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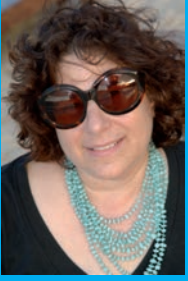
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Bye Bye Carnival



March is on our doorstep, and the island is busy as usual. The tourist season has been healthy, and looks like it will continue to thrive as we sail into The Bucket, Les Voiles, and La Transat AG2R and things start to look a bit more nautical.

The island council recently voted on the main budget lines for 2020, with details in this issue of *The Weekly*. Once again, the coffers are full and there is expected to be a surplus, one of the notable achievements of the current government is to never be in the red. But a few council members had their say over some of the budget items!

As many of you know, St Barth was a Swedish possession for almost 100 years, which explains the Swedish street signs and flags around the island. As a continuation of the unity and friendship that continues between Saint Barth and Sweden, there are annual events such as the Gustavialoppet, and now a Swedish house is being built as a sister to the St Barth house already extant in Sweden. Read all about it in this issue as well.

Upcoming events include the SBIPOA fund-raising lunch at Tamarin on February 28, the final days of the “Discovery Of St Barth By Air and By Sea” exhibit at the Wall House Museum, to be replaced by paintings and sculpture by Dominique Rousserie as of March 7. And the charming Saint Barth Market takes place on Sunday, March 1 in the morning in Gustavia.

As the island continues to thrive, there are a lot of questions about its future (how much is too much?), but in the meantime, head to your favorite beach and your favorite restaurant and have a great time!

Ellen Lampert-Gréaux

Nine Swedes Building A Scand

A nine-person team of artisans and an architect from Sweden started work on a typical Scandinavian building at the foot of the lighthouse, in honor of the ties that unite our island to Sweden.

They are working quickly and for good reason: they gave themselves a period of just 13 days to do the building: “When I left Piteå last week, it was -13°F, and I was driving in a meter of snow...” smiles one of the woodworkers. Under the tropical sun with some recent refreshing rains, the group of Swedes is advancing quickly to construct this traditional 55 sq meter house.

Under a two-sided roof, the house is made of sheets of fir brought from the far north, which will be covered by wooden slats painted red and white. Inside, the fireplace will be built in Swedish stone. “This is the heart of Swedish houses, the fireplace heats the room and serves for cooking,” explains one of the wood-working artisans. The house had already been built in a hangar in Piteå, then taken apart and sent across the Atlantic in pieces.

The construction was adapted for a tropical climate, especially in terms of the roof. In Sweden, the roof is designed to support the heavy weight of snow; here it has to support the pressure of the wind which sweeps in from underneath. Large steel rods set in a concrete slab reinforce the support beams, and the wood was also treated. Instead of black, like in Sweden, the roof

will be grey, in response to the temperature.

This project reflects another house built in Saint Barth’s twin city of Piteå in Sweden. Ten years ago, a typical Saint Barth cottage, inspired by Jean Magras’ house, was built in Sweden, open to the public, and installed in Piteå. An object of curiosity, the house is a meeting place for those who promote the friendship between Saint Barth and Sweden. “In a spirit of reciprocity, we launched this project for a Swedish house in Saint Barth,” says Nils Dufau, president Of ASBAS (Saint Barth Friends Of Sweden Association). It took a while to get off the ground due to the difficulty of selecting a spot for the house, then came hurricane Irma.

Finally the Gustaf III site was selected, which is a logical choice, as it also comprises the ruins of a fort built in the Swedish period. Located at the foot of the lighthouse, those ruins will also be renovated in due time.

This site will be used for Franco-Swedish festivities that take place each year in Saint Barth, but Nils Dufau hopes to “bring it alive. We are creating a place for the exchange of ideas with the kids o the island, to communicate directly with their counterparts in Piteå, for example.”

inavian House



The Swedes show off their traditional skills as builders, while adapting Scandinavian construction techniques to a tropical climate beset by hurricanes.



The inauguration of the Swedish house and the renovated ruins of the fort will take place in November, in honor of the ties between Saint Barthélemy and its twin city Piteå, as well as the Swedish part of the island.

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Political Priorities For 2020

Priorities set for the coming year include ongoing improvement of the island's water pipes, as well as a new fire station, a center for people with disabilities, and the organization of a conference on water... the territorial council held rather animated debates to determine the budgetary actions for 2020.



The Vitet reservoir should be linked to that of Colombier during the year, in order to limit water shortages in this area. Construction machinery could, like other vehicles, be subject to payment of the car sticker. The construction of a new dojo, a project launched in 2013, is not a priority.

“Revenue has increased considerably so the expenses are under control,” stated Bruno Magras as an introduction to the budgetary debates. “As a precautionary measure, we have projected a 10% decrease in revenue in 2020, as the level of building reconstruction will diminish, and the income from real estate might not be as high as in 2019. We hope that the decrease in import duty will be compensated by a jump in occupancy taxes, thanks to the opening of several hotels and increased villa rentals.” That said, the Collectivity plans for a budget surplus of 19 million euros at the end of 2020. The question is the best way to use the available funds this year.

Good News For The Windward Side

“I have good news for the windward side of the island: the pipes that will link the two reservoirs should solve the water problems in Vitet. In addition, the first fiber optic cables to be connected will be in Marigot and Vitet as well as Gustavia,” notes Bettina Cointre (Tous pour Saint-Barth), who made a few additional remarks: Opposed to the underground

parking project in Gustavia, she is “thrilled that it will be totally re-evaluated,” and she would like to see the use of solar panels by the Collectivity on its buildings. In terms of other purchases, a dock on La Pointe: “400 sq meters on the waterfront, how can we not buy it!”

Sports And Disabilities

Bettina Cointre is also convinced of a “real necessity” to create a center for people with disabilities, but questions the choice of a location. Work on the communal land in Anse des Cayes, being set up as a multi-sports area and playground for kids has been suspended in light of this new project. Technical services will call for a feasibility study install a socio-medical center in the small building in the center of the land.

Firemen Before A Dojo

Corinne Gréaux Fébrissy notes that “the renovation of the dojo has completely disappeared from the priorities, I would like to know if it will come back or has been abandoned.” Bruno Magras replied: “For me, the dojo is not a priority.”

Suspended for several years, the

project to build a new fire station is back on the drawing boards. “The winner of the competition has been designated, so the project is easy to get started,” says Bruno Magras.

A Magazine, A Film, A Farm

President of cultural services, Elodie Laplace made a report on last year's activities (including the new directional signs to help both tourists and residents), and presented the projects for this year: “Activities in front of the Wall House, which will have a snack bar, revive the magazine of Saint Barth, and make a film, Mémoires d’Anciens 2.” Another big project is that of The Brigantin, which the majority party hopes to turn into a shell museum, yet for the time being is not a priority. As for the future educational farm in Gouverneur, work should start at the end of 2020 but there are still a lot of questions. For many years, this vast tract of land was used to bury residue from the burning of trash at the incinerator. To extract this residue and send it off the island (it cannot be treated in St Barth), would cost the staggering amount of 5 million euros. The project remains in the air.

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A Conference On Water

Micheline Jacques, vice president for the environment, announced that there will be a call for overseas European projects this year, allowing St Barth to apply for two million euros to finance an environmental project, as determined by the territorial council. "I would like to suggest a conference on water," notes Micheline Jacques "It will not be as comprehensive as the one we held on the environment, but the idea would be to invite all those involved with the issue of water on the island and discuss the various problems."

Heavy Trucks and Construction Machinery

Micheline Jacques ranted a little about the heavy trucks and machinery that came onto the island in 2019 (35 trucks, 33 construction machines). "They ruin the roads that were just repaved, and they are driving faster and faster," regrets the vice president.

An Excellent Tourist Season

Vice president Nils Dufau, head of the tourism committee, stated that the "tourism situation is excellent. We have 6.5 million euros in occupancy taxes, and that will increase with new hotel openings." H el ene Bernier replied: "Yes, with the Carl Gustaf, Emeraude Plage, Guanahani, Tropical... new hotels are opening while last year the others were not full. We have exceeded 15,500 vehicles, and last year it took 45 minutes to get into Gustavia. And it continues!" For Nils Dufau, "that is why it is important to stretch out the season. We cannot increase the flow of tourists, but try and consolidate it. Our objective is qualitative, not quantitative." Bettina Cointre laughed in reply: "Like that we'll have traffic jams all year long!"

News Briefs

Eden Rock Honored By Travel+ Leisure



Eden Rock, the legendary Saint Barth hotel overlooking the bay of St Jean, made the "it list" of the 72 most beautiful new hotels in the world, as published in the American magazine Travel + Leisure. Open since last November, after two years of work in the wake of hurricane Irma, the hotel was described by the magazine as "the island's sexiest, buzziest, see-and-be-seeniest hotel place to stay." What's new? Notably Remy's Bar in the heart of the hotel, the suites and Ligne Saint Barth spa located on the rock.

"This distinction is a real recompense for all the Eden Rockers who are the soul of our property on a daily basis," notes hotel director Fabrice Moizan in a press release. Double rooms begin at \$1,860 per night. The hotels on this prestigious list are found in 32 locations, including such Caribbean spots as Ambergris Cay in the Turks and Caicos (from \$4,200 dollars per night, all inclusive), and La Finca Victoria in Vieques, Puerto Rico (from \$139 dollars per night).

Dominique Rousserie At The Wall House

Last few days to see the exhibit "Discovery Of Saint Barth By Air And By Sea," which features a chronological timeline of the important dates for maritime and air transportation, which opened the island to the outside world. On Saturday, March 7, a new exhibit will open and run through May 9, featuring the world of Dominique Rousserie, an artist who lives in Saint Barth. The exhibit includes a series of paintings and sculptures created in his atelier in Saline.



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Sunday, March 1 means the next Saint Barth Market takes place in the Rue du Général-de-Gaulle from 8am until noon, with close to 50 stands run by island merchants and artisans. The market is held the first Sunday of every month except in the summer.

Live Music

► Every Day

- DJ set @ Bonito St Barth.
- DJ Set for lunch @ Pearl Beach

► Thursday February 27

- Bagabuzz, big music quiz @ Bagatelle, Gustavia
- Le Ti 54! Disco and Funky music all evening long by the resident DJ Franck N. Performer show

at 9:30pm during dinner. Fancy dress room. DJ after dinner party @ Ti St Barth
- Sunset Lounge with DJ Set @ Christopher Hotel.
- Live Music by Soley from 12pm – 2pm @ Lil'Rock
► Friday February 28
- "Crazy Ti!" Live singer at 8.45pm Dinner and clubbing-style dance show. DJ after dinner party & fancy-dress room @ Ti St Barth
- "Rose Fridays" Music Patris Gero and Al Sax, 12 pm -7pm @ Nikki Beach
- Nuit Blanche Party. champagne for Ladies @ Bagatelle
- Friday Friendly Afterwork - Dj Set from 5pm @ Pearl Beach
- Love is all you need...

Music and Entertainment by Tania and Al Sax from 7pm @ Nikki Beach
► Saturday February 29
- Live Music by Soley from 12pm– 2pm @ Lil'Rock
- "Crazy Ti!" Live singer at 8.45pm Dinner and clubbing-style dance show. DJ after dinner party & fancy-dress room @ Ti St Barth
- Bikini Day - Grab you best Bikini and join the Party - DJ set and Fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach, St-Jean
- Bagachella @ Bagatelle
► Sunday March 1st
- Amazing Sunday Out of this World. Dance away to another planet, we are all made of stars. Music by Jerome Barthelemy, Patris Gero and Al Sax from 12pm @ Nikki Beach
► Monday March 2
- Live Music by Soley from 12pm – 2pm @ Lil'Rock
- Italian Evening, Cucina E Vino from 7pm with Live music @ Christopher Hotel
- Live Music with Soley for dinner @ Le Sereno
► Tuesday March 3
- Gypsy Evening with Soley @ La Casa, Gustavia
- The traditional cabaret show of Le Ti St Barth Live singer at 8.45pm Cabaret Show at 9.30pm during dinner. Fancy dress room. DJ After dinner party. @ Ti St Barth
- Live Music by Soley from 12pm – 2pm @ Lil'Rock
► Wednesday March 4
- Evening Live music by Carbo from 7:30pm at Villa Marie, Colombier
- The traditional cabaret show of Le Ti St Barth Live singer at 8.45pm Cabaret Show at 9.30pm during dinner. Fancy dress room. DJ After dinner party. @ Ti St Barth

Fashion Show

► Every lunch

- @ Pearl Beach
- @ Nikki Beach
- @ Le Barthelemy
- Every Tuesday
- 6:30 pm at La Cabane, Cheval Blanc
- Every night (Closed on Sunday & Monday)
- @ Ti St Barth

Exhibitions

► Through March 4

- An Island Floating Between The Sea and The Sky. The exhibition traces the epic of St. Barts at sea and in the air, from 1493 to the present day. at the Wall House Museum.
- Through August
- Daniel Arsham: Life on Europa at Eden Rock
- Through March 4
- Alain Le Chatelier
- Les Artisans, Gustavia
- Bronze Sculptures at The Collectivity Garden
- Group Exhibition incl. Hugh Arnold, Giorgio Pasqualetti, Hunt Slonem, Dominique Rousserie and more at Space Gallery
- St Barth, Carré d'Or
- The Spirit of St Barth, photography by Sebastien Martinon by Space Gallery at Barnes International.
- Through March 3
- Back To Haiti Exhibit, Galerie Asie, Gustavia
- Art Galleries
- A. Heckly ArtGallery
- Clic Gallery, Gustavia
- Les Artisans, Gustavia
- Art Hunter, Gustavia
- Camaruche Gallery
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For sale, Newly renovated 3 bedroom villa ideally located in Colombier with a stunning view of the sea that encompasses the neighboring islands of Nevis, St. Kitts, Statia and Saba. The villa's main level encompasses a living room, kitchen with a breakfast bar, and a covered dining terrace. All 3 bedrooms have en suite

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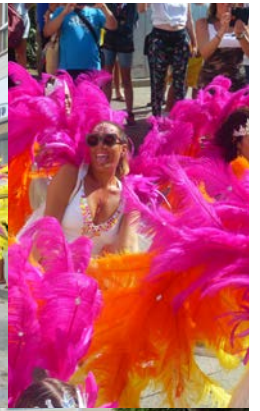


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Land LUR - 1387m² - Lurin 4,900,000 €

Just above the GUSTAV Hotel, 2 parcels of land. One has an old house to be demolished or renovated, the other parcel is an empty lot. Views over Gustavia, ocean and sunsets.



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