



ALL HELLSHIRE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Working together for the good of the community

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POSITIVE REPORTS AT AHLC AGM

The All Hellshire Leadership Council Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday November 25, 2023.

This was the first AGM conducted by the current AHLC Executive headed by Chairman Delford Julal.

Presentations were made by invited guests MP Fitz Jackson, Councillor Vanrick Predie, Sergeant Micky Lord of the Hellshire Police Post and SDC representative Rochelle Edwards.

Reports were submitted by select Executive members and the various Sub Committees. *(See summary on Page 4)*

Several community leaders responded to the call to submit reports, with a good overall picture presented of the Citizens Associations activities. These reports will be shared in an AGM magazine to be published by year-end.

The AHLC thanks all CDC members who attended the AGM in person or online.

PRESERVE HELLSHIRE BEACH SPIRIT

We all have our part to play in preserving the spirit and beauty of Hellshire Beach. That's the word from President of the Half Moon Bay Fishermen's Co-operative Society, Devon Malcolm. Mr Malcolm says the well-populated residential area started out as a fishing community. While there are challenges, he says there are benefits to the fishing trade. "More people can invest in a boat, so that is one way to build the industry. There are a lot of benefits and values in the fishing trade. And when you come to the beach, you feel happy, free and relaxed." *Cont. Pg 2*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The AHLC is continuing on the mandate of the SDC in building a strong nation through the participation of communities. This AHLC Executive which came into office last November has met nine times for the year to discuss the affairs of Hellshire and to work towards the achievement of our mandate. We have also met as a CDC twice – December 3, 2022 and February 28, 2023. We are grateful for the support of all who have helped to make this a good year for the AHLC.

I want to appeal to all of us for greater assistance in volunteering your time to serve on a committee and to encourage participation by your residents. I must also appeal for greater financial help to the AHLC in helping to fund the various programmes and activities that we are undertaking.

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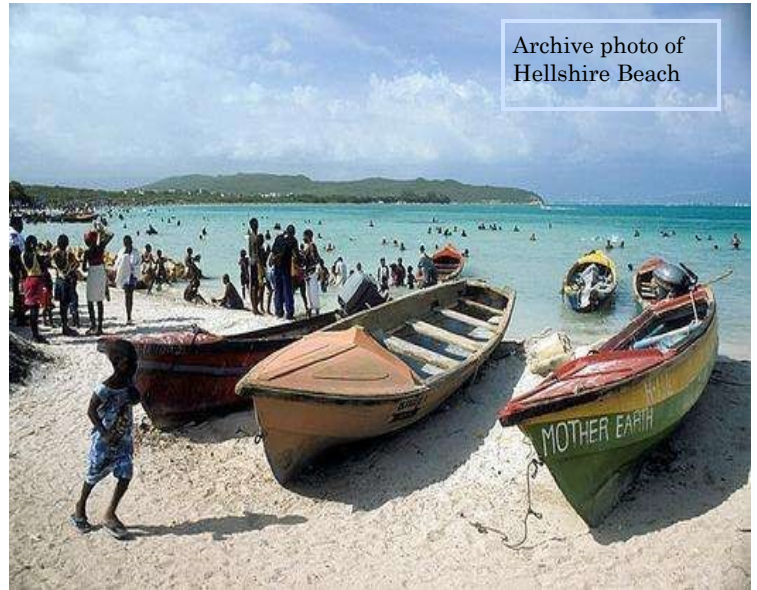
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PRESERVE HELLSHIRE BEACH SPIRIT cont.

The fishermen's cooperative which was incorporated in 1993 represents tradesmen who fish and reside on the 10 acre coastal compound. While acknowledging the presence of hustlers in the parking lots, Mr Malcolm says there is little to no crime on the beach, so all are welcome. He notes that there are regular training sessions with agencies such as TPD-Co as they continue to develop their skills. They also do some maintenance and other development activities when funds are available, relying on the \$100 beach fees charged on weekend and holidays.

Mr Malcolm says he is motivated by the reputation of Hellshire as a place of enjoyment. "Our beach is world-renowned so we have to keep the spirit alive and the organization going."



Archive photo of Hellshire Beach

BIG RESPONSE TO BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

There was a huge response to the drive to remove bulky waste from homes and communities across Hellshire last week.

The drive led by Cllr Preddy saw the removal of items such as furniture, old appliances and other large items over three days. Several truckloads were filled to capacity as residents embraced the opportunity to dispose of these items. Stoves and other appliances illegally dumped were also removed.

Residents have expressed warm thanks and appreciation for the cleanup effort just in time for Christmas.



Bulky waste items being removed by the NSWMA crew. The initial one-day drive was extended to 3 days due to the response. Cllr Preddy was instrumental in ensuring all communities were covered and directed the crew over the 3 day project.

AHLC WORKING FOR YOU

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TODAY

The community tree is ready for the 5th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony today. **All residents are invited to the ceremony at the Fort Clarence Roundabout starting at 6pm.**

Each community is reminded to prepare a marked, wrapped gift box for the Unity Parade & carry a grocery or personal care item for donation.

What's happening in your community? Let us know & be a part of Hellshire's Newsletter!



Creative team led by 'Chief Decorator' Roger England preparing for today's Tree Lighting ceremony

DECOMMISSIONING OF INCOMPLETE SEWER SYSTEM IN HELLSHIRE, ST. CATHERINE

Dear Resident,

The Urban Development Corporation (UDC) has received formal notification from our partner agency National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) as of November 14, 2023 regarding a longstanding issue in the St. Georges community of Hellshire, St. Catherine.

Due to the nature of the situation which relates to "the discharge of improperly treated sewage effluent from a manhole in Sandhills Vista onto the roadway at Poinciana Drive, Sandhills Vista in the Parish of St. Catherine", concrete action must be taken.

Therefore, on or before November 21, 2023, the UDC has ensure that the abandoned sewer main is no longer accessible for use by any lot.

It is therefore imperative that any lot currently utilizing the abandoned system, cease and desist from doing so immediately.

Should you have any queries or require further information, please contact our Customer Service Representatives via email at customerservice@udcja.com or by telephone at 876-656-8031 extensions 2895 and 3064.

Thank you.

A D V I S O R Y



UPPER FORT 'A' CITIZENS ASSOCIATION REVIVED

The community of Upper Fort 'A' has named a new Executive to their revitalized Citizens Association. Their first meeting on June 11 had the following special invitees in attendance to bring greetings: Sgt. M. Lord (Head of the Hellshire Police Station), Mrs. J. Lee (Past Chairman of AHLC), Mr. D. Julal (Chairman of AHLC). A community walk-through and mingle in August was well supported by residents.

The Executive team was named at their September 22 meeting:

- Kirkland Anderson (Chair)
- Nicholas Edmond (Vice Chair)
- Dermott Julal (Vice Chair)
- Marlyn White (Secretary)
- Juliet Anderson (Assist. Secretary)
- David Knight (Treasurer)
- Rasheen Perry (Assist. Treasurer)
- Andrea Davidson (PRO)
- Delores Hendricks (PRO)

The AHLC welcomes the team!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT— AHLC AGM cont.

Some of the highlights for the year are as follows:

Bank Account – All past signing officers from previous administrations have been replaced and we activated Online Banking for our Account.

SUB COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Safety and Security

- ◆ Community surveillance camera system installed
- ◆ Crime reduction through Police partnership

Tourism & Lifestyle

- ◆ Eco-Walk Adventure
- ◆ Art Showcase Pop-up

Environmental

- ◆ International Coastal Cleanup Day Dip Beach
- ◆ C-CAM Event & Workshop

Projects & Infrastructure

- ◆ Labour Day seedlings
- ◆ Illegal dump cleanup
- ◆ 'White Lines' project

Youth & Sports

- ◆ Sports Fun Day
- ◆ SDC 3-in-1 Competition

Finance & Fundraising

- ◆ Benefit Play
- ◆ Cake Sale

Public Relations

- ◆ Monthly Newsletter

Mediation

- ◆ JP Walk, Police visits

Welfare

- ◆ Medical Clinic
- ◆ Health Forum

Surveillance Camera Installation - We were very pleased to have launched our high-tech surveillance camera system at the Seafort/ Fort Clarence Roundabout in March this year. The system has been very beneficial in supporting the crime reduction strategies of the Hellshire Police Post and the South St. Catherine division of the JCF.

Neighbourhood Watch Launch – We were also able to have the official launch for 3 communities Neighbourhood Watch Programmes. This was an historic event and a first for our island. It was attended by the Minister of National Security, Dr. Horace

“Let us not grow weary in well doing and teach the (next) generation the importance of maintaining strong communities.”

Chang, Mayor Leon Thomas, Member of Parliament Fitz Jackson, Police Commissioner Major General Anthony Anderson and members of the Police hierarchy among many other notable guests.

Website - Design in progress and package obtained from Internet provider for Website creation and Email addresses for AHLIC.

Meetings with the Portmore Advisory

Council – The AHLIC CDC has been represented at most of the meetings.

Lobbying Efforts of the AHLIC – we continue to work very closely with Councillor Preddie, the police, the Mayor and CEO of the Municipality, our MP and others. As matters are brought to our attention, we raise these with the respective authorities and seek their intervention.

Police Engagement— Communication with the Police – Divisional command, Safety and Security Division and our own Hellshire Police Post Community Walk with Police, Justices of the Peace and the AHLIC Executive

UDC – As the developers of Hellshire, we must seek to strengthen our communication channels with the UDC, as such we have written to them seeking clarification and information on several key areas.

We once again would like to thank all persons who contributed in service and financially towards the activities of the AHLIC. Thanks to all the leaders of the communi-

ties and their executive team. Let us not grow weary in well doing and let us teach the generation coming up the importance of maintaining strong communities.



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The All Hellshire Leadership Council (AHLC) operates under the guidelines of the Social Development Commission (SDC) with the support of the Portmore Municipal Council and the Portmore Advisory Council.

The AHLC represents all Citizens Associations and community-based organisations in the Hellshire area and is the voice of our community.

SHARE WITH US! Send pictures of activities in your community to: allhellshireleadershipcouncil@gmail.com

CROCODILE SIGHTINGS



With crocodiles being spotted in the past two weeks in the Hellshire Heights area, we have some reminders about how to treat our 'neighbours'.

Crocodiles are one of the oldest living creatures in the world. As one of Jamaica's many endangered animal species, they are protected under law. It is an offence under the Wild Life Protection Act (WLPA) to possess, hunt, kill capture or willfully molest the crocodile. Individuals found guilty of the offence may be charged a maximum fine of \$100,000 or face one-year imprisonment.

If you see a crocodile, **remain calm**. Stay clear of rivers and swamps during the breeding season of March to August. If the animal is seen in a residential area, or near to places people use regularly stay clear of it. *Leave it alone and it will leave you alone.*

HELLSHIRE FUN FACTS

The area originally known as Healthshire Forest Reserve comprises of over 8500 hectares of tall open dry forests.

- ◆ Tall open dry forests are areas of forests that are open natural woodlands or forests with trees at least 5 metres tall and crowns are not in contact.
- ◆ In Jamaica, there is 37,559.70 hectares of tall open dry forests.



How much do you know about your beloved community? We share some interesting facts about Hellshire.



Say
Cheese!
Up close
with
one of
our
oldest
neigh-
bours.