



Local News
in English

FREE

N°457 - March 3, 2022



St-Barth WEEKLY

Published by Le Journal de Saint-Barth
journalsbh@orange.fr



The Winds Of Change

Something big is about to happen. After 40 years in public life, including 27 running the island of Saint Barth, first as mayor then as president of the territorial council, Bruno Magras is saying adieu to politics. It was bound to happen sooner or later. At age 70, Magras has decided not to run in the upcoming elections this month. But then what?

Bruno Magras has endorsed Romaric Magras as his heir apparent; he will run against two of his fellow islanders in the first round of elections on Sunday, March 20, also the final day of the 2022 St Barth Bucket. His challengers are Helene Bernier and Xavier Ledee, and they all face the same challenges: healthcare, the handicapped, over-development, too many cars, too many people, too much traffic, lack of housing for residents, etc.

But what can they do? When questioned about these issues, Bruno Magras would coyly say the island is a victim of its own success. But there is more to it than that. And while it may be impossible to turn back the economic clock, the issues must be met head on. Which of the candidates can really make a difference? The next few weeks, as they lay out their goals and objectives, might help clarify the situation.

In the meantime, one thing is for sure, most of the potential territorial council members are younger than their current counterparts. It will be interesting to see how they envision the future of their island...and which way the winds of change will blow.

Ellen Lampert-Gréaux

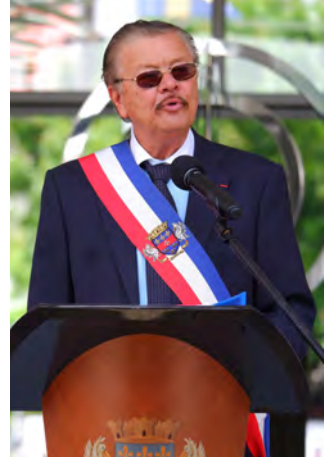
Bruno Magras To Leave Politics

On February 13, Bruno Magras, president of the Saint Barthélemy Territorial Collectivity, announced his decision to not run for a sixth consecutive term in office during the upcoming territorial elections on March 20 and 27.

In an article published by the local media, Bruno Magras declared: "I have arrived at the twilight of a very full life. After 40 years of public service, including 27 years running the island, it's with a feeling of accomplishment with I am leaving the political arena." Born on September 9, 1951 in Saint-Barthélemy, Bruno Magras started his politic career in the 80's. First as a municipal council member; then in 1995 he was elected mayor of the island of Saint Barthélemy, which at the time was a municipality attached to Guadeloupe. At that point, he started the fight for an evolution of the island's legal status.

Reelected Three Times

On December 7, 2003, during Bruno Magras' second term as mayor, a referendum was held and 95.51% of the votes were for the institutional project that allowed the island to become a Territorial Collectivity, unyoked from Guadeloupe. On July 15, 2007, Saint Barthélemy officially became an Overseas Collectivity and Bruno Magras was elected its president. He was reelected in 2012 then again in 2017, each time during the first round of voting. In 2012, with the support of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Magras was able to add Saint Barthélemy to the list of Overseas European Countries and Islands, which allowed the island to acquire



certain autonomy vis-a-vis the European Union.

In 2012, two months before the territorial elections, Bruno Magras also publicly announced his intentions to leave politics. Less than a month later, he wrote an article stating he had changed his mind and was running again as the head of a reconfigured slate. A few weeks later, he was reelected with more than 73% of the votes. The difference between 2012 and 2022 is that the president has already made the decision to throw his support behind one of his territorial council members, Romaric Magras, who is also a distant cousin. Bruno Magras was a member of the national council for the UMP (Union For A Popular Movement) before joining The Republicans. A businessman, he was the director of the local airline, Saint Barth Commuter, until 2017.

« *Nothing compares* »

St. Barth | **Sotheby's**
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Stunning views | Infinity pool | Close to a famous 5 star hotel.



Private Villa | Grand Cul de Sac

5 Bedrooms | 5 Bathrooms

Offered at: €7,900,000

Gustavia Office: +(59) 0590 29 90 10 | USA: +1-508-570-4481

Spacious living and dining areas | Granite pool | Parking for 11 cars



Private Villa | Pointe Milou

7 Bedrooms | 7 Bathrooms

Offered at: €15,000,000

Gustavia Office: +(59) 0590 29 90 10 | USA: +1-508-570-4481

Beachfront estate | Enormous pool | Covered terraces.



Private Villa | Lorient

7 Bedrooms | 7 Bathrooms

Price upon request

Gustavia Office: +(59) 0590 29 90 10 | USA: +1-508-570-4481

Close to shops and St. Jean beach | Community pool | Parking



Apartment | St. Jean

1 Bedrooms | 1 Bathrooms

Offered at: €1,380,000

Gustavia Office: +(59) 0590 29 90 10 | USA: +1-508-570-4481

Beachfront property | Spacious private beach area | Heated Jacuzzi.



Private Villa | Lorient

4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms

Offered at: €13,000,000

Gustavia Office: +(59) 0590 29 90 10 | USA: +1-508-570-4481

In town location | Within walking distance to shops and restaurants | Bonus room



Condo | Gustavia

2 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms

Offered at €1,900,000

Gustavia Office: +(59) 0590 29 90 10 | USA: +1-508-570-4481

St. Barth Sotheby's International Realty | Rue Samuel Fahlberg - Gustavia Harbor | stbarthsir.com | sothebys@stbarth.com

© MMXIX Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates LLC. All Rights Reserved. Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates LLC fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated. Sotheby's International Realty and the Sotheby's International Realty logo are registered (or unregistered) service marks licensed to Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates LLC.

Medical Imagery Center Dedicated To The Memory of Lawrence O'Donnell



Sue O'Donnell (center right, in black), wife of Lawrence O'Donnell, in front of the Medical Imagery Center at De Bruyn Hospital, with president Bruno Magras and members of FEMUR.

A solemn moment marked by a wave of nostalgia: On Tuesday, February 22 at 11am, friends and family of Lawrence O'Donnell gathered by the Medical Imagery Center at De Bruyn Hospital in Gustavia. The occasion was the official dedication of the center in his memory, and the unveiling of a plaque with the name of this generous donor to the hospital.

Raymond Magras was the first to speak, as he was one of the founders of the Foundation for Emergency Medical Equipment (FEMUR), along with others including Peter Mund and Porter Henry. Raymond Magras recalled his meeting O'Donnell by way of Peter Mund, "around 1995. He immediately joined FEMUR, and came to all the meetings. A few years later he had the idea of creating a parallel foundation in the United States." The US version of FEMUR was created in 1999, under the name Saint Barthélemy

Medical Equipment Foundation. "This allowed Larry to accept major donations which financed an Xray machine for the hospital in St Barth as well as an ultrasound, a cardiograph, mammogram equipment, and other modern items," explains Raymond Magras, who accents the generosity of O'Donnell, "and his desire to please the residents of Saint Barth," and to give them "a more efficient hospital."

President of the Collectivity, Bruno Magras, added that Larry O'Donnell was a great "observer of life," political and beyond. "Upon his death we lost an excellent ambassador for Saint Barth," regrets the president. Words that evoked an emotional response from O'Donnell's friends and family, especially his wife Sue O'Donnell. "Humbly, Larry would be very proud," she notes. "Personally, I am very recognizant of the honor paid to him. He loved Saint Barth and the people of the island. He was always

very happy to be here and have to have made the island his second home." And yet, they discovered the island totally by chance. Friends of theirs had a mechanical problem with their boat, so they anchored in Saint Barth in the 1980's. "They liked it so much they stayed for 15 days," says Sue with a smile. "When they came back they told us we must absolutely go there. Which we did a year later. And it didn't take long before we built a house!"

As emotional as his mother, Gavin, the youngest son of Lawrence O'Donnell, agrees that his father loved Saint Barth. "It was always thinking of how to make the medical conditions better," he notes. "Today he is like an angel looking down on the island."

Lawrence O'Donnell, who passed away in 2020, was also a past president and remained an active board member of the Saint Barth International Property Owners Association (SBIPOA).

Fourth Saint Barth Half Marathon

“The race was well-balanced, but difficult the entire way”

It was before sunrise at the stadium in Saint Jean when the starting gun went off for the 253 runners in the fourth Saint Barth Half Marathon. There were 166 runners in the individual category for the 21.1 km race, which covered hills with various degrees of difficulty by way of Lorient, Saline, La Tourmente, and Gustavia to finish back at the stadium in Saint Jean.

After just 1h14'43", Dimitri Dubreucq from Guadeloupe crossed the finish line, beating the record set last year by Cécilia Mobuchon. "I am pretty happy with my time. It's not bad for a difficult race such as this one. My record for this distance is less than 1h11'. But here, I haven't done as many races and had not run a real race in a while. Considering the serious competition, it's very encouraging."

Less than a minute later, another runner from Guadeloupe, Belodie Vilovar, finished in 1h15'34". "I am satisfied with my time. I don't think I could do better on a course as hilly and difficult. But I will try and return next year to beat my own time."

The third person on the podium was an athlete from Saint-Barth Triathlon, Fabien Husson, who finished in 1h21'42". "Today was particularly hard," he says. "It was very, very fast. I ran six or seven kilometers with Dimitri and Belodie. They are really specialists in this kind of distance. And we could really see the difference, they managed to change the speed as they went up the hills. It was hard to keep up."



©Alain Photographie 971

For the women, Guadeloupe was also present, with Roxane Theyry the first to cross the finish line after 1h27'12". "The race was not easy," she explains. "It was well-balanced, but difficult all the way. I was hoping for 1h25'. I did well today."

Relay teams

In addition to the individual runners, there were also 29 relay teams (3x7km), who shared the challenges of the race. The winning team was Piton des Neiges (Intergeneration Runners of Saint Martin) who finished first after 1h31'19". The three runners were unanimous about one thing: "This half marathon is very well organized. It was a pleasure to participate. Thank you Saint Barth for the warm welcome."

The date for the fifth edition of the race has already been set for Sunday, February 19, 2023.

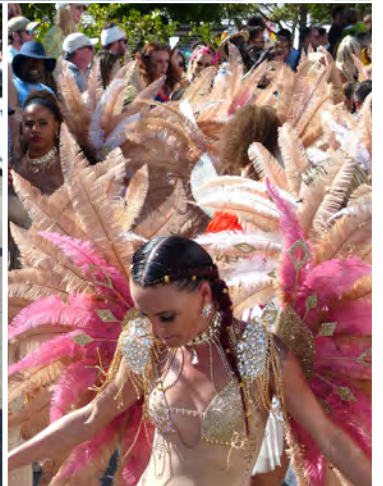


The podium : Dimitri Dubreucq, Belodie Vilovar and Fabien Husson

The Organizers Are Happy

In spite of the rain that fell during the first third of the race, the fourth edition of the half marathon organized by the Saint-Barth Triathlon was "more successful than the prior editions," according to numerous participants. "We are happy to have put a twinkle in the eye of the runners as well as the volunteers," enthuses Jean-Marc Outil of Saint-Barth Triathlon.





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 evening

Live music with DJ Trujillo, lively and entertaining at Bonito

Thursday, March 3

- Dinner Cabaret with show at 9:30pm @ Ti St Barth
- Live music by Lorenza & Carbo from 7pm @ Arawak café

- Live Music by Laura from 7pm @ Le Barthélemy

- Welcome to the 80's 90's.

DJ Set by Fabien Lanciano at Bagatelle, Gustavia

- Sunset Lounge. Music by Sebastien Roche 5-7pm at Christopher, Pointe-Milou

Friday, March 4

- Traditional Crazy Week-End (show at 10pm) @Ti St Barth

- Tribal touch. Tribal After-work by Yoshee from 7pm @ Arawak café

- For her. DJ set by Fabien Lanciano @Bagatelle

- Friday Friendly after work from 5pm @Pearl Beach

-Apero deep from 5pm to 11pm at Modjo

- Dj Set for the Sunset and dinner with Sacha from Iris Records from 5.30pm to 11pm @ Carl Gustaf

- Live Music by Laura from 7pm @ Le Barthélemy

Saturday, March 5

- White Party with DJ Set by Fabien Lanciano @ Bagatelle

- Let's Flamingle : Bikini Day with DJ Set, Fashion Show from noon @ Pearl Beach

- Chess hour from 3pm @Arawak café

- Live music by Zig Zag from 7pm @Arawak café

- Live Music by Laura from 7pm @ Le Barthélemy

Sunday, March 6

- Amazing Sunday from 12pm to 7pm @ Nikki Beach

Monthly Market in Gustavia
Rue Général-de-Gaule .
Open from 8pm to 12pm.

- La vida es Una Fiesta @ Peal Beach
- Live Music by Laura from 7pm @ Le Barthélemy

Monday, March 6

- Live Music with Soley from 7pm @ Le Sereno

- Keep your Good Vibes by djettes Nex from 7pm @ Arawak Café, Gustavia

- Live music by Carbo & Lorenza from 7.45pm to 9.45pm @ Christopher

Tuesday, March 7

- Dinner Cabaret with show at 9:30pm @ Ti St Barth

- Gypset Night with Live Music @Manapany Hotel

Wednesday, March 8

- Dinner Cabaret with show at 9:30pm @ Ti St Barth

- Do You Remember by dj Bring from 7 pm at Arawak Café, Gustavia

Thursday, March 9

- Dinner Cabaret with show at 9:30pm @ Ti St Barth

- Live music from 7pm @ Arawak café

- Sunset lounge. Music by Sebastien Roche 5-7pm at Christopher, Pointe-Milou

-Welcome to the 80's 90's. Dj Set by Fabien Lanciano at Bagatelle, Gustavia

Exhibitions

A Heritage Museum

The Collectivity has opened Le Brigantin as a museum intended to "preserve the heritage and history" of Saint-Barthélemy.

@ Le Brigantin, Gustavia

Through March 10

Alain Le Chatelier at Galerie Asie, Gustavia

Through March 24

Michel Brosseau at Galerie Asie, Gustavia

Through March 31

- Daniel Arsham exhibition @ Eden Rock

- Victor Matthews exhibition @ Eden Rock

- Group exhibition: Christo, Victor Matthews, Jean-Philippe Piter, Asli Ozok, Marco Glaviano, Gabriella Imperatori-Penn and more @ Space Gallery, Gustavia

- Asli Ozok at Space Gallery

- Paintings : Tony Caramanico, Gery Langlais, Marie-Anne Chaygneaud-Dupuy, Stanislas Defize, David Wegman and Sculpture :

Dave Stevenson, Michael Rumiz @Les Artisans

Artist's Collection

- Pompi, Petit Cul de Sac
- Hannah Moser, Cul de Sac
- Kay Quattrocchi, Pointe Milou

Art Galleries

- Antoine Heckly ArtGallery

- Clic Gallery, Gustavia

- Camaruche Gallery

- Eden Fine Art St Barts

- Fergus McCaffrey

- Galerie Asie

- Les Artisans, Gustavia

- Pipiri Palace, Gustavia

- Pati's Gallery, by Artists of Saint-Barth

- SpaceSBH Gallery

Night Club

@ Modjo St-Jean

@ Casa Night Club

@ Tavern TiBar, Ti St Barth

MICHEL BROUSSEAU

NOUVELLES PEINTURES



GALERIE ASIE

39 RUE S. FAHLBERG GUSTAVIA
DU 23 FEVRIER AU 24 MARS 2022



WIMCO
— REAL ESTATE —

GAIC, Petit Cul de Sac :

In the gated Domaine du Levant, on 6200 square meters. Permit obtained for renovation and extension of the existing villa to 6 rooms. Magnificent view of Petit Cul de Sac.

€ 8,800,000

A view
to call one's own.

VIEW MORE LISTINGS : REALESTATE@WIMCO.COM



LOI, Toiny :

2 bedroom villa to renovate, with pool and sea views.

€ 2,120,000



LIM, Marigot :

New 5 bedroom villa with pool and incredible views of Marigot Bay.

€ 6,700,000



NKI, St. Jean :

Near Nikki Beach, complex composed of 2 separate buildings for 4 apartments in total. Ideal for rental investment or for staff housing.

€ 5,000,000



VAL, Pointe Milou :

Exceptional property composed of 8 rooms, 2 pools, on land of 2260 square meters. Dramatic sea views and strong rental income.

€ 15,000,000

LIONEL, FRENCH SPEAKING 06 90 49 10 | DOUGLAS, ENGLISH SPEAKING : +1 508 221 5527

VISIT OUR OFFICE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE AIRPORT