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Recent cleanup at Lagun
Photo Julie Morgan

Plastic is killing us

Look at this photo of our coast at Lagun. I had to remind myself this was Bonaire and not some third world island in Asia or the Pacific with knee deep plastic washing onto the shore from all parts of the world. Gratefully Bonaire has coastal cleanup groups and other volunteers like the One Hour Power Cleanup to at least make a dent in the washed-up trash. (see page 8)

Our incoming plastic trash problems are nothing compared to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch that is three times the size of France and the Garbage Patch near Japan. We see the images and think how horrible it is. Many might think, that's in another part of world and it doesn't affect me. But it does, the evidence is here in this image, the oceans are all connected.

Clean up volunteers on Bonaire will attest over 95+% of the trash they collect is plastic. They often find plastic products with manufacturing labels from all over the world drifting into our shores via our beautiful ocean. Unfortunately, we contribute too. We all use plastic, it's inescapable.

Talk show host Bill Maher of *Real Time with Bill Maher* recently said, "The ocean, it's dying. We're killing it and we can't live without it. We might be able to invent our way out of the mess that we've made of the atmosphere. There are promising new technologies for capturing carbon. But the oceans? That is a whole other kettle of dead fish."

Back in the 1950's, plastic was considered everything and the future of modern life. In those days, manufacturers had a hard sell to convince the people that had grown up in The Great Depression and World War II that it was okay to throw it away, plastic is disposable. They had been told all their lives to save as much as possible.

Plastics are everywhere. Even when we think we are not buy-

ing plastic, look again, that container, wrapper or label may be made of plastic. The stuff is in every animal, fish, human and even plants. According to CNN, humans consume the equivalent of a credit card of plastic every week. In the past 70 years the world has produced 230 times more plastic than it did in the 50's.

Soft drink manufacturers introduced plastic soda bottles in 1978 but two years before they hit the shelves, a study by the US food and Drug Administration said "substantial recycling of plastics is unlikely in the near future." But here we are today with countless plastic soda and water bottles being recycled daily.

Only 9% of the world's plastic is recycled. The rest ends up in landfills or is floating out there in our oceans lost at sea. Whales, dolphins, seabirds, turtles and fish get entangled in the floating plastic or eat it thinking it is food. The plastic makes them feel full, they starve and die leaving the plastic bits from their body to be

eaten by yet another animal and eventually turn into microplastics that we all drink or eat without knowing it.

There are countries trying to limit the production of new plastics made from petroleum fuels and instead use bio-based plastics sourced from vegetable fats, corn starch, straw, sawdust and even recycled food waste. Recycled plastics have potential to become 'new plastic products' and are currently sourced in construction, transport packaging, shoes and other non-food products.

Food manufacturers, markets, restaurants have relied on plastic for years and still do. This is one of the reasons for the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and even Selibon's overflowing waste management station (landfill). Using alternative food packaging requires food safety regulations, especially in this world of food importation. Until then, we are still relying on plastics for food packaging.

As for recycling on Bonaire, keep doing it. We reached out to Selibon for what happens to our recycled plastic once they receive it. We questioned whether it is compressed and stored, shredded to make new products, burned, buried or shipped away to yet another destination. At press time we had not received an answer, but we will let you know their response.

In the meantime, think about how much plastic you use in a day that will end up as trash. Take an inventory. Follow this link from EarthDay.org to calculate your own plastic use:
<https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-calculator-2/>

Sources: Bill Maher *Real Time*, Nov 8, 2024; *Creating a throw away culture*, NPR, Michael Coply, June 9, 2024; *TED Climate: What happens to the plastic you throw away*, Dan Kwartier, August 11, 2021. Julie Morgan



Beach Art is made entirely of shoes washed up on the beach Drone shot Remco Gooijer

OLB planning to grant more erpachts



View over Rincon. Photo via OLB.

The OLB has identified 60 empty lots that can be made available via long leases (erpachts) for construction of residences. The waiting list of applicants dates back to 2021. According to the Land Registry, at least 85 people on the waiting list no longer meet the requirements for obtaining a long lease. Some, for example, are known to be dead. Once their names are cleared, the next 60 people on the list will be offered a leasehold plot.

The OLB is uncertain how the 2021 "Didam ruling" of the Supreme Court in the European Netherlands will affect their plans. The court ruled that government bodies must assure competitive and public selection procedures when selling or renting out land and or leaseholds. If all 60 waiting applicants asked for the first available erfacht, the competition would be cumbersome. *DMR*

Six law enforcement proposals likely to pass

The House of Representatives Committee for Justice and Security's visit to Curaçao and Bonaire has moved six motions forward toward final adoption.

- The rules and supervision if the gambling sector should be tightened to combat money laundering and threats to the integrity of public administration.
- The rules for retirements should ensure that people in the Caribbean Netherlands who do heavy work, including the police and fire brigade, can retire earlier.
- Control should be increased over the Caribbean ports

through which drugs and human trafficking reach the European Netherlands.

- A current program in the European Netherlands that encourages reporting of domestic violence and child abuse should be extended to the Caribbean Netherlands.
- Cooperation should be strengthened within the judicial chain in the Caribbean Netherlands by establishing uniform protocols, joint training and the sharing of resources, and by continuing to support the action plan already in place.
- Engaging and meaningful activities should be developed to assure support and guidance for young people at risk of criminal behaviour, through mentoring and counseling. *DMR*

Shooting with fatal outcome

A 20-year-old man with initials I.A.d.P. was shot and killed on the grounds of the former Sint Bernardusschool on Kaya L.D. Gerharts Sunday, November 10, around 10 p.m. The next night two suspects were arrested, a 21-year-old man with initials J.L.C. and a 41-year-old man with initials R.E.E.B.

Bonaire.nu has reported that a third suspect turned himself in at the police station Monday evening. His initials are D.D.L. He is 24-years old.

KPCN requests anyone who has seen anything or has information about the perpetrator(s) or the incident to contact the police at 715 8000, 717 8000 or via the anonymous tip line 9310. *DMR. (KPCN News release; Bonaire.nu)*

BSNs coming to Caribbean Netherlands

Residents of the Caribbean Netherlands will receive a citizen service number (BSN) next year. A BSN will make it easier and safer for people to do business with the government digitally. A lot of programming will have to be done in the systems at both ends before the numbers will work. *DMR*

FTPKB says supermarkets are overcharging

Supermarkets are gouging customers with unclear or incorrect pricing at the shelves and overcharging at the checkout counter according to the consumer association Foundation Tienda pa Konsumidó Boneiru (FTPKB). *DMR*

Island still doesn't drain well

Bonaire's tropical downpours, even relatively brief ones, are still causing flooding on the island. Some of the long familiar flood areas on roads that were rebuilt continue to accumulate water. And in some locations drainage problems seem to have been exacerbated by recent construction. *DMR*

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Recipes from Corjan will return in December

Rosa's cafe



The Rosa team: L-R: owner Jason Chapman, chef Debora Luce, staff member Amy, pastry chef Gianni Avena, manager Andrea Morfino . Photo Julie Morgan.

If you are big fan of Italian cuisine like the majority of the world, you are really going to love Rosa, a new café, osteria and patisserie by Bon-Italy. Tucked into the passageways off Kaya Grandi, I blindly passed by Rosa for weeks before finally entering. When I did, I was totally surprised to find an Italian deli with freshly made pastries on display, a boutique shop of beautiful Italian food products, wine and a café with two Italian chefs.

Rosa first opened at the end of September, and I can say, there is nothing else like it on Bonaire. And that is exactly

what owner Jason Chapman, originally from Aruba, and manager Andrea Morfino from Piamonte, Italy have in mind with Rosa.

Jason said, “We are trying to bring a higher quality and standard to the island, you might say a touch of class, so people can enjoy themselves with a great quality coffee or wine and food in a nice atmosphere.”

I toured the boutique shop with Andrea. He pointed out the real 100% Italian grain package pastas like Antonio Amato and Pastificio di Martino saying

eventually we will make our own homemade pasta. Can you imagine freshly made pasta in Bonaire?

There is a nice selection of mashed and crushed organic tomatoes from Sicily, extra virgin olive oils, olive pates with pistachios, white and black truffles, truffle oil, Tartufo candies, cookies and even Italian premium soft drinks.

One wall of the shop is lined with most any regional Italian wine. Andrea said, “There is anything you would like: white, bubbles, Prosecco, reds – everything.”

Pastry chef Gianni Avena creates amazing little works of edible art in his tiramisu, bonet, cheesecakes, lemoncel-

lo, croissants, tarts and more. In the café, chef Debora Luce crafts beautiful sandwiches from freshly baked ciabatta and focaccia with various fillings. There are lasagnas, salad, quiches and even pizza on the menu.

Rosa is just getting started and plans are still being made. An inviting mural is planned for the entry on Kaya Grandi and wine tastings should become a twice monthly event beginning in January. And this Friday, November 15, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. will be the first event for the public with a Taste of Rosa buffet that includes five wines. The chefs will present start-

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Bonaire welcomes two new flights

Corendon Dutch Airlines first flight, November 3



Corendon Airlines massive Airbus A350 touched down in Bonaire for the first time ever from Amsterdam on the evening of November 3. With 432 seats, the plane is one of the largest ever to land on the island.

The mood was festive at Bonaire International

Airport (BIA) welcoming not only regular travelers but 80 content creators, influencers, media, Bonaire's Miles Mercera, martin de scheer, Veroesjka de Windt and Corendon CEO Gunay Uslu and Director of Brand, Dick Gussen. Greeters in traditional cultural dress met the passengers



at the entry hall along with the hand organ musicians and the Nos Pais dancers.

Corendon Airlines will operate twice weekly flights departing Wednesday and Sundays from Amsterdam with a stop in Curaçao to Bonaire and from Bonaire directly to Amsterdam. Corendon provides a broad travel experience of hotels, resort, cruises and tour holidays in addition to their airlines.

BIA now has airlift provided

by three different airlines to and from the Netherlands: Corendon, KLM and TUI. For more information about Corendon, visit their website at Corendon.com

Story / Photos Julie Morgan

Toasting the arrival L-R: TCB CEO Miles Mercera, Corendon CEO Gunay Uslu, BIA CEO Martin van der Scheer, Bonhata director Veroesjka de Windt, and Dick Gussen (Director of Brand, Media and Partnerships at Corendon)

JetBlue first flight, November 6

After several years of consolidated efforts, the first **JetBlue Airbus A320** landed at Bonaire International Airport (BIA) on November 5. The North American airline will fly roundtrip from New York's JFK airport to Bonaire twice a week, Tuesday and Saturday.

On board the inaugural flight were TCB CEO Miles Mercera, Bonhata director Veroesjka de

Windt, BIA CEO Martin van der Scheer and first time visitor to Bonaire, David Jehn, vice president of network planning and airline partnerships at JetBlue.

In a welcoming ceremony at BIA, Jehn, announced a flight special that has since expired but reflected the price and service that has made JetBlue the sixth largest in the US.



Jehn said, "This is a unique destination and necessary for the future. JetBlue is the only airplane providing non-stop service from JFK."

After stepping off the inaugural flight from New York, CEO of BIA, Martin van der Scheer said, "This is truly a milestone for Bonaire. When I first came to the job two and half years ago, everyone was

saying, "you have to get JetBlue." Now we have it and we have to make it a success."

For more information about JetBlue or to make a reservation, visit jetblue.com.

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Photo: David Jehn deboarding

Letters & Opinions

The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed by the various authors and forum participants do not necessarily reflect the opinions, beliefs and viewpoints of The Bonaire Reporter.

The Bonaire Reporter should use more news sources

Dear editors of *The Bonaire Reporter*,

I am writing this letter to express my concerns about the way in which articles by René Zwart from sources such as dossierkoninkrijksrelaties.nl are cited and presented in your publications.

Although René Zwart is an experienced journalist and commentator, it is important to consider his background and potential conflicts of interest. Zwart has worked in the past as a communications advisor for various governments in the Caribbean parts of the Kingdom, including Bonaire, Aruba and Curaçao. It is important to note that he has no relationship with, or is employed by, the government.

His articles and commentaries are often characterized by a strong critical stance towards the current administration, which can lead to biased or biased reporting. Furthermore, Zwart himself has indicated that he no longer needs to be neutral since he ended his journalistic career.

Given these facts, it is essential that your publication maintains a critical eye on the sources that are cited. Blindly quoting from Zwart's articles without context or nuance can contribute to the dissemination of misleading or one-sided information, which can ultimately undermine trust in journalism.

I request that you take your journalistic responsibility seriously and inform your readers correctly and in a balanced way. This can be achieved by consulting multiple sources, providing context and stating any conflicts of interest.

Kind regards, Hendrik Keers

Editors note: We would love to have more sources for governmental/political news. Published twice a month by a small staff, we have limited news gathering capabilities and have to depend mostly on press releases. News buffs, please. Put us on your email list. And if you come across a governmental/political story you think Bonaireans would want to know about, pass it on.

Is Bonaire ≈ four aircraft carriers?

A naval solution for the landfill fires

Lagun land fill fire again. Landfill fires will probably continue to be a problem until the fuels burn out.

Another not my job thought ... The USN solved their trash disposal problem from US aircraft carriers [population 5,000 sailors ... 80-90 aircraft operating ... petroleum and industrial waste ... medical waste ... garbage ...] with plasma combustion trash "destruction" systems from this company:

<https://www.pyrogenesis.com/products-services/waste-management/prrs-2/>

Perhaps Bonaire, population 20,000 or so [sort of like 4 aircraft carriers] might consider something like the US aircraft carrier trash disposal solution to manage Bonaire's trash and landfill problem? The almost complete trash destruction and recyclable aspects of this system would lend itself to Bonaire's desire to be a blue-green island/ destination and the almost complete destruction of trash should address the future landfill problem at Lagun and with Bonaire waste disposal in general.

Gary Barrett
Bonaire resident

Meet the new Rincon neighborhood officer

Meet Quinlan Delanoy, the new neighborhood officer for Rincon. From now on, Rincon residents can turn to Quinlan when structural solutions are needed for problems that often occur in the neighborhood. You can think of problems between neighbors, family problems, noise pollution, etc. The following areas fall under Rincon's work area: Rincon, Tra'i Montaña, Sabadeco, Kaminda Turistiko, Playa Grandi, Gotomeer and surroundings, Parke Washington and surroundings. Quinlan can be contacted by email at Quinlan.Delanoy@politiecn.com or via the central telephone number 715 8000.

Quinlan works together with five other neighborhood officers who are responsible for safety in their own work area:

Ronald Schleper: Playa, Playa Pariba, Playa Pabou, Kaya Industria and Kaya Hulanda.

Claudette Raphaela: Tera Kòrà, Belnem, Lima, Sabal Palm, La Palma, Punt Vierkant and surroundings.

Laurienne Francis: Nikiboko, Sabana, Lagun Hill, Amboina, Tanki Matrimonio, Nieuw Amsterdam, Mamparia Kutu, Bario Wanapa, Lac and Sorobon.

Irvin Anthonij: Nort Saliña, Hato, Republiek, Nawati, Bona Bista.

Victoriano Statie: Antriol, Antriol Pabou, Antriol Pariba and bario Mexico.

Go to www.politiecn.com for more information about the neighbourhood police officers.

KPCN Release



Ask Bob

Bonaire real estate advice



I'm considering selling my home. What factors do you consider when determining the listing and expected selling price of my home? Kenny A.

Hi Kenny, that's good question, and pricing your home is not an exact science, but there are a number of things that we consider when determining the listing price of your home such as:

- **The location of your home:** is it on the ocean, or close to it? is it on a paved road? which neighborhood is in in?
- **The size and features of your house:** how many bedrooms and bathrooms, size of living room, outdoor living spaces and so on?
- **The size and features of your lot and garden:** does your house have a pool, is the garden open and well maintained? Is there a wall around the property, or something else?

• **The state of repair of your house:** Is your home clean and well maintained? Has it been recently painted? Is the roof good with no leaks?

• **The price of similar homes that are for sale or sold:** and the most important consideration is, what are other comparable homes selling for in your neighborhood or a similar neighborhood? This is the most important consideration as this tells you how the market is valuing similar homes to yours. When you are selling your home, you are "competing" with homes like yours, so you want to be similarly priced so your home is competitive with similar homes that have a similar location and features. Most prospective home buyers are looking at all of the homes for sale within their budget and in an area where they want to live.

Keep in mind that having your home priced accurately within the market is the best way to sell your home as quick as possible and at the highest price.

Regards,

Bob Bartikoski,

Re/Max Bonaire Broker/Owner

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ers, a main and dessert. Tickets are \$45 and must be purchased in advance by either calling +599-701-8181 or walking in for purchase.

Rosa is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for now, but in time the hours will extend into the evening. Take away is available for anyone on the run or guests can dine and enjoy a little bit of Italy with a wine, coffee for breakfast or lunch in the little café. Visit Rosa by BonItaly (Rosa Café) on Facebook. See their ad on our Foodie's page for a direct link online.

Story / Photos Julie Morgan

POLICE REPORT

Property crime

Nov. 9. Between 1:30 and 2 p.m. two bags with contents were stolen while the owners were swimming at Playa Pal'i Mangel (Donkey's Beach) located on the E.E.G. Boulevard. The bags' contents included wallets with various cards, keys, cash, watches, reading glasses, jewelry and two Samsung Galaxy Model A14 mobile phones.

Nov. 6/7. A black Kymco Agility scooter with license plate MF-4289 was stolen between 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 5:30 a.m. on Thursday. The scooter was parked in front of an apartment complex on Kaya Industria.

Nov. 6. At the dive site 'Alice in Wonderland' between 11:15 and 11:30 a.m. a white backpack with contents was stolen from a golf cart when the owner went into the sea. The bag contained, among other things, a hearing aid, glasses, a black iPhone 13, a pink Samsung S22 phone, a portable charger, clothes and a wallet containing various cards and cash.

Nov. 5. An additional suspect, a young man, 17, was arrested for theft with violence in connection with the armed robbery that took place after a collision on Kaya C.E.B. Hellmund the night of Oct. 27.

Nov. 4. Between 2:15 and 3 p.m. at Atlantis Beach/Kite Beach, a bag was stolen from a car while the owner was swimming. The bag contained, among other things, two mobile phones, keys and Ray-Ban sunglasses. Shortly afterwards, the bag was found along the road on the E.E.G. Boulevard, but a Samsung mobile phone and the Ray-Ban sunglasses were missing.

Oct. 31. Between 3:35 and 4:30 p.m. a blue bag with contents was stolen while the owners were snorkeling at Playa Pal'i Mangel (Donkey's Beach). The bag contained, among other things, an iPhone, cards, keys, cash, medicines, a Δ21 Viron 7 hearing aid and glasses.

Oct. 30. Between Tuesday around 10 p.m. and Wednesday, around 10 a.m. a black Fatbike electrical bike was stolen. The E-bike, which was locked, was parked at a house on Bulevar Gobernador N. Debrot.

Oct. 29. Around 1 a.m. a police patrol saw a cyclist riding without lights followed by two scooters with two people on both scooters. None were wearing a helmet and all wore dark clothes. The first scooter had a suspicious license plate and the second had no license plate at all. When the cyclist saw the police, he loudly warned the others on the scooters. The scooter drivers ignored the police car's flashing lights and increased their speed. The cyclist turned into another street, but the patrol continued to drive behind both scooters in several streets, ordering the drivers to stop several times. Eventually, the officers had to use pepper spray, but that did not help to stop the drivers and they continued driving.

Ten minutes later the officers managed to stop both scooters on the Kaya Amsterdam. A man, 21, two boys, 16, and a boy, 17, were arrested for theft, receiving stolen goods, violating the BES Identifi-

cation Act and for not responding to police orders.

Oct. 27. Between 11 p.m. on Saturday and 2 a.m. on Sunday two dark grey Kymco Agility scooters with license plates MF-1663 and MF-1637 were stolen while parked at a catering establishment on Kaminda Lac. Both were secured with a steering lock, and one also had a chain lock. Sunday morning the central control room received a report that one of the stolen scooters had been found in the bushes along the Kaminda Sorobon. This scooter was confiscated by the police for further investigation.

Oct. 27. Around 2 a.m. at the cruise terminal a car and a golf cart collided. After the accident several young people from the golf cart assaulted and robbed the driver of the car. The robbers, who had a firearm, took the victim's car keys and left the scene. The victim was helped by bystanders and immediately went to the police station. While the victim was at the police station, a report came in of a second accident between a pick-up and a scooter on the road to Lac. At the scene the police, who were on the look out for a golf cart with a group of young people in it, saw a golf cart with several occupants and decided to check. A firearm was found, after which a 17-year-old boy was arrested.

In the meantime at the accident on the road to Lac, the 34-year-old driver of the pick-up was also arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The two injured people on the scooter were taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment.

Oct. 27. The rear left tire was stolen from a car parked at a tourist accommodation located on Boulevard Julio A. Abraham.

Oct. 26. Between 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. at Pink Beach, a black backpack and a cold storage bag were stolen while the owners were snorkeling and swimming. In the bags were, among other things, two iPhones 13, keys, cards and sunglasses.

Oct. 26. Between 3 and 5 p.m. at Atlantis Beach a yellow shopping bag with diving items was stolen from a rented pickup truck while the owner was kite-surfing. The bag was on the back seat of the pickup and the vehicle was unlocked.

Oct. 24. Between 2 and 6 p.m. a dark grey Kymco Agility scooter with license plate MF-1677 was stolen while parked next to a catering establishment on Kaya Jan N.E. Craane. It was secured with a steering lock.

Traffic accidents /

Driving under the influence

According to the policy 'botsen is blazen' ('to collide is to blow') a breath test is given drivers involved in accidents.

Nov. 9. Around 2 a.m. a car hit a pedestrian on Kaya Nikiboko Noord and then drove on. The victim sustained injuries and was taken to hospital by ambulance. According to witnesses, the car was grey and drove weaving on Kaya Nikiboko Noord in the direction of Amboina.

Nov. 4. Around 7:15 a.m. a driver fell from his scooter on the Kaya Korona

and was injured. A witness stated that the driver of the scooter skidded when the driver braked. The victim was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Nov. 3. Around 9 p.m. the driver of a moped was thrown to the ground when the moped collided with a car parked on Kaya Grandi. The driver of the moped was not wearing a helmet and injured his head. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Nov. 3. Around 2:10 a.m. man, 48, was arrested on Kaya Nikiboko Noord for driving under the influence of alcohol after a collision between two vehicles. The suspect did not have a valid driver's license and had already been fined three times. His invalid driver's license was confiscated. Both drivers were also fined because they were unable to show valid insurance documents. The suspect's vehicle was taken to the police station.

Nov. 2. Around 7:45 p.m. a man, 58, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and his vehicle was taken to the police station. Due to the failure to yield, two vehicles collided on Kaya Dominico Herrera. Both drivers were fined for not being able to produce a valid driver's license.

Oct. 31. Around 7:20 a.m. a car and a cyclist collided at the roundabout on Kaya Nikiboko Zuid. The driver stated that she as she entered the roundabout, she saw a cyclist coming from the wrong direction and could not avoid the collision. The cyclist was taken to the hospital by ambulance for medical treatment.

Oct. 30. Around 4 p.m. a pick-up and a cyclist collided on Kaya Monseigneur Nieuwindt. When the pick-up tried to overtake the cyclist the right mirror of the vehicle hit her, causing her to fall. As a result, she sustained a few abrasions, treated at the scene by the ambulance staff.

Oct. 30. Around 6:30 p.m. a vehicle, bus, and moped collided on Hanchi Amboina. The two people on the moped were injured in the collision and were taken to hospital by ambulance.

Arrest for driving under the influence

Oct. 30. Around 12:35 a.m. a man, 44, was arrested on Kaya Rosaura for driving under the influence of alcohol. The suspect started to drive backwards and collided with another car. The suspect did not have a valid driver's license.

Oct. 29. Around 11 a.m. a person riding his scooter on Kaya Blenchi fell after being attacked by a dog. The injured victim was taken to hospital by ambulance. The owner of the dog was warned by the police.

Oct. 28. Around 7 p.m. a car and a scooter collided on Kaminda Lac. The driver of the car stated that he suddenly saw the scooter appear on his side of the road and could not avoid a collision. After testing the driver of the car, aged 58, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. His license was confiscated.

Oct. 26. Around 3:30 a.m. on Maria C. Hellmund-Boom Street a vehicle hit two pedestrians and drove away. Both people were injured and ambulances transport-

ed them to hospital. On Kaya Nikiboko Sùit the run-way driver lost control when her car hit the pavement and ended up in a patch of wood. She left the car and continued running through the woods. Around 4:20 a.m. the driver, a woman, 24, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and for running away after an accident. Her driver's license was confiscated.

Oct. 25. Around 9:10 p.m. a man, 67, was arrested on Kaya Papa Cornes for driving under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was involved in a collision between two vehicles. Four attempts were made to have the suspect take a breath test, but without result. The suspect was also unable to show a valid driver's license and insurance papers and the vehicle did not have a valid license plate. He was fined and the vehicle was taken to the police station.

Arrests

Oct. 31. A man, 21, was arrested for violating the BES Firearms Act, attempted manslaughter and threats. The suspect was involved in the shooting incident at Onima and reported himself to the police station. The investigation into the case is ongoing.

Fire

Nov. 5. Around 8 p.m. the central control room received a report of a large fire at the Kaminda Lagun landfill. As there were two hot spots on the site a second fire truck was called to the scene. The fire was close to several storage tanks. The fire department took measures to cool and protect these tanks. Large clouds of smoke spread across the island in a north-westerly direction and residents of several homes were evacuated to another location. Other residents in the area were advised to keep windows and doors closed due to the smoke. The road to the landfill was immediately closed by the police. (See pages 7 & 8)

Oct. 29. Around 11 a.m. a fire was reported at a company on Kaya Katwijk. When the police arrived, smoke could be seen coming from the roof of the where a battery of a solar panel had caught fire. The fire brigade extinguished the fire. No one was injured.

Public Order

Nov. 4. In the night a fight was reported at a catering establishment on Bulevar Gobernador N. Debrot. Upon arrival, police officers separated two men who were arguing. The men stated that their argument got out of hand. One of the people involved had been injured in the nose, but neither man wanted to file a report. The officers temporarily confiscated the car keys of both men until the following morning.

Oct. 27. At the Onima drag strip a person who was watching the fevering saw a man with his face covered and a firearm in his hand who then fired shots in his direction. Immediately after the shooting, the suspect fled on a motorcycle. The person was not injured.

Dive Freedom joins Habitat dive fleet



Haug added a double camera table and shade canopy for divers on the stern. The fly bridge can seat six and is outfitted with a chart plotter, digital instruments, engine monitoring and sonar depth finder. The boat capacity is 26 divers.

Habitat now has a fleet of five dive boats with the oldest being *Bonaire Diver*, a flat top that dates back to 1972.

Story / Photos Julie Morgan

Top Photo:
Habitat's new boat *Dive Freedom* returning from a dive. Habitat's dive manager Roger Haug is at the helm

Haug said, "We needed an extra boat for more people and larger groups. This saved us money rather than buying a new boat."



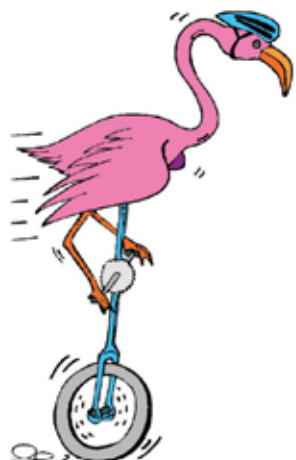
Dive Freedom, a 1986 Ocean Sport Fisher is the newest addition to Captain Don's Habitat dive fleet. The 48 ft boat built for fishing was converted with insight and great mechanical ability by Habitat's dive manager Roger Haug.

pair until Habitat rescued it.

Working day and night for five months, Haug first had to gut the boat before conversion could begin. He installed a new transmission, fuel lines, water pipes, wiring, new interior, hard wood seats and aluminum framing. The boat runs on two Yanmar 6LY400 engines.

The boat had been out of the water for several years following the death of its original owner. It had fallen into disre-

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Selibon announces landfill restrictions

The recent outbreak of fires at the Lagun landfill forced several families to evacuate. Selibon has started covering the area with sand to minimize the smoke in the affected areas and is standing by with the Fire Department to monitor the situation.

Selibon reports that most of the flammable materials including plastic, white goods, and bulky waste have completely burned. They predict that smoke emissions will continue for some time and are likely to increase during rain showers.

Selibon has announced restrictions on waste. Small vehicles can deposit bulky waste outside the entrance gate in the gray rubble containers. Vehicles with separated waste can deposit it in the sorting park and the area designated for cardboard collection. Large trucks can unload their waste in the bulky waste section.

Selibon staff and security guards are strictly monitoring the facility, and all users must follow their directions. DMR

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Information about the acceptance of waste at Waste Center Lagun (ACL).

Due to the known circumstances regarding fires at ACL, Selibon N.V. informs that the acceptance of waste is permitted under limited conditions:

- All small vehicles with bulky waste must deposit their waste on the outside of the entrance gate in the gray rubble containers.
- Vehicles with separated waste can go to the areas in the sorting park and cardboard collection.
- Large trucks can unload their waste in the bulky waste section.
- The facility is strictly monitored, and all users must follow the directions of Selibon staff and security guards.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding of these strict measures.

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Rincon dump fire likely arson

Three landfill fires, likely deliberately started, broke out at the landfill at Morotin, near Rincon, the night of Sunday, November 8. (An earlier fire at the Lagun landfill flared up the night of November 5. See separate story.) The Rincon Fire Department responded, declared it a major fire, and called for backup from Playa.

Three separate fires were burning, a likely indication that they were deliberately started. The three piles consisted mostly of pallets and other wood. Two fires were allowed to burn out. The third was partly covered and left smoldering. It presented no further danger Tuesday. The Fire Department said no other flammables were present that might ignite.

The fires presented no risk to the surrounding area, and the smoke did not spread to Rincon. The Reporter can report (exclusively) that smoke from burning wood could be smelled near Punta Wecua Sunday and Monday evenings. *DMR*

Arson suspected in Lagun fire too

The Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) suspects that fires that have raged in recent days at two landfills on the island were deliberately started.

The first fire, possibly caused by arson on November 5, reignited the night of November 9-10 at Lagun in dumped household and bulky waste. The fire was then covered with sand to deprive it of oxygen, but subsequently the recent heavy rains eroded channels in the sand and the wind whipped up the fire again. Heavy equipment can no longer access the site because the area is still wet and muddy.



Residents at the Lagun landfill received a temporary reprieve from smoke with a wind reversal on November 10th.

Photo Wilma Nijland

The smoke forced several families resident in the area to evacuate. A wind reversal caused the smoke to drift east towards the lagoon rather than west towards people's homes for a time, but the relief it gave was temporary.

Selibon reports that most of the flammable materials including plastic, white goods, and bulky waste have completely burned, though they predict smoke emissions will continue for some time, especially during rain showers.

Experts from the Environmental Incident Service (MOD) of the RIVM will travel to Bonaire tomorrow

to investigate the risks to public health of the fires that keep flaring up at the landfill near Lagun. This is in response to the request for assistance made by last week.

Selibon has announced restrictions on further waste. Small vehicles can deposit bulky waste outside the entrance gate in the gray rubble containers. Vehicles with separated waste can deposit it in the sorting park and the area designated for cardboard collection. Large trucks can unload their waste in the bulky waste section.

Selibon staff and security guards are strictly monitoring the facility, and all users must follow their directions. *DMR*



One Hour Clean Up Power organized a Clean Up Day at Lagun on November 9 with several of Bonaire's environment organizations. More than 50 people from nine organizations scoured the coastline recovering a mountain of mostly plastic refuse washing into Bonaire. Participating organizations: One Hour Cleanup Power, STINAPA Jr. Rangers, Mangrove Maniacs, STCB, Reef Renewal, Bon Berde, Cargill, Roffa Reefs and Blij Dorp. One Hour Clean Up Power does a week-

ly cleanup every Saturday from 9 -10 a.m. along Bonaire's coast. To date in 2024, they have collected approximately 2000 bags of trash from Bonaire's coastline. Visit their Facebook page for more information. Next cleanup will be at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qkQSTh93jMv6KAuw7> Thanks to sponsors Warehouse Bonaire and Selibon N.V. Photo Julie Morgan

Another opportunity coming to get "priked"

People over 60 will again be able to get a flu shot, a corona shot, or both on Tuesday, November 16. People under 60 with diabetes, heart and lung diseases, high blood pressure, or obesity will be vaccinated then too. Everyone can get the vaccinations without an appointment at the building on the property next to Telbo, Kaya Libertador S. Bolivar 8 in Playa from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

People can also get the flu shot and the corona shot from their GP. Those who are bedridden can get the jabs at home. They can make an appointment via the toll-free number 0800 0800.

The previous vaccination days were so well attended that the Public Health Department and the general practitioners decided to organize two more in November (the first was on the 9th). (See page 14.) *DMR*

Three cops go the court

Three employees of the Dutch Caribbean Police Force (KPCN) were arrested on suspicion of assault and forgery earlier this year. Public Prosecution (OM) pressed charges and the three appeared in court on Thursday, November 7th.

In anticipation of the verdict, the KPCN has issued a proposed decision to dismiss the three involved. A proposed decision to dismiss is a declaration of intent. The charged parties have a week to appeal. *DMR*



Fontein to become a memorial

Fontein plantation is going to become a memorial honoring Martis di Katalina Janga, the role model who started the uprising of enslaved people on Bonaire in 1834. It will feature a monument to Janga and a building which schools and the local community will use for meetings and educational projects

De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB) is funding the project with a 500,000 euro donation as part of its apology for its role in the transatlantic slavery in the past.

DMR Photo Julie Morgan

Government to inspect business

Beginning next week the Supervision and Enforcement Directorate (DTH) will begin inspecting businesses in Kaya Industria. The DTH inspectors will check, among other things, whether businesses have the correct permits and are in compliance with the laws and regulations, the safety regulations, and "other important rules that contribute to order and safety on the island."

The investigations are not a crackdown. The purpose of the inspections

will be to make business owners aware of what the law requires and give them an opportunity to get their affairs in order so that they don't face violations and unnecessary sanctions in the future. Eventually all businesses on the island can expect inspection.

Residents and entrepreneurs who are unsure about which permits or documents they need or who have questions about the conditions of their permits can contact the Supervision and Enforcement Directorate at +599 715-5330. *DMR*

Drug bust in Sorobon

A vessel, deemed suspicious, was pursued into the mangroves at Sorobon on Sunday, November 3rd and approximately 100 kilos of cocaine were found in a hidden compartment. The captain of the vessel, a man with initials J.M., was arrested, the cocaine was destroyed, and the boat has been towed to Kralendijk pending further investigation.

The bust was carried out by the Multidisciplinary Maritime Hub Bonaire. The MMHB consists of the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee, the Coast Guard, the Caribbean Netherlands Police Force and Customs. Those agencies jointly monitor compliance with the laws and regulations regarding border control, cross-border goods traffic, maintenance of public order and the safety of the residents of Bonaire. *DMR*

Don't fall for the WhatsApp scam

KPCN's cybercrime team warns that scammers are trying to take control of WhatsApp accounts. They ask for a person's phone number via Facebook Messenger, then send a WhatsApp message asking person to enter a code. If you send the code back to them, you no longer control your account. As usual, don't disclose security information online, no matter who asks for it. In this case the sender may already have stolen the account of a friend or relative. *DMR*

Creating Optimal Health

by Irene da Cunda Costa

Why have I exiled polyunsaturated vegetable oils from my kitchen?

Vegetable polyunsaturated oils were massively introduced into the human diet in the post WWII years. Economic, industrial, and technological factors played significant roles in making these oils widely available and accepted. Their rise was further accelerated by health concerns about saturated fats and cardiovascular disease, leading to public health recommendations that promoted polyunsaturated fats as healthier options.

These are the main economic reasons why the consumption of polyunsaturated vegetable oils became massive after the war:

- Agricultural by-products of already produced crops like cottonseed, soybean, corn oils offered new revenue streams.
- They were cheaper to produce than animal fats, especially for mass consumption.
- Industrial advances, like solvent extraction and hydrogenation made production more efficient and versatile.
- Longer shelf life and reduced spoilage costs were beneficial for retailers and manufacturers.
- Rationing and resource scarcity during wars made vegetable oils a viable alternative.

- Processed food industry demand for stable, cheap fats fueled mass production.
- Effective marketing and health campaigns boosted consumer acceptance and demand.

On the other hand, for many years saturated fats have been demonized and accused of causing most cardiovascular problems. Recently, the accusing finger is turning into the direction of polyunsaturated vegetable oils, like corn, soy, sunflower, canola. Of course we are not forgetting sugar, but that can be the subject of another article.

Here are the main issues raised by critics of polyunsaturated oils:

1. When these oils are exposed to heat, light, or oxygen, they can form harmful free radicals and oxidation products that can damage cells, proteins, and DNA, potentially leading to chronic diseases, including cancer and cardiovascular disease.
2. Both omega 6 and omega 3 are essential fatty acids. To avoid inflammation, they must be consumed in balance, in a ratio of maximum 4:1, Omega 6 to Omega 3. Most vegetable oils are very rich in omega 6 and very poor in omega 3 breaking this balance. The imbalance they create between omega-6 fatty acids to omega-3s could potentially increase heart problems due to inflammatory effects. Some research indicates that high omega-6 intake can contribute to insulin resistance, obesity, and other metabolic disorders.
5. Most vegetable oils undergo extensive processing,

including refining, bleaching, and deodorizing. This processing can remove beneficial nutrients and antioxidants while potentially introducing harmful substances. Additionally, some oils may contain additives or residues from chemical processing methods, such as hexane extraction.

6. Trans fats can also be formed during the processing of some polyunsaturated oils, particularly during high-temperature cooking. Trans fats are well-documented to increase the risk of heart disease, inflammation, and other health problems.

I have not used these types of oil in my kitchen for over 20 years. Of course, when I buy snacks and other highly processed foods, or when I eat out, I do consume them. By not using them in my cooking I have significantly reduced my consumption. Instead, I use cold press coconut oil, which is mainly saturated, extra virgin olive oil that is monounsaturated, and butter. For cooking my first option is coconut oil, but when the tastes call for something more mediterranean I blend butter and olive oil. For salads and any other dressings, I go for olive oil.



Irene is passionate about health, neurosciences and personal growth. Originally from Uruguay, she is an Integrative Psychotherapist (PNIE), Life Coach (ICF), Master in Nutrition(IUSC) and Yoga Instructor.

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A Garden? Just Do It!

Caretakers

by Angliet, Nature Lover

The Christmas holidays are coming and it's the time a lot of gardeners visit their family and friends all over the world. While you are busy preparing to leave, don't forget about your garden. I advise you to not leave your garden chores as the last item on your to-do list. Once I left my garden at the last minute and experienced a lot of stress. But I learned these hints that might help you have fewer garden problems after your absence.



First, check with friends or family for those who have the time and are willing to take serious care of your garden during the busy month of December. Someone who has a feel for gardening and notices when a plant needs more or less water and not only when the plant has lost all its leaves. A friend promised to visit my garden two times a week, but he himself went to Curaçao for two weeks and asked another friend to take care of it who didn't have the time. You can imagine how that ended. Good care does not depend on payment. It depends on responsibility. Even when you pay for the job it can still go wrong if the caretaker is not taking the job seriously. Responsibility is the right attitude to look for when selecting someone to care for your garden.

The caretaker should walk through the garden with you at least two times. You might have sensitive young plants or plants that need special care. Caretakers need to know what to do with fruit from the trees. Should the caretaker let them get rotten or take them home and freeze some so you can still enjoy some of your fruit? For example, you could still sample the first papayas you have ever grown or your first string beans. Should the caretaker rake or clean up rotten fruit, trim the grass or move plants if it rains too much? Write things down so you will not forget any important information to pass on.

Don't forget to turn off the main WEB water access on the street when leaving for holiday and tell your caretaker to do so after watering the plants. The water pipes in the garden and house can get damaged and cause problems and loss of water. Turn off the water pipes in the bathroom, toilets and kitchen to prevent flooding if the pipes get damaged. This happened to me and it was not a nice experience.

Last advice about the water access - don't turn it on fully. The water pressure is so strong it can damage the joints in the water systems in the bathroom. Half

open gives enough power to water with the garden hose. And don't forget to turn off the water hose.

Tell your caretaker to keep the gate closed when entering the yard. They often run in a hurry into the garden and leave the gate open. And while they are busy in the backyard, dogs, donkeys and goats come into the yard.

Because I have sensitive plants and plants hidden in and under shaded trees, the caretaker might not see the plants and forget to water them. I came up with the idea to make these plants more visible by putting Coca-Cola cans on a stick or hanging the can near the plant. The caretaker will see the cans and know the plants need special attention. You can find cans at Selibon in the recycle bins.

If you save rainwater, show your caretaker how you do it and tell them not to let the water stand too long in open containers because of denque plague. During my absence I often let the water go and turn all the buckets up side down because I don't know if people will empty the buckets. And it's important that you leave your garden clean and in good condition for the caretaker.

Well for now my garden friends you should have enough hints to prepare before leaving for your holiday. Just do it, start now.



Angliet grew up in the Surinam jungle, moved to the Netherlands as a teen, and trained as a teacher, then in Alternative Healing. She has traveled the world - north to Russia and Alaska, south to Tierra del Fuego and Africa and all points in between. Returning to the Caribbean with her young family, she taught in St Eustatius and Bonaire. Everywhere she has lived, she has planted a garden and grown her own food.

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Santa's deadlines

The holidays are quickly approaching and that means shopping for friends and family members. If you can't find that perfect gift and need to order from across the oceans, it's time to get busy.

To ensure your packages arrive for the big holidays ahead, Carl Fielmich of eZone explained it's best to create an Ezelite and order on time.

Cutoff dates to receive your order are:

U.S. – Sinterklaas: November 25 and Santa Claus: December 12

EU – Sinterklaas: November 25 and Santa Claus: December 15

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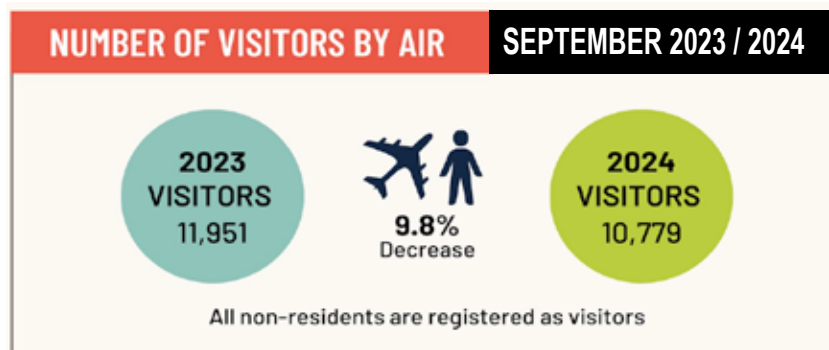
Julie Morgan



Remember this? Countless 'Santas' waited in a line that wrapped around the block from eZone on Christmas Eve, 2020. Bart Fielmich, director/manager of Ezone and his elves managed to deliver the gifts just in time. The personal shipping store stayed open an extra hour and everyone in line left with their goodies to celebrate Christmas.

Photo Dec. 2020, Julie Morgan

TCB reports tourist statistics



According to preliminary visitor statistics published by The Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) stayover visitors in September 2024 declined by 9.8% compared to September 2023. Then in October 2024, stayover visitors increased by 6.6% compared to October 2023. The annual Bonaire Regatta is considered responsible for boosting October's numbers by attracting visitors from neighboring islands like Curaçao and, especially, Aruba.

The monthly graphs of stayover visitors published by TCB show the same demographic profiles. Bonaire is visited by more Dutch than American tourists. The Dutch stay longer on the island, and

visitors from the Netherlands and the U.S. are older rather than younger.

In terms of cruise visitors, Bonaire welcomed 25,216 in June 2024 (from six cruise ships), 23,785 in July (from six cruise ships), 30,261 in August (from seven cruise ships), and 19,288 in September (from five cruise ships).

For more detailed statistics and insights into Bonaire's tourism performance, please visit our official website at www.bonaireisland.com or contact us via email at info@bonaireisland.com.

TCB Press Release

Make Bonaire Accessible

Accessibility Always

by Ria Evers-Dokter

When I started writing about accessibility, I had absolutely no idea that it was going to be going on forever.

Accessibility has so many angles, curves and corners. It is like a person's life and the issues change with everything that changes in that life.

Initially my goal was to find a good way to walk my husband to town in his wheelchair and for him to be able to do as much as possible and go anywhere possible. But along the road we stumbled and fell, could not get into shops, could not go to the toilet when needed, find him the right incontinence materials and had to ask for whatever help was needed.

From "Please, he needs more physio-

therapy" to getting a pair of glasses, the list goes on and on.

Since he has passed away, I am the one who is confronted with accessibility. I need transportation to and from everything. I am in need of incontinence material and am fighting hard to get the good stuff. Getting a much needed scooter-mobile has not been approved, so I depend a lot on friends and the goodwill of others to get around.

When I made an appointment with a hearing expert, because my loss of hearing is bothering me a lot, I realized that this is also accessibility. If you cannot hear well, you are impaired. I am happily waiting for a set of hearing aids. I had absolutely no idea how many possibilities

exist in colors and styles. The help and advice you get is absolutely amazing.

Since the use of my hands is worsening, I have begun having trouble with my phone. You need a smartphone for almost everything you do nowadays. Internet banking is very hard to do and every time I try to work with this program, things go wrong. So, I decided to go to the bank personally, where I asked for help. I am very grateful that they were helpful, kind, had a lot of patience and were really wonderful.

I don't understand why there are no proper smartphones available for the elderly on Bonaire. I know they exist. The banks could offer special services for the elderly and have special days or hours to help the elderly and people with disabilities in their banking. They could even come to the care facilities on a regular basis.

Elderly people tend to fall more easily and all physiotherapists should offer fall

prevention courses regularly and make sure that this is advertised to the public.

When we, the elderly, fall almost every time we break an arm, a leg or a hip. Our houses should be made more fall proof by ergo-therapists.

And last but not least, there should be an affordable alarm system available for the elderly and persons with disabilities who live at home. When we fall now, we have to scream till somebody hears us.

Yes.... We baby-boomers are here to stay. So, be prepared and help us.



Ria Dokter is living happily on Bonaire, where she also used to work as a director at FKPD and started Special Olympics Bonaire.

She took care of her husband (R.I.P) for many years and feels that accessibility is the most important issue on our island.

Evolution of a New Undersea Habitat



If you were looking at this piling in person, you'd be able to see more clearly how the sponges are sort of absorbing the fishing line which was used to attach them. The large tube sponge on the left has already grown several new tubes.

Photo Dee Scarr

es. Arrow crabs and banded coral shrimp have also claimed residences around the attached sponges.

And the sponges are especially interesting. The sponges we tied beneath the Old Pier had all already been growing there naturally. The changes to each sponge's environment were minimal: no more than maybe 20 ft (6 m) of depth, and some minor changes in light availability.

The sponges at Karel's were rescued from 20' ft (6 m) down to about 70' ft (21m) of depth on the reef slope, and tied onto pilings that are even shallower than 20'ft, and that receive much more light. And the sponges are doing fine.

Also, natural growth is beginning to encrust the pilings as well, especially pink bubble gum sponges and quite a few little stony corals. Schools of needlefish hang around in the shade near the surface, and snappers, grunts and jacks patrol the bottom.

That's not all, but I'm not telling all. Check it out for yourself!

You can enter from Karel's or from the Park Tului to visit this new habitat. Be very aware of boat traffic, especially if you're snorkeling. The pier is shallow for scuba, but a nice finish to a dive on the reef slope.



Dee Scarr has been nurturing marine life on Bonaire since 1981. Her Bonaire Harbor Healing Project is still ongoing. It began by informing users of the Old Pier

about how batteries poison the water; numbers fell from more than 100 batteries removed from the bottom the year before the campaign, to fewer than 10 batteries the year after. Information on touchthesea.com about collecting fishing line has been shared by Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire with spectacular results, especially on line-collecting dives beneath the Old Pier.



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The first step in the renovation of Bonaire's Old Pier (now called the North Pier) in the late 1980's, was to check the pilings for structural problems. Since those pilings were more than 20 years old, they were fully encrusted with sponges, orange cup corals, and other growth. A visual inspection was impossible with all that growth, so 50 of the Pier's 200 pilings were scraped naked. Cracks were found in several pilings; a one-cubic-meter form was built around each damaged area and filled with concrete, splinting the broken pilings. The Pier was structurally sound again.

But the sea bottom beneath the Pier was covered with scraped-off sponges and orange cup corals.

Back then I was guiding divers beneath the Pier about four times a week. I'd explain about the renovations in my dive orientations. The morays, sharptail eels, scorpionfish and other critters we visited were mostly unchanged, but to get to them we'd swim between denuded pilings, and over hundreds of sponges rolling around on the bottom.

After dive after dive of this, I finally remembered something I had learned from

Cathy Church: when a sponge is in contact with a hard surface such as a rock or a piling, it will attach itself to that surface. With the generous help of volunteer divers, by 1990 we had tied more than 600 of those detached sponges onto the Pier's bared pilings, where they still flourish.

Although we can't visit those sponges these days, there's a new pier and the beginnings of a new sponge garden right under Karel's Beach Bar's new pier.

There is one difficulty: my permit for tying sponges onto the pilings at Karel's requires that only sponges already unattached can be used. I never considered how few unattached sponges I'd find within diving distance of Karel's!

Nevertheless, the new sponge garden project began in mid-2022. Initial collections totaled about sixty sponges, which we tied onto 11 pilings.

Since then, I've seen some interesting animal life under and around the Karel's pilings. Several juvenile queen and French angelfish have lived around the tied sponges for a while, and baby surgeonfish also hang out there. Redlip blennies live in some of the purple tube sponges.

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Seaside Krioyo Fusion - local food with a twist



between 12 local vendors and Robertico came out on top winning the prime restaurant/bar spot with a magnificent ocean and park view set right on the water.

Remarking on the competition, Robertico humbly said, "They wanted a local person to promote local business and food."

But Bonaire culinary arts experts think it was more than that. Robertico was schooled in all things cooking, first by his Rincon family where most every week the whole family would

come together and cook.

Robertico said, "Everyone was always cooking, and I like to cook more than I like to eat. When I was 11, my mother told me, "I'm sick," and that I needed to start doing something for myself and that was the beginning."

Robertico's company is named Clara Delight BV as Clara was his mother's name. Attending SGB's HORECA (hotel, restaurant and café) school, Robertico was mentored and befriended by teacher Vernon Martijn of Rin-

con, a chef trained in the Netherlands. But before that he was a member of Bonaire's first culinary team back in 1995. Martijn has been influential in Robertico's chef career and assisted him with his presentation to the park commission for the Isidel Park competition.

As for the food and the name Krioyo Fusion, Robertico explained, "Everywhere you go you get the same thing. Fusion style means from different

Krioyo Fusion to page 15



Seaside Krioyo Fusion owner, manager and chef Robertico presents Chicken Casserole Rouleau

Photo Julie Morgan

Isidel Beach Park officially opened last May and is definitely a success with the public as 'the people's park.' Kids, families and divers are there every day and most every month there is a movie, bingo or other activity. But what we've been waiting for is the opening of Seaside Krioyo Fusion, a restaurant unlike any other on Bonaire, owned and run by local chef Robertico Bernabella of Rincon.


In late 2023, Isidel Park Commission held a competition

Additional date for flu and COVID vaccination

No appointment necessary

 **Saturday, November 16, 2024**

 **09:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

 **The building on the site next to Telbo, Kaya Libertador S. Bolivar 8**

Please, bring your ID or passport



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This is a message from the Public Health Department

cultures. They tell us in school, go back to your roots, the foods of your grandmother. We are taking local food and changing it.”

A specialty and great example of Krioyo Fusion is the Goat Burger with a unique sauce made of avocado. Another menu item you won't find or taste anywhere else on the island is Chicken Casserole Rouleau, stewed chicken wrapped in a crispy spring roll with Daniel sauce and siracha mayo. A look at the menu and you'll see are local with twist, even the majority of vegetables, fish, chicken and goat are pure local Bonaire.

Open less than month, Krioyo Fusion is doing a 'soft opening' with a lunch and bites menu, full bar and coffees. But in the next few weeks, Robertico will expand to offer breakfast, lunch and dinner and it will be exciting to see and taste the expanded menus.

The restaurant has a unique design with seating on two levels: a covered upstairs with panoramic views of the park and ocean, floor level patio, bar and, of course, the beach with lounges and palapas. Seaside Krioyo Fusion is perfect for parties or to enjoy Happy Hour with friends. Robertico has a staff of five bar and wait staff and three chefs.

Robertico has been a member of Bonaire's culinary team, Italy Stage internship and traveled as a chef to Cuba, Statia and the Netherlands. Locally he was a chef at Divi Flamingo, Ingredients and It Rains Fishes.

Seaside Krioyo Fusion is open Tuesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Visit our Foodies Page for a quick link to Krioyo Fusion's Facebook page.

Story / Photos Julie Morgan



Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) is pleased to announce Bonaire's participation in the DEMA Show 2024, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, from November 19–22 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

TCB, along with its on-island partners, has been preparing to showcase Bonaire at this year's show. The Bonaire Pavilion will have a total of 12 partners. The following partners will be present: Bonaire East Coast Diving, Buddy Dive Resort, Captain Don's Habitat, Chogogo Beach & Dive Resort, Corallium Hotel & Villas Bonaire, Delfins Beach Resort, Dive Friends Bonaire, Divi Flamingo Beach Resort, Grand Windsock Bonaire, Plaza Beach & Dive Resort, Tourism Corporation Bonaire, and VIP Diving.

The Bonaire Pavilion provides an exciting opportunity for consumers to connect with island partners and explore Bonaire's pristine dive sites, some of the last truly untouched locations for underwater exploration.

This year, Bonaire has once again teamed up with ScubaRadio, offering visitors at the DEMA Show the chance to win fantastic prizes, including scuba diving adventures and week-long stays, courtesy of the participating partners.

This week, TCB will send an email to partners to participate in the DEMA Show 2025, set to be held in Orlando, Florida. For those interested in joining next year's show, please email crystal.pourier@bonaireisland.com.

TCB news release



A month-long celebration with inspiring and empowering events by entrepreneurs, for entrepreneurs

Global Entrepreneurship Week Bonaire (GEW-B) proudly celebrates its 10th anniversary by expanding to a month-long series of in-person and virtual events. GEW-B will provide even more chances to learn and grow, inspire and empower seasoned entrepreneurs, startups, and aspiring entrepreneurs.

“Ten years of GEW-B marks a decade of growth, resilience, and opportunity for Bonaire's entrepreneurial community,” said Amilea Pieternella, president of GEW-B. “GEW-B extends a special thank you to its sponsors, partner organizations, and volunteers whose invaluable support and resources throughout the years made this 10th-anniversary celebration possible. It's a celebration of the spirit of entrepreneurship on Bonaire.”

In alignment with this year's theme, *Health, Wealth, and Entrepreneurship*, throughout November, GEW-B is offering a diverse lineup of events, including a mix of in-person and virtual masterclasses, a panel discussion, *Youth Entrepreneurship Workshops*, radio raffles, *Business Hall of Fame* awards, *Lifetime Achievement* awards, partner events, radio interviews, bonus events, and much more.

Event highlights

In-person masterclasses at the Bonaire Business Center, from 7-8.35 p.m.

- **Andrew Tweebom** – November 14
- **Fernando Nava** – November 25

- **Anthony Nicolaas** – November 26
- **Chamber of Commerce** – November 27 (Chamber of Commerce)
- **Roderick Wilson & Malcolm Wilson** – November 29

Online masterclasses

- **Constantijn House of Orange** – November 18, 10-11 a.m.
- **Ernest Ross** – November 18, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- **Blue Zones** – Longevity November 19, 11-12 p.m.
- **Victor Gutierrez** – November 21, 7-8:35 p.m. (Business Center Bonaire)
- **Jeff Hoffman** – November 26, 11:45 a.m.-13.15 p.m.

Special events

- **Opening Ceremony & Business Hall of Fame** – November 18, 6:15-8:45 p.m. at Divi Flamingo Hotel, free event and open to our community
- **Closing Gala & Lifetime Achievement Award** – November 29, 6:45-10 p.m. at Plaza Hotel, featuring a tribute to two exceptional local entrepreneurs
- **Kids' Discovery Challenge & Teen-Preneur Hall of Fame** – November 28, celebrating young entrepreneurs in Bonaire

GEW-B invites the community of Bonaire, business owners, and aspiring entrepreneurs to join in the month-long celebration, participate in the events and invite others to experience the vibrant spirit of entrepreneurship.

For a complete event schedule, registration details, and updates, please visit the GEW-B website and follow us on social media: <https://GEW-Bonaire.com>, <https://www.facebook.com/GEW-Bonaire>.

About Global Entrepreneurship Week Bonaire

Global Entrepreneurship Week Bonaire (GEW-B) is a non-profit organization that, since its inception in 2014, aims to strengthen the local entrepreneurial ecosystem, share knowledge, and foster an innovative and resilient entrepreneurial community in Bonaire.

GEW Press Release

Discover handmade products at the JICN Market



Join us on November 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Market and Expo at the Correctional Institution Caribbean Netherlands (JICN), held in the JICN parking area, Plantage Aruba. You will support the development of detainees, and discover unique products. Want to place a custom order now? Contact via email: Aisheline.Lacroes@jicn.bonaire.nl.

The Market and Expo offers a varied selection of beautiful handmade products crafted by the detainees themselves, including furniture, paintings, toys, jewelry, and even plants. Additionally, custom orders are possible: from fences and dog houses to other personalized products. Everything is crafted with care and skill (by detainees) as part of the “Ban pa Kambio” project. This program helps them develop through vocational train-

ing, work-study trajectories, and work experience, with the goal of a successful reintegration into society.

The proceeds go toward new materials, allowing detainees to continue utilizing their talents positively.

This year, the market, which began as a small exhibition of paintings in 2013, is especially unique. The current director, Mr. Wibo de Vries, and the labor coordinator, Mr. Karel Martis, are participating for the last time. Through their hard work, this Market and Expo have become so well-known that the Curaçao prison, Sentro di Detenshon i Korekshon Korsou (SDKK) is also participating this year.

Communication SSO-CN

Events, Meetings, Sports

12 steps meeting: Wednesdays at Kaya Den Haag 30 in Hato. Meeting starts at 7:15 p.m till 8:30 p.m. Info: 12stepsbonaire@gmail.com

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Every Thursday, 7 - 8 p.m. International Bible Church Kaya Papago 104 in Hato (Behind Bon Bida Spa and Gym and Bon Bida apartments). All welcome, regardless of primary addiction or no addiction at all.

Art Gallery Sobremesa Bonaire View or buy art from Bonaire's local artists. Opening hours are Tue-Fri 2 - 5 p.m. and Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Abraham Boulevard 10.

Beach Tennis Bonaire <https://www.facebook.com/beachtennisbonaire/>
<https://beachtennisbonaire.com>

Bridgeclub Bonaire organizes a bridge evening Wed. 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. All levels are welcome. Info: 795-0128 (whatsapp text), bridgeclubbonaire@gmail.com. <https://www.facebook.com/bridgeclubbonaire>

Bonaire by Night Shopping night every month


Divers Drink & Dance Yhanni's Arepas. Wednesdays 5 p.m.


Diver Safety. Hosted by Jason Buttenshaw who holds presentations the third Sunday of the month 6:30 p.m. at Sugar Thief, 8 Kaya Inglaterra.


Paws and Foot Prints bi-weekly dog walking group Every other Wednesday 8 a.m. for an hour at Seru Largu. Signup by sending a WhatsApp message to 599-701-4989 no later than 2 p.m. the day before the walk (so we know how many dogs to bring)


Pickleball. *Chinese Assoc. Kaminda Sorobon, Blue Building:* Tues. & Thurs 6-8 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. \$1 per hour. Ask for Henk or Richard. *Sports Hall Jorge Nicolaas, Kaya Amsterdam:* Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. \$2 per hour. Ask for Henk or Danny. **Beginners:** *Sports Hall Jorge Nicolaas, Kaya Amsterdam:* Sun. 9 - 10 a.m.. \$2 per hour. Ask for Esther. **Coming soon:** Indoor hall at Jong Bonaire every Wed. and Fri. from 5:30 to 9 p.m. - t recommended for beginners but all welcome to play.

Tennis clinic for kids. Free clinic Saturdays Sept. 28 - Nov. at 10 a.m. at Eddie's restaurant tennis courts in Hato. Kids 6 – 14 are taught basic elements of tennis; backhand, forehand and service/volley. Register via bonairetennisassociation@gmail.com stating your name, age and phone number.

 **Echo Conservation Tours** - Weekdays at 8 a.m. or 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. To reserve email at info@echobonaire.org

 **Manta Monday at 7:30 p.m.** Nov 18 - Scuba Do Bonaire; Nov 25 - VIP Diving; Dec 2 - Divi Resort; Dec 9 - Toucan Diving; Dec 16 - Dive friends at Hamlet Oasis. Nicole Pelletier of the Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation. Email: nicole.pelletier@mantatrust.org ; [Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CaribbeanIslandsMantaConservation)..

 **Reef Renewal Bonaire.** Sundays 5:30 p.m. Blennies Restaurant – Buddy Dive Resort. Free. Open to everyone. Want to learn about coral reef restoration on Bonaire? Come listen to a staff member, instructor, or volunteer give an informative presentation about Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire and the importance of restoring and protecting Bonaire's coral reefs! Questions? email: info@reefrenwalbonaire.org

 **Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB).** Free presentations at Yellow Submarine, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 8 p.m. See facebook. Would you like to learn everything about what we do in the field during nesting season? Join us in the field! We go to Klein Bonaire Mon., Wed. and Fri. to search for nest activity and we sometimes have a few spots open. Sign up by email: cepa@bonaireturtles.org.

Church Services

Roman Catholic Churches Bonaire

- **Parish La Birgen di Coromoto (ANTRIOL):** Holy Masses: Mon-6:30 a.m.; Tues & Thurs -7:30 p.m.; Sat-6 p.m. (English) / 7:30 p.m.; Sun-7 a.m. / 10 a.m. / 6 p.m.
- **Parish San Bernardo (PLAYA):** Holy Masses: Mon,Wed, Fri, Sat-7 p.m.; Sun-9 a.m. / 7 p.m.
- **Parish Luis Beltran (RINCON):** Holy Masses: Tues,Wed, Thurs, Sat-7 p.m.; Sun-7 a.m. / 10 a.m.

International Bible Church of Bonaire (HATO): Kaya Papago 104 Sun: Worship Service & Children's Church 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Services are conducted in English.

United Protestant Congregation

- (KRALENDIJK), Plaza Wilhelmina: Sun 10 a.m. Services in Dutch
- (RINCON) Kaya C. D. Crestian: Sun 8:30 a.m. Services in Papiamentu/Dutch

2024 Cruise Ship Schedule

DATE:	CRUISE SHIP	TIME	PIER	CAPACITY
Wed. November 13	CARNIVAL HORIZON	0700-1500	South	4683
Thurs. November 14	CELEBRITY ASCENT	0630-1600	South	3200
Tues. November 19	BRITANNIA	0545-1800	South	3674
Tues. November 20	GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS	0800-1700	South	2440
Wed. November 20	INSIGNIA	1200-2130	North	702
Wed. November 22	EURODAM	0730-2300	North	2731
Fri. November 24	WIND STAR	0330-2200	North	159
Sun. November 25	ROYAL CLIPPER	0800-1500	North	246
Mon. November 25	AIDAPERLA	0080-1800	South	3286
Tues. November 27	CARNIVAL HORIZON	0730-2200	South	4683

What's Happening

Animal Shelter: Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. phone/whatsapp: 701 4989 or 717 4989. Email: animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

Arts & Crafts Market in Wilhelmina Plaza. NEW open Friday 9am till 4pm as well as for the cruise ships (schedule can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/BonaireArtsandCraftsCruiseMarket/>)

Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei in Rincon: Tues.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. 8-noon

Library: Mon. 12-5; Tues. to Thurs. 8-5; Fri. 8-4:30; Sat. 8-12. Kaya Gramel 715 5344. Anyone can become a member. Free for residents between 0 and 18 years. Adults \$6 a year. Members can borrow ebooks online. www.onlinebibliotheek.nl

Marshe di Playa Local market Sat. 9-1. Kaya Industria, by Warehouse Supermarket.

Pakus di Pruga (Animal Shelter flea market.): Pakus reopened May 11 at new location Kaya Gilberto F Croes. Located just past Caribbean Laundry. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Pakus raises funds for the Animal Shelter by selling recycled and affordable clothes, furniture, books, music, housewares and more.

Terramar Museum CLOSED FROM NOV. 11-15.

Mon-Fri 9-2. Kaya J.N.E. Isla Riba 3. Admission \$10. Residents \$5. Tours \$20. Children under 12 free. +599 701 4700 <https://www.facebook.com/terrarmuseumbonaire/>

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Washington Slagbaai Park: Open Tues. - Sun. 8-5 (entry to 2:30 p.m.) \$40 (Free with Nature tag)

Nov. **10 - 15** **Children's Book Week** Parents register App: +599 770 6302 **Ending with Reading Day** 9 to 9:30 a.m. Volunteers read to school kids. Call Darly Janga or Paul Ruijs at +599 782 4569

Wednesday, Nov. **13** **LVV meeting on Fisheries Research** 7 – 8:30 p.m. Captain Don's Habitat, Aquarius conference room. This year Wageningen Marine Research (WMR), started to map the fisheries sector on Bonaire. Dr. Dolfi Debrot of WMR will present the results of the research; an extensive study into the current state of fisheries and fish stocks on Bonaire.

Sunday, Nov. **17** **INDEBON's Kareda di Suit (South Race) FREE.** 6:30 a.m. Run / Walk 8 KM; Cycle 28 & 56 KM. Start Jossy Boekhoudt Finish Ocean Oasis. Registration INDEBON 5:30-8 p.m. Nov. 14 & 15.

Saturday, Nov. **23** **Sinterklaas sails into Bonaire.**

Nov. **20 - 27** **Dutch Caribbean Research Week** Those interested in Science on the Caribbean can sign up for six mornings full of interesting lectures, workshops, panel discussions, cultural entertainment and networking opportunities. More information and registration can be found on www.dcrw.nl. Participation is free, the event will be held in English. (see page xxx)

Wed., Nov. **26** **FREE Fish ID Class No registration required.** 7 p.m. Expert REEF surveyor, Carmen Toanchina, will teaching about common fish species you can find in Bonaire: Damselfish and Chromis, Snappers and Grunts, Groupers, Basses, and Basslets. At: TWR (Trans World Radio) 64 Kaya Gob. N. Debrot

Saturday, Nov. **30** **MoltenWolf Glass final Pop-Up Art Gallery with Photographer Heidi Nys** 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Kaya J.N.E. Craane, Terramar 8, Kralendijk,

Nos Zjilea Cultural Event 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei, Rincon. Enjoy the music, dancing, crafts, amazing food and drink.

Taste of Bonaire at the entrance of Washington Slagbaai National Park. Starts at 6 p.m. Food, cu

Market and Expo at JICN. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. In JICN parking lot. a varied selection of beautiful handmade products crafted by the detainees themselves, including furniture, paintings, toys, jewelry, and even plants. Additionally, custom orders are possible: from fences and dog houses to other personalized products.see page 12.

Winterpride! A night filled with fun, music, and diversity at Tera Kora Ranch. Infused with Christmas spirit, the night features DJ Jewelz, Tyra Talisa, and Derrel and drag queens from Curaçao. \$10. From 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. **30** **Kaminda di Arte, (Road of Art)** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit 40 participating artists at their own studios and galleries. Updated information and maps will be posted on the Sobremesa website: www.sobremesa-bonaire.com or scan the QR code on the posters and flyers. See ad on page 17 for the list of participating artists.

You can help keep Bonaire clean

Saturdays **One Hour Cleanup Power.** Weekly coastal clean up every Sat., 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. See page 8. Location on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/OneHourClean-UpPower/>

Sunday, Dec. **8** **Clean Coast Bonaire.** 8-10 a.m. Te Amo Beach. Donate your time. Work as a citizen scientist to collect marine litter & data. <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=clean%20coast%20bonaire>

Assisted Journey ahead at Teramar Museum



gins with Tromp’s colorful, whimsical styled images and Wilson adds details using acrylic and an assortment of mixed media elements. The journey of art together is the culmination of five months of work.

Tromp said, “A lot of artists won’t do this because they won’t work together. We wanted to do something new.”

In addition to the joint works, the exhibit will include 20 individual pieces of artwork from each artist for a total of 57. The selection is sure to engage a broad selection of art lovers.

The artists:

Gabrielle Wilson: Originally from Massachusetts, Wilson has traveled throughout the world but has lived the majority of her adult life in Bonaire. A long-time art lover, she found herself at the easel about 12 years ago. Her work has evolved reflecting her travels and experimentation of different medium and techniques.

Delno Tromp: Island born Denchi’s work reflects the bright colors of the Caribbean in a two-dimensional style bringing to mind the work of Andy Warhol. The paintings are fun and exude happiness in their simplicity.

The paintings range in size from less than 8” sq to approximately 24”. Prices begin at \$150.



Artists Delno “Denchi” Tromp and Gabrielle Wilson
Photo Julie Morgan

A portion of the sales will go to a Bonaire charity. Opening for the exhibit will be December 6, 5:30 p.m.

The artists can be reached by email at: gabriellewilson@hotmail.com and delno33@yahoo.com.

Story / Photos Julie Morgan

Road returns to Bonaire’s best art and artists

Kaminda di Arte, (Road of Art) is back November 30 and December 1 after several years of hiatus. And with all the new artists on the Bonaire art scene it promises to be a success. Kaminda di Arte guides art lovers on a tour of the island with a map illustrating the locations of where to find the 40 participating artists at their own studios and galleries.

Art center Sobremesa has taken the initiative to organize the 2024 Kaminda di Arte.

Sobremesa owner Karine di Witt of said, “It promises to be a wonderful experience.”

Both Sobremesa and Museo Chi’l Tan in Rincon will host pop-up art studios for several of Bonaire’s artists who aren’t lucky enough to have their own studio.

The Kaminda di Arte takes place on Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Updated information and maps will be posted on the Sobremesa website: www.sobremesa-bonaire.com or scan the QR code on the posters and flyers.

See ad for the list of participating artists.

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BONAIRE'S OPEN ART STUDIO WEEKEND 2024

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INFO ARTISTS AND LOCATIONS www.sobremesa-bonaire.com

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Dutch Caribbean Research Week Nov. 20 - 27

Those interested in Science on the Caribbean can sign up for six mornings. Every day a different island will host a local event. There will also be a live-stream which will allow you to follow every event online. A wide array of themes is present: Economy and Work, Safe Societies and Democracy, Education, Culture and Identity, Sustainable Future, Healthy Ecosystems, Environment and Climate, and Food Nutrition and Health(care).

More information and registration can be found on www.dcrw.nl. Participation is free, the event will be held in English.

When to collect your Health Card

A personal health card from Care and Youth Caribbean Netherlands (ZJCN) is now replacing the paper insurance certificate given previously to Bonaireans for urgent medical emergencies abroad. Please note: the healthcare card is not a travel insurance policy

Bonaire residents who have been insured with ZJCN for at least two years can collect their Healthcare Card according to the schedule below. Residents must bring their sedula.

Kralendijk: Jong Bonaire,	
9 a.m. – 12 noon; 1 to 5 p.m.	
Birth Year	Collect your card
1970 - 1979	Nov. 11 until Nov. 16
1980 - 1989	Nov. 18 until Nov. 22
1990 or later	Nov. 25 until Nov. 30

Rincon: Cocari, Kaya Rincon #50	
9 a.m. – 12 noon; 1 to 5 p.m.	
All ages Dec. 2 until Dec. 7	

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Animal Shelter News

Have you seen our new dog wash stations yet?

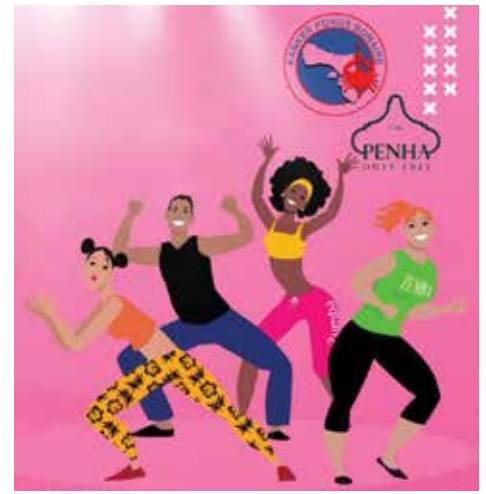
Thanks to a generous donation from Don and Ann we're thrilled to share that, Animal Shelter Bonaire now has its very own dog washing stations. Masha danki, Don and Ann! This wonderful addition means that our beloved shelter dogs can now enjoy regular baths, helping them stay clean, healthy, and feeling their very best.

Want to treat one of our dogs with a spa day? Come by during our opening hours and try out our new washing stations. Our four-legged friends can't wait to see you. Bathing our shelter dogs not only helps them look great but also gives them a bit of extra one-on-one attention, which they absolutely love. So, if you're up for it, don't hesitate! We're open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays until 2 p.m.

Marissa Lamers /



Zumba Cancer event a success



More than 100 people dressed in pink showed up to Zumba against cancer at Isidel Park on October 31. Fitness and Zumba specialist Undine Nahorst led the crowd for almost an hour in the salsa, samba, merengue, hip-hop cardio heart pumping exercise workout.

Prior to the Zumba session, representatives from Bonaire's Breast Cancer screening told the crowd that taking care of yourself with diet and exercise is a way to prevent breast cancer. They enlightened the crowd about the importance of mammograms in detecting cancer early.

A raffle sweetened the event for several lucky winners of a \$200 basket of goodies from Penha and gift cards from Lover's Ice Cream.

To learn more about the benefits of early screening visit <https://www.bonaire.screening-cn.com/en/breast-cancer-screening/>

Pets of the Week



Lily



Mr. Miyagi

Meet Lily.

Lily is a cheerful and loving 3-year-old who's sure to bring joy to any home. She adores playing and of late is having great fun in the rain puddles. Did you know that some dogs actually smile? Well, Lily does. Her sweet smile (with teeth) and wagging tail make it clear just how happy she is to be around people. Now, Lily is on the lookout for a wonderful forever home where she can share her love and smiles every day. Come meet Lily and see if she's the perfect match for your family!

Photo/story: Bo Attevelt

Meet Mr. Miyagi – Master of “Wax On, Wax Off”!

Mr. Miyagi, our lovable 4-year-old black cat, doesn't just share a name with a famous sensei—he's got his own “moves.” He adores head scratches and back rubs, leaning in with his own version of “wax on, wax off” while purring happily. Not only is he great with kids and super affectionate, but he also loves dressing up. Whether it's a cute costume or a playful accessory, Mr. Miyagi is always up for a little fun and flair. If you're looking for a cuddly, playful, and stylish companion, come meet Mr. Miyagi.

Photo/story: Bo Attevelt

If you would like to meet our cats and dogs, please come to Animal Shelter Bonaire, Kaminda Lagun 26A.

Open Monday - Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

You can also call 701-4989 or 717-4989 to make an appointment, via whatsapp, facebook messenger, or email animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

BLNQ kids winners

The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) is thrilled to announce the results of the 2024 Big Live Nature Quiz - Kids Edition, an online event where primary schools and young nature enthusiasts from Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St. Eustatius, and St. Maarten came together to expand their knowledge of nature through learning and competition.

The winning team of this year's quiz is “Dutch Learners” from Saba Sacred Heart on Saba. Each island also celebrated its local champions, recognizing their commitment to nature education. The Bonairean winners are: “Yfke Kiara Ezrah Keke” from Basisschool Aquamarin



Bonaire's kids acing the BLNQ in 2019

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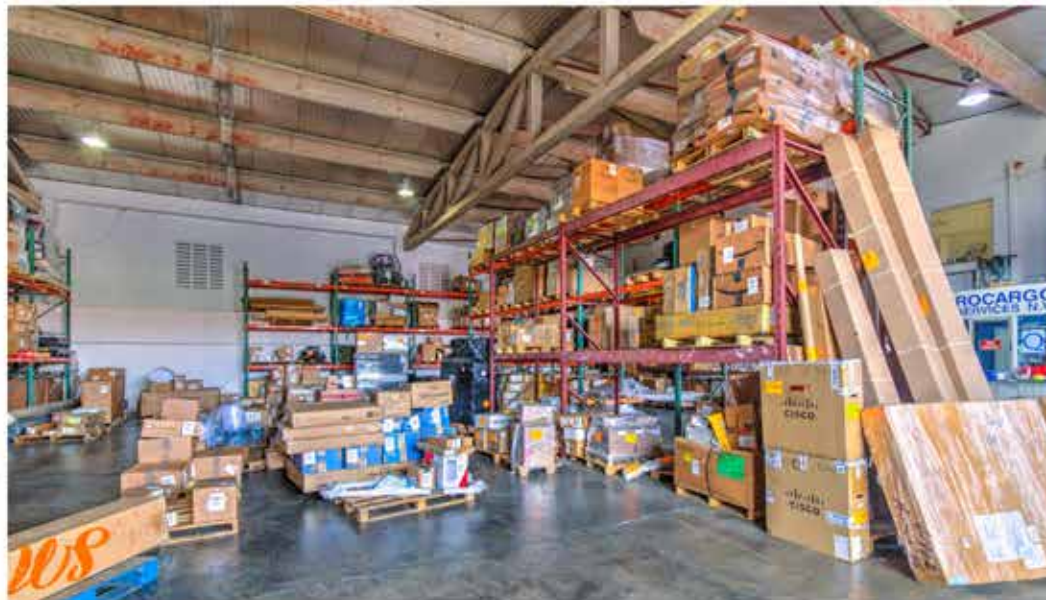
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Introduction of the Healthcare Card



From 28 October, Care and Youth Caribbean Netherlands (ZJCN) will introduce the Healthcare Card on Bonaire. This personal card will replace the paper insurance certificate. Bonaire residents who have been insured with ZJCN for at least two years can collect their Healthcare Card according to the schedule below:

Location Kralendijk: Jong Bonaire, Kaya Libertador Simon Bolivar #16

Birth Year	Period	Time
1920 - 1959	28 October until 2 November	
1960 - 1969	4 November until 8 November	
1970 - 1979	11 November until 16 November	09:00 – 12:00
1980 - 1989	18 November until 22 November	13:00 – 17:00
1990 or later	25 November until 30 November	

Location Rincon: Cocari, Kaya Rincon #50

Birth Year	Period	Time
All ages	2 December until 7 December	09:00 – 12:00 13:00 – 17:00

Important:
Bring your *sédula* and the completed customer form with you.

For more information, please visit:
www.rijksdienstcn.com or scan the QR code.



2024 Coral Spawning Predictions for the Southern Caribbean, continued

Scientific name (and spawning window)	Common Name	DATE															
		NAFM	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
<i>Meandrina meandrites</i> (10–70 MAS)	Maze Coral	SUNSET	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:07 PM	6:08 PM	6:08 PM
<i>Eusmilia fastigiata</i> (75–270 MAS)	Smooth Flower Coral										7:22–10:37 PM						
<i>Dichocoenia stokesii</i> (85–160 MAS)	Pineapple Coral										7:32–8:47 PM						

Scientific name (and spawning window)	Common Name	DATE															
		NAFM	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
<i>Holothuria mexicana</i>	Donkeydung Sea Cucumber																12:00–8:00 PM
<i>Hemodice carunculata</i>	Fire Worm																12:00–7:00 PM
<i>Diadema antillarum</i>	Long-Spined Sea Urchin																12:00–9:00 PM
<i>Neofibularia noltangere</i>	Touch-Me-Not Sponge																2:00–7:00 PM
<i>Plexaura, Pseudoplexaura, Eunicia</i>	Sea Rods																starting at 7:00 PM
<i>Plexaura homomalla</i>	Black Sea Rod																7:00–11:00 PM
<i>Ophiuroidea</i>	Brittle Sea Star/Serpent Star																7:30–11:00 PM
<i>Pseudopterogorgia spp.</i>	Sea Plume																8:00–11:00 PM
<i>Spirobranchus giganteus</i>	Christmas Tree Worm																9:00–11:30 PM

Abbreviations & Colors

NAFM: Nights After the Full Moon
MBS: Minutes Before Sunset
MAS: Minutes After Sunset
Pale Blue: Spawning may be possible but data are sparse; Please help by diving these dates.
Light Blue: Spawning is possible; Spawning has been observed on these dates.
Medium Blue: Spawning is likely; Spawning is often observed on these dates.
Dark Blue: Spawning is very likely; Spawning is reliably observed on these dates.
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Times are now in AM/PM instead of 24h



Tips for Observers

- Spawning is never guaranteed, especially in a changing climate. When in doubt, go for a dive
- Predictions do not include buffers; we suggest entering the water well before predicted times
- Dive in a place with high coral cover
- Make multiple dives on multiple nights
- Dive shallower than 50' to maximize dive time
- Use a moderately bright dive light
- Scan the water column for clouds of spawn
- Spawn from most brain/star/elkhorn/staghorn corals looks like snow/confetti/polka dots
- Spawn from starlet, pillar, maze, and pineapple corals and male great star corals looks like puffs of smoke or sprays of fine sand
- Spawn from female great star corals looks like chunky vomit (hooray!)
- Spawning depends on local sunset times; to adjust dives based on your local sunset times,

More Resources & How To Get Involved

- **Bonus features and PDF download:** Sign up for our dive tips, access this PDF, get notified when future spawning calendars are released, and help us measure our reach: Please take our quick survey at www.tinyurl.com/CarmabiCal2024.
- **New Coral Breeding Reference Sheets:** This new community resource for coral propagation, led by Val Chamberland, is now available to download here: <https://www.crc.world/resources-propagation-outplanting>.
- **Please share your observations:** Your discoveries help coral research and conservation! A new AGGRA database is under development to collect and distribute regional spawning data. Therefore, if you monitor spawning, please record as many of the following details as possible: Date, location, site name (or lat/long), depth, species, setting time (if seen), spawning start and stop times, area monitored in m2, # of colonies monitored, % of colonies that spawned, # of male/female colonies (if applicable). Photos, partial records, and records of no spawn are all very welcome! Send reports to carmablog@gmail.com, v.chamberland@secore.org, or kristen@marhaverlab.com. You can also post your observations at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CoralSpawningResearch>.
- **Huge thanks** to everyone who shared observations over the past 30+ years. The Curacao team wishes you a safe and productive spawning season!
- **Suggested citation:** KL Marhaver, VF Chamberland, and MJA Vermeij, "Coral