadline for Young Emerging Artist Honors will be April 29. Awards will be given out to 10 eighth graders and 10 twelfth graders who have shown exemplary and innovative talents in the arts. Awards range from \$200 to \$500.

For more information on application requirements contact Monica Walters in the St. Thomas office at 774-5984 or visit our website [www.vicouncilonarts.org](http://www.vicouncilonarts.org).

## Demolition Underway in Cruz Bay Park



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Apex Construction crews were busy tearing up structures and raised walkways in Frank Powell Sr. Park, above, last week. The renovations to the park are expected to last until at least mid-June.

## Police Log

### Friday, March 11

1:30 p.m. - A visitor from Virginia p/r that he lost his cell phone. Lost cell phone.

7:00 p.m. - Badge #90 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Thomas Simon of unknown address, under arrest and charged with failure to appear. Bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Lander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

11:08 p.m. - A citizen c/r an intoxicated male lying in the road in the area of Estate Bethany. Police assistance.

### Saturday, March 12

4:09 a.m. - A citizen r/ that she lost her purse. Lost purse.

### Sunday, March 13

1:44 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance of the peace. Disturbance of the peace.

2:32 a.m. - A citizen p/r an assault. Assault.

6:44 p.m. - A visitor from Pennsylvania p/r someone stole his backpack. Grand larceny.

### Monday, March 14

1:30 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r that his neighbor's dog was straying on his property again. Allowing a vicious animal to stray.

4:12 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that she is having a landlord and tenant dispute. Landlord/tenant dispute.

5:00 p.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident p/r that her son was assaulted by a school hall monitor. Aggravated assault and battery.

### Tuesday, March 15

8:59 a.m. - A citizen r/ that he was threatened by another male. Disturbance of the peace, threat.

11:14 p.m. - A citizen r/ he needed help aboard the Lady Venture vessel. Disturbance of the peace.

### Wednesday, March 16

12:17 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident r/ that someone entered his home without permission. Burglary in the second.

4:21 a.m. - An Estate Gift and Regenbeck resident struck the fence at the Coral Bay ball field with his vehicle. Auto accident.

4:33 a.m. - A citizen c/r that two males were being assaulted in the area of Cruz Bay.

10:30 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r two flat screen TVs missing from her apartment. Burglary in the third.

12:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a former tenant is issuing leases and collecting rent money without authorization. Obtaining money under false pretenses.

7:19 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

### Thursday, March 17

11:13 a.m. - A citizen r/ an auto accident in the area of Mongoose Junction. Auto accident.

4:25 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that he was verbally abused by a male while driving in Estate Adrian. Disturbance of the peace.

### Friday, March 18

2:29 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r loud music coming from the Lumberyard. Disturbance of the peace.

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### Public Notice

#### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

#### ST URSULA'S MULTIPURPOSE CENTER THURSDAY MARCH 24, 2011

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) is in receipt of draft Module 1 (of 4) of the USVI Development Code. The Module reflects issues identified in the 2009 Zoning and Subdivision Code Assessment completed by our Rutgers University consultant.

A general meeting for focus discussion on the draft code will be conducted on Thursday, March 24, 2011, from 6 to 8 pm on St. John at the St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center. The draft document is available for review at the following address: <http://planning.dpnr.gov.vi/documents/pubs.htm> (Item No. 12, Draft Module 1 (Administrative and Procedural Provisions)-USVI Zoning Code Revision).

For additional information, please contact T. Stuart Smith, Director, of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning (CCZP) at 774-3320.



### Employment

#### PT/FT Customer Service Position/ Bookkeeping

Well established Vacation Rental company. Must be highly organized, detail oriented, with great interpersonal skills. Experience with Quikbooks a plus. Salary plus commission. Some Saturdays required. 779-4647

#### P/T Grounds Maintenance Person-St. John

Apt. complex looking for experienced person to do daily grounds work, landscaping and minor maintenance. 24 hours per week. Possible free apt on-site to qualified individual. Forward resume to gjordan@reliancehousing.org. EOE/DFW

### Vacation Rental

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### Employment

#### Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority

#### Job Vacancy Announcement Staff Engineer (Federally Funded Position) St. Thomas

**SALARY:** Commensurate with experience

**DEADLINE:** March 25, 2011

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Prepares, reviews, and updates the 5-year capital Improvement Plan.
- Recommends capital improvement projects for the Authority's infrastructure and assets to improve operational efficiency, reliability, redundancy, and life cycle.
- Prepares detailed engineering design reports and project plans.
- Prepares scope of work, bid documents, and cost estimates for wastewater and solid waste infrastructure projects.
- Reviews proposals and bids and evaluates and recommends the selection of qualified engineering consultants and/or construction contractors.
- Prepares and reviews Environmental Assessment Reports and other environmental, permitting, and easement documents.
- Performs and reviews civil/hydraulic design calculations as required.
- Prepares specifications for equipment for the Waste Management Authority.
- Monitors the work of engineering consultants and construction contractors.
- Prepare inspection reports and progress reports on projects, cost and schedule
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

- A degree in Engineering from an accredited college or university and a minimum of five to ten years experience in
- Engineering Design and Construction Management.
- A professional engineering license is required (or the ability to obtain a license in twenty-four months.)
- Proficiency in CADD and GIS is required.
- Valid US Virgin Islands Driver's License is required.

Submit a letter of interest along with a resume to:  
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## Community Calendar

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

### Monday, March 21

The University of the Virgin Islands will unveil its latest educational achievement, the St. John Academic Center. The Center is a learning center located on the third floor of The Marketplace which will improve the university's delivery of educational programs, resources and technology by allowing students on St. John to attend UVI classes without leaving the island.

### Tuesday, March 22

The monthly meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Ocean Grill Upstairs.

The next St. John Recyclers/Go Green VI meeting will be at the Inn at Tamarind Court at 5:30 p.m.

### Friday, March 25

See the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold and his environmental legacy at Maho Bay Camps at 8 p.m.

### Saturday, March 26

The Coral Bay Yacht Club is hosting its annual Flotilla to benefit Guy Benjamin School at Miss Vie's Campground.

### Monday, March 28,

SJCF's annual meeting is scheduled at the Fish Trap Restaurant. A dinner will be hosted at 6 p.m. with the meeting kicking off at 7 p.m. and the community is invited.

### Through March 31

An Exhibition of Fine Art will be hosted during the month of March at the Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts in Frederiksted. The exhibition can be viewed through March 31 during the hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, except for cruise ship days when hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Saturday, April 2

The St. John Montessori School is hosting its annual Kids Festival and Fish Fry from noon to 5 p.m. at the school at John's Folly Learning Institute in Coral Bay.

### Saturday, April 16

The 14th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Benefit Gala will be at Caneel Bay Resort.

### 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

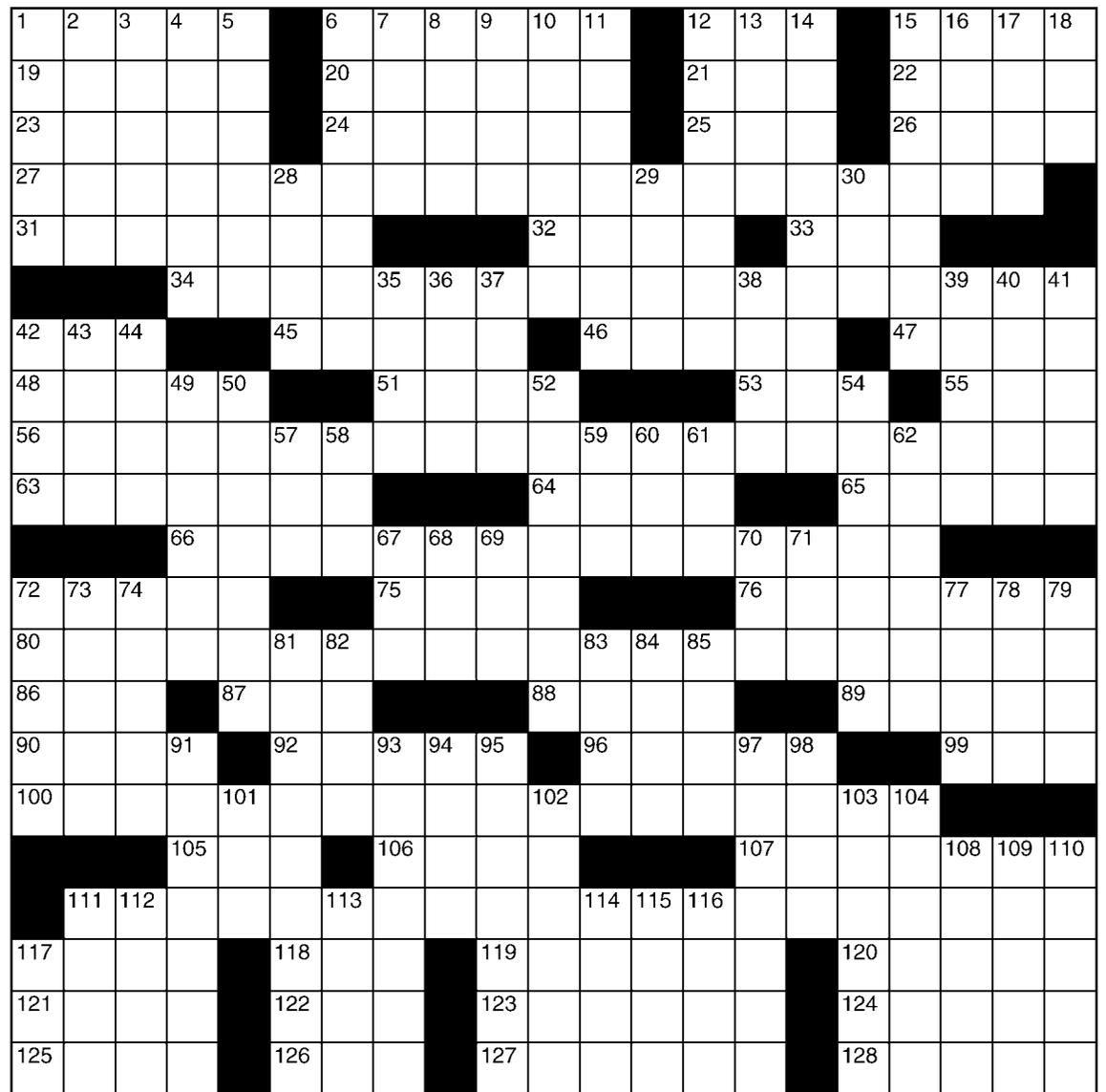
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field.

## PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



### MYSTERY SISTERS

#### ACROSS

#### ACROSS

- 1 Sailors' mops  
6 Black sheep sound, in song  
12 Tic — (tiny mint)  
15 Huge-screen film format  
19 Tiny hairs  
20 Physicist Einstein  
21 "Def Comedy Jam" ailer  
22 Horror film staple  
23 German king called "the Great"  
24 Irregular spot  
25 Suffix with north or south  
26 Giant in elevators  
27 Start of a riddle  
31 Lassos  
32 Press agent?  
33 Tolkien monster  
34 Riddle, part 2  
42 Viper type  
45 Book of maps  
46 "Ye olde" settlement  
47 Have — tolerance for  
48 Brooch part  
51 Arabian royal  
53 "Woe —" (Patricia T. O'Conner grammar book)  
55 Flock mother  
56 Riddle, part 3  
63 Apply heavily  
64 Skillful feat  
65 Beach find

#### DOWN

- 1 Angry look  
2 SWAK part  
3 Sacrifice site  
4 Of living things

- 5 Vocalized for the doctor  
6 Get paid to watch Junior  
7 Other: Pref.  
8 Leigh Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"  
9 "Miss Lulu —" (old novel, play, and film)  
10 Bunker of TV  
11 Desirous  
12 In — (aware of a secret)  
13 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit)  
14 Certain central African  
15 "Understood, man"  
16 Flame-fancying flier  
17 Opera tune  
18 Crosses (out)  
28 Spanish for "other"  
29 Section of Lower Manhattan  
30 Suffix with dull  
35 Dogs may pull it  
36 Not exciting  
37 "— true?"  
38 Prof.'s place  
39 Anacin rival  
40 A or I, e.g.  
41 Tom of "Adam's Rib"  
42 Put-ons  
43 Not at all fat  
44 Meat spread  
49 Ballot lists  
50 Part of m.p.h.  
52 Bureaucratic form-filling  
54 How some things are carved  
57 — job on  
58 Picnic crasher  
59 Co. top dog  
60 Nugent of rock
- 61 Oath reply  
62 "Rats!"  
67 Giggle part  
68 Raggedy — (doll)  
69 Genetic stuff  
70 Giant fight  
71 The Monkees' "— Believer"  
72 Play, as a mandolin  
73 Eta-iota link  
74 Rimes with Grammys  
77 "Oh, to — England"  
78 Outstanding  
79 D-I filler  
81 Just sit there  
82 Cook Paula  
83 British baby buggy  
84 Allay  
85 "Up and —!" ("Rise and shine!")  
91 Visine unit  
93 The gospel  
94 Car ding  
95 Pregame songs  
97 Removes (oneself)  
98 Four: Pref.  
101 Purring one  
102 Tethered  
103 Made grooves on, as the edge of a coin  
104 Spanish Mrs.  
108 Moon-related  
109 Currently occupied  
110 "90210" actor Rob  
111 Highest point  
112 A person goes by one  
113 New Age music star  
114 Escalate  
115 This, in Havana  
116 Policy guru  
117 Cutting tool

# Church Directory

**Baha'i Community of St. John**  
For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641  
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays  
776-6316, 776-6254

**Bethany Moravian Church**  
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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

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

**Christian Science Society**  
10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace  
Wednesday Testimonials  
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

**The Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints**  
Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379  
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

**Cruz Bay Baptist Church**  
Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

**Emmaus Moravian Church**  
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

**Jehovah's Witness**  
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.  
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,  
340-715-0530

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

**Nazareth Lutheran Church**  
Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.  
776-6731

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
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5:30 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m.;  
Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339

**St. John Methodist Church**  
Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Saturdays, 779-4477

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

**St. Ursula's Episcopal Church**  
Sunday 9 a.m.; Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.  
777-6306

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

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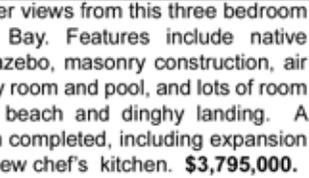
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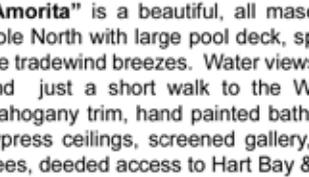
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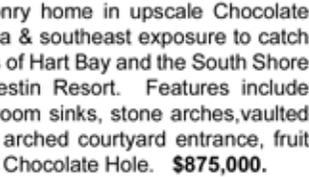
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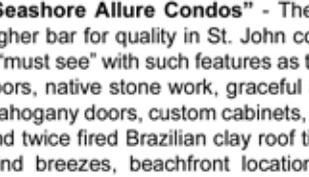
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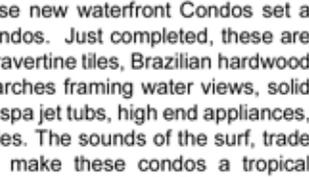
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**CONTANT WATERFRONT** .71 acres, private neighborhood, topo included \$750,000  
**EAST END** Acre + sized lots, waterfront and hillside, deeded cottage use. Prices start at \$379,000

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# Forty-Foot Trailer at BMV Lot Takes Parking Spaces

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Flooding concerns near the Enighed Pond Marine Facility have pushed back the expected opening of Cruz Bay's new parking lot, while the island lost a few more parking spaces last week.

V.I. Fire Department officials installed a trailer at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles lot last week, which will be used for the department's administrative needs, explained St. John Administrator Leona Smith.

"We were trying to clear out some cars from the upper parking lot near where you do inspections," Smith said last week. "We're going to be putting a 40-foot trailer there that will be the Fire Service's administration office. We need the cars to move to get the trailer in, but we're not taking away any spaces once its in."

The trailer was in place by Thursday afternoon, March 17, and officials expected no further disruptions in the BMV lot, Smith added.

Meanwhile, contractors are still

fencing in V.I. Port Authority's Enighed parking facility while completing a wheel chair ramp and handling flooding issues, according to Smith.

"They have some minor things to finish at Enighed before they open the lot," she said. "They will be fencing in the whole place and installing a wheel-chair ramp. They are also looking at the drainage situation and that all needs to come into place before they open the lot."

"They are also taking a look at putting in additional lighting, because the area is very dark right now," said Smith. "It doesn't make sense to open the lot and then have to go back and fix something."

VIPA Executive Director Kenn Hobson was at a conference in Miami last week and could not be reached for comment. Smith, however, expected the Enighed lot to be open within the next few weeks.

"We anticipate the lot to be open within the next two to three weeks," said the St. John Administrator.



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The new trailer installed at the BMV parking lot last week, above, will house the V.I. Fire Service' administration office.

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