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Happy Holidays



Malin Kaisjer at Playa Chikitu
Photo Julie Morgan

Discovering Washington Slagbaai sites

Amazing as it might sound, Washington Slagbaai National Park used to be a plantation called America. But prior to that it was Parcel No. 1 sold in an auction by the Government Colony of Curaçao in 1868. It was described as a large 4000 ha (actually 5000 ha) area at the Northwestern part of the island. The property was sold to the highest bidders for Fl 35,200 (\$19,700) and became known as Slagbaai. Some 20 years later it was sold and then resold again in 1920 with 2400 ha going to the brothers Julio and Gijsberto Herrera who named the property America. They built a new entrance, the current entry today, where the workers received their wages. The brothers decided America should have a capital and named it Washington.

“One would go to Washington to look for work, at Washington one would get one’s earnings and Washington was the place where the management of the enterprise ruled and where orders were given.” (Field Guide National Park Washington-Slagbaai Bonaire)

After the death of Julio, his son Boy supervised the property from 1936 to 1967. When he became ill, Boy feared his heirs would sell off the precious sanctuary to land speculators. He negotiated a deal with the Netherlands Antilles government to buy it with several conditions: “The estate must be kept in its present state, and that no hotels, motels or similar building would be constructed on it.”

The caretakers of Washington Slagbaai National Park have lived up to those conditions and today we are free to explore the same areas and experience the park as the first inhabitants did. Certain areas of the park have changed with time but for the most part not from human intervention but by nature itself.

In the early days of the Arawak Indians, there was no beach at Playa Chikitu, only limestone rock. It took a tsunami to alter the geography. Chief Ranger George “Kultura” Thode told us if the tide is close to the

sand it is sometimes possible to find Indian inscriptions on the limestone walls. He explained that during the time of slavery on the plantation, the coral stone would be used to make fences such as the remnant of the old stone walls near the Chikitu inlet. The limestone was also heated over the fire to make white lime which was used to paint houses. Both coral blocks and limestone were sold at the old, dilapidated building near the park entrance that was also built of coral and limestone.

Over hundreds of years the sand at Chikitu

has built up forming a beach. People would come to sunbathe, swim, fish and even launch small boats. The Indians and early inhabitants would catch and eat the sea turtles that came to nest on the beach. Turtles still nest on Playa Chikitu but thankfully laws are in place to protect them.

In 1972, the government installed four palapas for people to enjoy the beach. In those days people were warned to swim in the middle of the inlet, not on the side where treacherous currents flowed. Today there is no swimming due to several deaths.

Along the Lagodishi trail to Playa Chikitu, you pass Salina Matijs. The salina was known to fill with water after heavy rains. The water would then push through the limestone walls and run out to the sea. This happened most recently in 1954 and 1965. During the rainy season, Salina Matijs a good place to observe flocks of flamingos, sometimes in the hundreds, and other water birds.

Just to the north of Salina Matijs, the small plantation farm of Savana was home to goats, cows, sheep and farming of corn and maize. In 1885 an investigation of this area found Indian artifacts including pipes, jewelry made of shells, and other items. There are two wells in the area, where the Indians and slaves could take fresh water for drinking.



After climbing over the cactus and rocks we made it to the top of Kasikunda.
Photo Julie Morgan

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Bonaire: a Dutch island bordering a war zone

American president Donald Trump says the Maduro government is smuggling cocaine into the U.S. That is correct and has been for years. He says Venezuela is also a major supplier of fentanyl to the U.S. That statement is false. Trump says that every time the U.S. military blows up a suspicious Venezuelan boat and its crew, it saves 28,000 American lives. That claim is false as well. (Some might also consider it a silly thing for a grown man to say.)

On a clear day the Venezuelan Andes are visible from Bonaire's higher hills. We are living on the fringe of a combat zone. Fearfully armed planes, launched from the world's largest aircraft carrier, are flying just out of sight over our territorial waters. Last week a military tanker plane almost collided with a JetBlue flight, an estimated 150 people aboard, as it departed from Curaçao.

As an offshore municipality of the Netherlands, how secure are we? What follows summarizes The Hague's official point of view as it was expressed during a Parliamentary question period last week.

There is currently no immediate threat to the Kingdom: the actions are taking place outside the territorial waters of the Kingdom, and there is no indication that Aruba, Bonaire, or Curaçao will become involved in a potential conflict.

Aruba, Curaçao, and Bonaire are preparing for various potential consequences of any escalating tensions. The Netherlands is also making preparations for assistance and support.

The Kingdom is not involved. The United States government is conducting a military operation in international waters while invoking self-defense.

The Dutch government's position is that a well-known armed attack or an imminent threat is a prerequisite for a claim of self-defense. The government emphasizes that all parties must make efforts to prevent further escalation and must comply with international law.

The intelligence provided jointly by JIATF-S (Joint Inter-agency Task Force South) is not being used in the U.S. national operation.

The Caribbean Coast Guard operates solely in territorial waters and the exclusive economic zone. Securing those areas is the only role it is playing.

The Cooperative Security Location (CSL) treaty authorizes the U.S. to operate flights from the Curaçao airport for the purpose of surveillance, monitoring and tracing drug shipments. The flights must be unarmed.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Defense are closely monitoring developments. The Minister of Foreign Affairs keeps the governments of Aruba and Curaçao, and the Governor of Bonaire, informed of developments. Despite the absence of an immediate threat, Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao are currently working on various scenarios to help prepare for issues such as logistics. This is part of their regular cooperation in crisis management. *DMR*

JetBlue flight avoids collision with US military aircraft

Radio traffic recorded between Curaçao air traffic control and a JetBlue flight to JFK confirms the pilots had to take evasive action Friday, Dec. 12 at 5:04 p.m. to avoid a mid-air collision with an American military aircraft. The U.S. aircraft, a refueling tanker, was flying through Curaçao airspace without its transponder activated. Neither the primary air traffic control radar at Curaçao International Airport nor the JetBlue onboard radar detected the large plane. The Airbus A320-232 had an estimated 150 people aboard.

The Trump government has sent the largest aircraft carrier in the world, the USS Gerald R. Ford, into Venezuelan waters to blow up small boats, and the people in them, that might be smuggling drugs into the U.S.

All major airlines, having been warned by their respective governments, have rerouted their southern Caribbean flights to avoid the dangers created by the U.S. military intrusion into the region. *DMR (Source: BES-Reporter)*

Dutch are taking over Landfill project

State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Eddie van Marum has informed Parliament that he and Provincial Executive Member Clark Abraham have signed an agreement to sign a full administrative agreement before January 31st. The administrative agreement will "define the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved for the implementation of the licensing, supervision, and enforcement (VTH) tasks at Selibon Lagun."

The Executive Council (BC) and Dutch government agree the current landfill endangers public health, and they agree essentially on what needs to be done. They just disagree over verb tense. The Executive Council has repeatedly promised it will fulfill its responsibilities regarding Selibon and the landfill. The Dutch say the Executive Council should have started fulfilling its responsibilities a year ago or even earlier.

A "steering committee" comprising several ministries and independent Dutch experts will decide which measures the BC must take to reduce the risks of the landfill until an alternative site for the landfill is available by the end of 2028. Governor John Soliano or deputy Abraham will be allowed to attend meetings of the committee.

Several weeks ago Dr. Hugens, the director of Public Institutions and Control of the Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate, sent a letter to acting Kingdom Representative Helmond. The letter declared the continuing degradation of the Lagun Landfill poses "unacceptable risks for people and the environment." Therefore Hugens advised the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management "to reconsider the OLB's current VTH responsibility [licensing, supervision, and enforcement] for this waste company." In this context, "reconsider" means the Dutch should terminate the previous arrangement with the OLB and impose an administrative agreement that gives them control of the landfill project.

This week a nine-member delegation from the Island Council will return from the Netherlands where it has been participating in the "Fifteen Years After 10/10/10" conference at Nieuwspoor. In an advance press release, the Executive Council announced its determination to invoke the island's right to self-determination at the conference. "We remain unanimous in our view that the position of Kingdom Representative be abolished," the press release declared. Jan Helmond, the current acting Kingdom Representative, will enforce the new administrative agreement. *DMR*

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An Island Christmas



Most every street in Bonaire is alive with colorful twinkling lights and decorations. The holiday feeling is spreading through the island, and earlier this month Christmas markets were held at Animal Shelter Bonaire and Tera Cora to help you select gifts for loved ones.

On December 14, a kid's market was held at Isidel Beach Park with 16 booths featuring crafts, jewelry, smoothies, homemade cookies and carnival type games with prizes. Santa Claus was on hand for photos with the kids and several bands took the stage playing local music.

And don't forget, December is not just about Christmas. Hanukkah began on December 14 and extends through the 22.

Once again Bonaire Youth Outreach Foundation (BYOF) and Sun Rental are sponsoring a Giving Tree to ensure 150 kids receive a gift during the Christmas holiday. Deadline for gift delivery at Sun Rental is this Friday, December 19. (See story page 16)

Animal Shelter Bonaire has their own gift tree for the cats and dogs at the Shelter. Visit the Wish Tree at the Shelter,

grab a ticket with a special gift wish for one of the Shelter pets. (See story page 19)

Shopping Night and the Taste of Bonaire is this Friday, December 19 from 6-10. There will be live music, DJs and shops will be open with some special deals for you to find the perfect gifts to complete your shopping list. Craft and

food booths will be available along with games for the children. A fashion show is scheduled and of course Santa will make a special appearance.

The Chamber of Commerce of Bonaire (KVK) has organized A Christmas Art Market with 25 artists at Corallium Hotel for December 21 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m..

Classical Music Board's Annual Christmas Concert is at Plaza Beach Resort on December 21 from 7 - 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and available at Del Mar Bookstore and Lisa Convenience Store.

On Christmas Day, take note that all supermarkets and groceries will be

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POLICE REPORT

You can contact the police via 715 8000, 911 or via the anonymous tip line 9310.

Property crimes

Dec. 11. While a fat bike was parked at a school on Kaya Frater Odulfinus unknown persons stole the battery.

Dec. 2. While the owners were snorkeling at the dive site "Margate Bay," unknown persons stole two Samsung mobile phones and cash from their shopping bags lying on the beach.

Arrests

Dec. 11. A man, 24, was arrested for insulting a public servant on duty and failing to comply with police orders. Around 8:30 p.m. a patrol car attempted to stop the driver of a car on Kaya Papa Cornes for a routine check, but the driver ignored the police stop sign. A chase took place that ended with an arrest at a residence on Kaya Dr. Jose Girigorio Hernandez. The driver initially refused to hand over his driver's license, but later did so, along with an expired insurance card. The driver failed to comply with the officers' requests, attempted to obstruct the stop, touched an officer twice, and insulted the officers several times.

Traffic accidents / DUIs

Under the policy 'botsen is blazen' ('to collide is to blow') a breath test is given drivers who have accidents.

Fatal Collision

Dec. 3. Around 11 a.m. a fatal collision was reported between a truck and a golf cart near Kaya Sioux and Kaya Crique. Paramedics arriving on the scene immediately began resuscitation on one

of the victims and then transported both victims to the hospital. At the hospital, the doctor pronounced the death of the passenger of the golf cart, a 75-year-old man, a cruise tourist, born on December 6, 1949, in the United States.

Dec. 10. Around 7:05 a.m. a driver lost control of her car on E.E.G. Boulevard when another vehicle suddenly appeared in front of hers. She then collided with parked vehicles along the road. The driver complained of pain and was treated at the scene by paramedics.

Dec. 5. Around 1:30 p.m. a car and a scooter collided on Kaya Internashonal. At the intersection with Kaya Maximiliana Rosario, the car was stopped to turn left. The scooter driver saw the car too late and had to brake sharply, causing him to slide and collide with the rear of the car. The scooter driver was injured but indicated he would seek medical attention himself.

Dec. 4. Around 9:20 a.m. two cars collided on Kaminda Gurubu. The driver of car 1 lost control on a bend, causing car 1 to enter the wrong section of the road. Car 2, coming from the opposite direction, collided with the rear of car 1, causing car 1 to come to a stop in the vegetation on the side of the road. Both drivers were medically examined by paramedics but did not require hospitalization.

From Dec. 2 to Dec. 11 police reported that 12 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Drivers who register a positive result on a breath test given at their vehicles are arrest-

ed and taken to the police station for a breath analysis.

Two DUI drivers collided with other cars. Another driver rolled his car, overturning it in front of a church entrance. One driver was stopped when he drove his car through a closed zone. Police stopped two drivers' cars for a routine check, and three for driving erratically. They stopped two scooters and a moped because either the driver or passenger wasn't wearing a helmet.

The moped driver and a car driver were fined for being unable to produce a valid driver's license or proof of insurance. Seven drivers' licenses were confiscated.

Two drivers had been arrested earlier for impaired driving. One driver, a woman, 20, had been arrested three times between Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without a license, and without proof of insurance. Her car was impounded.

Traffic, Parking and Speed Control

The speed limit in built-up areas is 40 km/h and 60 km/h outside of them.

Dec. 2. A laser gun was used to measure the speed of approaching cars on Kaminda Tras di Montaña. Three tickets were issued for exceeding the 60 km/h speed limit. The measured speeds ranged between 60 and 128 km/h.

Dec. 10. During an evening traffic check on Kaya Korona 19 vehicles were checked, and seven tickets were issued: driving without valid insurance 2x; driv-

ing without a valid driver's license 3x; for failing to produce a driver's license upon first request 1x; and for not wearing a seat belt 1x.

The fine for the aforementioned violations ranges from \$30 to \$225.

One driver was not permitted to continue driving because he did not have a driver's license or proof of insurance. Also, his vehicle was in poor condition. Several lights were out of order.

Dec. 1. During a traffic check on Kaya Korona 10 vehicles were checked. One ticket was issued for driving without a valid driver's license. During this check, two individuals who had no identification documents or valid residence permits were on the island illegally and were transferred to the Immigration Control Department.

Dec. 10. A patrol again observed several cars illegally parked on Kaya J.E. Nicolaas. This is a two-way street, so parking on the roadway or sidewalk is prohibited and obstructs traffic. Four drivers were fined. Two cars were towed.

Dec. 1. A no-stopping zone is in effect on both sides of the road on Kaya J.E. Nicolaas. Around 9:40 a.m. cars were found parked on the sidewalks and in the roadway itself. One of these vehicles was parked directly on the intersection's shark's teeth. Nine drivers received fines, and three cars were towed. Towing costs are borne by the driver or owner of the vehicle.

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closed. So do your shopping early if you plan on cooking or otherwise head out to one of the countless restaurants serving their festive version of Christmas dinner. Be sure to call or book online for a reservation in advance. Many of your favorite restaurants have been fully booked for weeks, but some are adding a second Christmas meal for Boxing Day, the day after Christmas.

Washington Slagbaai National Park is closed on Christmas Day.

Church services:

International Bible Church will hold a Christmas Eve Celebration on December 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Parish La Birgen di Coromoto-Antriol - Christmas Eve mass
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Mass, 8p.m. English; 10 p.m. Papiamentu;
Dec 25 - Christmas Day, 10 a.m. Papiamentu
Dec 26 - Boxing Day, 9 a.m. Papiamentu
Story / Photo Julie Morgan

Statistics tell Bonaire's story

Since 2010, the Caribbean Bureau of Statistics (CBS) has produced the small booklet, *The Caribbean Netherlands in Numbers*. The latest issue, 2025 was recently released and is free and available to everyone in Papiamentu, Dutch and English. The contents include: population and demographics, economy and labor, housing and energy, tourism and environment and youth and well-being.

Quintin Knut, head of CBS for 15 years said, "The book is just trying to sell our story of who we are as an island based on people."

But how do they get the information? Quintin told us the information is acquired from government agency registries, data, sedula, population statistics and census office. Online questionnaires are given to schools and the children can respond after parents give their permis-



sion. There are no mail-in surveys, questionnaires or face to face encounters with the exception of company surveys. They tried surveys one time with the general public, and the response was less than 10%.

CBS is currently working on a Labor force survey. The Bonaire office is responsible for statistics from all three is-

lands: Bonaire, Saba and St Eustatius.

The booklets are available at the Bonaire Public Library, CBS office – Bulvar Gobernador Nicolaas Debrot #67, unit 9 or online
<https://www.cbs.nl/en-gb/publication/2025/50/the-caribbean-netherlands-in-numbers-2025>

Julie Morgan

The online version of our story "BOPEC becomes CBET" in issue 23 of Bonaire's favorite English language newspaper has received

8,779 views

Non-traditional construction for MBO



The new MBO school is being built with a non-traditional construction system. The concrete walls are poured and foam insulation is applied to both sides of the concrete. This construction system significantly reduces both construction costs and oper-

ating costs.

The building complies with the BES building code, so will be resistant to Category 3 earthquakes and hurricanes.

OLB release and photo

Ask Bob

Bonaire real estate advice



Hi Bob,
I'm selling my house on Bonaire, and the deed transfer is next month. When will I get my money?

Jack M.

Hi Jack, that a really good question and congratulations on the sale of your property.

Once the deed is transferred to the buyer, it can take up to two weeks for you to receive your funds. The Notaris is not permitted to disburse the proceeds of the sale until they confirm that there are no liens or mortgages on the property and the new deed has been formally registered in the name of the new owner (the buyer). It can take a few days for the Kadaster to register the deed and return it to the Notaris office. Once the deed has been registered at the Kadaster, the Notaris can wire transfer the funds to the seller. The wire transfer process can also take a day or two to be completed.

Due to all these items having to be completed, It can take up to 10 business days from the date that the deed is transferred to the time you receive it into your bank account.

All the best, Bob

Bob Bartikoski,
Re/Max Bonaire Broker/Owner

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Have you seen, photographed or videoed cetaceans (dolphins or whales) on Bonaire? If yes, then hopefully you reported it to CCS (Caribbean Cetacean Society). Since 2020, CCS has been gathering data and information from sightings regarding cetacean numbers, lifestyle and distribution throughout the Caribbean.

On December 10th, Gwen Margez-Versteegh, Bonaire CCS Project & Expedition leader, revealed the information she has consolidated on cetaceans in an end of year 2025 report at Terramar Museum.

In the past year 125 sightings have been reported and some 322 photos submitted. Most of the sightings were from shore which is the least intrusive on the mammals. Others were spotted by divers and snorkelers and boat passengers. There were 91 sightings of Bottlenose, minimum of five Spinner and minimum of eight Rough Tooth.

CCS encourages everyone to report their collected data using these guidelines: date, time, location, behavior, group size, animal color and species, take non-invasive photos/video, note any scars or notches on flukes or fins.

Code of Conduct for approach: Boats should not get too close, no more than one boat at a time and 20 minutes is the maximum amount of time. No swimming with the dolphins.

To help identify the dolphin species most frequently seen:

Bottlenose – robust but slender, stocky body with prominent head and short cylindrical nose. The dorsal is sickle shaped and ends in a marked point. Color is light grey with darker dorsal cape and a white ventral side. Size is 2.45 m (8 ft)– 3.80 m (12.46 ft).

Spinner – playful, small slender with a slightly rounded head and a long nose. Dorsal is sickle shape in the female and triangular in the male. Color is three-part grey dorsal cap, grey sides and whitish ventral jaw. Size is 1.70 m (5.57 ft) – 2.10 m (6.88 ft).

Rough Tooth – conical shaped head and slender nose. Fins are set further back than other similar dolphins. Dorsal is pronounced. Light grey in color with back and dorsal a darker grey.

Dolphins, like all marine animals, are experiencing increased human pressure from human activities. This includes maritime traffic, fishing and degradation of habitats due to climate change.

Gwen said, “Human pressure also comes with more people intentionally going in the water with the dolphins; it is disturbing their natural behaviors like resting, feeding, nursing or giving birth. This can also be dangerous as dolphins are wild animals and do not always want to interact with humans.”

CCS is embarking on Dushi Dolphin An Nou. This is a unique opportunity for you to choose and name one of the 50 recognized or known dolphins. The donation is \$250 and contributes the protection of dolphins.

To report any cetacean sightings, send photos/video of cetaceans on Bonaire or to name a dolphin contact Gwen +599-787-3307 or email gwen.margez@ccs-ngo.com

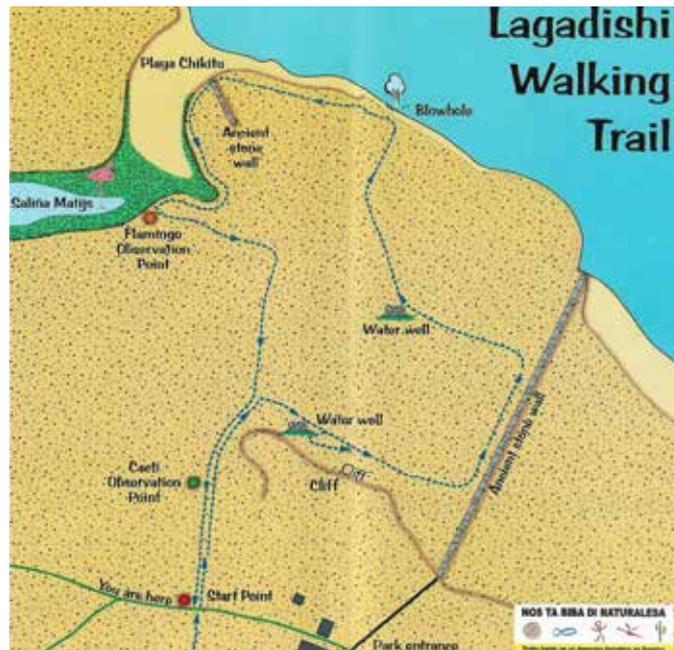
Julie Morgan

On the southern side of Chikitu is a blowhole which the Arawak Indians used to predict climate conditions like drought and the beginning of the rainy season.

To the left of the park entrance is Kasikunda, a climb of 91m (298.55 ft) to the top. The hill is mostly a 45° incline or more and it is all rock and cactus. A walking stick is helpful as it is slippery navigating the rocks and pricklies. But, the reward of the view at the top is worth it. There is a second route to go down and Malin Kaisjer and I found ourselves sometimes unable to stand. We descended by sitting on a big rock then easing down to sit on next one. The rocks are a black diabase stone/ boulder and black, brown and blue quartz. They are tightly butted up against like a Jenga game for most of the way. Yellow posts lead the way, but note this is not a trail... it is a climb.

Kultura told us Kasikunda, meaning people's house, is close to the original entrance of the plantation. In those days, the base of the hill was planted with corn, aloe, maize, watermelon and trees.

Story / Photos Julie Morgan



The permitting, supervision, and enforcement authority (VTH) formerly exercised on Bonaire by the island government will be outsourced to the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency as of January 1, 2026, the standard practice of municipalities in the European Netherlands.

Provincial Executive Member Abraham wanted to end the agency's role on the island entirely. But research by the Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate in 2023 revealed significant shortcomings in Bonaire's VTH practices, including political interference. Therefore reassignment of the island's VTH authority became one on the conditions imposed by the new administrative agreements. *DMR*
(See also Landfill story on page 2)

Health experts meet on Bonaire

Last month the Protekshon di Salú' Conference, organized by the Public Health Service (GGD), was attended by a diverse group of participants and speakers from Curaçao, Aruba, Bonaire, and the European Netherlands. Local and regional experts, policymakers and chain partners met to discuss infectious diseases and pandemic preparedness on the island. They shared valuable insights on vaccination readiness, sexual health, prevention, and what investments are needed to better prepare Bonaire for future outbreaks.

The experts who attended agreed that public health is much broader than just health care. It requires a strong focus on preventing infectious diseases before they arise. The experts also agreed that strong preparation is possible only with close cooperation between health-care professionals, government, civil society organizations, and the inhabitants of the island and between the islands themselves. *DMR*

New electricity rates will be too high CD says

The Central Dialogue Bonaire (CD) says the new electricity rates taking effect on January 1 will violate the promise that the average rate in the European and Caribbean Netherlands will be the same. The CD predicts the rate for an average household will increase by USD 25 per month.

CD Vice-Chair Mervyn Stegers revealed the predicted inequity in a letter to Ministers Vincent Karremans (Economic Affairs) and Sophie Hermans (Climate and Green Growth). He told them "Electricity rates on Bonaire are structurally high, and for many residents and businesses, the energy bill represents a large portion of their monthly expenses."

While Stegers acknowledges incomes have risen following the increase in the statutory minimum wage, he says the promised cost reductions have not materialized. Regarding electricity rates, the CD raises the question of "whether it is reasonable for a resident of Bonaire to pay the same as in the European Netherlands, given that average incomes on Bonaire are 50% of those in the European Netherlands."

Stegers also points out the promised transition to renewal energy has not yet taken off on Bonaire. The transition, which will lower the costs of producing energy, is proceeding in the European Netherlands. *DMR*

New funding for Klein Bonaire projects

The EU-funded BESTLife2030 program, which supports nature conservation projects across Europe's overseas territories, is funding a two-year project to restore habitats on Klein Bonaire.

Klein Bonaire is a protected nature reserve and part of the Bonaire National Marine Park. However, like many small islands, Klein Bonaire faces increasing pressure from climate change, invasive species, and human activity. This new project will address these challenges through hands-on restoration and improved management.

Key activities include:

- **Habitat restoration:** planting native vegetation to strengthen natural resilience.
- **Maintenance of trails and recreational areas:** ensuring safe and sustainable access for visitors while protecting sensitive habitats.
- **Improved enforcement and monitoring:** supporting rangers in safeguarding the island's ecosystems.
- **Community involvement:** hosting stakeholder meetings and outreach events to keep the public engaged and informed.

"This project is about balance," said Leonel Martijn, Interim Marine Park Manager. "We want people to keep enjoying Klein Bonaire, but in a way that protects the island for the future."

STINAPA release



During a Klein Bonaire tour for the press in January 2025, Elsmarie Beukenboom showed Fitipaldi Pieters how to plant with a Water Box. Photo Julie Morgan

A press release from Governor John Soliano

The Governor has informed the Island Council of the results of the investigations into the permit issuance and the construction freeze imposed on the father of former Provincial Executive Member Cicilia. The investigation shows that there was no conflict of interest, influence, or favoritism by the former Provincial Executive Member.

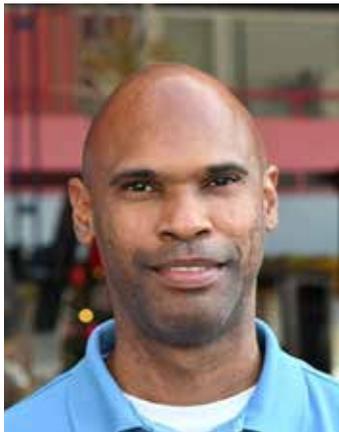
The fact-finding investigation began in May of this year following the construction freeze imposed by the OLB's Supervision and Enforcement Directorate. The Executive Council decided on this investigation because the Provincial Executive Member was then responsible for the Spatial Planning and Development portfolio and was a family member.

The purpose of the investigation was to clarify the procedures surrounding the permit issuance and enforcement measures, and to prevent any appearance of a conflict of interest. Following the fact-finding investigation, the Governor ordered a follow-up investigation to provide further clarification on several points. The fact-finding and follow-up investigation was conducted by a regional research agency with experience in forensic and integrity investigations. The conclusions show that there are no indications that the former deputy influenced the proceedings.

By sharing the results, the Governor hopes to provide clarity for all parties involved, to learn from the process, and to strengthen confidence in the actions of the public body of Bonaire. *(press release, Gov. Soliano)*

Giordano Molina is the new operational director of BIA

Giordano Molina has been appointed operational director of Bonaire International Airport N.V. (BIA). He will join Marco van de Kreeke, who has been active as interim director since December 2024, to complete the two-member collegial team that will lead the further development of Bonaire International Airport.



Giordano Molina

Molina studied Operations Management & Logistics at Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e) and also has a degree in Aviation Technology. He served as Revenue Manager and Route Manager at local airlines InselAir and Top DAE. Molina also worked at Curaçao Airport Holding (CAH) as Airport Supervision Manager, then Chief Operations Officer.

In his new role as statutory operational director of BIA, he is responsible for the day-to-day management of the maintenance organization, the reliability of airport operations, and ensuring safety, security and compliance. Molina's appointment is consistent with BIA's goal of retaining local talent in key positions. *DMR*

No confidence motion against BC fails

The opposition parties submitted to the Island Council a motion of no confidence and censure that called for the dismissal of the current Executive Council because of its failure to present an approved budget proposal for 2026. The motion lost on a tied vote, 3 – 3.

The three members of the opposition who voted to approve the motion of no confidence represent Union Patriótiko Boneriano UPB (the Greens) and Movementu di Pueblo Boneriano MPB (the Blues). A fourth opposition member, Benito Dirks UPB (the Greens), was not present at the meeting. Coalition members Crestian and Hellburg-Makaai PDB (the Reds), and independent council member Vrolijk, voted against the motion. *DMR*

Melissa Arias Interim Head of ZJCN

Melissa Arias has been appointed Interim Head of Healthcare Care and Youth Caribbean Netherlands (ZJCN). Effective immediately, she has assumed the duties of former head Curvin George until April 1, 2026.

Melissa Arias studied medicine at the University of Groningen and has extensive experience in public healthcare in both the European and the Caribbean part of the Kingdom. On Curaçao she was Head of Medicine and Health Affairs at the Ministry of Health, Environment and Nature from 2020 to 2024, and prior to that she worked for the Municipal Health Service (GGD). More recently she worked at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, where she was involved in policy, programme management and the organisation of healthcare. *DMR*



Melissa Arias

TELBO telecommunications services are at risk service provider claims

NetPro, the company that built and has maintained the IT infrastructure for government-owned TELBO, has warned the company's telecommunications services may fail because of lack of required maintenance.

According to NetPro, the maintenance agreement between the two companies was not renewed earlier this year because of a dispute regarding financial transactions under the expired agreement. TELBO believed it had been billed for unfounded and unreasonable charges and refused to sign a new contract until those costs were reimbursed. NetPro felt TELBO's demands were unfounded and unreasonable and refused to give the money back. The old agreement terminated earlier this year and, according to NetPro, TELBO has since been operating its telecommunications infrastructure without providing needed maintenance.

NetPro says it has brought the impasse to the attention of TELBO's management, the Supervisory Board, and the board of Bonaire Holding Maatschappij (BHM) by letter. It considers this public warning its only remaining recourse. *(DMR / Dossier Kingdom Relations)*

Santa Clara land sale investigation begins

Ebben Partners, an independent integrity firm, has launched its fact-finding investigation to clarify the processes, decision-making, and land transactions during a proposed land purchase in the Santa Clara area. The investigation was ordered by Governor Soliano after MPB councilor Hennyson Thielman objected that the property was owned by close family members of Commissioner Clark Abraham, and that the government's offer was higher than the listed price for the land. Abraham has denied any impropriety and says he refrained from participating during Island Council deliberations regarding the purchase. *DMR*



One more collection period for Bario Limpi

From December 19 to 22 Selibon will place large bins at:

1 Rincon Community Center Rincon • 2 Tra'i Montaña Bolas / Soccer Field • 3 Antriol Pabou Bario den tera / Kaminda Djabou • 4 Antriol Pariba Parke Patun Saragoza • 5 Amboina Community Center Amboina • 6 Nikiboko North Community Center Nikiboko • 7 Nikiboko South Parke L. Clarinda • 8 Tera Kora Community Center Tera Korá • 9 Noord Salina Community Center Noord Saliña • 10 Belnem Entrance Kaya R. Statius van Eps • 11 Hato Entrance Kaya Diamanta (near Curoil Hato) • 12 Playa Soccer Stadium Playa

The Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) and Selibon would like to thank all residents for their participation the Bario Limpi campaign. In the first collection, from December 5 to 8, more than 52 tons of waste was collected.

What's allowed: Furniture • Mattresses • Old devices • Household goods • Wood from home • Small amounts of garden residue

Click here to read about what is NOT allowed.
<https://bonairegov.com/nieuwsoverzicht/artikel/campagne-bario-limpi-start-in-december>

OLB press release and photo



José Smit - "Doll loves Nature"
(approximately 60 cm (2 ft) Photo Julie Morgan

in Ceramics," includes 10 large three-dimensional ceramic sculptures, giving the art of mosaic a new meaning. She incorporates traditional flat tiles with ceramic 2-D and 3-D fish, flowers, birds, tea cups, shells, eyes, beads and other items to bring each piece together.

SACA Gallery is located at Kaya Korona 74 and the exhibit is open Thursday – Saturday 2 – 5 p.m. The exhibit runs through January 31.



Henk Roosendaal - "East Coast" diptych 91x 244 cm (35.8 x 96 in) Photo Julie Morgan

Two of Bonaire's most recognized artists, Henk Roosendaal, painter, and José Smit, mosaic artist, opened in a new exhibit at SACA Gallery December 13.

Roosendaal is well known for his distinctive style that uses planes of color in large portraiture. In his show, "The Joy of Creation," instead of portraits in his identifiable style, we see 10 landscapes of Bonaire and the Netherlands with one exception - a humorous self-portrait on a Bonaire landscape.

Roosendaal said, "I've been working on this show for a year. Same style, but not people. This time I'm painting what I want to, what's in my mind and what I see."

Smit's exhibit, titled "Collected Stories



Henk Roosendaal - "Nature" - 60 x 80 cm (23.6 x 31.4 in) Photo Julie Morgan

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As the year comes to a close, we're filled with gratitude for another bright and beautiful year on Bonaire.

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What would we do without our volunteers?

NGO Bonaire recognized the many volunteers of Bonaire who literally get things done in an platform at the Bonaire Public Library on December 6.

An interactive painting set up by artist Marz, Judson Emerenciana, welcomed everyone who entered by asking them to add a note to the *Hands across Bonaire* artwork. Music by local singer Rayshantaly Coffie and guitarist Lucy di Palm filled the air as everyone found their seats and enjoyed drinks, snacks and catching up with fellow volunteers.

NGO Platform's Whitney Lucian, BonDoet assistant Rooje van der Hock and NGO coordinator Amy van der Linden welcomed the crowd. A short BonDoet video was displayed for ultimate inspiration of volunteering.

Questions were posed by NGO Platform board member Lauriane Ammenlaan to a diverse panel of seven volunteer leaders. Questions ranged from "Why is it important for volunteers to work on Bonaire?" to "What motivates you to volunteer?"

Responses varied from "Making the public more conscious of what is being done" to "Having fun doing the work together and getting people involved" to "Get



Volunteer of the Year, Arti De Vries . Photo Julie Morgan

Bonaire to save Bonaire." One idea was to engage the schools by making volunteerism mandatory as it is in other countries.

Members who had been nominated by volunteer sectors were called to receive a gift bag from the board members:

- Arts and Culture Sector – Wesley Sint Jago
- Nature and Environment Sector – Igor Woestenburg
- Social Development Sector – Ordina Gomez-Bernabela
- Youth, Family and Education Sector – Janny Rombley
- Care and Welfare Sector – Evert Piar
- Sports and Recreation Sector – Aris Ventura.

The most anticipated part of the program was the naming of Volunteer of the Year, won by Arti De Vries. The announcement was met with overwhelming cheers as Arti took the stage.

Arti has taken volunteerism to a new level on Bonaire. He is the ever-present volunteer at the Bonaire Sailing Club, Mangrove Maniacs, MiVaBo, Reforestation on Klein Bonaire, Animal Shelter Bonaire Pakus di Pruga, a voluntary sargassum cleaner for STINAPA and can regularly be found walking the beaches looking for litter along the coast. A unanimous approval from the board and well-deserved honor was given to this man who recently celebrated his 80th birthday with a crowd of over 100 at Kanti Awa.

Arti said, "If you don't use it, you lose it."

Congratulations to all the volunteers and a special thanks to Arti for making Bonaire a better place.

Story / Photos Julie Morgan



Happy Birthday, Arti De Vries. Photo Julie Morgan

Make Bonaire Accessible

Write, talk, protect special moments by Ria Dokter

When your partner, a family-member, a life-long friend gets Alzheimer's disease, has a stroke or a fatal disease, you are often confronted with the fact that you never addressed the issue and you do not really know how to handle it. What would they, the impaired, want to happen and how?

Be aware that this is very important, because you will want to act the way they always wanted, but never really told you. How do you deal with everything, respect their wishes and give them the respect that they have earned?

You really need to sit down together sometime and have this talk with your loved one. And better yet, write all this down and read it back to them.

I never had that chance because my late husband had a stroke and could not communicate properly anymore. So, I had to make all the important decisions. I had to explain everything to him that happened, every decision the doctors and nurses made and all the treatments, medication and finally the placement in first a nursing home and later a rehabilitation center. And finally going home and depending on the care he could receive there.

And then came the life together. It was very, very hard because nothing was the same anymore. It even became so hard, that we argued the whole day long. I used words and he could not, but he was angry all the time and it was very hard to cope with.

I decided to ask for help and a psychologist came once a week to talk with both of us. See, I needed to know him again and be aware what to expect and how to handle everything accordingly. And he needed to learn that I was his wife and not a nurse, doctor and his personal servant.

After that I learned that writing everything down that I had problems with and the questions I had helped. And at the end of the day, I sat down with him and read this to him. I gave him the time to listen and react in his own way.

I was very much aware that he was terminal and needed this topic addressed with him and that was the hardest part. But I had almost ten years to prepare. It was something I talked to him about every day though. He tried to make clear what he wanted but also what he absolutely did not want. I dealt with and handled his wishes the best

I could and with respect.

It was also very hard for me, and I started to write poetry and this was a great help. And it is very strange now that since my husband has passed away, I rarely write poetry anymore. But I am glad that writing and talking about it has helped a lot. After the funeral I wrote in my dairy every day, something that I was thankful for.

My mourning started the moment his CVA (stroke) occurred. The writing became a process, my special moment and it made life a bit easier.

I wish you all special moments to remember.

Happy Holidays, Ria



Ria Dokter is living happily on Bonaire, where she 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.



(L-R) Top - Fons Laarhuis, Jonathan Dean. Middle - Berry Sinke, Bryan Schipper, Guilvert Thielman, Meralny Bomba, Junela Nicolaas, Raymond Martis, K'jar Martines, Ricardo Nuñez Centeno. Front - Dayron Elisabeth, Vera Molenaar, Orlando Vera Ureta Photo Julie Morgan

Sustainable avionics is the future

This coming Friday, the first 10 students of Bonaire will complete the MBO-course ‘Sustainably propelled aircrafts’ at the AMTS (Aviation Maintenance Technician School) of Jacinto Frans.

The course is given by Fons Laarhuis and Vera Molenaar from MBO College Airport, in the Netherlands. The schools are working together to ensure the education program will be embedded in Bonaire. Jacinto is teaching the AVIA course which includes math, physics, electric fundamentals, aerodynamics, types of engines and more. Fons and Vera are taking the course into sustainability with electric and hydrogen plane education.

Fons said, “These are the future engineers of Bonaire. This is important for Bonaire – to look at sustainable energy for everything from solar panels to wind turbines.”

To better understand the energy transition that will have to take place for electric flying to become a reality, students visited Dynaf (solar panels) and Contour Global (solar and wind turbine). They also took a trip to the fire department and the technical installations of Fundashon Mariadal.

The group is not a typical group of students. It includes young students following the full Aviation Maintenance Technician program but also representatives of the industry. Business representatives from Fla-

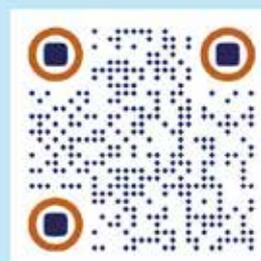
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mingo Airport, Divi Divi, the fire department and Fundashon Mariadal (as they are planning a test case regarding electric flying) also took part. The developments in electric flying and flying on hydrogen are relevant for all the stakeholders who in the program. On top of that, it is great to have so much practical experience in the classrooms. It gives meaningful dis-

cussions and as Fons says: “all together we are learning.”

Each year around 150,000 passengers travel by plane between Bonaire, Curaçao, and Aruba. Air travel is essential here, but it needs to become more efficient, affordable, and sustainable. On the mainland, alternative means of transport such as trains exist for short distances. On the islands, which are relatively close to each other (ranging from about 30 to 190 kilometers), electric flying

could provide a solution. There is already an electric aircraft, a two-seater, with a flight time of one hour.

“Despite the challenges, researchers conclude that it will soon be possible for electrically powered aircraft, with a capacity of up to 19 passengers on routes up to 200 km, to structurally take over the role of traditional aviation. This also offers additional opportunities for regional air travel.” (NLR, 2022)

The government has initiated a climate board for the island, but change can take time. There is a long way to go before we see electric planes at BIA, but this class is good beginning.

This program is made possible by Corendon, The Grand Windsock, AMTS, Fundashon Mariadal and MBO College Airport.

Vera Molenaar
Photo of students Julie Morgan

Creating Optimal Health

“Love Is the Answer” Is No Longer Just a Slogan by Irene da Cunda Costa

For generations, “love is the answer” has been repeated in songs, poems, and protests. It has often sounded idealistic, beautiful and perhaps too simple for a complicated world. Yet today, as conflicts deepen and societies grow more divided, this phrase is beginning to feel less like a cliché and more like a practical truth. Love, understood not as romance but as empathy, compassion and solidarity, is increasingly recognized as the only real foundation for solving many of the world’s most pressing problems.

Why is that?

Because the greatest challenges we face—whether global or local—are not just technical problems. They are human problems. Climate change, political polarization, violence, inequality, and mental health struggles all share a common root: disconnection. Disconnection from each other, from our environment, and even from our own sense of worth. We have more technology than ever, more information than ever, and yet we often feel less connected and less understood.

This is why solutions based solely on policy, economic or technology often fall short. These tools are important, but they cannot heal distrust, fear, or loneliness. They cannot build community. They cannot inspire people to go beyond personal interest for the common good. Only love, in the form of compassion and genuine concern for others, can do that.

When we approach others with love, several things happen. To start, we listen differently as love allows us to truly care for the other. In a world where everyone is talking but few are listening, this alone can change relationships, families, and entire communities. Love allows us to solve conflicts with dignity, instead of trying to “win,” love pushes us to find solutions that respect the needs of everyone involved. This is essential in workplaces, politics, and international negotiations alike. Love helps us take responsibility for each other, shifting from “me” to “we,” which is the mindset needed to fight climate change, reduce poverty, and protect vulnerable groups. Love builds resilience, communities grounded in love—mutual support, trust,

and kindness—recover faster from disasters, adapt more easily to change, and take better care of their young and elderly. Last but not least, love breaks cycles of harm, where violence, discrimination, and inequality often pass through generations. Acts of love, respect, forgiveness and understanding interrupt these cycles and create the possibility of something new.

In practical terms, “love is the answer” means choosing to act with compassion even when it’s difficult. It means building systems, schools, governments and workplaces that treat people with dignity. It means valuing cooperation over competition and kindness over ego. It means recognizing our shared humanity before our differences.

In a small island community this idea is not abstract. It is daily life. Caribbean culture has always shown that when people share food, look out for neighbors, check on elders and welcome strangers, a stronger society is created. Love, lived in these simple ways becomes a powerful social force.

The problems of the world today are real and serious. But the core of the solution remains ancient and surprisingly simple: we must care for one another. Not sentimentally, but actively. Not only in private, but also in how we shape our institutions, guide our children and respond to those who struggle.

“Love is the answer” isn’t just a slogan anymore. It is the only approach that matches the scale of the challenges we face. Life is short, be kind to yourself and others. If enough of us choose to do so, we can reshape the world.



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.



There was a time when scuba instructors routinely pointed out Christmas tree worms to students or new divers. This procedure was routinely followed by a dramatic sweep of the hand so the trees would disappear. I suppose one effect of this diver behavior was to make a newbie feel at least a little sense of power!

When this was brought up after the dive, the instructor might explain, "That critter is a filter-feeder called a Christmas tree worm. The Christmas tree part is pretty obvious, but can you believe that beautiful thing is a *worm*?" And the debriefing would continue to other subjects.

Those instructors missed a learning opportunity, since Christmas tree worms are sensitive to water movement. A diver wanting to get a close look at one needs good buoyancy control, including little or no hand sculling, and to approach from the side rather than above. An excellent place to observe Christmas tree worms is off Playa, anywhere between Something Special and the ocean pool. Why? First, because many Christmas tree worms are on the mooring blocks here, so they're easy to find. And, second, because these mooring blocks are surrounded by a sand and rubble bottom; if a diver's buoyancy control fails there's not much life around to be injured.

What if a diver's buoyancy control fails and they crash into part of a mooring block that has many Christmas tree worm tubes?

Luckily for the worms, but not so luckily for the diver, when the worms duck back into their tubes, they seal the tubes with an operculum similar to the ones snails have. The worm is pretty safe at that point, but just in case a predator isn't deterred, the worm also grows a sharp spine over its tube opening. The spine is sharp enough to pierce skin; unskilled

Reef Glimpses by Dee Scarr

The perfect subject for this week:
Christmas Tree Worms



Julie's excellent buoyancy control enabled her to photograph all these Christmas tree worms, even showing their spirals, without causing a single one to close up! . Photo Julie Morgan

divers become very motivated to improve their buoyancy control!

Watching the Christmas tree worm emerge from its burrow is another reward for our being very still. The operculum opens, the tips of the twin whorls, or radioles, become visible, then, sloooowly, the entire whorls emerge. Each is covered with tiny hairlike bristles, and from the side it's easy to see that they grow in a spiral.

The Christmas trees aren't the entire worm, they are the worm's breathing and food capturing organs; they're poised to filter tiny food particles from the water, mostly plant plankton. The rest of the worm is in a hard tube around 5" (12 cm) long, along the top of the coral head or mooring block. Christmas tree worm tubes on living coral are often overgrown by their host coral and are barely visible. The Christmas

tree worms living on the mooring blocks give us a much better opportunity to see the worms' tubes.

Christmas tree worms living on mooring blocks give other creatures a good opportunity to see their tubes, too. I learned about this when I found many broken tubes – worms gone, of course -- on a mooring block which had hosted a number of Christmas tree worms. I did notice a batwing coral crab between two of the blocks, but it wasn't until later that I realized the crab's claws were powerful enough to break the worms' hard calcareous tube. Since then I've seen other clusters of broken Christmas

tree worm tubes; now I always look for a batwing crab and can often find one nearby.

Quick reflexes, a hard tube home, and a trap door protected by a sharp spine had not been enough to save those mooring block worms from batwing crabs. In contrast, I have not (yet) seen any damage to worm tubes which were overgrown by living coral, which has its own defenses. Clever worms!

Like corals, CTWs are broadcast spawners, which means the males and females release sperm and eggs into the water and hope they meet. Fertilized eggs hatch into larva who eventually settle to the bottom, seeking a location to begin their tubes. Christmas tree worms live in tropical waters worldwide.

Really, though: can you believe that beautiful thing is a *worm*?

Scarr's accomplishments were recognized in 2000 by her inaugural membership in the Women Divers Hall of Fame (along with another Bonaire sea protector, Kalli DeMeyer). Her

other honors include Captain Don's Accolade Award, as well as a NOGI Award ("the Emmy of the diving world") in the category of Distinguished Service, and the SeaSpace/PADI Environmental Diver of the Year Award in 1991. Dee was the Beneath the Sea and Boston Sea Rovers Diver of the Year in 1991 and 1993.



Bao buns with pulled pork by Chef Corjan Hoogerheide



• Pepper and Bonaire sea salt
Mix all the ingredients and let sit for a while so that all the flavors can be absorbed.

Fruit: 50 g (1.76 oz) fresh pineapple, diced • 50 g (1.76 oz) fresh mango, diced • 75 g (1.76 oz) tomato, without seeds, diced • Sushi vinegar • Pepper and Bonaire sea salt
Mix everything well and let the flavors soak in.

Pulled pork: BBQ sauce • Bonaire honey • Pepper, Bonaire sea salt. • Possibly: mayonnaise, crème fraîche, stock, juice

Buns and pork: 4 Bao buns (sweet Chinese steamed buns from Van den Tweel) • 500g (17.6 oz) pork tenderloin or chicken thighs • Spices such as garlic powder, onion powder, pepper, Bonaire sea salt, curry powder, and chili pepper • Bonaire honey (Tera Barra) • 1 dl (3.38 oz) pineapple juice • 1 dl (3.38 oz) chicken stock • 1 onion, coarsely chopped

Marinate meat in the spice mix and place in an ovenproof dish. Add liquid and cover with aluminum foil. Cook the pork in an oven at about 160°C (320°F) until very tender. If necessary, turn it twice and add some liquid. Let it cool.

Coleslaw: 200 g (7 oz) white cabbage, cut into fine strips of 4 cm (1.5 in) • 1 onion, finely sliced • 75 g (2.64 oz) carrot, finely sliced • 2 radishes, thinly sliced • 1 large pickle, sweet/sour, cut into strips • 8 sprigs of coriander, finely chopped • 2 tablespoons mayonnaise • 1 tablespoon (Greek) yogurt • 1 tablespoon coarse mustard

Pull cooked meat apart and mix with liquid that is still in the ovenproof dish, BBQ sauce, Bonaire honey and season with salt and pepper. If the meat is still a bit dry, you can add some mayonnaise, crème fraîche, butter or some more stock or pineapple juice.

Warm the rolls according to the instructions. And fill them with the coleslaw, pulled pork and marinated fruit.

Each issue Chef Corjan Hoogerheide shares a recipe for a personal dish created from Bonaire's fresh ingredients. Corjan works as a Sous Chef at "The Reef Bar" at Sorobon luxury beach resort Bonaire.



Events, Meetings, Sports

What's Happening

12 steps meeting: Wednesdays at Kaya Cacique, Centro di bario Nort'i Saliña, 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.

Animal Shelter's 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).

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Beach Tennis Bonaire Free. Everyone welcome. Sportpark Rudy Boezem. Open 7 a.m.-9 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/beachtennisbonaire/>

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>

Consultancy open to all immigrants and/or refugees every Saturday 4 to 6 p.m. at Bijkerk's law office in Antriol. Call 796 2650 (abog. Bijkerk) or 787 2373 (FUIB - Union of Bonairean Immigrants).

Divers Drink & Dance Date Yhannis Arepas (Kaya Neerlandia, behind Budget Marine) Last Wednesday of the month. 5 - 9 p.m. Not in December. Begin again 2026. <https://www.facebook.com/yhannisarepas/>

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

Fish ID course. Free. 7 p.m. at Trans World Radio (TWR) led by Carmen Toanchina. All welcome. Held last Tuesday of the month. In Dec. held early: Dec 16. Check: <https://www.reef.org/events/month>

JEU De BOULES CLUB Bonaire. ALL WELCOME. We play **PETANQUE** (the French version). Wed. & Sun. 2.30-6 p.m. Happy's Food & Drinks (road to Sorobon). We have spare boules (balls) for newcomers. jeudeboulebonaire@gmail.com or Peter Overman, 00599 7964037

Museum Night, Terramar museum. Free access to galleries. Last Wednesday of the month. From 6 to 8 p.m., visitors are welcomed into a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where they can enjoy the galleries after hours and join a themed workshop (pay what you can).

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Bonaire. GET RID OF YOUR DRUG ADDICTION Monday 19:00-20:00. Kaya Tanki Matrimonio 30. Dutch & Papiamentu. Call Wensley 700 7289 or Remco 784 1782.

Pickleball. • Chinese Assoc. Kaminda Lac, Blue Building: Tues. & Thurs 6-8 p.m. Sat. 3 to 5 p.m. • **Sports Hall Jorge Nicolaas, Kaya Amsterdam:** Sun. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Members play free, non-members pay \$ 5.00 per person per day.

Rosicrucian Order, AMORC in Bonaire Michiel Bijkerk 796 2650, abogado.bijkerk@gmail.com

Sunfish Race Days: Barring inclement weather: BSSA Bonaire Sailing School Association Facebook.

Tennis Eddie's courts. Everyone (18+) is welcome. **Free Kid's Clinics at Sentro di Bario Nikiboko** Tue & Fri 4-6 p.m. **Sentro di Bario Nort'i Saliña, Mon & Thu 4-6 p.m.** Register: email info@bonairetennisassociation.com or app 599 782 4569. <https://bonairetennisassociation.com/events/> Mixed competition matches play Saturdays 4 to 10 p.m. on Eddie's courts.



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. Presentations 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. Mondays 5:30 p.m. Breakfast Area – Buddy Dive Resort. Free. Learn about coral reef restoration. Questions? email: info@reefrenwalbonaire.org



Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB). Free presentations at Kaya Aruba 4E on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 8 p.m. See facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/bonaire-turtles/> **2025 sea turtle nesting** May to Dec. Join a nest patrol on Klein. M, W F. \$40 donation adults and \$20 under 12 (& residents). <https://www.bonaireturtles.org/wp/monitoring-patrols/>

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. 715 5344. Anyone can become a member. Free for residents 0 to 18 years. Adults \$10 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.): Kaya Gilberto F Croes, just past Caribbean Laundry. Saturdays 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 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/>

SACA Art Center Free entrance. Kaya Korona 74. During the day the garden is open to the public. **STINAPA headquarters:** Mon-Fri 8-4. +599 717 8444. After hours: +599 777 8444.

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

Nov. 25– Feb 17, 2026	Surinamese Wedding Portraits. Terramar Museum Exhibit: Do you have a Surinamese wedding photo to add? Send a scan (.jpg/.jpeg) to surinaamse.trouwportretten@gmail.com , with names, date, location, and a brief description. See page 15.
Nov. to Jan 17, 2026	Art exhibit: True Colours. 13 artists. SACA Art Center, Kaya Korona 74 Open Thurs. Fri. Sat. 2-5 p.m.
Dec. to Jan 31, 2026	Art exhibit: The Joy of Creation. Henk Roozendaal & Jose Smit: SACA Art Center, Kaya Korona 74 Open Thurs. Fri. Sat. 2-5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19	Christmas Shopping Night & Taste of Bonaire: 6 - 11 p.m. Kaya Grandi and Center Area. Shops, music, food, dance performance, fashion show. Christmas parade 7 p.m. from Stadion di Playa, through Kaya Grandi. See page 15.
Sunday, Dec. 21	Christmas Art Market KvK - At Corallium Hotel with 25 artists, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Concert. Classical Music Board Bonaire. Plaza Beach Resort. 7 - 9 p.m. \$35. Tickets at: Del Mar Bookstore, Lisa Convenience Store, Rincon Gas Station
Thursday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day. A legal holiday. Much closes including Washington Slagbaai National Park and supermarkets.
Friday, Dec. 26	Boxing Day. A legal holiday. Much closes. Because cruise ships are in port, the shops in the city center and at Wilhelminapark focused on the sale of tourist articles will be open (between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.)
Saturday, Dec. 27	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. https://www.facebook.com/mangazinadirei/
Wednesday, Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Fireworks. The Island celebrates with fireworks. Some hotels throw special parties.
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Thursday, Jan. 1	New Year's Day. A legal holiday. Much closes including Washington Slagbaai National Park and supermarkets.
Sunday, Feb. 1	Ride for the Roses, Fight against cancer. Isidel Beach Park. Ride/Swim/Walk. https://www.ridefortheroses.org



You can watch episodes of **Way a Bo Man** on the [Youtube channel of Public Body Bonaire](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

Sobremesa Kas di Arte View or buy art from Bonaire's local artists. Tue-Fri 2 - 5 p.m. Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Abraham Boulevard 10. **For those who love to make art themselves:**

- Every Sat 11 - 2. Open Art Studio. \$5 to use our space and materials but no guidance. 12+
- Every Wed 7 - 9 p.m. Art Club. \$20 for all materials and professional help is available! Work on your own art project (2D). 16+ Whatsapp +599 700 7115 • email: sobremesabonaire@gmail.com

You can help keep Bonaire clean

Saturdays	One Hour Cleanup Power. Weekly coastal clean up every Sat. 9 – 10 a.m. Location on FB: https://www.facebook.com/OneHourCleanUpPower/
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Church Services

Roman Catholic Churches Bonaire

- **Parish La Birgen di Coromoto (ANTRIOL):** Holy Masses: Mon–6:30 a.m.; Tues & Thur -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: M. W. F. Sat-7 p.m. Sun-9 a.m./7 p.m.
- **Parish Luis Beltran (RINCON):** Holy Masses: Tu. W.Th. Sat-7 p.m. Sun-7 a.m./10 a.m.

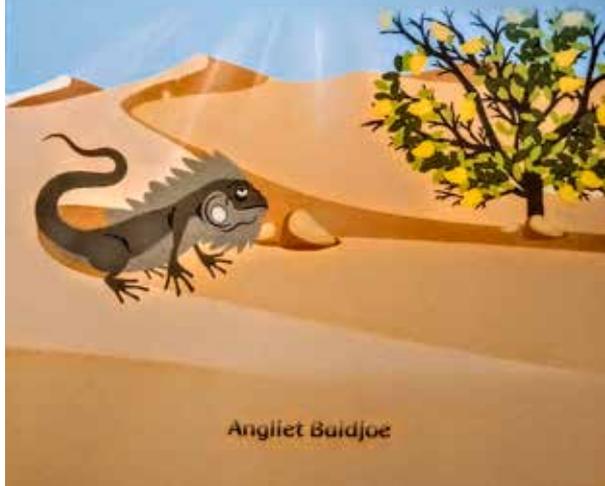
International Bible Church of Bonaire (HATO): Kaya Papago 104. Sun: Worship Service & Children's Church 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Services in English.

United Protestant Congregation

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

2025 Cruise Ship Schedule			
DATE	TIME	CRUISE SHIP	PIER
Wed. December 17	8000-2000	AIDASOL 2686 guests	North
Fri. December 19	0800-2300	ZUIDERDAM 2502 guests	North
Sun. December 21	0700-1800	RENAISSANCE 1623 guests	North
Mon. December 22	0700-1600	WIND SPIRIT 148 guests	North
	0800-1800	AIDAPERLA 3286 guests	South
Tues. December 23	0700-2300	SILVER SHADOW 388 guests	North
	0800-1700	ROTTERDAM 2668 guests	South
Wed. December 24	0500-2000	SEVEN SEAS MARINER 730 guests	North
	0800-2200	CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests	South
Thurs. December 25	0630-1300	NORWEGIAN SKY 2480 guests	North
Fri. December 26	0500-1800	ALLURA 1200 guests	North
	0700-1800	BRILLIANCE OF THE SEAS 2496 guests	South
Sat. December 27	0700-2000	MARELLA DISCOVERY 2074 guests	South
	1300-2000	MARELLA DISCOVERY 2 2076 guests	North
Sun. December 28	0800-1800	SEABOURN OVATION 638 guests	North
Tues. December 30	0800-1800	SEABOURN OVATION 638 guests	North
	1430-2200	CARIBBEAN VISTA 4683 guests	South
Wed. December 31	7000-1400	SERENADE OF THE SEAS 2500 guests	North
	0800-1700	CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE 2886 guests	South

Lio, e yuana
Lio de leguaan
Lio, the Iguana
Lio el iguana



Angliet Baidjoe

Lio the Iguana Another multi-lingual children's book by Angliet Baidjoe

Lio is an iguana living on Bonaire who tries to escape everyday dangers. Lio is a survivor who knows how to enjoy life.

All of Angliet's children's books have been donated to the primary schools. They have also been donated to Bonaire's library as well as libraries on the other Dutch islands.

The books are at sale in Bruna, Del Mar and the shop at Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB).

See you in Playa

Christmas Concert in Kralendijk

On Sunday, December 21st, we'll enjoy beautiful music in a festive atmosphere at a gala concert at the Plaza Hotel, at 7 p.m. Dressed in festive attire, we'll enjoy the music and a free drink during the intermission.

The concert features well-known artists from our island accompanied by singing, piano, kuarta, violin, percussion, organ, saxophone and other instruments. A group of children from the Leerorkest and other young artists will also perform and sing for us. All under the skillful direction of Claudia Cassier.

Tickets for the gala concert at the Plaza Hotel, cost \$35. They are available at Libreria Delmar, Lisa Convenience Store.

Christmas Shopping Night Taste of Bonaire

Tourism Corporation Bonaire's Christmas Shopping Night and Taste of Bonaire will take place on Friday, December 19th, from 6 – 11 p.m. in Kaya Grandi and the Centrumgebied. Kaya Grandi will be closed to traffic, so you can stroll and shop while enjoying the festive Christmas atmosphere. Children can have their photo taken with Santa Claus.

Musical groups will play at different locations in Kaya Grandi and the park: Additionally, there will be a fashion show by Bonaire Model Agency and a dance performance by SPAB.

Tents will sell delicious Christmas traditions such as 'ayaka', 'oliebollen,' Christmas crafts, and much more from Marshe di Playa and Bonaire Cruise Market. At 7 p.m. the Christmas parade starts at the Stadion di Playa, then passes through Kaya Grandi, and ending at the Stadion di Playa.

Public Service Events

BSN The BSN is your unique, personal number. Get it now to take care of government business online in the future. Your BSN can be requested from the Census Office. Proof of identity required (ID. card, passport or driving licence.)

Kibrahacha seedlings -free - You can help increase the Kibrahacha population by planting one in your own garden! Free seedlings (one per person) can be picked up at Tera Barra while supplies last. Tera Barra is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Turn in unused licence plates. To avoid being charged 2026 taxes turn in unused plates to the Finance department at Kaya Industria Pariba 28. Proof of identity required. Someone else can hand in the plates with a Power of Attorney and a copy of the owner's ID. If the plate has been lost or stolen, bring the police report. For questions about motor vehicle tax, residents can contact: belasting-olb@bonairegov.com | 717 5330 – extension 53

Sexual Health Clinic Anonymous and by appointment. Phone or WhatsApp nurses at +599 790-7373. Also locations of condom vending machines can be found on the Public Entity Bonaire website via <https://bonairegov.com/inwoners/condoom-automaat>.

Funds Available

WWF-NL's INNO-Fund provides small organizations with start up money for nature conservation projects on Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Maarten and St. Eustatius. The maximum subsidy is 10,000 euros per project. Applications can be submitted **no later than December 31, 2025** via the web page <https://www.wwf.nl/wat-we-doen/actueel/inno-fonds/aanvraag>

Funds to commemorate Slavery Past.

Organizations in Bonaire and Sint Maarten are invited to submit project ideas that commemorate the trans-Atlantic slavery past. The DNB grant program will provide € 500,000 for each island for projects that either:

- preserve historical heritage related to the slavery past,
- develop cultural educational programs to expand knowledge of this history,
- OR establish museum and cultural facilities that contribute to awareness and knowledge transfer to a broad audience.

Submitting proposals; Local organizations and cultural institutions on Bonaire and Sint Maarten may submit their project proposals **from November 19 to December 31, 2025** via info@cultuurfondscg.com. For more information about the conditions and the submission process, visit: www.cultuurfondscaribischgebied.com

Press release: Caribbean Culture Fund

NEW: Small-scale social initiatives for Slavery Past

A new subsidy for small-scale social initiatives for Slavery Past (from \$10,000 to \$25,000) is available to foundations and associations. Application periods are **from Dec. 1, 2025 to Jan. 12, 2026**, then again early in 2028.

The websites [Legacy to Future Funds](#) and [Uitvoering Van Beleid \(UVB\)](#) have information about the subsidy. A subsidy request can be submitted via the [subsidy portal](#) of UVB.

The projects have to benefit the descendants of enslaved people (community), such as gatherings or events that contribute to the healing of the slavery past, and education or art exhibitions and shows.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Winter 2025/2026
starting October 1st

DESTINATION	AIRLINE	DAYS
NEW YORK JFK	jetBlue	SATURDAY until early January.
MIAMI	American Airlines	DAILY flights, two flights on SATURDAYS
ATLANTA	DELTA	WED., SAT., SUN. Start Dec. 20. seasonal.
NEW YORK NEWARK	UNITED	SATURDAY Start November 1.
HOUSTON	UNITED	SATURDAY arrival & departure
TORONTO	WESTJET	TUES. arrival, WED. departure, Start Dec. 9
AMSTERDAM	KLM	DAILY. Dec-March SUN 2 flights
AMSTERDAM	TUI	MON. SAT. / Direct flight WED. THUR. FRI.
AMSTERDAM	corendon	TUES & SUN.
SANTO DOMINGO JBO	SKYhigh	Regional. FRIDAY flights to Santo Domingo
CURACAO I SINT MAARTEN	WINAIR	Regional Arrivals: SUN. TUES. THURS. Departures: MON. WED. FRI.
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Please give to the Giving Tree



Christmas on Bonaire is the time for the Bonaire Youth Outreach Foundation, BYOF, to make sure the island's children have a happy Christmas. Once again, together with Sun Rentals they're sponsoring a Giving Tree and that's where the people of Bonaire can express the true meaning of Christmas by giving.

Anyone can contribute an unwrapped, new toy or gift, for a child age 2 to 12, and deliver it to Sun Rentals by December 19. Toys should not express violence so no toy guns or anything to do with war.

If you would prefer to let BYOF do the shopping, then cash is also accepted. Just contact BYOF's Angelo Alberto at +599-787-3407. BYOF is hoping to brighten the Christmas holiday for 150 children.

Sun Rentals is open Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Their office is located at 65 Kaya Grandi.

Photo Julie Morgan



Find TCB's full report in our online issue, page 23.

<https://bonairereporter.com>

VOTE NOW

For our Island

Bonaire has been nominated for 'Best Caribbean Island to visit' by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice travel awards.

Voting is open to the public for four weeks.

Voting begins on Monday, December 1st at noon EST and ends on Monday, December 29th at 11:59 am EST.

The top 10 winners, as ranked by USA TODAY 10 BEST readers, will be announced on Wed. January 7th at noon EST.

Voting can be done via this link:

<https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/bonaire/>

Also, Sebastian's Beach has been nominated for Best Caribbean Beach Bar.

Vote here:

<https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/best-caribbean-beach-bar/>

For our library

Biblioteka Públiko Boneiru has been nominated for the BID Award for "Most Positive Government Organization of the Year." The library is competing against eight European Dutch organizations. The winner is chosen 50% by a professional jury and 50% by the public. The results will be announced on January 20th during Big Improvement Day. That is when top government and business leaders gather annually to celebrate positive initiatives.

The previous library has been described as "tucked away in a dilapidated former supermarket with a paltry inventory of worn, dog-eared books." When Nina den Heyer became the deputy for "Society and Care" in 2019, she decided to rescue the library. Funding proved hard to come by, but she persisted as did a few key volunteers.

Vote here for our library: <https://www.bidawards.nl>

Only confirmed votes count, so you must confirm your vote by giving the site your email address in order to receive a verification email.

A Garden? Just Do It! by Angliet, Nature Lover

Christmas is almost here and it looks like the weather will fit perfectly in creating the Christmas mood with the rain, soft breezes and shorter days.

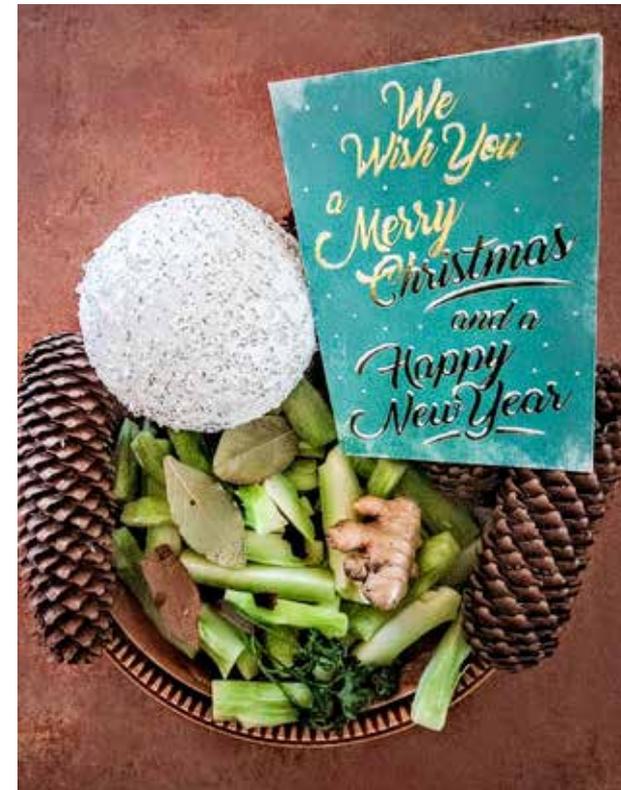
People are in a hurry, busy with Christmas preparations. In the library I saw two ladies looking in the many cooking books for Christmas recipes for Caribbean food. Every year I have the difficult choice of what to prepare for Christmas dinner. It has to be special, sparkle, please everybody and be more than enough to feed all. For one person preparation is at least a four days job and I've done that.

One Christmas a group of friends suggested that each person prepare something special from their own culture. We had a fantastic five course dinner with the most exotic, creative and tasty recipes. We had five families and each family made two things like a vegetable and poultry, or dessert and tart, soup and starter, ham and salad or home made bread and baked snacks. There was laughter, sparks and a serious discussion with life questions. It was a dinner of deep connection with friends and family, and what Christmas is meant to be. We've done Christmas this way many times and it will be the same this year with friends.

I'm sure broccoli is one of the most chosen vegetables for Christmas dinner. It looks so classy and tastes delicious. I always wok it at the last minute. I add tauge (bean sprouts), then turn off the gas and stir it all for a minute. Tauge is nicest to consume when it is crunchy and one minute in the wok pan is enough to get it done. This tasty exotic veggie combination is quick and always a success.

I was recently asked if the stalk of broccoli can be consumed. Yes, it can and it's even as healthy as the "flower" part. One can peel off the skin of the stalk and cook the inside. It has the texture of a carrot, crunchy and very healthy. So don't throw away the stalk.

Broccoli has the highest value when cut two days before using. A yellow broccoli is still good to consume, but the health value is a bit less. But broccoli can easily mildew and then it's not good to eat. You can recognize if it has mildew if the broccoli feels sticky and or smells bad. Also heating broccoli twice is not the best to do as the health value goes down and fungus may already be there. The leaves are also good to consume: blend them fresh in smoothies, wok them or add to soup. So why throw away parts of broccoli when you can consume all of it?



Here are broccoli stems ready to consume.

Photo Angliet Baidjoe

Broccoli is a great vegetable for athletes. It stimulates the metabolism, helps burn calories and supports muscle recovery after exercising. Because of iron and Kalium in the stalk it's good for muscle building, helps prevent muscle pain and supports oxygen transport.

Give a try planting broccoli too. Who knows, you may be the lucky one consuming your own homegrown broccoli on Bonaire. And home-grown fruit and vegetables always taste better, no doubt about that.

To all Reporter readers, have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends.

Angliet Baidjoe grew up in the Surinam jungle, moved to the Netherlands as a teen, and trained as a teacher, then in Alternative Healing. Everywhere she has lived, she has planted a garden and grown her own food.



Being the Change: How We All Shape Public Integrity

Part 3 by George Bernabela

Most conversations about integrity in government are about others. Citizens: civil servants should do a better job. Staff: managers should lead better. Everyone: politicians should be more honest. Fingers are pointed across departments. And much of it is true.

But rarely do we hear the question that would change everything:

What is my part in this?

How does my own behavior strengthen — or weaken — the integrity of our public service?

This is not an easy question. But it is the only place where we have real control.

On our small island, our everyday choices as citizens shape the system more than we realize. Civil servants are not distant officials behind a desk. They are our neighbors, our cousins, our classmates, the parents we meet at school pick-up. Because of this closeness, small requests feel natural:

“Can you check my application for me?” “Can you talk to someone inside the department?”

These moments do not feel like pressure. They feel human. But every time we ask a public servant to step outside the formal path, we place them in a tension between loyalty to the relationship and loyalty to their public role.

Multiply this by hundreds of interactions each week, and slowly the system begins to bend. Not because anyone intends harm, but because personal relationships replace equal and fair treatment.

Let’s look at our part in how government integrity strengthens or weakens honestly, without blame.

To do that, we must name the real pressures we all feel. One is the frustration of slow or unreliable service. When processes drag on, information is unclear or work is substandard, people look for a workaround. The informal path becomes the “repair mechanism.” But every informal repair that helps one person, weakens the formal system that should serve everyone.

When people see others succeed through an informal connection, they feel pushed to do the same. It doesn’t



Bernabela was an integrity coordinator at the Public Entity Bonaire, where he discovered his roots as an island child. He then founded Governments & People in Integrity to strengthen integrity with a people-oriented, practice-based approach.

feel like cheating so much as self-protection. A quiet race for small advantages begins, sometimes called “adapting to the island life”.

It’s true, in our culture asking a friend for help feels normal, not improper. This closeness is one of our strengths. But it also creates pressure, even when not intended.

Boundaries on a small island are rarely simple. They are subtle and require discernment, not rigid rules. A question at the supermarket might be harmless — or it might be a moment where the public role quietly gives way to the personal relationship. A WhatsApp reminder might be efficient — or it might be a signal to step around the formal path. Often, we don’t clearly see which is which. And when the line is unclear, we cross it without intending to. Small steps accumulate. Integrity doesn’t break all at once; it bends slowly, through moments like these.

The same is true for gifts. A gift given from kindness can still add weight to a relationship that, in public duty, should remain the same as every other. At the same time, in our culture not expressing gratitude can feel cold. These cultural habits won’t change overnight, but

with awareness and honesty we can learn to appreciate each other while keeping the system steady.

Bonaire is changing. We are larger, more diverse, and growing fast. This calls us to renew what public service truly means: serving all as equals, not privileging ourselves or those we know. If we don’t, we will fracture as community.

As Christmas draws near, we are reminded to treat one another as neighbors, not competitors. For many of us, that comes from faith in a Creator who holds each person with equal worth — and asks us to do the same. For others, it comes from lived wisdom. Communities become stronger when no one is favored, no one is excluded, and everyone receives the same care.

So let’s bring it back to ourselves, the only place where real influence lies. Here are simple ways each of us can help strengthen public integrity:

1. **Use the formal path**, even when the informal one is easier.
2. **Ask for clarity, not priority.**
3. **Respect the boundary between relationship and role.**
4. **Be patient when patience is part of fairness.**
5. **Support public servants who hold the line.**
6. **Treat every interaction as shaping the system — because it does.**

If we want a public service that is fair, respectful, and trustworthy, each of us must act in ways that allow it to be so. We protect the common good together.

Bonaire is close-knit and relational in ways larger countries are not. Our approach to integrity must reflect that reality. Just as piloting a large cruise ship is very different from steering a small island vessel. What matters is not copying another system but creating one that works for us. And upholding that with confidence and pride.

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ISK students learn to play chess

The youngsters who are in an ISK class of Liseo Boneirano / SGB took a chess course for a couple of weeks with the chess teacher Serapio Pop. Chess coach Pop gives lessons to the Bonaire Youth Chess Club (BJSC) and works to popularize the “sport of the mind” in primary schools.

International Schakelklas (ISK) is for new arrivals who need language and integration support to transition into Dutch-based Mavo, Havo, or VWO education. ISK offers intensive Dutch/language training and a bridge for students to regular classes.

Last week the ISK class competed in a chess tournament with the following result.

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| 1. Lionel Rojas | 8 points winner |
| 2. Santiago Machado | 6 points |
| 3. Barbara Coronado | 5 points |
| 4. Lauren Cuadro Caceres | 5 points |

Barbara then beat Lauren in a deciding game (Juan Gallo Veloz also tied with 5 points but could not participate on the last date). All four players received their medals. The first three players also received a gift for their performance.

We thank Paul Ruijs and Yves Abbink for their cooperation in helping to enhance the sport of chess.

Serapio Pop, BJSC Leader

OLB’s Christmas gifts

The Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) is providing one-time support to families during the holidays. All children aged 0 to 3 and all primary school students will receive a \$40 gift certificate.

Low-income families who use programs such as Energy Allowance, school supplies, MBO book allowance, internships, or other financial support will receive a \$200 food voucher.

Gift vouchers for children aged 0-3 and food vouchers will be distributed starting December 15, 2025. Gift vouchers for primary school students will be distributed through the schools by the school administration.

Feb. 1, 2026

Ride for the Roses, Fight against cancer. Isidel Beach Park. Ride/Swim/ Walk. <https://www.ridefortheroses.org>

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Pets of the Week

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

Appa



They are around 6 years old and both fluffy cuddle bears. Most importantly, they are inseparable. They supported each other through their darkest moments, and it is clear that they must stay together.

With Christmas approaching, our biggest wish is for these two sweethearts to find the certainty of a forever home. Although we have an adoption pause from December 15th to January 5th - due to concerns about animals being given as Christmas gifts and the stress caused by fireworks - Pucca and Appa can still be reserved

during this time. What a hopeful start to the new year it would be for them, after all the heartache they have been through this past year.

They are ready for a new chapter. All they need now is a family willing to open their hearts to two truly special dogs.

Story / Photo: Marissa Lamers

Meet Pebbles

Pebbles is 7 months old beautiful tabby boy and the ultimate love bug! He will follow you everywhere to get some love. And if you call him he will come running. He is also very playful. Pebbles also loves every other cat, rubbing himself against them looking for affection. But he might be a bit too much if you have an older cat in your home that is used to being by himself. That was the unfortunate reason he was brought to us.

When Pebbles has finished his love hunting he will look for a nice spot to go into a kitty coma. Pebbles is chipped, vaccinated, castrated and tested for fiv/felv. Now we are looking for someone who can give this cute little guy his forever home, and all the love and affection he so desperately wants and needs!

Story / Photo: Bo Attevelt



Pucca



Pebbles

Pucca and Appa

Pucca and Appa have had more heartache than any dog ever should. They came to us after their beloved owner passed away. When we brought them into our care, they were in deep mourning. They wanted nothing to do with anyone, quietly hiding away in their bed, refusing to eat, and clearly grieving the loss they had suffered.

With patience, love, and gentle care, Pucca and Appa slowly began to trust again. Day by day, they learned that they were safe and loved. Now, they have truly blossomed. They enjoy every bit of attention they receive, from young children to elderly visitors and they are wonderfully gentle with the other dogs in our shelter.

Animal Shelter Christmas Wish Tree



For the very first year, our shelter has its own Christmas wish tree, filled with personal wishes from our dogs and cats. Every card has a wish attached to it: from tasty treats to a warm bed or a toy that will make them super happy.

There are both small wishes and some bigger ones hanging in the tree, so it's easy for everyone to pick something.

Would you like to make a wish come true?

Come visit the animal shelter, pick a wish card from the tree and set off like a real Christmas helper. Bring the gift back to afterwards and we'll make sure it ends

up with the right dog or cat on Christmas Day. We'll of course make a fun little video so everyone can enjoy the happy faces and wagging tails!

A special thank-you to Obersi Group, who sponsored the cards for our wish tree.

Together we can make sure all our dogs and cats have a warm and joyful Christmas, even though they're spending it with us at the shelter.

The wish tree will remain up until Christmas Day. We hope to see you soon and make every wish come true together!

Story Marissa Lamers / Photos Julie Morgan



Apertivo evenings at Rosa

Rosa, the Italian delicatessen with homemade delicacies that is open for breakfast and lunch, held their first Apertivo evening from 5 – 8 p.m. on Friday, December 12. The little cafe was overflowing with people stopping in for a drink, free Italian appetizers, chatting with friends and enjoying a DJ. Which is the very idea owner Jason Chapman had in mind when he came up with the concept.

“People can hang out for a bit and then go off to dinner,” said Chapman. “And it is every Friday.”

It’s the perfect way to kick off the weekend whether you are dropping by after work or beginning your evening. This is just one change with Rosa. There is a new Italian chef and front of house manager. In the future they hope to extend the hours to include dinner.

**Good vibes, good music,
good company – Rosa.**

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Come stroll through the shops and market to grab last-minute Christmas gifts while savoring local Christmas dishes and festive treats from our food stands!

ENTERTAINMENT

- Traditional Gaitas, DJs, and dance performances
- Fashion show by the Bonaire Model Agency
- Take picture with Santa Clause
- The spectacular Christmas Parade at 7:00 PM

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Featuring many local artists
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Misa San Luis Beltran Rincon \$10
Sunday December 14, 7-9PM

Plaza Beach Resort Bonaire \$35
Sunday December 21, 7-9PM

Tickets available at:
- Del Mar Bookstore
- Lisa Convenience Store
- Rincon Gas Station

With Luis Moka, Bradley Howard, Alan Bowen, Claudia Cassier, Marian Passchier and Hans Faassen. The children of the Leerorkest led by Lara Chirino, Franklin Scherptong en Tiger Frans in Rincon and Rolando Casimiri in Playa. Traditional Christmas Carols from Bonaire by Francis Domacassé & friends.

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BONAIRE CHAMBER ART EXHIBITION X-MAS 2025

The Chamber of Commerce Bonaire warmly invites you to our Christmas Art Exhibition. An enchanting celebration of creativity, community, and holiday spirit! Discover stunning works from local artists. Shop unique, handcrafted gifts perfect for the season

Support the creative talent that makes our community shine!

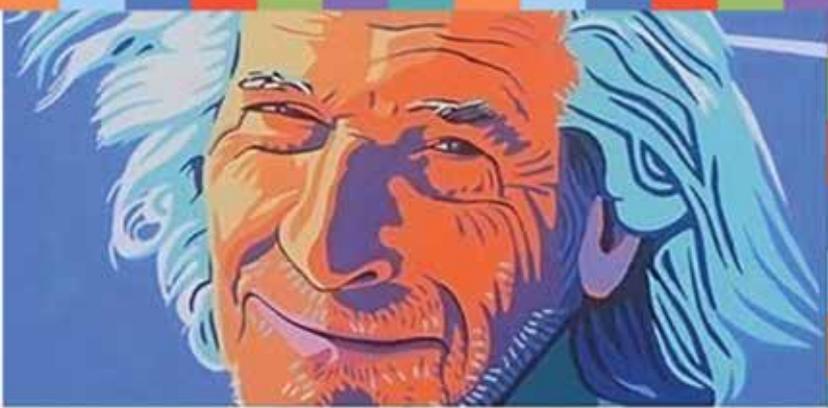
Date: December 21st

Time: 9AM - 4PM

Location: Corallium Hotel and Villas
(Kaya International, Bonaire, Caribbean Netherlands)

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Amy van der Linden

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Wilco Harbers

Dillon Rannou

Jozee Tjoa

Sylvia Ayoka

Delno Tromp

Lize van de Ven

Ghislaine Monte

Leslie Tucker

Ilan Originals

Zajamara

Debora Davidson Descelles



FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Winter 2025/2026
starting October 1st

DESTINATION	AIRLINE	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	DETAILS
NEW YORK JFK	jetBlue						✓		
MIAMI	American Airlines	✓		✓		✓	✓*		DAILY Dec. 17, 2025 - Jan. 5, 2026 *Saturdays 2 daily flights (seasonal)
ATLANTA	DELTA			✓*			✓	✓*	*Starting Dec. 20th, seasonal flights
NEW YORK NEWARK	UNITED						✓		Starting Nov. 1st
HOUSTON	UNITED							✓	Arrival on Saturdays
TORONTO	WESTJET			✓					Starting Dec. 9th - Arrivals on Tue.
AMSTERDAM	KLM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓*	*Fri. & Sun. 2 daily flights - Dec. 19, 2025 - Mar. 15 2026
AMSTERDAM	TUI	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		Wed Thu Fri direct from AMS
AMSTERDAM	corendon.		✓*					✓	*Starting Oct. 14th - till Oct. 8 on Wednesdays
SANTO DOMINGO JBG	SKYhigh Dominicana					✓			
CURACAO SINT MAARTEN	WINAIR	✓		✓		✓			Arrivals on Sun Tue Thu
CURACAO ARUBA	DIVIDIVI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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Please note this schedule is subject to change without prior notice.

BONAIRE MONTHLY TOURISM PERFORMANCE **NOVEMBER 2025**

THE FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

These data are preliminary figures.

NUMBER OF VISITORS BY AIR
16,752 **2025**

All non-residents are registered as visitors

NUMBER OF VISITORS BY AIR
16,302 **2024**

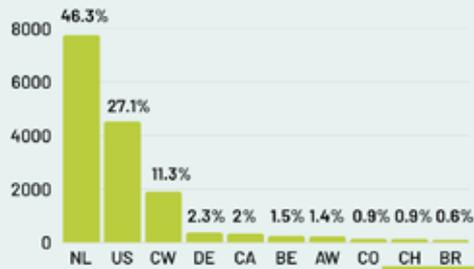
2025 COMPARED TO 2024

2.8%

Increase in non-resident arrivals



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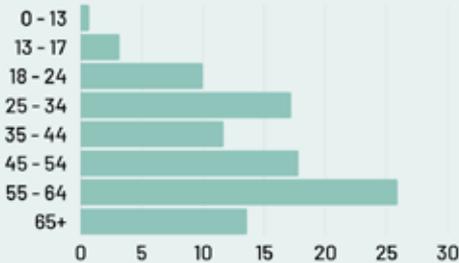
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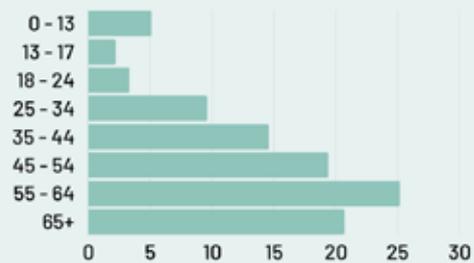
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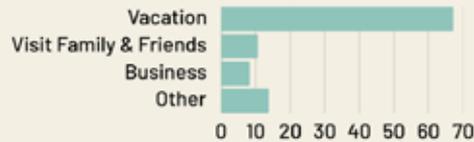
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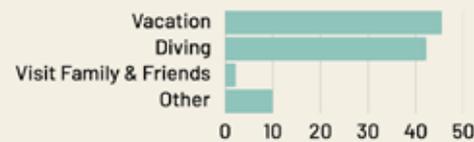
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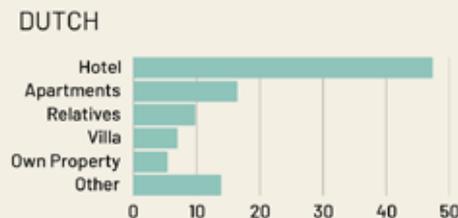


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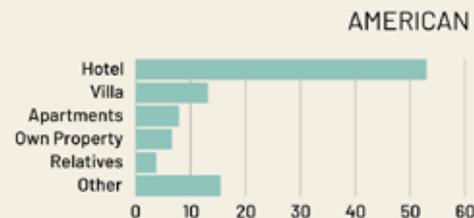


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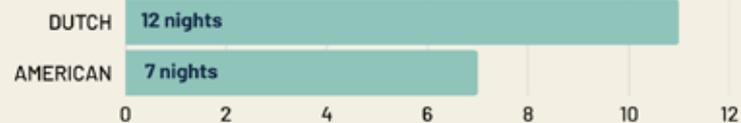
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