PRESIDENT'S REPORT-06 May 2020

ear members of the Cap Estate (Residents) Association (CEA).

I hope you are all well and making the best of the conditions under this global lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Since our last Newsletter in January, your Executive Committee, CEAC (Cap Estate Action Committee) held one meeting (on March 26). This meeting was conducted remotely using free conference call software due the obligatory social distancing protocols which have been in effect since March 23. It was also our first meeting since the Special General Meeting on Dec 5 last year, when our Constitution was ratified. In spite of the lockdown, we are still pushing ahead as best we can with our projects so that we may implement as soon as the opportunity arises. The following is a brief status update for your benefit:



CEA Registration: Following the ratification of our constitution in December last year (making CEA a formally constituted body), we have registered our Association with the Ministry of Equity, Social Justice, Local Government and Empowerment as a non-profit Community Based Organization (CBO). Without this we could not open a bank account. We had initiated the steps to open an account at BOSL, but the Covid-19 lockdown interrupted the process and we have to wait until the bank is ready again to proceed.

Membership: As of publication, we have a total of 61 Registered CEA Members, of which 48 are paidup for 2020. Those who have not yet paid, or who have not registered, please make good by contacting our Secretary, Celia Read, asap.

New Sub-committee Appointees: We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Pinkley Francis as our Security Sub-committee Leader (he replaces Lynn Holstein who was holding the position temporarily after Xavier Ribot stepped down). Mr. Francis, as most of you already know, has a wealth of experience in the security business, and should help synergise our Neighbourhood Watch efforts with the St. Lucia Police and private security firms like Guardsman.

We also would like to welcome Mr. Raymond Fenelon Jr. as Zone 1 Area Representative. Raymond replaces Daniel Belizaire, who resigned in March.

Street Name Signs: We obtained a list of registered street names from Cap Estate Ltd. and have identified 72 street signs that need to be installed or replaced, for which exercise we are in the process of obtaining firm quotations. We plan to use the money raised from Annual Membership Fees to finance this project, which will benefit all of Cap Estate, and facilitate the emergency and security services when responding to calls. Many residents I have spoken to do not know the name of their own street, so it will be enlightening for many when we install the new signs.

Roundabout Upgrades: Preliminary designs for directional and traffic control signs at the two Cap Estate Roundabouts have been prepared and submitted to the Gros Islet Constituency Council (GICC), who agreed to forward same to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Police Traffic department for approval and implementation. All advertising signboards will be removed, and only those showing directions to places of public interest will be permitted, these having to conform to a prescribed format. We are still awaiting feedback from the Constituency Council before proceeding. Sandals have agreed to take responsibility for landscaping and maintenance of the first Roundabout, whilst le Sport Body Holiday have agreed to take on the second. Thank you Sandals and le Sport.

Speed Control: A request for additional speed control devices near Royalton entrance, and between the two Roundabouts on Cap Drive, was submitted at our meeting with the GICC which agreed to forward same to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Police Traffic department for approval and implementation.

Cabot St Lucia Development at Pointe Hardy: Preliminary construction work has begun on the Cabot Golf Course, but we have still not received any answers from Cabot to address our concerns raised in writing on Sept. 2 last year, and in subsequent emails and phone calls. They have also declined our numerous invitations to meet with our Membership to present their plans and entertain questions, claiming that they are still awaiting final approval and are still finalizing their designs.

Concerns raised in our letter dated September 2, 2019, and again on February 03, 2020:

- 1. How does Cabot Links propose to manage/minimize the likely impact of construction traffic within our neighbourhood especially as it relates to pedestrian safety, noise, dust and damage to road surfaces?
- 2. How does Cabot Links plan to preserve public access to Cas en Bas Beach and the Eastern coastline going north to Donkey Beach and beyond?
- 3. It has come to our attention that an Amerindian burial site exists in the area of your planned beach bar and this needs to be protected. I think you have already been approached by the National Trust and the Historical Society about this, but we are curious as to your plans.

We also wrote to the DCA on September 18, 2019, and again on March 03, 2020, outlining the same concerns and requesting details of the approvals granted. To date we have not received a reply, other than an acknowledgment letter.

Social and Environmental: Owing to the Covid-19 lockdown, all social events and CleanUps are on hold for the time being. We did hold (together with Greening the Caribbean) a very successful eWaste Collection Day on March 18 (Global Recycling Day) just before the lockdown. More on this elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Annual General Meeting (AGM): According to our Constitution, we should have held our Annual General Meeting before the end of April, but this, of course, is postponed until further notice due to the lockdown.

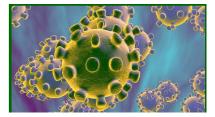
Thanks and best wishes to all,

Andy de Verteuil CEA President

All Change for Corona Virus Confusion...

ell, who'd have thought it?! Since late December, our world has changed into a Pandemic-panicked prison.

On 13 March 2020, St. Lucia's Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Dr. Sharon Belmar-George, announced our first Covid-19 case, and has since continued to grow in numbers.



On 30 March, the Government ordered a lock-down of the country in order to contain the disease by preventing person-to-person contamination—the end of the lock-down has proved to be a moveable date, and the State of Emergency has been extended to

30 September 2020. No-one knows when this pandemic will end, and what the final outcome will be for Saint Lucia or the rest of the world—we just have to wait to see.

SAINT LUCIA'S COVID-19 DASHBOARD

As of May 29, 2020





For more information on Covid-19 please contact the Ministry of Health and Wellness via (758) 468-5342 / (758) 468-5347 / (758) 468-5349 or dial: 311

To obtain up-to-date information regarding Saint Lucia's current Corona Virus information, call the numbers listed on the right, or go to the official Government website: https://www.covid19response.lc/

However, by kind permission of **Jimmy Fletcher**, an eminent member of our community, we have pleasure in reproducing his perspective:

The 'Es' of Doing Business in Saint Lucia post COVID-19

by Jimmy Fletcher

ost COVID-19 we cannot proceed with a Business as Usual approach, where all our development efforts are directed toward one sector. Even worse, we cannot continue to deplete our natural resources and mismanage our environment. There is more to development than selling passports, building hotels and golf courses. Equally importantly, we must put the people, all the people, not just some, at the centre of our development efforts. Our new development agenda must be based on principles of:



L quity - We must ensure that all citizens are treated fairly and have equal access to opportunities across all spheres of endeavour. This COVID-19 crisis has exposed the stark inequalities in our society. We must work harder to create more opportunities (economic and social) that are more evenly distributed across our society.

Empathy - We must become a more caring society, particularly with respect to the vulnerable and the disadvantaged. We have to stop taking decisions and pursuing policies that do not take into account the plight of the poor and the disadvantaged among us. We are all in this journey of life together and this COVID-19 crisis has shown that the only way we can survive is if we each become our brother's and our sister's keeper.

L ducation - We must place a higher value on education so that our citizens are better informed and can make more responsible decisions about their development. We also must realize that education is not about certification. Having a degree does not make you educated or intelligent. Education is about much more than certificates; it is about acquiring knowledge and understanding that is relevant and appropriate to the times in which we live.

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Empowerment - We must empower our citizens and communities so that they may play their part in nation building. Our politicians must understand that they are not omnipotent and omniscient. They are human like the rest of us. Getting more votes than your competitor in a popularity contest in a General Election does not give you super powers. If we really want to succeed and progress as a people, we must give the people the tools and the power to meaningfully play their part.

Excellence - We must always strive for excellence. Our competition is not our brothers and sisters in the OECS and CARICOM, it is the citizens of countries like Singapore, South Korea, Japan, Canada, Brazil, Germany, South Africa and India. If we want to make our mark in this world and one day graduate past the point where we always have to beg for special and differential treatment, then we must start seeing ourselves as not just the equal of the citizens of these countries, but better than them. The only way we can do this is by always seeking to improve, always trying to get better at what we do. We like to boast about our Nobel Laureates. Sir Arthur and Sir Derek proved that Saint Lucians can be the best in the world. There is nothing stopping you and me from doing the same. This might sound a little arrogant, but I do not think there is anyone in any of these countries who is better than I am at what I do. But to be that way and stay that way, I am constantly trying to learn something new, constantly trying to improve myself. That should be our mindset.

Conomic Viability - We cannot continue to pursue an agenda that is based on the exploitation of one economic sector. We have the ability and the capacity to develop a viable development agenda, that is based on sustainable tourism, efficient and strategic food production with a focus on value-added products, vibrant creative industries, innovative use of intellectual capital in the ICT sector, the development of a green energy sector, manufacturing of a select group of niche products (made possible through drastic reductions in the cost of electricity), and the use of debt-for-climate swaps to reduce that unsustainable debt burden that drags down our development efforts. What we have been doing for the last thirty years is not working, it is not sustainable. We must change our approach to economic development.

nvironmental Stewardship - We must protect and nurture the natural environment on which all economic and social services depend. Our water resources are under threat and must be preserved. Our rich biodiversity is being threatened by senseless infrastructure development in sensitive ecosystems. Our mangroves are being destroyed by poorly conceived land-based developments. Our forests are being cut down for a variety of illogical, myopic reasons. The environment provides the substrate, the food, the foundation that keeps everything going. When we destroy it, we are slowly destroying the quality of our lives.

E limination of Partisan Puerility - Our country has become politically polarized to the point of paralysis. Depending on which party forms the government, a large section of our productive population is frozen out of policy formulation, decision making, contributing to development, and even getting gainful employment. For a country of 175,000 people, this practice represents the heights of stupidity and illogic. There is nothing wrong in supporting a party loudly and actively during an election campaign, but when the election is over we have one government and one people. The government has to embrace every member of the population and treat everyone equally, regardless whether they supported or voted for the party that won the election. I have grown to dislike the terms 'ruling party' or 'party in power' - they convey the impression to political parties that they have the right to rule over people. That is wrong. The party that won the election has been entrusted with the responsibility by the people to govern and manage the country to the best of its ability for the benefit of all the people. That is all! Likewise, the opposition must stop the campaigning and trying to score political points at every opportunity and it must rally its supporters to play their part in moving the country forward. By all means engage constructively with the government and offer recommendations, but understand that you are not the government. Once upon a time we used to campaign only during the year leading up to a General Election. Now, it never stops, not from the government or the opposition and certainly not from the vociferous supporters of the respective parties. This is idiotic and it will get us nowhere.

Post COVID-19 it cannot be business as usual. If it is, we will quickly slide into irrelevance and abysmal failure as a country and as a people.

Cabot Point Golf Course Development

TEA has obtained a short statement from Cabot St. Lucia, published below.

For more information on the development, go to: https://cabotsaintlucia.com/real-estate/ #residential-plan.

"Dear Cap Estates Residents,

We hope this finds you all well. We are grateful to be given the opportunity to communicate with you via your newsletter and hope to be able to do so more regularly in the coming months. We know that the impacts of COVD-19 have been far-reaching, including to communities here in Saint Lucia and we were proud to



make a donation to the Saint Lucia COVID Response efforts. As an organization, we continue to look for ways that we can support Saint Lucians.

Like many of you, the team at Cabot suspended work during the shelter-in-home order, with much of our team doing so in their homes on the island. During that time, there was some movement on the site, as the government requested that we block access points to the property to prevent unlawful access from individuals travelling to Saint Lucia from neighboring islands. Recently, the team has begun shaping land for what will become holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 & 13 of the Cabot Point golf course.

We hope to have more updates to share with you in the coming months and look forward to meeting many of you in the future.

Best Wishes. The Cabot Team"



for Cap Estate

Dear Fellow Residents—Cap Estate remains a popular residential community. With increasing demand for residences in Cap Estate, street signage for this area of more than 300 acres is crucial. Moreover, many persons (including emergency responders) get lost in their efforts to locate a property in Cap Estate because of poor signage. Some streets do not have signs, and others have signs which are in poor condition.

Therefore, we have researched and have found that 72 new street signs are required. To complement the existing street signs, we recommend that they should be 30" x 6" Single sided Reflective Metal Signs. Also, 63 2" Poles are required.

We invited two Companies to quote on the production of these signs and poles. The best quote we received was EC\$10,160.00, inclusive of installation.

In order to boost the Community's funds to facilitate this project, please complete the CEA Membership Registration Form overleaf, and deliver, with your EC\$100 Membership Fee, to our Treasurer, Chris Kessell (720-0100), or our Secretary, Celia Read (718-8901). If you wish, you may also sponsor a street sign, in which case, please contact the above-named to indicate the level of sponsorship you would like to offer.

Heather Floissac

CEAC Environment & Road Safety Sub-committee Leader



Cap Estate Association (CEA)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 01 January to 31 December Annually

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Hugely successful eWaste Collection on Global Recycling Day, 18 March 2020

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AN ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE BY Massy Stores (SLU) IN ASSOCIATION WITH GREENING THE CARIBBEAN

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Our team will sanitize your items before transporting to Greening the Caribbean Recycling Services Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 // 6:00am - 3:00pm // LOT ON ROAD TO THE GREAT HOUSE

n collaboration with Wayne Neale of Greening the Caribbean and Massy Stores, our first eWaste Day was kicked into touch by a very early-morning drop-off by one of our Members, Evan Hermiston!

Please follow <u>links to Calabash TV's Video coverage</u> for an excellent overview of the event, but CEAC & Greening the Caribbean wish to take this Newsletter opportunity to thank Massy Stores for their sponsorship, and all those who contributed eWaste to this successful first eWaste Day.

Watch this space for a continuation of this very worthwhile Recycling initiative.

Cap Estate eLearning Initiative

Chris Kessell took the initiative to call for Cap Residents with decent spare laptops to donate them to St. Lucian children without computers to facilitate their online learning whilst in the lock-down. Several relatively high specification laptops were donated, one of which helped a 17-year old A-level Student to continue her studies.



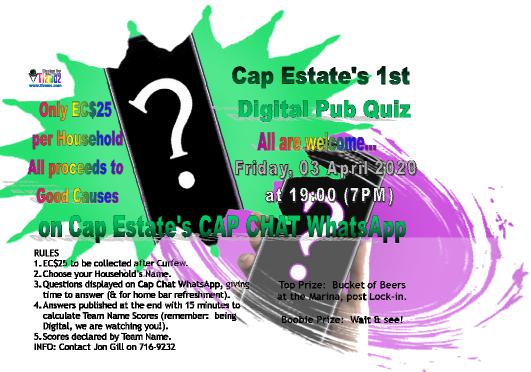
Cap Estate's Digital Quiz Nite

Ocean View Guesthouse in South Hills, and has had much previous experience in the public house industry in the United Kingdom, offered to host a DIGITAL PUB QUIZ on the CAP CHAT WhatsApp, all proceeds being in aid of local charitable Good Causes.

This took place on Friday, 3 April 2020, and the entrance fee was just EC\$25 per Household Team, to be collected from participants post the lock-down *[remember, we know who you are...!]*.

Several Teams took part, each taking some frankly inexplicable Team names, and everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Jon did an amazing job of posing the 50 questions in a very timely and efficient manner, with a break for digital refreshments half-way. There was a lot of joviality, not to mention honesty, in submitting results—everyone being very open to the humour of the event! Our winners with 40 out of 50, were Tracey and David Farrin, with a Team name of "What Day Is It?".

We sincerely hope that this will not be the first and last Cap Estate Digital PUB QUIZ NITE on CAP CHAT WhatsApp, Indeed, making it a regular feature of our Community would be most welcome... please Jon...!?



It's Your Association

Who and What are CEAC and CEA?

e are CAP ESTATE ACTION COMMITTEE (CEAC), charged with reconstituting the Cap Estate Residents & Land Owners Association (CERLOA)—now named CAP ESTATE ASSOCIATION (CEA)—which has faltered in its mission to bring improvements in Safety & Security and Environmental Conditions to all the residents of Cap Estate. Having achieved our objective to formalise the CEA Constitution, we now hope to greatly extend CEA's Registered Membership (just EC\$100 per person per annum gives full voting rights) and increase the involvement of all Cap Estate Residents in the improvement of our wonderful community by the effective dissemination of information regarding our existence and our activities.

Current CEA Committee Members:

Chair & Legal Sub-committee:	de Verteuil, Andy	716-6168
Secretary, PRO, & Animals Sub-committee:	Read, Celia S.	718-8901
Financial Sub-committee, Treasurer:	Kessell, Chris	720-0100
Legal Sub-committee:	Holstein, Lynn	285-3230
Community Safety & Security Sub-committee:	Francis, Pinkley	721-9314
Environment & Road Safety Sub-committee, Leader:	Floissac, Heather	716-0468
Environment & Road Safety Sub-committee:	Guillaume, Paul	716-2218
Social Sub-committee:	Skinner, Simone	727-7767
Non-voting Adviser:	Moffat, Timothy	724-4343
Non-voting Adviser:	Wagner, Kris	484-3066

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1	Becune Park	Raymond Fenelon Jr.	RaymondFenelon@gmail.com	716-1306
2	Gate Park/Golf Ridge	Phillips, Cuthbert	PhillipsCCD@hotmail.com	720-6096
3	Windward Hills	Holstein, Lynn	LHolstein@yahoo.com	285-3230
4	Smuggler's Cove/Cap Park	de Verteuil, Andy	AJdeVerteuil@gmail.com	716-6168
5	Saline Point	Moffat, Tim	TimMoffat@hotmail.com	724-4343
6E	Central Golf Park	Kessell, Chris	KessellC@gmail.com	720-0100
6W	Central Saddleback	de Verteuil, Andy	AJdeVerteuil@gmail.com	716-6168
7	North—Flambouyant Way to Mount du Cap	Devaux, Bryan	BryanDevaux1@gmail.com	724-9600
8	Anse Galet Hill and East	Bain, Randall	Bain61@gmail.com	720-5491
9	South Hills/Cotton Bay	Hughes-McNamara, Holly	Hollyanya@gmail.com	720-5111

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Identify your Zone...



IDENTIFY YOUR ZONE & REP.

- 1. Raymond Fenelon Jr. (716-1306)
- 2. Cuthbert Phillips (720-6096)
- 3. Lynn Holstein (285-3230)
- 4. Andy de Verteuil (716-6168)
- 5. Tim Moffat (724-4343)
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- 6E. Chris Kessell (720-0100)

- 7. Bryan Devaux (724-9600)
- 8. Randall Bain (720-5491)
- 9. Holly Hughes-McNamara (720-5111)