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Citizens' Association elects new President Ruel Cole, former head of the Security Council was elected President of the Citizens Association on Sunday, July 13, 2008. In his Presidential address, Mr. Cole graciously thanked the residents for their confidence in him and assured the gathering that he and the newly elected Executive Team will bring strong leadership to the community. He outlined some of the issues that will be

given priority attention. These include, the sewerage problem, security, community environment and youth and sports.

Executive Outlines Strategic Direction

The first meeting of the newly elected Executive Body was held on Tuesday July 15, 2008. The salient points arising were:

The Executive Team has developed the acronym **S.E.T.** to represent its core values in managing the affairs of the community.

Solution:

The Executive Team endeavours to be solution oriented to the many problems affecting the community. Priority attention will be given to the sewerage crisis.

- 1. The Sewerage crisis poses a potential health risk to the community. There are numerous complaints of foul odour emanating from the man holes and drains within the community.
- 2. There are increasing reports of houses being flooded with sewerage.
- 3. As a consequence to the above, the Ministry of Health, through the Parish Council has slapped a Stop Order on all home improvements with running water facilities, submitted for approval. This action is causing undue inconvenience to residents who wish to carry out home improvements. The Executive Team will be giving priority attention to this ongoing problem.

Engaging:

The Executive will begin a series of Road Tours dubbed **Meet the Team, Share the Plan**. The objectives of the road tour are:

- To meet and engage the residents.
- To listen to concerns and solutions.
- To communicate.
- To act.

The dates for the Road Tour will be announced.

Transparent:

The Executive Team is commitment to the philosophy of being transparent in all its dealings, and to produce and present to the residents, reports on the management of the Association, in a timely manner.

The Executive Team will place priority attention on the following areas:

1. Community Security:

White Water Meadows is considered a security risk location:

- 1. The community is nestled in a cane field that has open borders.
- 2. The rear of the community is located adjacent a train track which provides an easy escape route.
- 3. The Hartland Road is a distance from the community entrance; the road is poorly lit and lonely.
- 4. Persons posing as 'gardeners' frequent the community. They are cognizant of our timing and whereabouts.
- 5. The security risk is expected to elevate with the influx of 'construction workers' on the Chedwin Garden Housing Development, that is, adjacent to our community entrance.
- 6. The increasing reports of robberies highlight how vulnerable we are as a community.

In light of the above, the community security service is necessary to mitigate these security risks.

Technology Plus security patrol commenced operation July 1, 2008 with less that the required numbers to roll out the full 24-hour service. Since the service began, the company has responded to at least two major robberies, one of which involved shooting. We are encouraging residents to sign-up for the security service, so can all benefit from the full 24-hour service.

2. Community Environment & Activities

Our plans are:

- was started on Labour Day.
- (b). To undertake a series of social and fundraising activities within the community.
- (c). To make submissions to all Social Development Agencies to assist in funding:
- 1. Community Centre.
- 2. Jogging, Netball & Basketball Courts.
- 3. Community Fencing.

3. Youth & Sport



We are currently in discussions with The Social Development Commission for the formation of White Water Football Club for both the Under 17 and Senior teams; however, one significant criterion is the recruitment of a trained coach. We are inviting interested persons with the required skills, to coach the football and netball teams. Please call Mr. Donald Scott, President, Youth and Sports Club.

Several activities geared towards engaging the youth are in the pipeline.

Community Dues:

The payment of community dues is very important to fund community activities. Community dues are required:

- 1. To cut and maintain the Community Park, Community Entrance and other green areas.
- 2. To carry out community beautification projects.
- 3. To assist with minor internal road repairs.

Dues contribution is a mere \$300.00 per quarter or a one time yearly payment of \$1000.00. Please call 391-6149 / 819-3104 to make your contribution.

Preparation for the Hurricane Season:

We must individually and as a community, prepare ourselves for a forecasted active hurricane season. It is a challenge to enter or exit the community when it rains heavily. We have contacted ODPEM to provide via the website, useful disaster preparedness and (a). To fast track the community beautification project that management tips. Until that becomes available, here are a few useful reminders in the event of a hurricane:

- 1. Remove all unwanted building material from side walk. It contributes to blocking drains, which results in flooding.
- 2. Exchange contact numbers with your neighbours.
- 3. Review your building and content insurance for adequacy.
- 4. Know your Disaster Relief Shelter.
- 5. Store at least five days supply of water and three days supply of non perishable food items.

Hurricane Season continues....

- 6. Have on standby a battery powered radio, lantern, safety matches and can opener.
- 7. Secure all important documents.
- 8. DO NOT risk trying to save property; save lives instead.

Community Events Calendar:

- Jerk Friday August 29, 2008
- GSAT Award Ceremony date to be announced
- Community Sports & Fun Day National Heroes Day – October 20, 2008
- Children's Treat December 2008

FUNDRAISING PROPOSALS:

1. Tag Drive 50

- (a). Seeking three hundred residents to participate.
- (b). Each resident will be given 50 Tags to sell at their place of work @ \$50.00 each.
- (c). As a community, we could collectively raised \$750,000.00 from this venture.

The money would be used to fund the Community Centre. Interested persons call -391-6149 / 355-2713

3. Tripple Combo Advertising Sale Advertisers:

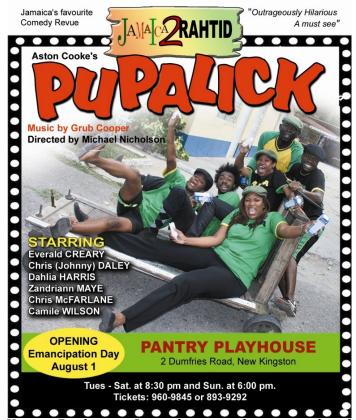
Do you have a product or service that you wish to promote? Here's a great opportunity. Advertise your products or service on the Community website.

Tripple Combo Advertising Sale – August 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

- 1. Your products, service or promotional events will be sent 3 times monthly to over 300 resident e-mail addresses.
- 2. Your products, service or promotional events will be advertised in Quarterly Drippings Newsletter, distributed to over 700 houses.
- 3. Opportunity to display products or service at Community Sports & Fun Day, National Heroes Day, October 20, 2008.

Residents - \$600.00 per month. Businesses - \$5,000 for the period. Call now - 391-6149 /

2. PUPALICK Benefit Performance



Kwanza Productions Limited is currently accepting benefit performance bookings from communities.

We are seeking at minimum 150 residents to purchase tickets. The cost of the tickets is \$1000 Proceeds from this event would be used to develop the Community Park. Interested persons call 391-6149 / 819-3104. Visit website for more info.

4. JERK Friday

August 29, 2008 – Support this fundraising event.

Jerk Chicken & Refreshment on sale Music by: Bucky's Hi5 6p.m. until.... B-there !!!

Community Advertisement:

We thank the following companies for their support towards our community activities.

Residents please support these companies:

- RBTT Bank contribution towards, "Sports Day 2007"
- 2. Digicel contribution towards, "Sports Day 2007"
- Sangster's Bookstore contribution towards, "GSAT Award Ceremony 2007"
- Labels & Supplies contribution towards "GSAT Award Ceremony 2007"
- WISYNCO contribution towards "Football Fiesta" – 2007
- 6. COK contribution towards "Football Fiesta" 2007



Something to think about:

You are successful the moment you start moving towards a worthwhile goal.

- Charles Carlson





