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Updates:

Since our last publication in July

2008, there have been a number of significant developments, including:

1. Contract with LIME

The Association has secured an agreement with Telecommunications provider, LIME (formerly Cable and Wireless) for the use a section of the green area on Stanhope Road, to house their OPM Unit. This unit facilitates the provision of land lines and internet services to households within the community.

This agreement guarantees us \$75,000 p.a. for an initial period of 3 years, and will be reviewed for increase thereafter.

2. <u>Compliance with COJ</u>

In July 2009, the Executive became aware that the Association was noncompliant with the requirements of the Companies Office of Jamaica (COJ). As a duly registered company, the Association is obligated to file annual returns and Income & Expenditure statements with that organization.

After a few hiccups, the Association was able to complete all the necessary documentation and bring our status up to date. We are now fully compliant, with all the returns and statements filed up to Year end July 2009.

3. <u>Installation of Lights in the</u> <u>Park</u>

The Association embarked on a major project to improve the aesthetics of the community. This project include the construction of jogging trails on the football field and a gazebo-styled community centre in the park, one necessary

amenity in all of this was electric lights, to facilitate the use of the park by residents, after sundown. In November 2009, two sets of lights were installed, with the help of fund-raising activities: Donations from our Member of Parliament. and direct contributions from residents.

We have applied for and now await the installation of a meter by JPS.

4. <u>Beautification and</u> <u>Maintenance</u>

The Association intends to have a formal maintenance program for the park, entrance and all other green areas within the community.

We have begun work in this area, by re-painting the main entrance walls; the security post and the columns by the gateway. The plan also includes the planting of pvc pipes, trees and flowering plants along the entrance road, this to be done by Labour Day 2010.

We are going to need assistance in this area, and are therefore imploring those persons with the related expertise to lend us a hand.

5. Park Adoption

The Executive has embarked on a drive to have the Community Park adopted by corporate entities, this, with a view to ensure its development and maintenance.

Based on our expenditure over

the years, the Park in its current state requires approximately \$120,000 p.a. for up-keep. This has been a significant drain on our already meager resources.

So far, two (2) companies have been approached and we are hoping that they will respond favourably.

Up-coming Events

There are a number of activities and events in the pipe-line. Some, to raise much needed funds for community activities and others, to promote the social well-being of the residents. These include:

1. Benefit Performance

Support our latest fund-raising venture and get tickets to see the re-make of Patrick Brown's *PUPPY LOVE*. The play stars Oliver Samuels and Dahlia Harris, and has so far been playing to full houses.

Our date is **Wednesday April** 21, 2010 at 8pm, and will be at the Pantry Playhouse on Dumfries Road, New Kingston.

Tickets cost **\$1,200.00** ea.

2. Community Outreach Day

The Association, in collaboration with the Social Development Commission (SDC), will be hosting a community outreach day on *Friday April 30, 2010* starting at 10:00am.

On this day, residents will be able to benefit from services provided by the Registrar General's Dept. (RGD); the Passport and Citizenship Agency (PICA); the Ministry of Health and other organizations.

The specific details relating to fees and services to be provided will be published later.

Remember to note this date and plan to take advantage of these services that will be coming to your door.

Community Events Calendar:

• **Benefit Performance** – June 26, 2010

• **GSAT Award Ceremony** – September 5, 2010

• **Community Sports & Fun Day** National Heroes Day – October 18, 2010

• Children's Treat – December 26, 2010

Helping hands!!!

The Fundraising & Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to help us plan, promote and execute the calendar of events for 2010. Remember, we cannot accomplish the planned events without your assistance and contributions.

<u>Always Remember to Keep Our</u> <u>Community Clean:</u>

We take this opportunity to remind residents to keep our community clean:

1. Sweep and keep road ways and sidewalks clean at all times.

2. Do not leave garbage unattended for stray animals to litter.

3. Do not burn garbage. Smoke can affect the health of others.

4. Do not store building materials on the sidewalk and/or roadway. Sand

& gravel left for prolonged periods will be hazardous to road users and will also end up in the drains.

5. Though not recommended if, out of necessity, cement is mixed on the road, please ensure to wash away the entire residue. As well as being unsightly, the patches will eventually cause potholes to develop in the road

Let's take pride in ourselves and keep our community clean.

Communication:

This newsletter is available on our website and is also sent to residents via e-mail. Please forward your email addresses to the PR office at: <u>office@whitewatermeadows.org.jm</u> to receive your copy of the news letter, and any other communication that may be necessary from time to time.

You may also send us your community news, events, shortstories, features, articles, letters and other items. These will be considered for publication in our newsletter.

Do you wish to advertise a product or service?

Residents and interested parties may advertise their goods and/or services on our website and also in future publications of the newsletter. Further details will be provided when your proposal is received.

