

1998 NEWSLETTERS

Just "some" of the Email received since August 1998, when the site was started. Thanks for your emails!

E-mail addresses have been deleted, but we are willing to make contact with persons for you and see IF they wish to communicate. If your email is posted here and you wish it deleted, please say so.

DR. AMY PORTMORE

Dear Sir or Madame,
I became interested in Greater Portmore because my last name is Portmore. I live in California, USA. I would like to learn more about your town---do you have any suggestions about how I would do this. Thank you. Amy Portmore

09/20/99 11:10 AM
Subject: HIV/AIDS

Dear Kennedy Reid,
I want to laud you for bringing up the issue of HIV infection and AIDS in your newsletter. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of treatment (of course there is no cure yet). I am a physician living in California and I began receiving your newsletter only because my last name is Portmore and was interested in connections to my family name. I am an HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases expert and have followed the spread of the AIDS virus in so many countries when the leadership denied the problem, leading to the death of many people and virtual destruction of society. I want to encourage your community to address this issue and begin or continue and aggressive campaign to prevent the spread of the HIV infection. I would offer to answer any questions you have about AIDS. If your town officials do not address this problem, you in essence will be responsible for all the suffering that will follow. Let me know if I can be of any help.

ALMERICK COOKE

02/06/2000 09:12 PM

Subject: Fw: Telecommunications Bill Not In Our National Interest

-Original Message-----

From: Customer Service [mailto:info@infochan.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2000 9:21 AM

To: info@infochan.com

Subject: Telecommunications Bill Not In Our National Interest

InfoChannel Ltd. endorses the position of Jamaicans for Justice as contained in the following press release:

JAMAICANS FOR JUSTICE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL NOT IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST

JAMAICANS FOR JUSTICE wishes to alert the Public that passage of the Telecommunications Bill now before Parliament may not be in our National Interest and will have far reaching social and economic consequences for Jamaica's future development.

JAMAICANS FOR JUSTICE has a number of concerns regarding the proposed Telecommunications Bill, that was tabled in Parliament in December 1999 both the Process which preceded the introduction of this Bill, and the Bill itself, are seriously flawed. inefficient providers of services. This bill will strengthen the monopoly
[A LONG ARTICLE FOLLOWS]

Send letters [of protest] to:

- Gordon House, 81 Duke St., Kingston
Tel: 922-0200 or 922-7012
email address:slewis@mail.infochan.com
- Minister Phillip Paulwell
Ministry of Commerce and Technology, 36 Trafalgar Rd., Kgn. 5 Tel: 960-0312
email address: paulwell@jol.com.jm
- Office of Utilities Regulation - OUR
email address: office.our@cwjamaica.com
(Public can access and download copies of the Telecom Bill and C&W/GOJ Agreement
from: www.colis.com/telecom

BASIL REID

Dear Kennedy:

Thanks for those memos on Portmore that you have been sending me. How are Sheryl and the children? Please give my best regards to them. Sincerely,
Basil Reid

BRENFORD DAVIS

As a citizen of greater portmore I have not seen any nominees for J.P/S in the SABINA AREA of Greater Portmore. Please let me know if there are any nominees. Thanks in advance. Sincerely
Yours,
BRENFORD DAVIS

BRIAN LAKE - looking for relative

From: "Brian Lake"
on 10/03/99 08:02 PM CET
Subject: Geneology
Kennedy Reid,

Thank you for promptly replying to my plea, the Herbert Reid was born around 1922 in Kingston. He immigrated to england where he died at the age of 66 in 1988 thats all I have found out. Is that any more help we have censuses over here every 10 years do you have anything like that or a records office? I would love to know if any relatives are still alive.

Kind regards
BJL

CAMILE

Good Day,

I am a resident of Edgewater, Portmore I am just a little bit jealous that there is no pictures of my community I know that we are just a quite little community but we need love too.

Kisses xxxxxxxxxxxx
Camille

BRYAN WILSON

Thank you for your e-mail back to me. I did see the list of numbers of the Portmore based businesses, but I know there are many businesses in Portmore that you do not have any information on. And I would like to know if there are any rim and tire shops in the Portmore and Kingston are that is going to give me any competition? Please e-mail me back ASAP please. Thank you.
Bryan Wilson Car Efx LTD.

MARK ANTHONY FLASH

Subject: greetings

First of all i would like to say that you guys are doing a good job with this website. This is my first time on this site and i'm impressed. I'm originally from bridgeport but i'm in Washington now. I lived in bridgeport for 16yrs before leaving for the states in 96. I would really like to see a site setup for bridgeport. The name Kennedy Reid sound familiar but i'm not quite sure if you have any ties to the church of Reconciliation, that's the church i use to go to. Any ways you guys keep up the outstanding job and keep me up to date with what is going on around Portmore, especially bridgeport. I'm currently in the US Army right now but im planning to visit home soon.

CHERTON DACOSTA - NHT

1998

By now youy might be aware that I am an ardent fan of your community's Web Page. I have told almost everybody about it. Unfortunately the NHT does not have a Web Page to look at it. I know for certain that the Librarian, Delores Sicard has an E-Mail address at dsicard@cwjamaica.com. (I think)

Ask her or the Public Education Director Hortense Rose to prepare some information on the NHT for inclusion on your page. I checked and found that the Trust was not included which is a pity since that organisation has done so much for Portmore and Greater Portmore in particular. You may want to discuss it with Mrs. Simpson of our Community Services Department. I also noticed that u carried information on CVM TV and not the SSSTV. By the way, u may be getting a visit from the Gleaner as I was boasting about your web page to them and the editor said he thought it was an interesting idea.

Hey please keep me updated on the launch of this project as I would like to be there. I am currently on leave for three weeks so please feel free to talk to me.

God Bless.

Cherton DaCosta.

N.B. I'm listed.

Subject: NHT President's Conference 1999

Hi Kennedy Reid

This is just a follow-up to the conversation we had about our President's Conference to be held on Saturday October 23, 1999 in the foyer of our corporate offices at the National Housing Trust, 4 Park Boulevard, Kingston. As you may recall this conference is a meeting held once per year of all our community leaders islandwide. Respective groups will be asked to give a report of their area.

For example, you will be asked to report on the programme and activities of the Greater Portmore Joint Council; Someone from the other areas of Portmore will report on that area and so on. The guest speaker will be Monsignor Father Richard Albert of the Stela Maris Foundation in Kingston. It is important that all out presidents make an effort to attend. Where a president cannot make it we expect that a representative will be able to attend from the respective citizens association.

For u I would appreciate if u make a presentation on your library project to the participants. Kindly inform your presidents who may not have heard of this conference. Information on the activities for the day can be had from the following:

Mrs. Josephine Simpson (Manager), Darcy Maxwell, Lenworth Black and Cherton DaCosta.
Telephone 9296500-9 or 9681772.

All the best
Cherton DaCosta

CLIVE FRANCIS

Subject: need a house to buy

It's nice to see that you have a website for your communittee, well i'm presently living in Kingston and need a house to buy, i'm planning to go through National Housing Trust. Please let me know if any available.

DR. CLIVE ANDERSON

Hi,

Clive again, just read your previous note. I'm very impressed by the site, its very professionally done and is certainly more interesting and informative than any site I have seen locally and many from abroad. Keep up the good work.

CORY CAMERON

Hey! Let me be the 100th person to tell you that you misspelled the link to your website in your recent e-mail. Glad you survived last week and keep up the good work.

DALE MURRY

Subject: Comment

Your site it great, where did you learn how to author and what programmes do you use?
Sanjay

DAMION GALLIMORE

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Given the unprecedented increase in the rate of crime and violence in our country, it is no surprise that personal security has become one of the major concerns of all Jamaicans. Unfortunately, owing to the down-turn in the economy, many have found that the existing providers of home security systems just do not fit the average budget.

Taking into consideration the financial constraints of so many individuals, we have set ourselves a target to provide the comfort of security to homes without the great strain of 'out-of-reach' expenses. Taking advantage of technology, coupled with creative thought, we are geared to supply Jamaica with state-of-the-art wireless security systems and devices that directly eliminate the often-lengthy installation time and high fees. As an added service to the customer, and for a specified time, we are offering to do installations of these systems free of charge!

We have access to a wide variety of security systems, home automation equipment and devices for a variety of purposes, all with unique features, with prices ranging from as low as three thousand dollars installed! Naturally, prices increase based on types of systems required. An informative flyer has been attached to this letter giving a sample of our products. Please feel free to call or e-mail and set up an appointment to learn more.

Yours truly,
AEGIS TECHNOLOGIES LTD.
Damion A. Gallimore
Director

DANIELLE HANSON

Subject: web pages

Hello Mr. web master. I am extremely pleased to see that portmore has the technology to create such an informative website of the city. What I am concerned about is how is it that the capital of Jamaica do not have one.

I would like to show all my foreign friends and let the world know about true Jamaica - Kingston and not just the tourist attractions. You can advertise Kingston by showing the world how we enjoy Kingston by the activities and photos of what it has to offer. Is there a website for Kingston or any of the relative cities? If so can you e-mail me the current website addresses so I can take a look.

Thank You
Danielle

DAWNETT LAWRENCE

Subject: YOUR SITE

WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU CALLING OLD PORTMORE?

Mr. Kennedy, I seriously need to know why you refer to areas outside of Greater Portmore as "Old Portmore". It sounds so "ghettoish", crass and tacky.

By the way, Luv your site.

DEBBY PARKER

Subject: A Plea for Help

Date: Wednesday, November 04, 1998 10:50 AM

Hello,

I have come across a small township in Jamaica that is trying to get a library up and running.

They have the buildings, electricity, water etc but have nothing to put inside it and no money (I am sure they are quoting local currency)... Please if you have a moment would you be so kind as to visit their site and if you can, help?

[URL PLACED HERE]

I am located in Montana and have no affiliation with them but getting them a library would be a good thing.

Sincerely,

Deborah Parker

DUANE BLOOMFIELD

Subject: this is great

Now I can know what's going on with my old neighborhood (even though I migrated 12 yrs ago).

Duane A Bloomfield

ERROL RILEY

I am pleased to know that the community of Portmore is harnessing the use of computer technology. I have been trying to get a number of persons to understand its importance.

I was quite surprised to know that there is an internet provider in St. Catherine as I have been searching for one, over a period of nine months without success. Therefore, I had no alternative but to use one of those in Kingston.

However, I will shortly make the switch to the St. Catherine provider.

At the institution where I am working in Above Rocks St. Catherine we have the most outstanding lab of all secondary schools in Jamaica. However, internet service is provided by CWJ at a minimal cost.

I will link the homepage of the ISP and Greaterportmore.org to my webpage. Its URL is :www.angelfire.com/on/dyoll/index.html.

I am also a partial resident of Greater Portmore as my mother and I received one of the first houses allocated.

Feel free to visit anytime and if you so desire, sign my guest book

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK IN CYBERSPACE

GODSPEED

GEORGE MORRIS

Subject: info

Hi mr. reid ,how u keeping ?.is it true that jamaica now has its own car called the island cruiser?built in sav-la-mar.?could you please send me pics of it or the website of the company.?thanks a lot and god bless george morris,mexico.

Subject: RE: info - rePLY

thanks and say hi to her for me .smile...well i actually saw this car in the gleaner,s internet .check the gleaner website at ..go jamaica. then click on news archives,on gleaner ,23rd august1999 {or the 26,th. august.1999.tell me if you see it ok

Subject: RE: info - rePLY

hola tambien!! estoy aqui porque tengo mi propio negocio de consulteria de idiomas y cultura ,entre otras cosas.doy este servicio a los hoteles en la la zona de resorts para sus empleados .nos vemos mas tarde ..ok.saludos.

GRACEANN MILLER

Hi !! I am happy to note.... and you will too.....that the CPM have STARTED CLEANING UP THE ROAD !!! I am so happy, it almost brought tears. I guess somebody heard my prayers.

JANNETTE CLARKE

Hello Kennedy,

Thanks for responding to my e-mail. I am elated to hear that Garveymeade can benefit from the use of your website. Great! No doubt, we will capitalize on this offer. I hope our communities can share a mutually satisfying relationship for the benefit of citizens. We are interested in creating our own webpage(s). Any suggestion, ideas or tips? Please let me know.

Kennedy, please continue to make positive strides in your community.

Kind regards,

Janette.

J. BRYAN

September 15, 1998
Mr. Kennedy Reid
Chairman
The Greater Portmore Joint Council
P.O. Box 37
Greater Portmore P.O.

Dear Mr. Reid,

First let me congratulate you on setting up a website where the public and community members can visit to get precious information on the community and also to voice their views. I am a resident of East Chedwin, it was surprising to me to learn that the persons who were running for Local Government in Southern St. Catherine were unknown to me likewise many others who I have spoken to, why wasn't there any meeting between the residents and candidates via the Citizens Associations, I think if this was done then there would have been more voter turn out. How can you vote for someone whom you have never seen nor heard of, in my situation I got a pamphlet three days before the election introducing the P.N.P rep. to me, there was nothing from the J.L.P or Independent rep.

Now that the Parish Councilor has been chosen is there any possibility of the GPJC setting up a meeting with the citizens of the various communities (who are represented on the GPJC) and invite the Parish Councilor (Mr. Richard Bell) so we can all get to meet him and hear about his aims and objectives as it relates to our community or better yet have him speak on the community channel that is run by JACS cable in this way we can call in and participate. I have heard Mrs. Barbara Gloudon speaking of a book that all Citizens Associations should have in thier possession which outlines the role of the Parish Councillor, I think it's a good idea for the GPJC to have one, you could call the Ministry of Local Government for information on acquiring such a book.

During the heavy rainfall on Monday, residents of East/West Chedwin and West Sabina had to take things in their hands to prevent the main gully from overflowing it's banks and coming into our homes, all the debris that was taken from the gully are now left in a huge mountain at the intersection of Henderson Blvd and SE 4th Street. I think this is a job for our Parish Councilor Mr. Bell, this needs to be dealt with as soon as possible as it poses as a threat to motorist and persons who use the road (it's located at the corner of the road), there is also some debris on the sidewalk opposite the open lot where the telephone box is.

With regards to the Noise Abatement Act I think the GPJC, The Sound System Association of Jamaica (they also have a website) and the Police needs to work much closer, try to get a copy of the Noise Abatement Act via the Ministry of National Security or the Sound System Association. The three parties need to meet and discuss the problems that are being faced by the various communities. MORE ANON.

J. BRYAN
EAST CHEDWIN (RESIDENT)

JUDY BRUCE - WIHCON

August 1998

Please contact Mrs. Judith Bruce of West Indies Home Contractors 922-6670-9. AS the developers WIHCON would like to be associated with this project.

Subject: Greater Portmore

Hi Mr. Reid,

I read your latest newsletter and was wondering if we at WIHCON could get a copy of the proposal for the library. We did not know that SDC had agreed to commit money to the project and we would like to see if we could help in any way to get the library up and running. Your prompt reply would be greatly appreciated.

KEITH LOGAN

October 1998

As a concerned citizen, I would like to know who is responsible for clearing the parks? The one at one(1) North is in a pretty bad condition.I saw a truck clearing it once some time last year, but it has never been cleared since.

From: concerned citizen,

LANCE HALL

Hi I think this a great site and you need to get people of portmore more involved and aware of your site. Keep up the the job you are doing and I am sure you will be getting more and more innovative as time goes by.

L hall

Body Dynamics Gym

MARION EDWARDS

Good day,

I am currently doing a research on the history of development of Portmore. I visited your site and obtained some useful information, however I need more information related to Community Development, Business Development, Housing, Schools etc.

M BARNETT

Help!...help! ... I need the address and telephone number for a skating rink in Cumberland . I get to understand that they teach people (hopefully children included) to skate. I checked the Portmore website but it was not listed. The rink in the Portmore Mall has been closed for some time now. That one was listed on the Portmore website.

Thanks , in advance,

MARK MCKENSIE

I would like to take the opportunity to praise the Greater Portmore Joint Council for presenting such an informative and cohesive website.

Since my departure from Jamaica in May 1998, I have kept in touch with developments in Jamaica through various media, however, most of what I got relates to unacceptable civilised behaviour by a few in the Jamaican society and redundancies in the private sector. Your website, however, offers a contrasting perspective with excellent and beautiful photograph of a community striving to different in every respect.

Keep up the good work guys.

MIAMI STUDENT

I am a University student in Miami, FL preparing a report on Jamaica. Many of my colleagues are from Jamaica and I have plans to visit during Christmas. I would appreciate any information you could E-mail me on cultural issues and family values in Jamaica.

BRIGIT

hello, I'm a high school student doing a project in which I've been looking for anything about the procedures in Jamaica for arresting a criminal or even a suspected criminal. Your web site about Portmore was helpful to a point but it's been hard getting this specific information and I was wondering if you could help me out. I'd appreciate any information at all you might know. Or perhaps a web site that would help me find this stuff out.

Thanks for your time, it means alot -Brigit

GERALD NEMBHARD

Kennedy what up? I know you don't remember me. I am Phelecia's husband from 612 27 NE AVE 2north greater portmore. I am in the U.S. and was looking at Go Jamaica and I saw the portmore web site, went in read some of the information and decided to just say hi. I had no idea you would be the one to reply. Phelecia says hi and she wishes you all the best.As portmore been given the status of a city ? Keep on doing the wonderful job that you are doing. I should be in the island in June I will pass by and say hi.
Gerald.

NETTA DOUGLAS

I'm a regular surfer of the Internet, especially Jamaica's Web site. I thought I had seen it all until I ran into your site out of curiosity. Your site is one of the BEST! I'm not just saying that because I am from Portmore-Waterford originally, I think it's very detailed and put 'us' long time residents who are residing elsewhere in touch with what's going on in our community.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK GUYS, I'M PROUD OF YOU ALL :-)
- att1.htm

WAYNE CUNNINGHAM

Aug. 1998

I am a resident of the East Sabina (2 East), I would like to congratulate you on a splendid initiative in launching your Website I hope this is the begining of greater things to come for the largest and potentially the greatest community in the English Speaking Carribean.
Weldone guys, and I wish you guys could incorporate the individual Citizens Association and Youth Club activities on your website
Regards,
Wayne Cunningham

O'HILAIRE SOBERS

Hi Kennedy,

Sorry to have taken so long to respond - I was away in California on a human rights mission of all things!

> Saw your article in the Gleaner... most interesting and well said.

> If you wish, these are the articles we would love to post on our community-based site.

> Why? Because they are of public interest and could spur though...

Don't have a problem with you posting it to your site. Since the Observer has a copyright in the article - would suggest that you acknowledge it when you are posting it.

>> On the issues you raised...

>> Mightbe we need to distinguish between a Human Rights Lawyer and Human Rights

Activist bent on their own social objectives? ... most Jamaicans want Justice, but it must be a Justice System with OUR values.

Well, it depends on what you mean by social objectives. Your comment seems to assume that there is a difference between the values/social objectives of human rights lawyers/activists and Jamaicans generally. I am not sure that this is necessarily the case. I think people generally have a need for justice. Problem is how you define it. Jamaicans tend to see justice in retributive terms, while human rights lawyers/activists like myself see justice in restorative terms.

What, may I ask do you see as "OUR values"?

Later

Hilaire

SANDRA BUCKLAND - After Hurricane Mitch

October 26, 1998

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I visited your website with high expectation of seeing some information which would have been pertinent to the communities of Portmore in the face of an impending (potential) disaster (such as a category five (5) hurricane, making land fall on our backdoor step). I found nothing. No list of shelters,

No telephone number for disseminating emergency information

No flooded roads alert (within the Portmore communities)

No list of businesses remaining open late to facilitate last minute purchase of emergency supplies

No list of emergency supplies to pack in the event of the necessity to evacuate one's home

No plans for immediately after the hurricane (should it have occurred)

Nothing of any real value in the face of what could have been. A web site is a tool of information, not a gallery of pretty pictures, or to give one interesting cocktail party conversation. Please do not fall into the all too prevalent attitude of "all form and very little substance" which is besetting our society in too many areas

You may respond to me if you like

Sincerely

Sandra Buckland

VERNON DERBY

Feb. 1999

I am President of the Citizens' Initiative Organization and I happen to come across your web page. You can find more about the CIO at <http://members.kasnet.com/vderby>.

Go to the bottom of the page you will see some of our publications.

DICK BOGLE

Feb. 1999

Dear Person.....

I have a question of great importance to me and my family. My name is Richard Bogle. My great grandfather, Richard A. Bogle, left Jamaica at age 12 and eventually settled in the Northwest U.S. There are two family legends. One states that Richard A. Bogle was the son of Paul Bogle and the second that he was the son of an English general. The biographies of Paul Bogle I have read state nothing at all about his family so we have run into a brick wall. I do not assume you have the answers to this riddle but hopefully you might have an e mail address of an historical resource who might be able to help. thank you for any help.

Dick Bogle

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