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## News Briefs

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### Le Barthélemy Buys Emeraude Plage

The contract was signed in October: Le Barthélemy, the 5-star luxury hotel in Grand-Cul-de-Sac, bought Emeraude Plage in Saint Jean. This beachfront property will be completely renovated including construction of underground parking and a radical change in style. Major work on the horizon!

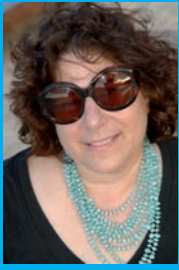
### New Beach Bar To Open In St Jean



Remember last year, while many places were shuttered after Irma, a simple bar-restaurant called Lil'Rock opened at the start of the season on the sands in St Jean, between Pearl Beach and Eden Rock. After just a few weeks, it quickly became a very popular spot for locals and tourists, including singer/tennis player Yannick Noah, who promoted it on social media. But this adventure just as quickly came to an end: Inspectors found that the bar-restaurant did not meet basic French codes for hygiene and safety, so it was closed. Legal proceedings against the management did not stop them from getting a building permit for the same site, and a new building that meets the regulations is currently under construction. Lil'Rock Beach is scheduled to open sometime in 2019.

### A Floating Barge To Fight Pollution

SIDEM recently installed new safety precautions for the pumping of water from the harbor in Gustavia to the desalination plant in Public. In case of a leak of hydrocarbons in the port, or the arrival of sargassum seaweed, a floating barge and its "skirt" will prevent pollution from reaching the strainers in the pumps. This new system is not related to the problem of bromates in the island's water system, notes the management of the water treatment plant, but rather a preventative measure. On the other



## Au Revoir To A Few Friends

Many island residents and tourists were saddened to hear of the death of Pierre Eric Houdant, known to most as Eric. He has been the manager of Islets de La Plage for many years, and was only in his 50's. He was also one of the founders and voices of Saint Barth's Chorale des Bons Choeurs, so on Sunday, January 13, the chorale sang in his memory during the morning service at the Anglican Church. One of the songs was "Skyfall," a James Bond favorite that Eric had sung in concert with the choir. His island friends gathered on Shell Beach last Monday for a final au revoir.

Eric was also active with the Saint Barth Music Festival, and at the orchestral concert on January 16, a section of a Hayden string quartet was played in memory of four friends of the festival, including Eric and a terrific lady, Miriam Laplace, who passed away recently at the age of 93, and had been on the festival committee as well. A lovely tribute to friends who will be missed...

The rest of January may be a bit calm but once February hits, it's non-stop for a while, with art events, regattas, festivals... and the annual fund-raising luncheon at Tamarin for the Saint Barth International Property Owners Association on February 15, right after Valentine's Day...

Good thing I can catch my breath now!

*Ellen Lampert-Gréaux*



hand, the most recent analyses on the water from the desalination plant have been good news for the past week. A priori, the results of the analyses on the entire water system have been positive since the installation of a new machine by the Saur, yet without a green light from the ARS (regional health agency), the restrictions are still in place. In other words, don't drink the water quite yet, but the problem is under control.

## Bruno Magras To Address SBIPOA

The Saint Barth International Property Owners Association will hold its first 2019 membership meeting on Thursday, January 24 at the Hotel de la Collectivite (town hall) at 5pm. The guest speaker is island president Bruno Magras. The meeting is open to members (property owners or year-round renters) or those interested in joining. Annual dues are 150€ per household. The SBIPOA will also hold its annual fund-raising luncheon on February 15 at 12noon at Tamarin. For details please email: [secretarysbipoa@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysbipoa@gmail.com)

## February 24, Half Marathon Solo or Relay

On Sunday, February 24, The Saint-Barth Triathlon Club is organizing the island's first half marathon of 21 km or 13.1 miles. It can be run by individuals or as 3 x 7 km relay. The start and finish will be at the stadium in St Jean, with the race going to Saline and Gustavia. The club is looking for volunteers to help with refreshment stations every 2.5 km and the safety of the runners. To lend a hand, call 06 90 63 53 70.

## Mysterious Cockscomb Chez Napoléon Gréaux



Napoléon Gréaux, owner of the Epicerie Sainte-Hélène in Flamands was surprised to see this bright red flower growing in his lovely garden. The cockscomb (*Celosia cristata*) appeared after hurricane Irma, yet Napoléon Gréaux does not know where it came from, as he had never seen them growing on the island before. A mystery!

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## Island Refuges For Endangered Iguanas

In 2011, the Territorial Environmental Agency (ATE) moved some of the iguanas native Saint Barth to the small islands of Frégate and Fourchue. The goal was to save this species listed as critically endangered as of March 2018 from extinction.

**T**he Petites Antilles iguana, or iguana delicatissima by its scientific name was moved from the endangered list to “critical danger of extinction” on March 3, 2018, on the red list of the UICN International Union For Conservation of Nature). This institution estimates that only 13,000 to 20,000 of these iguanas remain in the world and that the number decreases every year. The iguana delicatissima has already disappeared from half of Guadeloupe archipelago: Antigua & Barbuda, Saint Martin, Saint Kitts, and Nevis.

In Saint Barthélemy, the Petites Antilles iguana suffers from sever-

al factors: development, which reduces its habitat; and an invasive species, iguana iguana, or green iguana, which is larger and with which they interbreed. In Saint Martin, these big reptiles, some of which have orange stripes, have proliferated to the point where the iguana delicatissima has completely disappeared.

### Iguana Population on Fourchue Multiplied By 10

To avoid the same scenario in St Barth as in St Martin, in 2011 the ATE came up with the idea of migrating families of iguanas to the deserted island around St Barth. In their bulletin dated January 2019, they published the first results of this experiment, which are very

encouraging.

On Frégate, in 2011, not a single trace of the iguana delicatissima on the island, no burrows, no droppings, no shed skin, no sign of teeth on leaves... However, iguanas had been observed on the island in the 1960s. The ATE imported 14 specimens: five males and nine females, taken from there their habitat had already been threatened, such as Gustavia and Saint Jean. By the end of 2018, there were 41 iguanas on the small island. An increase of 65%, which the ATE judges to be “fairly encouraging.”

The earliest report of iguanas on Fourchue dates from 1788. By 2011, there were but 10 of these



reptiles remaining. So 14 Saint Barth iguanas became residents of Fourchue, and today there are about 100 who share the small island. "Very encouraging," says the ATE this time!

New inventories will be done sometime in 2019 on both islands.

> Additional information in French in ATE Bulletin n°4, at [agencedelenvironnement.fr](http://agencedelenvironnement.fr).

*Questel K. 2019: Evolution of the iguana delicatissima on the islets of Saint-Barthélemy. ATE Bulletin N°4, 7-24.*



### Flora Preservation

The Statia Morning Glory (*Ipomoea sphenophylla*) may only exist in Saint Barthélemy and Saint Eustatius, and not in very large quantities. It was thought that this species was endemic only to Saint Eustatius, but a specialist from the Museum of Puerto Rico made a formal identification of a specimen in Saint Barth in early 2018, proving that this flowering plant also exists on our island.

## Impact Of Goats On Forchue

**In its most recent bulletin, the Territorial Environmental Agency (ATE) revisited the question of goats and their impact on vegetation, using the small island of Forchue as an example. Goats were removed from the island in 2003-2004.**

**F**ifteen years later, the vegetation is coming back little by little. The ATE based its data on scientific inventories of the flora done in 1980, 2001, 2011, 2017, and 2018 to measure this evolution.

In fourteen years, the number of plant species observed on

Fourchue has increased by 80%. On the other hand, several of the species mentioned in the oldest of the inventories cannot be found today. The ATE envisions replanting these species on the island. Fourchue, like the other small islands around Saint Barth, could in the long term become a refuge for threatened plant species.

> Additional information in French in ATE Bulletin n°4: [www.agencedelenvironnement.fr](http://www.agencedelenvironnement.fr).

*Questel K & Hochart J. 2019: "Recovery of vegetation on the island of Fourchue (Saint Barthélemy) following the suppression of goats. ATE Bulletin N°4. 2-6.*



*The island of Forchue and its bay in 2009, after five years without goats.*



*The same spot in 2016, after 12 years. ©Karl Questel*

# TIME OUT

Where to go dancing? See an art exhibit? Listen to live music?  
Time Out keeps you up to date on local happenings. Let's party !

## Live Music

### ► Every Day

- Diner Cabaret with show girls Show at 9:30pm @ Ti St Barth (Closed on Sunday & Monday)  
- DJ Sebastien Roche @ Bonito St Barth.

### ► Thursday January 24

- Enjoy Sunset Lounge from 5pm. DJ Set, Cocktails and Tapas around pool @ Christopher Hotel  
- Music by Killian Christolomme at lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth, @ Pearl Beach  
- Baga Boom! Forever Young, by Fabien Lanciano, © Bagatelle

- Kainos, a guitar-vocal duo from 8pm @ QG

### ► Friday January 25

- Kainos, a guitar-vocal duo from 8pm @ Select  
- Ladies Night with Champagne for her. from 8pm to 10pm @ Bagatelle  
- Thanks God it's Friday! Music for dinner with Soley @ Pearl Beach

### ► Saturday January 26

- Bikini Day, Music by Gabin Nogueira, fashion show by Pop St Barth, Pearl Beach, St Jean

### ► Sunday January 27

- Amazing day "Mexico Lindo !" DJ Set by Patris Gero, Jerome Barthelemy, Live music by Jimmy Sax with Fashion Show Nikki

Beach Lifestyle @ Nikki Beach, St Jean

- Music by Laurent Perrier, at lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach  
- Live Music with Don Soley, from 8pm ; Mixologist show, DJ music by Sir Yll until 1pm. Flair bartending @ fire show by the mixologist Sly. Cocktail & Mezze to share from 7pm @ Ociela, Gustavia

### ► Monday January 28

- Sunset Lounge, from 5pm with DJ Set and Fashion show @ Christopher  
- Music by Gabin Nogueira for lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach, St Jean

### ► Tuesday January 29

- Music by Laurent Perrier, for lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach, St Jean

### ► Wednesday January 30

- Music by Jérôme Barthélémy for lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach, St Jean

music by Jerome Barthelemy @ Modjo

### ► Friday January 25

- Hip Hop Deluxe Friday with Kasey Berry straight from NYC @ Modjo  
► Saturday January 26  
- Warped & Drexli Live at Modjo- Feat DJ Chimik & VJ Ben showcase Ti-Al & Speyenol @ Modjo

### ► Wednesday January 30

- House Music is my Religion" Sexy drums - Afro House - Rare groove - Ethnic, Mixologie By Chris Magic & Julien Roussel @ Casa St Barth - Gustavia

## Exhibitions

- Gabriela Berrutti Exhibit @ The Christopher  
- Marco Glaviano solo photographic exhibition until Jan 28th. A glass of wine tonight if you are free! From 6:30-8pm @ Space SBH, Gustavia

- David Kracov, Natan Elkanovich, Yoel Benharrouche, Calman Shemi, Dorit Levinstein, @Eden Fine Art Gallery, Gustavia

- Bronze Sculptures by Bjorn Olkholm Skaarup @ The Collectivity

### ► Art Galleries

- Antoine Heckly Art Gallery  
- Eden Fine Art St Barts  
- Les Artisans, Gustavia  
- SpaceSBH Gallery  
- Modernisme art & Antiques, Camaruche Gallery  
- Clic Gallery, Gustavia  
- Pipiri Palace, Gustavia  
- Pati's Gallery, by Artists of Saint-Barth

### ► Artist's Collection

- Pompei, Petit Cul de Sac  
- Hannah Moser, Cul de Sac  
- Mitchell Summer, Toiny  
- Kay Quattrocchi, Salines

## Fashion Show

### ► Daily Fashion Shows

- Fashion Show every lunch @ Pearl Beach, St Jean  
- Fashion Show every night @ Ti St Barth  
- Fashion Show every lunch @ Nikki Beach  
- Fashion Show every lunch from 1pm @ Le Barthelemy

## Night Club

@ Modjo St-Jean  
@ Casa Night Club  
@ Tavern Ti Bar, Ti St Barth

### ► Thursday January 24

- Hip Hop Evolution, A West Coast/East Coast



Michel and his staff are happy to welcome you to their pool-side restaurant for lunch & dinner.

*Holiday special, in addition to our regular menu.*

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Villa in Flamands, in perfect con-

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For sale, this stylish contemporary 3 bedroom villa in Toiny is an ideal tropical getaway and would have great appeal for those who look to relax – and to entertain. The location offers some nice options for surfing as well as for walking or jogging from Toiny to Grand Fond.

Price : 2 200 000 €  
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For sale, this privately ensconced 2 bedroom villa, in Toiny hillside,

leverages its location and captures the gentle trade winds, the sounds of the surf and a gorgeous seascape. The pool terrace offers ample space for sunning, relaxing in the shade, and al fresco dining. 2 500 000 €

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For sale, this plot of land of 1311m<sup>2</sup> is located in Petit Cul-de-Sac within a buildable zone. It does not have a sea view but enjoys being walking distance to the beach. Come build your dream villa today! 1 376 550 €

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**Villa AOM - 5 Bedrooms - Mont Jean**

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**Villa IMA - 3 Bedrooms - Flamands**

**2,950,000 €**

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**Property CHA - Lurin**

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**Villa AND - 4 Bedrooms - St. Jean**

**3,300,000 €**

This lovely villa situated in the hills of St Jean is a rare find. Quick 1 minute drive to St Jean Beach and 5 minutes' drive to Gustavia.



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