



# All Hellshire Leadership Council WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

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## THREE COMMUNITIES LAUNCH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Minister of National Security Dr Horace Chang and Police Commissioner Major General Antony Anderson lead the unveiling of the Neighbourhood Watch signs. Sharing the moment (l-r) are Hellshire CA President, Rosemarie Bowers, AHLC Chairman, Delford Julal, Seafort CA President Nigel Blair, Fort Hill CA President Yvette Richards-Thompson and Mayor of Portmore, Councillor Leon Thomas.

**Residents in the Seafort, Hellshire Park Estate and Fort Hill Estate communities in Hellshire, St Catherine are now being served by Neighbourhood Watch groups to help ensure public safety.**

The groups were launched during a ceremony at the Hellshire Park Shopping Centre on March 25. It was attended by Minister of National Security Dr Horace Chang; Commissioner of Police, Major General Antony Anderson and other senior members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF); Mayor of Portmore, Leon Thomas, Member of Parliament for South St Catherine, Fitz Jackson; Councillor Vanrick Preddie; the All Hellshire Leadership Council Executive, Citizens Associations Presidents, residents and other stakeholders.

Against the background of increased criminal activity in the area, Dr Chang noted that policing alone, “even in its most extreme form”, will not be enough to fully ensure public safety without the support of the community. “Having strong community support, working collaboratively with the police, is the surest way of improving public safety and good order in the community,” the minister noted.

Commissioner Anderson said that a Neighbourhood Watch can provide the foundation on which the citizens build their communities, reduce the fear of crime, have safer communities and strengthen trust and confidence between the police and citizens. The Commissioner pointed out that through the movement, residents will “get to know their neighbours”, noting that “the very nature of a Neighbourhood Watch... means we all 'business in our business'; our collective security is all of our concern”. He also lauded the integration of technologies in the programme, pointing out that this is “consistent with the direction that the JCF has moved”.



(Left) Entertainer Bascom X performed at the launch. (Right) A section of the audience at the well-attended event. The launch was hailed as a success and a proud moment for the communities and Hellshire. Kudos to the Organising Committee!

## CCTV GOES LIVE IN HELLSHIRE – AHLC BOOSTS SECURITY COVERAGE

The All Hellshire Leadership Council has activated Phase 1 of the camera surveillance system intended to provide coverage of communities, entry points and vulnerable areas in the Hellshire area. The announcement was made by AHLC Chairman, Delford Julal at the Neighbourhood Watch launch for three communities.

In a multimedia presentation with sweeping drone footage of the Fort Hill, Hellshire Park Estate and Seafort communities, Mr Julal shared details of the camera system installed at the Fort Clarence Roundabout. **Cont Pg. 2**

## CCTV GOES LIVE IN HELLSHIRE cont.

The high resolution camera system equipped with licence plate detection, facial recognition as well as night vision features has been strategically deployed in key areas.

AHLC Chairman Delford Julal said that the installation of the surveillance system is the first phase of a four-phase plan to better secure the area. Minister of National Security Dr Horace Chang and Commissioner of Police Major General Anthony Anderson, praised the residents for their efforts.

Minister Chang pledged to offer support for their future endeavours, with a major CCTV system for the broader Portmore region in the works.

Mr Julal endorsed the accolades for JCF St. Catherine South Division Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Corporal Mikey Lord, who did an excellent job leading the process from training to launch. The sentiments were heard and acknowledged by Commissioner Anderson, who declared "That sounds like a Sergeant!" He stood by his word, with the announcement of his official promotion made just days later. The AHLC heartily congratulates Sergeant Mikey Lord and looks forward to a continued positive and productive working relationship.



## COMMUNITY LEADERS RECOGNISED

Several community leaders were recognised for their service and contribution to the Citizen's Associations of Hellshire Park Estate, Fort Hill and Seafort at the Neighbourhood Watch launch event.

Past CA Presidents were presented with certificates for their work and dedication to their respective communities, along with other residents who provide valuable support to the community building efforts of the CAs.

A special surprise presentation was also made to Jennifer Lee for her outstanding service and contribution to the development of the Hellshire community. Congratulations to all the recipients.



*(Top right)* Olive West receives her certificate from Seafort Citizens Association President, Nigel Blair.

*(Left to Right)* Mickay Ann Green is happy to get her certificate from Fort Hill Citizens Association President, Yvette Richards-Thompson; Hellshire Park Estate CA President, Rosemarie Bowers, presents Ava Reid-Cowan with her certificate; Jennifer Lee hugs AHLC Chairman Delford Julal as he presents her special award.

## HELLSHIRE SHOWCASE BRINGS FINE ART TO COMMUNITY

The AHLC Lifestyle Committee hosted a Pop-Up Art Event on March 19 featuring the work of talented artist Laura Facey. The elegant affair at the transformed Hellshire Park Shopping Centre was supported by art lovers and curious admirers, with great feedback & interest in her vibrant pieces. An interactive experience for children had them paint their own work of art. You can see Laura Facey's work at the Sandhills Easter Bazaar on April 10 and get some fine art for your home or workspace.



All are invited to the Sandhills Citizens' Association Easter Bazaar this Easter Monday, April 10 at the Sandhills Community Park.

A variety of items including clothing, household items, art, plants, cosmetics and wellness products will be available. Food, drinks and fruit smoothies will be on sale.

There will be activities for the children such as storytelling and an exciting Treasure Hunt, so bring out the family for a day of fun and shopping.

The AHLC endorsed event will run from 11am to 6pm. See you there!

## MISSING PERSON RESCUED BY CARING NEIGHBOURS

A dramatic search for a missing person had a positive outcome through the combined efforts of the police and the Hellshire community on March 18.

The AHLC Safety and Security Committee used a drone operated by Dermot Julal to locate the young man in the Hellshire Hills. The police, residents and Hellshire Pentecostal Tabernacle Church family formed a search party which combed the rough terrain until he was found. He was treated at hospital and reunited with his mother.



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# GREAT TURNOUT FOR SUN CITY TRIATHLON



The Sun City Triathlon on Saturday March 18, brought dozens of athletes and their supporters to Hellshire. The exciting festival saw participants in the Aquathon, Duathlon and Aquabike events. The triathlon started at Seafort and went through and bypassed some of our communities including Hellshire Heights, Sandhills and Johnson Hill. *Here are some highlights from the event.*

