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## Long Bay Hills Highway gets renovated

THERE was an air of jubilation among Long Bay Hills residents on Monday as work finally began on essential renovations to their pothole ridden highway.

The treacherous road has long been a bane and a danger for those who use it to travel to and from work.

And despite serving as a route to the famous Hole and Long Bay beach, tourists have oft been deterred from trekking down the road to experience these local delights.

This Monday members of the Long Bay Hills Property Owners Association (LBHPOA) met to celebrate the start of the road paving venture.

After months of fundraising the "fully community inspired and funded project" got off the ground this week when the group's board

of directors reached their total of \$400,000.

Some funds came directly from the association while further donations were provided by private home-owners and the shipyard.

The cash will finance the paving of the entire length of the highway for the very first time, from Leeward Highway all the way to the shipyard entrance.

This includes a section of "hazardous" government-owned road as well as road owned by the Long Bay Hills estate.

In addition 0.1 miles up Seasage Hill Road and 0.3 miles down Long Bay Beach Road will also be paved, and all secondary roads will be filled, graded and rolled.

The work is predicted to take between four and six weeks.

Tanis Wake-Forbes, director of communications from the LBHPOA board of directors, said: "All who live and work in this area are delighted to finally have a smooth, pothole free journey."

Tanis celebrated the launch of the project with Art Forbes and Kathi Barrington of the board of directors, Ivor Stanbrooke and Stan Hartling of the roads committee, and Yannick Bouldol from Colasco.

She said: "We wish to thank Colasco for providing the paving at a very discounted rate making the project possible as well as Cove Construction who are preparing the road beds and upgrading all the secondary roads and Blue Hills.

"Thanks also to customs and the government land survey department for their help with this project."

## Middle Caicos Haitians mourn

BY DAVID TAPFER

THE earthquake which devastated parts of Haiti sent shockwaves through the TCI community.

Middle Caicos is home to a substantial number of Haitian immigrants and workers.

Broadcast TV and radio reports seen by the public caused friends and neighbours to immediately attempt calls to Haiti to determine the fate of loved ones, families and friends.

In the immediate aftermath however, communication via phone was cut off across Haiti which enlarged the concerns.

On the night of January 12, Middle Caicos Islanders of all nationalities were in front of their

televisions and computers searching for information.

Turks and Caicos Islanders who were born and raised in Middle Caicos were checking the whereabouts of their family members who reside here as reports of a possible tidal wave moved people into action.

Specific information about individuals and families from the Port au Prince area was just not available. Later in the evening communications were restored to the Cap-Haitian area and most here who hail from that area were relieved to find everyone at home was safe.

Tremors were felt at Cap-Haitian but no appreciable damage was reported there.

Haitians of Middle Caicos are by

and large from Cap-Haitian. These individuals were relieved that their families were safe but seriously concerned for their countrymen in Port au Prince.

The facts coming out via American news broadcasts indicating that hospitals, buildings, hotels and numerous homes had been destroyed taking many lives saddened the entire population here.

Many of the seniors of Middle Caicos have close association with and fond memories of Haiti from past days when they sailed back and forth trading conch, produce and goods.

The early morning hours found residents here seeking follow up reports and bending their knees to pray for help for Haiti.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Friday Jan. 15 to  
Wednesday Jan. 20

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

→ JELLO shots, rum punch and a DJ spinning the tunes will get the party started on Friday at a special fundraiser to help Haiti earthquake survivors.

"Helping Haiti" organisers hope to raise buckets of cash at the event beginning 7pm at Cactus Bar & Grill opposite the gas station in The Bight.

Tickets will be on sale on the night for a raffle being drawn at 10pm with a host of goodies generously donated by local businesses up for grabs.

The fundraiser is being hosted by Lucky Shots Promotions in conjunction with local engineer Peter Kerrigan who will travel to Port-au-Prince to allocate the funds collected.

Revelers can also tuck into hot dogs and \$5 rum punch sponsored by Bambarra Rum before hitting the dance floor.

A minimum of \$2 donation per person is recommended.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

→ This Saturday help to raise money for the people of Haiti by attending a gospel concert in North Caicos.

The 'North Caicos Haitian Relief' concert takes place from 6pm at the Grace Temple Church of God in Christ.

All aspiring entertainers are welcome to perform at the event which is set to showcase home grown talent.

Featured artists include host of Average Joe, Paula Arthur, Angela Williams, Rupert and Dedgrie, and the Mighty Voices of Praise.

Come along and enjoy a fish fry, singing stars, surprise guests and talents for God's glory.

For more details call 241-1128, 242-2290 or 231-6626.

→ The excitement of a live horse race, piles of delicious food and an open bar are sure to make for an entertaining evening.

This Saturday, the fifth annual 'Turf and Surf' night will be held at Beaches Resort and Spa, and it's all for a good cause.

Drawing guests from across the country, this popular event has become a key fundraiser for the Turks and Caicos AIDS Awareness Foundation (TCAAF).

And this year all the proceeds from the enjoyable affair will be used to assist the running of the Edward C Gartland Youth Centre.

'Live' horse racing will be shown on big screen televisions and announced by Mark Johnson, an internationally renowned horseracing commentator who recently called the Kentucky Derby.

Tickets are \$150 per person (or \$1,500 for a table of ten) and include a three-course dinner and an open bar.

Anyone who sponsors a table will have their name and logo of themselves or their company placed within the evening's race card.

In addition to buying a table, individuals and companies can buy individual races at a cost of \$500.

Interested parties can contact Sarah Haywood on 332-0096 or email nickh@express.tc

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

THE AFC Academy will clash with the TCI Haitian All-Stars this Sunday at the National Stadium with all the funds raised going to charity for Haiti's earthquake victims.

Prior to the main match which is tentatively set to start 6pm there will be a female game between the Women's National team and a Women's Football League Select XI at 4pm.

The games are being organised by the TCI Football Association in conjunction with a number of concerned citizens. Red Cross Haiti Appeal will benefit from the funds.

According to TCIFA president Chris Bryant, the Academy team, which will be coached by Gary Brough, will include a few guest players from some of the other teams in the Men's Football League. The Haitian All Stars will be coached by Joseph Ajenor.

Technical Director of the TCIFA Matthew Green will coach the National Female team.

Come and fill the stadium and let Haiti know you care.

For more information contact Peter McKnight on 331-7250, Chris Bryan on 231-6323 or Faizool Deo on 346-3327.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

→ Mindful Mornings with Shara Bowen are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am for mothers and their little ones.

Come and play and do yoga and sing and dance! Moms can sit, relax, join in the yoga or just read a book and sample some tea.

Mindful Mornings are held at Re\*store in Grace Bay Plaza opposite Jai's jewellery store to help inspire a more mindful, aware and conscious state of being.

Call Shara on 244-1103 for more details.

→ Get all the info on how to live a healthy lifestyle with weekly Monday lectures at Re\*store in Grace Bay Plaza opposite Jai's jewellery store from 6pm.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

→ Aspiring artists can sign up for life drawing every Thursday at Re\*store in Grace Bay Plaza opposite Jai's jewellery store. Classes start at 6pm.

To reserve your space call 343-9555.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

→ In need of inner peace? Restore mind, body and soul with David Bowen's yoga class every Wednesday at Re\*store in Grace Bay Plaza opposite Jai's jewellery store. Classes begin at 6pm. Call 343-9555 to reserve a space.