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Carnival!



Public Projects Under Completion

While the new budget for 2009 will usher in a myriad of new public works projects, a number of those voted for in 2008 are nearing completion. Sophie Oliveaud, director of the island's technical services departments takes us on a quick tour of the work under completion while we wait to learn about the new projects on the drawing boards for 2009:

- Residents on the leeward side, from Flamands to Colombier, will have to wait until mid-April for the road to be open in both directions. Until then, work continues by both the EDF and the Collectivity, with the latter taking advantage of the EDF's putting the electric lines underground to run housings for telephone and low-voltage cables, and improve the pipes for city water before pouring the concrete for the roadway;
- The third phase of repaving the road along the pond in St Jean should be finished in late March. After the concrete is poured for the section of the road

between the tennis courts and the crossroad for the pond, the next section will be from the corner by the restaurant, Le Diamant, to the Suzuki garage—as the section by the municipal swimming pool is already completed. At the same time the roadwork is being done, the Collectivity is putting in new water pipes to replace the old ones and running cable trays for underground networks;

- In Cul de Sac, approximately 20 households will soon have access to city water, with an extension of the pipelines which did not yet exist there, a drainage system will also be installed;
- Toiny is completed! The portion of the road damaged after heavy rains has been repaired. The work included the construction of a retaining wall, putting in cable paths for future underground electric lines; repaving the road and creating a sidewalk for the safety of pedestrians. This did not make the road any narrower as residents generously donated the land for the sidewalks;
- In completing work that

was started last summer, another sidewalk is being installed in Flamands, from the road to the ranch toward this leeward neighborhood;

- Access reinforced in Merlet: at the request of the residents, a retaining wall is being built in Merlet while the road is being widened, thanks to the donation of land by a resident.

- At the stadium in St Jean, a tennis clubhouse is being built, and security is being put in around the archery area, including protection panels to keep arrows from flying onto the tennis courts. Behind the targets, a wall covered in wood should

Message from the President of the Collectivity

"In keeping with the Travel Alert issued by the State Department warning travelers about current conditions and labor strikes in Guadeloupe (French West Indies), the Collectivity of Saint Barthélemy confirms there are absolutely no strikes or demonstrations taking place on the island of Saint Barthélemy. In fact, Saint Barthélemy is not officially part of the Department of Guadeloupe, which is located over 125 miles away from our island".

help contain the arrows. The Collectivity envisions adding a walking path behind this area.

PROTECTING THE ROADS

No more patches on new roads! That is at least the hope of the Collectivity, which has systematically been putting in water connections in manholes. All they have to do is open them to make repairs—without breaking the roadway.

CABLES UNDERGROUND IN 2009

For the past few years, the Collectivity has been ambitiously working to put all electric and telephone lines underground, to protect them from bad weather as well as remove the poles that disfigure the landscape. Various sections of the island have already been completed, and the Collectivity hopes to continue at the same pace. But there is a lag between the time the work is finished and the moment that electricity and telephone cables are installed, allowing the poles to be removed. The goal for 2009, in addition to moving more cables underground, is to make sure they are run where the cable trays have already been installed.



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Dengue: End Of The Epidemic!



The committee of experts for infectious diseases in the Northern Islands met on February 19 and decided that the epidemic of dengue fever, which has troubled the island for the past four months, has subsided after two weeks in which there was a significant decrease in the number of cases reported. In the past two weeks, there were no more than 16 cases reported per week, with the threshold for an epidemic at 22, while the number of confirmed cases, which continually decreased throughout January, has stabilized to between five and eight cases over the past few weeks. The same situation prevails Saint Martin, where only 12 cases were noted as of the last week of observation. It is estimated that as many as 514 people have had the disease since the epidemic began in Saint Barth; 14 of

which were hospitalized (11 adults of which seven had a severe case, and three children, two of which had severe cases).

In Saint Martin, where the epidemic started three weeks earlier, a total of 2,018 people had dengue, and of these 33 were in the hospital (22 adults of which eight had severe cases, and 11 children, of which two had severe cases).

During the course of the epidemic, the average of the severity* of the cases was 1.7% in Saint Barth, higher than the 0.5% seen in Saint Martin and than the 2007 epidemic in Guadeloupe (0.8%). In Saint Barth, the virus DEN-1 (90%) and the virus DEN-2 co-existed, but since the month of December, only the DEN-1 virus was identified. In Saint Martin, there were three versions of the virus: DEN-1 for the most part (65%), DEN-2, and DEN-

4, which was isolated during October. On the Dutch side of the island, all three versions of the virus were also present.

Attention!

The end of the epidemic does not mean we can stop being vigilant. Mosquito larvae can exist for months in cisterns or other sources of water, and develop as soon as it rains. So it is essential to keep an eye around the house, empty any stagnant water, and control gutters and cisterns regularly. It can't be said often enough: the most efficient way to fight against dengue is to keep mosquitoes from proliferating.

**The number of severe cases reported compared to the total number of cases in the same time period.*

Jane Thorngren To Sing With La Chorale de Bons Chœurs

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of "Ouanalao," the unofficial hymn of Saint Barthélemy, which is sung at many official occasions, La Chorale de Bons Chœurs is holding two special concerts on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28 at the Anglican Church in Gustavia. For these special concerts, the local choir, under the direction of Charles Darden, has invited special guest, Jane Thorngren, a New York-based soprano, who has performed in several operas during the St. Barth Music Festival. Her appearance this time is thanks to the generosity of private



Roger and Brook Lacour, Charles Darden, Mireille Boisard, and Jane Thorngren.

donors: Sue and David Jackson, and Brook and Roger Lacour.

Accompanied by Sana Roy on piano, Jane Thorngren will interpret a partition

written by the Roger Lacour's grandfather, a composer of classical music. The choir will sing sections from Carmina Burana by Carl Orff, and excerpts from West Side Story. They will also sing the premiere of "The Children of Saint Barth," with words and music written by Jean Belotti, a former pilot and legal mediator for the Collectivity.

La Chorale de Bons Chœurs, Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28 at 8pm, Anglican Church, Gustavia. Tickets: 15 €. Free for children.



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Bruno Magras Met With International Property Owners

Bruno Magras was the special invited guest at a meeting of the non-profit organization, St Barth International Property Owners Association (SBIPOA), held on Thursday, February 19 at the Santa Fe restaurant in Lurin. Approximately 60 people attended the meeting, interested in hearing the president of Saint Barth's territorial council share his vision for the island's future development.

Magras, who was pleased to meet with "an important economic group on the island," first addressed the important changes that have taken place since July 2007 when the island became a COM. The president pointed out that the status of a COM, separate from Guadeloupe, has allowed local authorities to take on a higher level of decision-making, in direct relationship with the French government, and the possibility to create local laws in certain areas of jurisdiction. Magras then assured the group that the political position for Saint Barth is to "keep it the way it is," primarily by limiting urbanization. The president indicated the Collectivity is working on new urbanism regulations that will be put into effect shortly.

Magras also addressed the issue of social instability as witnessed in the increasing number of young people who do not have proper career training, as well as the problem of noise, something he considers a "hard job" to control, trying to balance on one hand the majority of the population and certain visitors who desire quiet, and on the other, to consider the tourism side of the island and provide activities for those guests.

Following his speech, the president answered questions from the audience. Concerning the plans for a casino—or a gaming room—about with the SBIPOA voiced its concern via a resolution made public last November, the president indicated that the decision rests with the French minister of the interior, who would consult with the territorial council. He noted that the council has been informed of the



details of the project but has not come to a decision, adding that it would not go against the will of the population. Questioned about the work being done on the island's roads, Magras explained that the policy of the Collectivity is that every time roadwork must be done, to take advantage of the situation and put electric lines underground. This takes longer and is more expensive, but in the long run helps protect the electric lines and will result in the ultimate removal of all the poles. He also assured the group that there are no plans to put in public lighting along the roads.

The next item of discussion was the conflict in Guadeloupe and its repercussions in Saint Barth. The president did not hide the fact that the general strikes which have paralyzed Guadeloupe for the past five weeks, have begun to affect Saint Barth, mainly in the area of deliveries, but even this is limited as most merchandise can transit through Saint Martin.

He also explained that the problems experienced by the population in Guadeloupe did not echo here. "When this island began to develop, everybody here profited," he said. "There are some people with modest means, but there is no real poverty." In response to a travel alert issued by the American State Department concerning the French West Indies, he issued a public statement noting that Saint Barth has not been part of Guadeloupe since July 2007 and that there are no strikes or demonstrations here. About the ques-



tion of public transportation, the president repeated his position, which is that only a limit on the number of rental car companies and the number of cars allowed per company would create the proper environment for a private company to handle public transportation. In other words, he is not favorable to public funding for such a service.

Concerning the cost of year-round rent, which is too high for a certain segment of the population, Magras noted that this is a problem of supply (not enough) and demand (too high). He indicated that the COM's strategy to reduce construction and limit urbanization would result in a reduced work force, and therefore less pressure on the rental market. In addition, the COM has been actively buying land for housing for teachers, firemen, and public servants.

On the issue of electricity, the president thinks that the problem of production has been solved or more precisely, is being solved. He pointed out the fight against the underwater cable that would have connected Saint Martin/Sint Maarten, Saint Barth and Anguilla. Magras repeated the terms of an agreement with the EDF to install two new generators of 8MW each before 2011, considerably increasing the production capacity.

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Le Sapotiller	05.90.27 60 28
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Repaire des Rebelles	05.90.27 72 48
The Strand	05.90.27.63.77
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Victoria Restaurant (Carl Gustaf)	05.90.29.79.00
Wall House	05.90.27 71 83

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Esprit Saline	05.90.52 46 10
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Lorient

K'fé Massai	05.90.29 76 78
Le Bouchon	05 90 27 79 39
Le Wok	05 90 27 52 52
Le Portugal à St Barth	05 90 27 68 59

Corossol

Le Régal	05.90.29 85 26
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Anse des Cayes

Chez Ginette	05.90.27.66.11
Chez Yvon	05.90.29 86 81
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Le Diamant	05 90 29 21 97
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Le Glacier	05 90 27 71 30
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Nikki Beach	05.90.27.64.64
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Pointe Milou

Mango Bar restaurant (Lunch)	05.90.27.63.63
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Special events

February 27 & 28

La Chorale de Bons Chœurs presents two concerts, featuring "Carmina Burana" and excerpts from the Broadway musical, "West Side Story," plus special guest: Jane Thorngren, soprano opera star from New York, Anglican Church Gustavia at 8pm

Live Music

Every Evening

- Lounge mix by Jacques Dumas, 7:30pm to 1am Bar'tô, Hotel Guanahani

February 10-28

Planet jabr from 9pm to midnight, Bet'A Z' ailes, Gustavia

Friday February 27

- Live Music with Papaguyo and Swang from 7pm at La Mandala, Gustavia

Saturday February 28

- Romantic live with Jamie Sherman, spanish jazz melo blend at Le César, St Jean

Sunday, March 1st

- Live Funkee Vibezz with PapaGuyo & Swang from 1 to 4pm at Do Brazil
- Sunset with Patris Gero at Do Brasil, Gustavia

Night Club

- Yacht Club, Gustavia
- Eleven 12, Gustavia
- The Strand Supper club
- Hot Spot Café, Lurin

Let's Party

- New suggestions every nights
: Fashion show & dance show at le Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou

Friday, February 27

- The Battle of the DJs: Konka / aka Xavier VS Patris Gero from Do Brasil at The Strand Supper Club
- "Girl Power Party" at Yacht Club, Gustavia
- Roots Brothers at Hot Spot Café, Lurin

Saturday, February 28

- Saturday Night Fever at The Strand, Supper Club
- Love Music for a lovely night at Yacht Club, Gustavia
- Live music United Band with DJ Regis, Diffusion Carnival 2008, 10pm, at Hot Spot Café, Lurin

Sunday, March 1st

- Djoul from St Barth at The Strand Supper Club

Monday March 2nd

- Disco Party at Yacht Club, Gustavia

Wednesday March 3

- Bling Bling (R&B Deluxe) Old Skol meet the future at the Strand Supper Club

- Bad girls with DJ Piro at Eleven 12, Gustavia

Thursday, March 5

- Overkitch 70-80-90 (complimentary Champagne for ladies till 1pm) at the Strand Supper Club

- Latino rhythm with DJ Nando at Hot Spot Café,

Friday, March 6

- "Girl Power Party" at Yacht Club, Gustavia

- Tropical Jam with Mike & Bob Dil at Hot Spot Café,

- Exceptional: Beach Party, at the Strand Supper Club

Fashion Show

Saturday February 21

- Addicted, mixed by Yo-One Sutter at 9pm at La Plage.

Every Tuesday

- 6:30pm: Fashion show by the pool, from the boutique at the Isle de France, Flamands

- 9:30 pm, Fashion Show & Dance Show at Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou

Everyday

- 1:30- 2 pm, Case de l'île, Isle de France, Flamands

- 1.30pm & 8:30pm, fashion show featuring Wild Side, La Plage, St Jean

- Fashion show at le Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou

- Fashion show at Le Tamarin, Saline

Exhibitions

February 27- March 5

Alain Charlot at la Porta 34, Gustavia.

Through March 5

Ross Coppelman jewelry at Les Artisans Gustavia.

February 20-28:

Photo exhibit, St Barth 1978-2009, by Marco Glaviano at La Plage, St Jean

Permanent exhibits

• The Marines from Drouot Paris and the pictures of Yves Nadal at Carole G. Gallery,

• Works by Cyrille Margarit at Nikki Beach, St Jean

• Paintings by Suzanne Mac Nally, Les Artisans, Gustavia

• Sculptures by Timothy Holmes, Comptoir du Cigare, Gustavia

• Acrylic paintings at Sandra's Art Gallery, Gustavia.

• Alain le Chatelier, Les Artisans, Gustavia

• Rose Murray, Comptoir du Cigare, Gustavia

• Jewelry and sculpture by Dave Stevenson, Les Artisans, Gustavia

Through March 11

Exhibition "La Vie en Roses:" artist Jean Verrechia tries to capture the vibrant voluptuousness and sensuality of the rose at Clic Gallery.

• Group show, Piau and Christine Vannier, Pipiri Palace, Gustavia
• Jean-Pierre Ballagny, Antoine Heckly, Alain Buisson, La Gallerie, St Jean

Artists' collections

- Pompi, Petit Cul de Sac

- Didier Spidler, Gustavia

- Hannah Moser, Cul de Sac

- Mitchell Summer, Toiny

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The Association "Goût et saveurs" Teaches Students About The Restaurant Profession



On Tuesday, February 17, the association "Goût et saveurs" organized its second special event for the island's junior high students. The week before, a tasting event took place at the Ecole Sainte Marie in Colombier, where four-year-olds were introduced to such different tastes as bitter chocolate, lemon, endive, and even Provençal pizza!

Last Tuesday, "Goût et saveurs" held a second event at the Sereno hotel, where executive chef Jean-Luc Grabowski, who is also the president of the association, introduced a class of eighth grade students to a series of different professions. The 21 students present learned about the tasks of working at the bar, in the kitchen, and making pastry. Jérôme, the head bartender, explained how a day unfolds at a hotel bar, the rhythm



between shifts, and about the art and science of mixology, or learning the technique of making special cocktails. Next stop was the kitchen of the Restaurant des Pêcheurs, where Grabowski reigns. He insisted on an important part of the job for every chef: respect for the entire staff. The timing in the kitchen can sometimes be very intense, with as many as 200 meals a day in high season, plus

breakfast and a snack service, so staying cool is of utmost importance. He also stressed the notions of cleanliness and professionalism. The students also followed the itinerary of products from their delivery all the way to our plates. They were then treated to a demonstration of how to prepare a main dish: Risotto Saint Jacques.

The last stop was pastry making. Wrapped in the aroma of chocolate, the youngsters observed the precise work of the pastry chef, who deftly combined a scoop of ice cream and layers of chocolate.

Hopefully this afternoon at the Sereno will encourage some of the students in this class to "Discover Professions" to go into the restaurant business. In any case, it certainly showed them the hidden aspects of these jobs, as difficult as they are fascinating.

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A BEAUTIFUL SIGN FOR THE BEACH IN COROSSOL



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Real Estate

For sale, this property situated in Grand Cul de Sac offers a beautiful ocean view. There are two villas on the same piece of land that are separated by the parking lot. The main house has two bedrooms, a pool and can be rented weekly. The second house has one bedroom and can be rented yearly. The layout of the properties makes them perfect for rental, generating great revenues; St. Barth Properties Sotheby's International Realty : 0590 29 75 05

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