



All Hellshire Leadership Council

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BIG PLANS FOR FORT CLARENCE BEACH PARK

Guardsman Hospitality has major plans for a multi-million dollar transformation of the Fort Clarence Beach Park. The popular spot for sea-bathing and seafood will be completely redesigned to include an amphitheatre for major performance events, ship-themed water park, play area and art walk, main deck with swimming pool and upgraded beachfront with food concession booths and Gift Shop. The beachfront will also be protected with a seawall and a floating deck is to be constructed to allow private vessels access from the sea.

Guardsman Hospitality General Manager, Laura Heron, shared the plans at the February 18 meeting of the AHLC Community Representatives. Ms Heron disclosed that the current plans will cost an estimated US\$8 million to execute, with financing currently being sourced. She noted that the project could be completed within 8 months if financed, but would take several years if the company does it alone.



The Fort Clarence Beach Park was re-opened after the COVID-19 lockdown at a cost of J\$20 million, with ongoing clearing of sargassum seaweed a major cost. They are currently open to the public Wednesdays to Fridays with a \$1000 admission fee. Residents in the Hellshire area are encouraged to develop skillsets geared toward hospitality & submit applications, as the company needs suitable staff for the planned expansion and wants to support the local economy.



Pictures shared by Guardsman Hospitality show the Master Plan, proposed Water Park, Main Deck with swimming pool and kids play area & Art Walk sections. The development will elevate the community and property values and stimulate investment in the area with increased patronage.

SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATE

A spike in gun violence sparked a 48 hour curfew in Hellshire Park on Feb 25 and was the subject on an emergency meeting with the Police, MP Fitz Jackson, Clr Preddie, AHLC Safety & Security Committee and other community leaders.

Action Items: AHLC Victim Support team activated; security cameras in key areas to be installed. *cont. Pg 2*



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SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE cont.

Assistance will be given to set up the Hellshire Park Citizens' Association and Neighbourhood Watch. Discussions will continue with the police to increase their resources and patrols in Hellshire and the AHLC Safety and Security Committee will have further discussions.

Residents are encouraged to share information they have on the recent incidents and any unusual activity or persons in their communities with the police, Justices of the Peace or a pastor.

All Hellshire residents are reminded that the Neighbourhood Watch Programme is a proven, effective way to improve security and provide peace of mind in their communities. The St. Catherine South division is fortunate to have the support of experienced Corporal Micky Lord as the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. The AHLC invites interested persons to contact their Community Representative to get involved or establish a Neighbourhood Watch in their community.

The official launch of the Neighbourhood Watch Programme for Hellshire Park Estate, Seaforth and Fort Hill and AHLC security camera system will be on March 25 at the Hellshire Park Shopping Centre.



PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

With the recent increase in criminal activity across several communities, we share some tips:

1. Reduce or eliminate opportunities that may make you a target
2. Increase awareness in places you're most comfortable
3. Trust your instincts
4. Prepare your schedule daily with safety in mind
5. Be vigilant and prepared for anything
6. Avoid anything that does not feel safe
7. Report suspicious activity

Be Responsible for Your Personal Safety!

POLICE GIVE ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

Motorists in the Hellshire community are being reminded to educate themselves on the new Road Traffic Act and the adjusted penalties for breaches.

Corporal Althea Nevins of the Hellshire Police Post says speeding is of particular concern. "The continuous speeding in the communities has become a habit. Motorists are to be mindful that the road surfaces are not for speeding and therefore can cause accidents." The proper use of roundabouts is another key issue. "Persons exiting Johnson Hill are not allowing those already in the roundabout to make their way in the direction they are going. This can cause serious accidents," notes Corp. Nevins.

Sections regarded as 'Hot Spots' include: Fort Clarence roundabout, Hellshire Road bridge and the corner leading to the Fort Clarence roundabout. Two vehicles ran off the road on the Hellshire Road on March 1 & 2.

The police advise that motorists are to ensure that their motor vehicles are road worthy and fit for safe driving.



AHLC WORKING FOR YOU

Lobbying efforts by the AHLC on behalf of the residents of Windcrest Hills regarding the lack of piped water to that community produced a date for connection. Intervention by Mayor Leon Thomas to the NHT saw the NWC advise that water supply will be connected after the distribution system is sterilized by the NHT. The agencies have committed to a mid-March 2023 date for this to be completed. The AHLC will be following up.

HELLSHIRE GEARS UP FOR SUN CITY TRIATHLON MARCH 18

Trilife876 5k Run Route 2023



Preparations are well underway for the return of the Sun City Triathlon on Saturday **March 18, 2023**. The festival will see participants in the Aquathon, Duathlon and Aquabike events from 6.30am to 10am, running through the communities of Hellshire Heights, Sandhills, Hellshire Park Estate and Johnson Hill. The event is supported by the AHLC .



BE A SUN CITY TRIATHLON VOLUNTEER! *Volunteers are needed for: hydration stations; directions at roundabouts and major corners/intersections; lap counters; chip distribution and collection; head counters for swimmers; medal distribution. Interested? Contact your Community Rep or local AHLC member. If you can't serve as a volunteer, come out & cheer on the participants as they pass through your community!*

HELLSHIRE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INVITES MEMBERS

The president and members of the Hellshire Senior Citizens Club are extending a warm invitation to all golden-agers within the communities of Hellshire to join the club. The vibrant club has regular activities and socials with 24 current members.

The Club meets on 1st Tuesdays at 4pm in the building behind the United Church on Johnson Hill Main Street.



Club members at their Christmas get-together and an exhibition of things made from bananas

