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PORTMORE PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING HELD

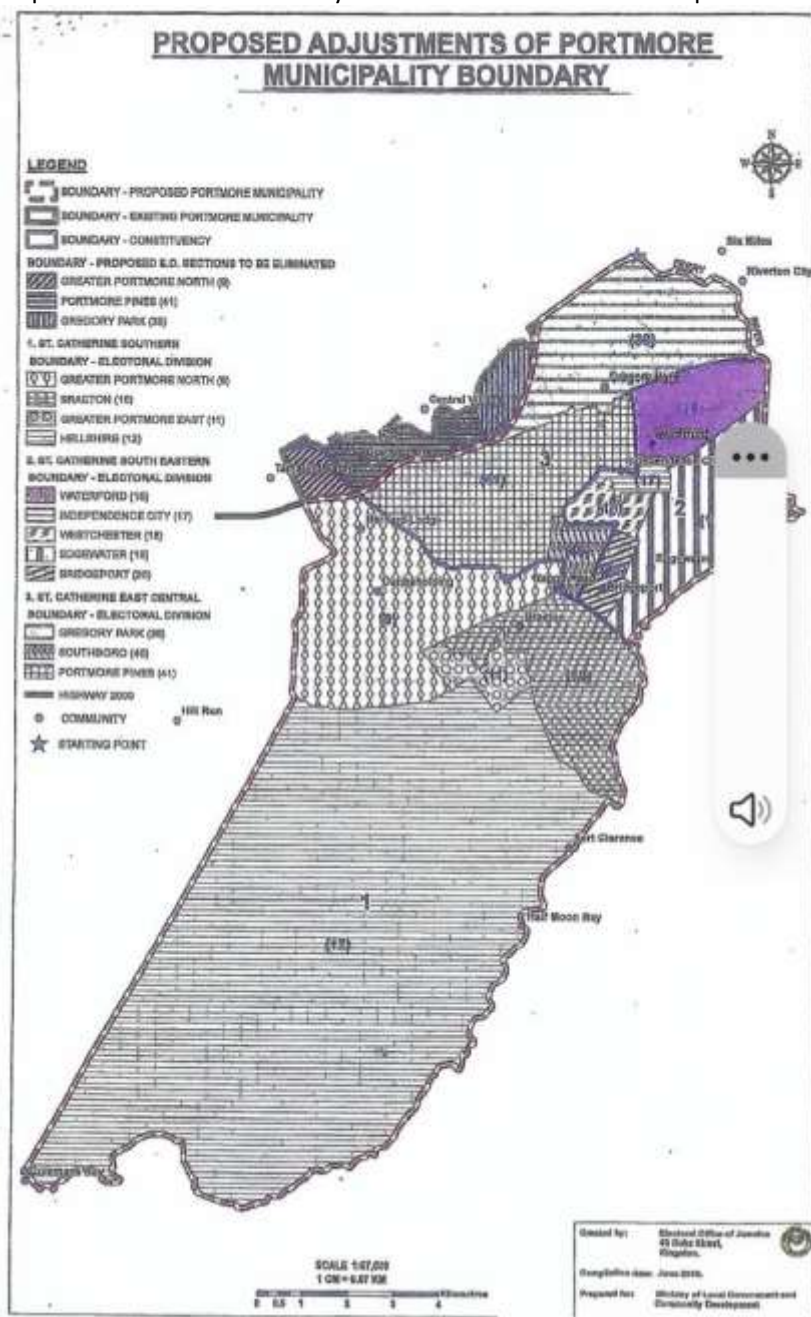
Concerns about the proposal for Portmore to be named Jamaica's 15th parish were raised at a Town Hall Meeting to ventilate the issue on January 3, 2023. In his address to the meeting, Member of Parliament for St. Catherine South Central, Dr. Andrew Wheatley gave several commitments for planned and proposed upgrades, even while stating that some items widely regarded as requirements for parish status are not prerequisites. Dr Wheatley chairs a Joint Select Committee (JSC) of Parliament which agreed to support the proposal for the "Sunshine City" to become Jamaica's newest parish.

KEY POINTS

- No directly elected Mayor
 - Boundary changes to exclude about half of Hellshire Hills & Lakes Pen Commercial Park (Wisynco, Grace, CariMed) and to add Ferry & Riverton
 - More consultation needed before April Joint Select Committee meeting.
- Give feedback to your Citizen's Assn leaders before February 18, 2023.**



Portmore Mayor, Leon Thomas says residents were consulted and strongly supported the move to have a directly elected Mayor for the Municipality.



Residents have been clamouring for amenities such as a hospital, cemetery, infirmary, market and church before parish status can be considered for Portmore. Agencies including a NIS and NHT parish offices are also expected. Dr Wheatly says the next hospital built will be in Portmore.

He stated that congestion will be addressed through dual access on Municipal Boulevard through Braeton and Naggos Head into Hellshire, Grange Lane and a new flyover to enter Portmore from Mandela Highway, among others.

The draft bill also proposes changes to the Portmore boundary which would see it incorporating Ferry and losing several key areas (see map).

Member of Parliament for St. Catherine Southern, Fitz Jackson, has questioned the haste and strongly stated that further consultations should be held with residents.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TRAINING SET FOR FEB 11

Corporal Micky Lord of the Portmore Police Station is organizing the last training of the Neighborhood Watch on Saturday February 11, 2023. This training will take the form of a simulation exercise. The 3 communities that will be launched in this first phase are Hellshire Park Estate, Seaforth and Fort Hill.



POLICE DO COMMUNITY WALK IN HELLSHIRE

With a spike in criminal activity being observed, the Jamaica Constabulary Force led a walk through the Hellshire Park and Sandhills communities on Friday, January 13, 2023. The following groups participated: All Hellshire Leadership Council, Political representatives, Justices of the Peace, members of the Clergy, the Press among others.

The Police congratulated Hellshire for not having any murders in two years and that they want it to remain one of the safest places to live in Jamaica. The Police encouraged residents to keep the peace, not to use violence to solve conflicts among residents, but rather to use the resources of the police, churches or JPs to deal with conflicts and to flush out any criminal among us. The Commanding Officer also asked residents to call 119 or 311 to report any crime.

The walk through was well received by the residents who expressed their appreciation and welcomed more frequent visits by the police and community leaders.



HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

HELLSHIRE HEIGHTS TUCK SHOP NOW OPEN

The Tuck Shop located at the Hellshire Heights Community centre is up and running. Opening hours are 4pm to 10pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. For info on menu and prices, call Ms Carolyn McPherson at (876) 416-5907.



SEND INFO & PICS ON YOUR
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS TO
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AHLC WORKING FOR YOU

Bringing unauthorised signs and construction to the attention of the Portmore Municipal Council is part of the responsibilities of the AHLC. The PMC responded quickly to the unauthorised sign erected in the Fort Clarence/Johnson Hill Roundabout in January. We will continue to monitor any such unauthorised developments to ensure your communities remain orderly and safe.



Hellshire is a beautiful place to have a wedding.

Justices of the Peace are authorised to witness statutory declarations and affidavits, authenticate and certify photos and a copy of an original document, perform marriages, consider bail applications, facilitate mediation and give counsel & advice.

Starting Saturday February 4, Justices of the Peace will be at the Hellshire Police Post from 11am to 2pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Residents are encouraged to visit the police post in Hellshire Park on those days if they need documents or photos witnessed and stamped or any other service.

The main duty of a JP is to protect the rights of citizens. The Hellshire Police Consultative Committee invites residents to come in on these days and hours to meet with the Justices of the Peace if you need their services or to seek advice.

ROAD REPAIR UPDATE

Repairs have been done in several communities in the wider Hellshire area.

These include Seaforth, Plateau Road, Hellshire Park and paving at Hellshire Beach.

Councillor Vanrick Preddie will continue lobbying for other needed repairs in the Hellshire division.



Newly paved section of Plateau Road, off Johnson Hill Main



Paved area at Hellshire Beach (Half Moon Bay Fisherman's Cooperative)

SUN CITY TRIATHALON RETURNS MARCH 2023



TriLife876

SUN CITY TRIATHLON FESTIVAL

18TH MARCH 2023
6:30 AM
WAVES BEACH
HELLSHIRE ST. CATHERINE

EVENTS

DUATHLON 2.5K RUN | 22KM RIDE | 5K RUN - REGULAR \$3000 | LATE \$3500
SPRINT AQUATHLON 1000M SWIM | 5K RUN - REGULAR \$3000 | LATE \$3500
SUPER SPRINT AQUATHLON 500M SWIM | 2.5 RUN

TRIATHLON

SPRINT | 750M SWIM | 22KM RIDE | 5K RUN ROAD BIKE ONLY | INDIVIDUAL REGULAR \$3500 LATE \$4000
 350M SWIM | 22KM RIDE | 5K RUN MOUNTAIN & ROAD BIKE | INDIVIDUAL REGULAR \$3500 LATE \$4000
 RELAY REGULAR \$5000 LATE \$5500
350M SWIM | 10K RIDE | 2.5K RUN JUNIORS (10-15) | REGULAR \$2000 LATE \$2500

CORPORATE CHALLENGE RELAY 350M SWIM 22KM RIDE 5KM RUN | REGULAR \$5500 LATE \$6000
AQUABIKE 750M SWIM | 22KM RIDE | REGULAR \$3000 LATE \$3500
KIDDIES TRIATHLON AGE (6-10) | \$1000




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The Sun City Triathlon returns to Hellshire on Saturday March 18, 2023. The event was first staged in 2019, with the organisers, TriLife876 reporting that participation doubled at the last triathlon in 2022. The event has been expanded to a full Aquathon, Duathlon and Aquabike Festival set for Waves Beach, Fort Clarence in March.

This staging of the event will have several new features including a Corporate Challenge, Kiddies Triathlon, a short distance event for newcomers and amateurs and a sprint distance event for more experienced triathletes. The 2023 edition will feature a special event for junior athletes as they prepare for the 5th CARIFTA Triathlon and Aquathon to be held August in the Bahamas. The team hosts training for junior athletes every weekend at Waves Beach to prepare them for international events.

The Sun City Triathlon Festival which runs from 6.30am to 10am traverses the communities of Hellshire Heights, Johnson Hill and Hellshire Park Estate.

The event is supported by the AHLC and the Portmore Municipal Council and is expected to attract spectators and supporters from several sectors. Residents are encouraged to cheer on the participants as they pass through their communities when the event gets underway.

AHLC TOURISM & LIFESTYLE TEAM NEW YEAR HIKE HIGHLIGHTS

The AHLC Tourism & Lifestyle team has been helping residents keep active with regular hikes. The New Year hike on Monday January 2 was a perfect start to the New Year in an exciting, healthy and positive way. The well-supported excursion went along the Hellshire Old Beach Road down to the Old Pier and Ruins, with many interesting natural features and wildlife experienced along the way.

Trekkers enjoyed inspiring and beautiful views of Port Royal, Kingston Harbour, Kingston City and other interesting sights.



Trekkers get ready for an adventurous hike.



The hike went through the Hellshire Hills to the Old Pier & Ruins.



Beautiful view of Old Hellshire Beach from the main road.