

1999 NEWSLETTERS

News for November/December 1999

Animals!

Finally the authorities are doing a little about the stray cows, goats and pigs. Call your local Councilor about it.

MegaMart Opens

On Dec. 3, 1999 MegaMart opens with much fan fare! Top class acts! (see the gallery page for views)

Portmore Planning Authority On Nov. 22, 1999 Cabinet gave approval for the establishment of a Portmore Planning Authority. This body will oversee development and land use issues in Portmore. We applaud the appointment of Councilor George Lee (Former President of the Portmore Joint Citizens Association) as board Chairman.

We look forward to orderly development in Portmore and the enforcement of regulations and building codes.

Are you a "small" man trying a business? You can get loans from the Portmore Community Development Fund.... call 939-6163.

Vendors, retailer, skilled persons, are good candidates... give them a call.

The NWC

The NWC's Old Harbour Office is now open. It's located at South Street in the Square (facing the police station. Starting in January 2000, the Old Harbour Office will be opened on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On another matter; If you have a problem with you billing or balances you may call 998-7364. Customers who HAVE NOT been receiving bills should report this to 998-7364.

JPS

JPS has removed, as part of an ongoing program, the connections seen on the Causeway. Steps have been taken to make that section of road difficult to tamper with.

Maas Gussie & Miss Zella (Lime Tree Lane) in association with the Optimist Club of Kensington present a BAR-B-Q 99 at Augusta Dr. Independence City.

It starts at 7:00 p.m.

Gospel music/concert for entertainment.

Adm. \$250.00

Calling young persons in Portmore to a Career Fair at the Greater Portmore High School on Wednesday November 24. Take this as your invitation. Schools from all over Portmore are expected to participate as well as a number of Training Agencies. Several VIPs from Portmore are expected to be there for the opening. Guest Speaker will be Patricia Isaacs Green and later in the day Jody-ann Maxwell will join us.

Dr. Paul Robertson (Minister of Gov. & MP)

announced the following at a meeting of PJCA :

- 1) A statement of Intent has been issued for the contract to build a second causeway bridge
- 2) The Infomatic Center in Portmore is even more attractive with the agreement with C&W Jamaica. Portmore is to gear itself to employ many persons there. All 50,000 sq ft of the Center has been rented.
- 3) There is to be a "Lift UP Jamaica" project that will move the squatters on the Causeway.
- 4) There is a focus on the repair of the collapsed drains and on the repair of the Dyke Rd and Port Henderson Rd.
- 5) He expressed concern about news of Criminal activity and will be speaking with the authorities on this matter.

The Jamaica Cultural Development Commission;

JCDC PORTMORE is seeking girls between 18 - 24 to enter Miss Portmore Festival Queen Competition. Prizes include \$70,000 to \$100,000 in cash and prizes! Girls will need to be culturally aware and active in the community (please note : this is NOT a beauty contest. No bathsuit competition).

Additionally, all 48 communities of Portmore are invited to representatives to the meeting of the JCDC. It meets every other Monday. Next meeting is on Nov.15 at 8 p.m. in the Aphitheather in the Portmore Mall.

3 North Citizens Association will be having a BAR-B-Que on Dec 10, 1999. What out for the 4E & 4W Bingo Party.

Marine Park Citizens' Association presents FISH FRY99 on Nov. 26, 1999. Delivery starts at 11:30 a.m. Come to the end of Capri Close... Menu Fried Fish, Bammy, Festival, Manish Water. Cost \$250 (Gate Prise).
Call President Basil Lumsden at 998-0145.

The Jamaica Police Federation will be hosting a fund raising SOCA BINGO on Saturday, November 27, 1999 starting at 7:00p.m. This will take place at the St. Catherine South Divisional Head Quarters (Portmore 100 man station). The main prize will be a whopping J\$150,000.00! As if that's not enough, there will be other attractive prizes. These include a fridge, microwave, stove and a gate prize of a weekend for two at a Super Club hotel. Cost is only J\$300.00. The proceeds will go toward the Police Federation Charity.

The Joint Citizens Association meets this Sunday at the usual time (5:00p.m.) I hope to see you there.

The Greater Portmore Joint Council will meet on Saturday 20th Nov. 1999 in the Greater Portmore High School. (not the Library). Our new starting times are 6:00 p.m. The meeting is a "TOWN MEETING" on Portmore municipality. Be there.

Portmore Garden Club meets 1st Mondays. Call 988-1732 for more information.

Entrepreneurs, are you interested in owning commercial property in Portmore?

The Portmore Town Centre will be coming soon to the 'Sunshine Community'. Lots are available for sale for both commercial and light industry uses. Sizes range from 572 to 7330 sq. metres. Contact Property Development Unit at 12 Ocean Boulevard, Kingston Mall (Urban Development Corporation)

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The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management invites all Portmore Citizens to a public meeting on "THE PORTMORE EVACUATION PLAN" Outlining

- *Evacuation Routes out of Portmore in a Disaster
- *Assembly Points for Evacuees
- *Emergency Shelters for Portmore Residents.

This will take place at the PORTMORE HEART ACADEMY on October 12, 1999 at 7:00p.m.

Disasters Do Happen.....Come and be Prepared. For more information residents are invited to

Call: 928-5111-4 (fax:928-5503)

or Email:odpem@cwjamaica.com.

Website address: Http://www.odpem.org.jm

The Waterford Citizens Association Presents a Big Lunch & Dinner Barbecue at the Waterford Development Faith Basic School School, Duncans Road, Waterford. (First right off Trelawny East). This special fundraiser will take place on Friday, October 29th, 1999.

The Entertainment package includes the

* '1999 Gospel Festival First Runner Up

*Juliet Grant

*Waterford Hidden Talents backed by a popular disco.

You stand the chance of winning a 19" colour TV plus other prizes. Drawing of prizes starts at 11:00p.m. You need to be there to win! Proceeds in aid of Waterford Community Development.

Meadowvale News

FRI FRI NIGHT - annual fundraiser. Take out dinner Friday Oct 29 at 5:00 p.m. ===

Fried Fish and Bammy or Festival

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Tickets are \$250 --- call Mrs. McLean 998-1892

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News for September 1999

There will be a PECAP meeting this Tuesday, September 28, 1999 at the usual venue, the Edgewater Community Centre at 7:00p.m. Members are urged to attend as the meeting will deal with a review of the PECAP programme and also serve as a brainstorming session.

SYMPOSIUM ON CARIBBEAN MUSIC

The Philip Sherlock Centre For The Creative Arts,U.W.I. will be hosting a one-day symposium on Caribbean. Dr. McIntyre has agreed to give a workshop on IMPROVISATION on Tuesday September 28 at 3.00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Jamaica School of Music.

Hamilton productions in association with 'Bigga' Soft Drink present the #1 roots play 'GHETTO JUSTICE'. Come laugh till yu belly buss. The fun and excitement are at the Twyn Citi Restaurant and Lounge every weekend, Friday - Sunday until... Pre-sold tickets go for only \$200.00 each or you have the option to pay \$250.00 at the gate.

Portmore Joint Citizens Association

Annual General Meeting - Sept 5 at 5 p.m. in Edgewater Community Center. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Glen Lattery has been elected as Chairman of PJCA.

We hail Mr. Lattery as a wonderful choice! A Man of character and statue.. needed in our nation at this time. "Congratulations!" to the whole new executive.

Greater Portmore Joint Council

General Meeting Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Greater Portmore Branch Library. We shall be discussing, without delay, the fund raising raffle. Come and hear how we shall be making money for the community.

Deliverance Restoration & Miracle Ministries International presents

A GRAND GOSPEL CONCERT this Friday, September 3, 1999 starting a 7:30p.m. at the Portmore Heart Academy. Papa San, Joan Flemmings, Judy Mowatt and Young Trillers will be among the line up of Artistes.

If you purchase your ticket before the event, you pay only \$200.00. Otherwise, you pay \$250.00 at the gate. There will be prizes and surprises. Proceeds in aid of Min. Bus. You should not miss

out on this opportunity to hear soothing Gospel music. It may change your life for the better. Check it out.

*Dunn's School of Fashion Designing at 51 Passage Fort Drive is now registering students for courses in FASHION DESIGNING, DRESSMAKING, DRAPERY & QUILTING. Come and learn in a comfortable atmosphere. Day and evening classes available. Registration takes place at the school.

For more information please call 988-3613.

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The Portmore Environmental Civic Awareness Programme (PECAP)

will be meeting on Tuesday, August 31, at the Edgewater Community Centre, Edgewater, Portmore, starting at 8:00p.m.

All are invited to attend.

The Bridgeport Neighbourhood Watch presents their "Sizzling Summer Tea Party/ Hat Parade"

When?? This Saturday, August 28, 1999 starting at 4:00p.m.

Where?? It will be at the Bridgeport Community Centre (beside the Bridgeport Post Office).

There will be lots of entertainment, prizes and surprizes.

Gate prize: Return trip for two to any domestic destination by Jamaica Express.

Tickets go for only \$150.00.

Sounds goood!

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Garveymeade in celebrating the life, works and birthday of our first National Hero, Marcus Mosiah Garvey, presents its annual 'Garvey Day' on Saturday, August 21, 1999. Venue: Blocks L & O, Winona Drive, Garveymeade. The day will commence with a mini trade fair at 2:00p.m. and culminate with a cultural concert which begins at 5:00p.m., highlighting Garvey's philosophies.

Our guest speaker this year is Dr. Erna Brodber, an internationally known Sociologist, Novelist and Community Builder. We will also have a great line up of interesting personalities to share this occasion with us. Will you join us? We shall be happy to have you.

Contribution: Just grace us with your presence.

Westmeade Block 10 Action Group

Invite you to their Fund Raising Cash & Kind Bingo Raffle on Saturday, August 7, 1999, starting at 7:00p.m. Venue: Block 10, Westmeade, Portmore. The proceed for this event is in aid of resurfacing of block within the community. The gate prize is a weekend for two at an All Inclusive Resort. The main attraction (prize) is US\$1000.00

All this for a contribution of only \$250.00. The seeds will be called by non other than the famous Granny Rampuss.

Be there!

Jamaica National Building Society Town Meeting comes to Portmore!

Come to the Lions Civic Centre, Edgewater, on Saturday, August 14, 1999 at 6:00p.m. to listen to discussions on:

- * Money transfer & Foreign exchange services.
- * H.E.L.P (Home Enhancement Loan Plan)
- * Mortgage & Savings

Win a weekend for two (2) at Sandals Royal Jamaican Come see the winners of the 1999 JCDC National Gospel & Festival Song Competition!

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Portmore Joint Citizens Association

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Want to register your organisation? For more information call 967-2828. FREE.

Portmore Community Meeting on Municipality

Lets discuss this important issue Wed. 11 Aug. at the Lions's Club Civic Center. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

The Portmore Ministers Fraternal.

This body consist of 36 Pastors from 19 Denominations in Portmore. You may call any church to find out more about them.

Municipality Task Force.

The Task Force is to give a report to Cabinet by Dec. In the mean time, studies are to be undertaken on matters of municipality structure and finances. YOUR input is desired.

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News for July 1999

#VISIT CANCELLED#The President of Venezuela will visit Greater Portmore on Thursday, July 29. At 4:30 p.m. he will visit the Civic Centre for about 30 mins. He will also pay brief visit to Ascot Comprehensive High School and WIHCON headquarters. Community Leader are being asked to meet the President at 4:30p.m. sharp at the Civic Centre. #VISIT CANCELLED#

GPJC NEWS

8 West Annual General Meeting - Sept 3. 1999
2 West & East Gospel Concert Sat. October 23, 1999
Keith Hinds (JLP Councilor Care Taker) to donate \$3,500 to GPJC to cover registration costs. We thank him.

Some SDC News

July 28, 1999 - Celebration of Sp. Town's 464th Birthday

Minister of Loc. Gov. to get \$3 million to cleanup Greater Portmore

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Beach Lovers, Sunday, July 25, will be your day at Fort Clarence Beach. Come rain or shine for "Fully Loaded '99". Fun begins 12p.m. until...

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NCB Portmore Project Lifeline presents 'RAISE DA ROOF'

Saturday, July 24, 1999 at the McMasters Centre, Portmore Mall. The immortal 'Stone Love Disco' will keep you swinging from 8:00p.m. until... Admission: \$250.00 (prepaid) or \$300.00 (at the gate)

IT WILL BE INSANE! YOU WILL BE CRAZY TO MISS IT!
Security - Phantom Menace Style. All proceeds in aid of charity.

George Lee and Kennedy Reid are now members of a task force on municipality formed by Local Gov. Minister.

NHT will hold its popular leadership training workshops.

This will be on Saturday July 17, 1999 at our Kingston offices starting at 9.30 a.m. Presenters will be Fae Ellington _ broadcaster; Ombudsman Howard Hamilton QC, Mrs Marva Phillips - Tutor at UWI; Dr. Salmon from the PMs office and Tracy-ann McIntosh of the Jamaica Junior Chamber.

We expect to have two persons from each citizens Association in the following areas _ Kingston and St. Andrew, Wider St. Catherine, St. Thomas and Portmore. Please pass on the word for us.

Some of the topics will include PROTOCOL, COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT (for those leaders having problems getting support at meetings and at projects), Effective Speaking and so on. The Ombudsman will talk about the work of his office and how people can be helped through it. We urge those attending to be on time.

For further information contact could be made with Cherton DaCosta, Darcy Maxwell, Lenworth Black or Josephine Simpson at the Community Services Unit, National Housing Trust.
Tel. 9296500 ext. 2003, 2004, 2005 , 2006.

The Greater Portmore Joint Council will meet on the 17th of July at 7:00 p.m in the Library.

Mrs. J. Small - Chairman of The Portmore Joint Citizens Association has resigned.

There will be a community consultation meeting on Thursday July 15 at Ascot Comp. High Sch. All Citizens Association and other NGO personnel are asked to attend since this is about the "Lift Up Jamaica Project".

This project will address the matter of youth unemployment.

There will be a Fundraising Dinner, under the distinguished patronage of the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Dr. Paul Robertson on Saturday, July 17, 1999 at Ken Wildflower, (On the roof), Port Henderson Road. The Dinner is expected to start at 7:00p.m. Dr. Veront Satchell, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History at the University of the West Indies, will be the special Guest Speaker at the Dinner. The dress code for the evening is formal. Contribution is only \$700.00. Part proceeds in aid of building a basic school in one of our Portmore Communities.

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News for June 1999

Great News from SDC!!!!!!

The SDC has allocated 2.7 million to the Greater Portmore Library Project! We thank them. The public announcement will come soon, so re-broadcasting of this information will be premature! M.P. Fitz Jackson is also to donate \$500,000 to the cause. These and other donations will cover \$4,000,000 of the \$6,000,000 cost of getting the library open. The library should be open for year 2000 to serve the people of Greater Portmore and environs. Over 100,000 persons will benefit.

Additionally, The SDC recognizes two umbrella organizations in Portmore... The Portmore Joint Citizens Association (PJCA) and the Greater Portmore Joint Council (GPJC). The PJCA is to get an office and secretary.

The PJCA AND GPJC are to make presentations to the SDC/Prime Ministers Consultation meeting on Wed. June 30 at the Jamaica Conference Center.

Graduations

Belmont Park Primary School June 30,1999
Kensington Primary School June 30, 1999
Greater Portmore Comprehensive High School July 1, 1999

Serious Violence has erupted between between Old Braeton and Phase 2 and 3 Braeton.

People are being killed !!![two persons on June 26, 1999]. Serious Help is needed in this part of Portmore!

The Greater Portmore Joint Council will host a forum on Disaster Preparedness on July 3, 1999 at 10am. The venue is the Library (beside the Post Office). The Coordinator for disaster preparedness in St. Catherine will discuss:

- tips on community disaster preparedness plans
- the draft evacuation plan for Portmore
- agencies involved in disaster preparedness

ALL COMMUNITY REPS ARE INVITED

Cue Plus Limited, Port Henderson Plaza, extends a special invitation to all the song birds and aspiring singers to its karaoke sessions every Saturday night at 9:30p.m. Take that special someone along.

All you weight conscious individuals out there, stay tuned for the opening of a gym at Port Henderson Plaza.

The Rotary clubs of Spanish Town & Portmore present a cash bingo this Friday, June 25, 1999 at the Portmore Heart Academy starting at 7:00 p.m. The main prize is \$100,000.00. There are nine (9) other prizes plus two bonanza (cash) prizes.

Check out Cactus on a Sunday night for your favourite oldies with Senor Daley from Classiques. ...Returning to Cactus on July 15 - Wet Breast Competition. Watch out for other attractions!

PECAP Meeting - There will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 29 at the Edgewater Community Centre at 8:00p.m. Come and discuss matters of the environment. Be a part of the solution, not the problem.

Wedding bells will be ringing this Saturday, June 26, when Reggae Boy, Paul Hall takes Charlene Maxwell as his bride at the Portmore Open Bible Church. The PortmoreWeb Co. wishes the couple many blessings and a long life of togetherness.

Minister of Housing to tour Greater Portmore - Friday June 25

News for April 1999

PORTMORE WEEK IS APRIL 18-24.

SUNDAY APRIL 18 - 4:00 pm - We open the Greater Portmore Exhibition in the Greater Portmore Branch Library More information to come... stay tuned.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITIES - GPJC MEETING MARCH 1999

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News for March 1999

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The CIO meets this Saturday (March 28) at 4:00 p.m. at 4 Worthington Avenue in New Kingston.

Plant Seminar at the Edgewater Lions Club this Saturday March 27. All are invited. Please bring a flower pot with you. You will learn many things such as transposing Call Mrs. A. Lee (988-4755) for more information.

Next Greater Portmore Joint Council meeting - march 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library

Everyone is invited to a FACE TO FACE meeting with MP F. Jackson.

Thursday March 11. 6:30 p.m. at Ascot Comp. High.
Easton Douglas and Arnald Bertram will be there!
Not to be missed

Enchanted Youth Dev. Association's Youth and Community Tourism Action Team News.

(PH: 754-4493-4)

Lanches environmental project Friday March 19, 1999 in Portmore Mall at 10:00 a.m.
Speaker - Hon. F. Tulloch - Min. of Tourism. Project sponsored by JHTA.
Meeting every Thursday at Terra Nova Hotel in Kingston.

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The Portmore Joint Citizens Association (our sister organisation) meets on the first sunday of each month at the Edgewater Community Center At this meeting you will hear more on the PECA project.



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