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Community Fence:

First of all, good news!
The community fence which runs along the train line has been completed. The residents must now consider options to complete the unfenced area, which runs from the Football Field to the Park. This should be an action plan item, for discussion at General Meetings.

<u>Fundraising & Planning Committee:</u>

In June of last year, a Fundraising & Planning Committee was formed which was spearheaded by Andrea Golding, PRO and Donald Tomlinson, former Treasurer of the Citizen's Association. The success of this two member Committee has been encouraging.

In June 2007 the first successful fundraiser, Jerk Friday was staged. The response from the community was encouraging and the event netted a surplus of approximately \$48,000. Adam's security was paid \$35,000 and the remaining balance was used to cut the park and football field.

Fuelled by this success. the Committee again planned and successfully staged, Sports Day 2007. Approximately \$51,000 was netted from this event and was credited to the Community Centre Building Fund. The overwhelming success of these events speaks volume of what we can achieve as a community, if we work as a team to promote and execute community projects and events.

Outlook - 2008

Our community is faced with many challenges:

1. Bad Roads:

The Community Entrance and sections of the Boulevard is in desperate need of road repair.

A recent estimate indicated it would cost the community approximately \$800,000 to effect repairs to the main entrance and sections of the Boulevard. This works out to a contribution of \$1,500 per house. We invite the residents to examine this and other options, as an action plan item at General Meetings.

2. Lack of a Beatification &

Maintenance Programme

It is time we put in place a maintenance programme to landscape, beautify and upkeep our community; particularly the main entrance, the park and the football field. We believe that regular payment of community dues is the solution to this problem.

3. <u>Dismal Dues Collection:</u>

The total Dues collected in 2007 was less than \$15,000. Of this amount, the Executive Team The dismal contributed \$6,000. collection is unacceptable and highlights the reasons Association was unable to put in place, a regular programme to landscape and to maintain the community entrance, park and football field.

In 2008, the Fundraising & Planning Committee will make a concerted to collect dues:

- A contribution of \$300 per quarter or a one-time payment of \$1,000 per annum will be collected from each house.
- The monies will be used solely and exclusively to put in place a landscaping and beautification program for the main entrance, park and football field.
- The collection months are January, April, July and October 2008.

Save our Park!

Have you seen the state of the Community Park recently? It is in a deplorable condition. It is time that we commit our attention to the maintenance of the park. Paying our Dues of \$300.00 per quarter will help to assist with the landscaping and maintenance of the park.

Keep Community Clean:

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

- 1. Sweep and keep road ways and side walks 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. Remove unwanted building materials from road ways in a timely manner

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

Community Centre Building Fund:

We must thank Mr. Winston Chin and members of the past executive for their vision and herculean effort to open an investment account on behalf of the community, for the purpose of saving towards building our community centre.

In 2008, the Fundraising Committee will invite members of the past executive in a promotional drive to increase the net worth of the fund, so as a community, we may begin the planning process of building a community centre.

Two strategies will be considered:

- 1. A Building Fund Pledge whereby each house will be asked to pledge \$500.00
- 2. Tag Drive 50 whereby at least 200 residents will be asked to participate in a Tag Drive, selling 50 tags @ \$50.00 each.

The revenues from these two promotions will put the community in good standing to begin the planning process for the community centre.

Calendar of Community Events – 2008:

Jerk Friday:

- March 24
- May 23
- August 01

Sports & Fun Day:

• October 20

Children's Treat:

December

Community Centre Building Pledge:

• Date not finalized

Tag Drive 50:

Date not finalized

Dues Collection: Quarterly

- January
- April
- July
- October

Helping hands!!!

The Fundraising & Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to help us plan, promote and execute the calendar of events for 2008. Remember, we cannot accomplish the planned events without your assistance and contributions.

<u>Ministry of Health – Healthy lifestyle</u> Projects:

The Ministry of Health, through its Healthy Lifestyle Projects has funds available for the promotion and development of healthy lifestyle within communities.

We are happy to report that a proposal for the construction of a netball, basketball and jogging track will be submitted to the agency on the community's behalf.

We are hopeful that our submission will be given favourable review.

Community Security:

We are concerned with the growing incidence of rape, hold-up and motor vehicle theft within the community. At this time, we remind residents to be more attentive to their surrounding and to look out for their neighbours. At the time of

writing, the balance of payment to the two security companies is approximately \$183,000; \$35,000 to Adams and \$148,000 to Shalk.

Drippings Newsletter:

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Do you wish to advertise a product or service?

For as low as \$350 per month; your product or service will be:

- 1. Sent directly to our residents via e-mail for their information.
- 2. Displayed on our Website and in our newsletter.
- 3. Promoted at our Community Events
- 4. Sign-up any company to advertise with us and receive 40% of the gross revenues.

Send us your community news, events, short-stories, features, articles, letters etc. to the editor and other suggestions to admin@whitewatermeadows.org.jm or call 771-9057.

Something to think about:

Aspirations: Eagles we are not, but we can still fly. Our imaginations become our wings. The magnificent eagle is still just an eagle, but we can soar as high and as far as our aspirations take us.

Let's apply this wise thought to ourselves and our community.



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