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TOP NEWS

Summer Smiles and Back-to-School Success: SJLRC Hosts Vibrant Summer Fun Day.









SJLRC Brings Summer Smiles & Back-to-School Cheer



The San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation (SJLRC) brought pure joy and high energy to the region's youth with its highly anticipated Summer Fun Day. The event created lasting memories for local families while equipping young burgesses with the essential tools they need for a successful start to the upcoming academic year.

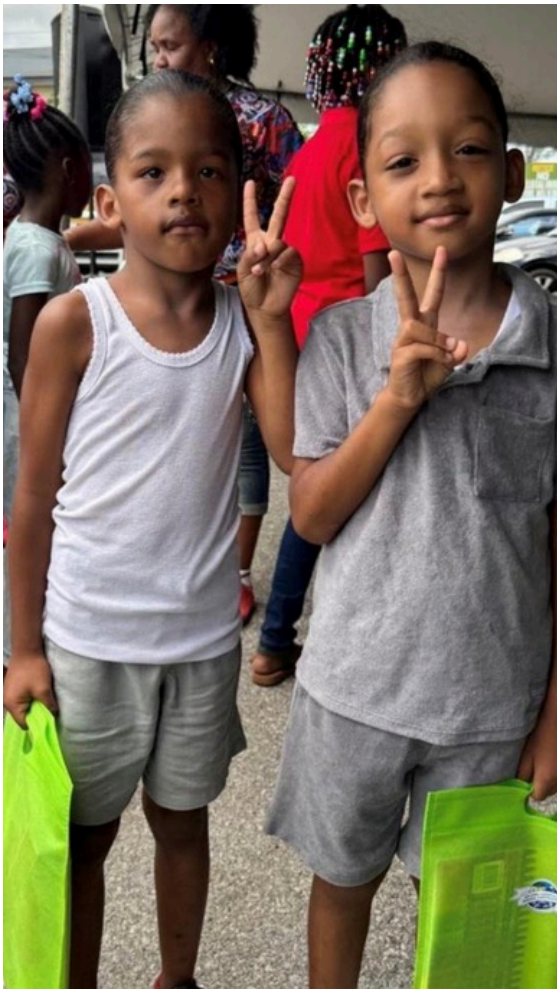
Throughout the day, the atmosphere was electric as children from across the communities gathered to celebrate the vacation season. The grounds were filled with laughter and excitement as attendees enjoyed a wide array of activities, including lively bouncy castles, colorful face painting, and engaging games. To keep the energy high, endless treats, from hot dogs and popcorn to sweet cotton candy, were served to everyone in attendance.





Beyond the fun and festivities, the Corporation placed a strong emphasis on community support and educational readiness. Before heading home, every child received a special back-to-school package packed with necessary stationery and essential supplies, ensuring they are well-prepared to kick off the new school term with confidence.

The success of the event reflects the continued dedication of municipal leadership to community development and youth empowerment. A sincere thank you is extended to Chairman, Alderman Richard Walcott, along with Council members, who dropped by to share in the joy and connect directly with burgesses. Special congratulations and gratitude also go out to Councillor Jodi Johnson and the entire organizing committee, whose hard work and execution made this memorable event a resounding success.





SJLRC Working for You!

SJLRC Takes Action to Protect Communities from Flooding Risks

In an effort to safeguard local communities from severe drainage issues, the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation (SJLRC) has intervened in active development work along a major commercial intersection. On Monday, August 3, 2026, the Chairman of the SJLRC, accompanied by the corporation's engineering team, conducted a site visit to the Courts Mega Store located at the busy corner of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway and Don Miguel Road.







During the inspection, technical experts assessed ongoing infrastructure developments and determined that immediate action was necessary to protect neighboring properties. To prevent downstream flooding in surrounding areas, the engineering team officially advised Courts management that construction on the site's new drain must pause immediately. The corporation mandated that work may only resume once it fully aligns with official San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation regulations and engineering specifications.

This decisive action highlights the corporation's ongoing commitment to strict regulatory oversight and public safety. By ensuring that large-scale commercial developments adhere to approved municipal infrastructure standards, the SJLRC aims to build a safer, more resilient community and prevent avoidable flooding risks for local residents and businesses alike.









Elevating Standards: SJLRC Staff Complete Specialized Performance Management & Appraisal Training







In a continuous effort to drive operational efficiency and maintain excellence in public service, the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation (SJLRC) recently wrapped up a comprehensive Performance Management and Appraisal System workshop. Organized and hosted by the Personnel Department, the initiative was specially tailored for team members responsible for conducting employee evaluations.

The session focused on equipping supervisors and administrators with modern tools and practical strategies to deliver fair, insightful, and constructive performance reviews. Beyond standard administrative metrics, the training emphasized fostering continuous professional growth, strengthening workplace communication, and aligning internal team development with the higher service standards owed to the community.

By investing in transparent and constructive evaluation practices, the SJLRC continues to reinforce a culture of accountability and employee development, ensuring that municipal operations remain effectively aligned with the needs of the burgesses we serve.
Special recognition and sincere thanks go out to the Personnel Department for facilitating such an impactful and forward-looking professional development session.

Honouring Heritage:
SJLRC Chairman Joins 27th Laventille Steelband Parade in Celebration of African Emancipation.



In a vibrant display of community spirit and cultural pride, Alderman Richard Walcott, Chairman of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation, attended the 27th Laventille Steelband Parade on Saturday 8th August,2026. Held in celebration of African Emancipation, the signature event once again brought the rich history and musical mastery of the steelpan to the streets of Laventille West.



Highlighting the profound significance of the occasion, Chairman Walcott extended his heartfelt commendations to the Laventille Steelband Festival Foundation. He commended the organization for its tireless dedication to safeguarding Trinidad and Tobago's national instrument and nurturing the community's artistic tradition.



Events like the annual parade serve as an essential reminder of the deep cultural roots that unify and define the region. By celebrating the heritage of Laventille West, the SJLRC remains committed to supporting grassroots initiatives that honor local history, empower community spaces, and keep the spirit of Emancipation alive for generations to come.

The Scoreboard:

Better Together: Development Updates & Community Highlights

Building a Better Barataria: Councillor Kimberly Small Leads Infrastructure Enhancement Efforts

Infrastructure development across Barataria reaches a major milestone as essential road rehabilitation works continue across the district. Under the Development Programme 2025–2026 | 184 – Local Roads & Bridges Programme, the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation is delivering critical upgrades designed to enhance connectivity, driver safety, and overall neighborhood accessibility.



Key highlights of this ongoing development cycle include the successful completion of major road paving projects at both 4th Street and 10th Avenue, Barataria. These targeted surface improvements directly address long-standing roadway wear, ensuring a smoother and safer transit experience for residents and commuters throughout the community.



Spearheaded under the leadership of Councillor Kimberly Small, representative for the Electoral District of Barataria, these municipal initiatives prioritize sustainable public infrastructure and community upliftment.



As the Corporation continues to execute planned works across the district, these structural enhancements reflect a sustained commitment to delivering tangible local results and elevating the standard of Barataria's roadway network.

The Scoreboard:

San Juan West Moves Forward: Infrastructure Upgrades and 13th Annual Back-to-School Drive Led by Councillor Jodi Johnson

As part of the Development Programme 2025-2026, Councillor Jodi Johnson continues to champion initiatives aimed at improving the lives of residents in San Juan West, with infrastructure upgrades progressing alongside community-focused programmes.

Current infrastructure works include the construction of a box drain on 8th Street, Malick, under the Drainage & Irrigation Programme, while road paving on 2nd Street, San Juan, under the Local Roads & Bridges Programme, has recently been completed.





Beyond infrastructure development, Councillor Johnson also continues to invest in the community through her 13th Annual Back-to-School Drive, which brought residents together for an afternoon of games, treats and activities in preparation for the upcoming academic year. The event was also attended by the Member of Parliament for Laventille East/Morvant, Christian Birchwood.

Together, these initiatives reflect a continued commitment to building better communities while supporting residents and families in San Juan West.









The Scoreboard:

Empowering Every Generation: Councillor Sherwyn Jones Delivers Impactful Community Initiatives This Quarter

Belmont Kids' Fun Day: Co-hosted with DS Collaboration at Durant Street, Belmont Valley Road, this community event offered local youth games, a bouncy castle, and treats like snow cones, cotton candy, and drinks, with special guest Opposition Leader the Honourable Penelope Beckles joining in the day's festivities.



Back-to-School Drive: Partnering across municipal lines with Alderman Carlos Waldron of the Diego Martin Borough Corporation, Councillor Jones secured and distributed book bags and book vouchers to assist burgesses and students preparing for the academic year.









Elderly Care Initiative: In collaboration with the Harmony Nursing Academy, Councillor Jones facilitated specialized caregiver training for the Elderly Care Cohort 2026, which celebrated its graduation ceremony at the Cascadia Hotel to support high-standard care and dignity for senior citizens.









Driving Development in Febeau/Bourg Mulatresse: Councillor Jenise Coward-Charles Delivers Key Drainage and Road Upgrades

Residents of Febeau/Bourg Mulatresse are seeing significant infrastructure enhancements as Councillor Jenise Coward-Charles reports key progress under the 2025-2026 Development Programme. Through targeted works focused on flood mitigation and road restoration, these municipal projects are actively improving safety, accessibility, and quality of life across the district.

Mitigating Flood Risks Along La Fortune Road

To address long-standing water management challenges, ongoing box drain construction is currently underway along La Fortune Road. Executed under the 169-Drainage & Irrigation Programme, this crucial development is designed to optimize runoff, prevent erosion, and safeguard nearby properties from localized flooding during heavy rainfall.

Enhancing Access on Sun Valley Road Extension

Complementing the drainage upgrades, Councillor Coward-Charles also announced the successful completion of road paving works on the Sun Valley Road Extension. Funded under the 184 – Local Roads & Bridges Programme, this project delivers a smooth, restored roadway that significantly improves vehicular access and daily commutes for local residents.

Together, these completed and ongoing initiatives reflect Councillor Coward-Charles's continued commitment to delivering essential municipal infrastructure and fostering sustainable development throughout Febeau/Bourg Mulatresse.


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Development Project: Box drain.
Location: La Fortune Road.





Empowering Youth and Enhancing Infrastructure: Councillor Kadeem Graham Delivers Key Community Projects

Councillor Kadeem Graham is actively driving community upliftment and local development across the Electoral District of Petit Bourg/Mt. Lambert/Champs Fleurs through a dual focus on youth support and infrastructure upgrades.

To ease the financial burden on local families ahead of the new academic year, Councillor Graham launched a back-to-school drive providing students with essential school supplies and encouragement. The initiative was made possible through key support from Alderman Richard Walcott (Chairman of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation), family, friends, and Mohammed's Book Store.

Alongside youth empowerment, Councillor Graham advocated for and oversaw a critical infrastructure project at Upper Mendez Drive featuring the construction of a new box drain and culvert. This project significantly improves drainage and runoff, protecting local homes from flooding.

Through these combined efforts, Councillor Kadeem Graham continues to enhance community resilience and support families across Petit Bourg, Mt. Lambert, and Champs Fleurs.








Development Project: Box drain & culvert.
Location: Upper Mendez Drive.

The Scoreboard:

Delivering Real Progress: Councillor Darren Corridon Drives Infrastructure Upgrades and Community Unity in Beetham/Picton

Through dedicated local leadership and continuous on-the-ground action, Councillor Darren Corridon, representative for Beetham/Picton, is delivering meaningful improvements for residents across the district. From major road paving and vital drainage works to community engagement, Councillor Corridon's recent accomplishments highlight a steadfast commitment to enhancing safety, accessibility, and quality of life.

- **Road Paving at Shouter Hill:** Successfully completed road paving works at Shouter Hill through the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation (SJLRC), with plans established to extend the initiative straight out to 42nd Street next year.













- **Eastern Quarry to Prizga Road Footpath:** Resolved years of neglect by completing a new footpath connecting Eastern Quarry to Prizga Road constructed entirely in-house by the SJLRC construction team using allocated materials to provide long-overdue proper access.

- **Manhole Safety in Beetham Gardens:** Addressed serious safety hazards by properly covering several exposed manholes in Beetham Gardens, protecting pedestrians, children, and motorists.





- **Community Engagement:** Supported local families and youth by actively attending and participating in the recent John John Fun Day to foster community spirit and unity.









The Scoreboard:

Progress in St. Barb's/Chinapoo: Councillor Shaniqua Harris Announces Completion of Brown Trace Road Paving

Residents of Brown Trace, St. Francois Valley Road, have good reason to celebrate as Councillor Shaniqua Harris, representative for the Electoral District of St. Barb's/Chinapoo, announced the successful completion of long-awaited road paving works in the community.

The newly paved road significantly improves daily commutes, enhances vehicular safety, and elevates overall quality of life along St. Francois Valley Road. Expressing pride in completing the project, Councillor Harris reaffirmed her commitment to ensuring every neighborhood in St. Barb's/Chinapoo receives quality municipal infrastructure and direct, effective representation.





Empowering the Future: Councillor Adanna Griffith-Gordon Delivers Key Community Upgrades and Hosts "Ready, Set, Succeed" Back-to-School Event

On Friday, August 21, 2026, the Success/Trou Macaque District came alive with joy, unity, and progress as Councillor Adanna Griffith-Gordon hosted "Ready, Set, Succeed - A Community Back to School Fun Day" alongside major infrastructure advancements across the area. The celebratory event offered local children and their families an unforgettable day filled with novelty games, engaging activities, food, laughter, and an overwhelming sense of community spirit. To ensure students were fully prepared to step into their classrooms with confidence, each child received a comprehensive back-to-school package stocked with essential stationery and school supplies.









Hand-in-hand with this youth investment, Councillor Griffith-Gordon continues to push critical local infrastructure developments to completion, expressing deep gratitude to residents for their patience and advocacy as these long-awaited projects unfold. Essential paving work on Phase 2 of Richard Street was scheduled for completion by August 21st, while Phase 2 drain construction along Buller Trace and Pashley Street has officially resumed, progressing steadily around weather conditions. Additionally, preparations have commenced for the installation of brand-new play park equipment at Trou Macaque Plannings, set to be completed within two weeks to provide children with a safe, upgraded recreational space. Together, these community-focused initiatives reflect a dedicated effort to improve local infrastructure, enhance safety, and support families across the Success/Trou Macaque District.





The Scoreboard:

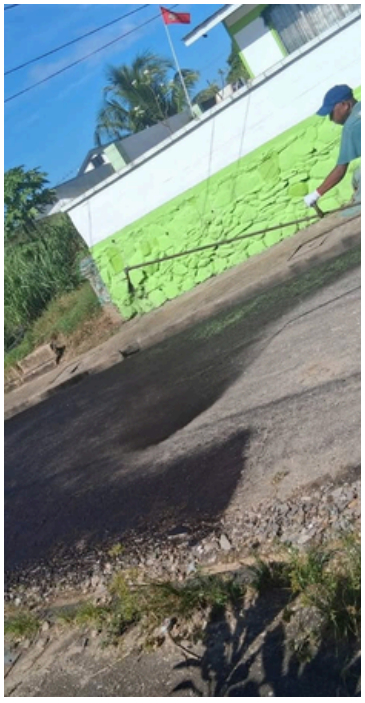
Promises Delivered for Morvant:
Road Works Completed on Chaconia Avenue!

We are keeping our word to the burgesses of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation! Paving works on Chaconia Avenue, Coconut Drive are now officially complete!

Upgrading our local roads is about more than just fresh asphalt, it is about creating safer daily commutes, building stronger connections across our neighborhoods, and directly elevating the quality of life for every resident.

A massive thank you to Councillor Junior St. Hilaire for his dedicated leadership and relentless drive under the Development Programme 2025–2026! Through his vision and continuous hands-on commitment, the SJLRC continues to deliver smoother, safer, and higher-quality infrastructure for the people of Morvant.

Thank you to the community for your patience and cooperation as we continue working together to transform our region, one street at a time!






Community Cornerstone

Beat the Heat, San Juan-Laventille!
Your Quick Guide to Staying Cool & Hydrated

Knowledge is the first step toward a better community. In this edition of Community Cornerstone, we bring you critical information on areas that impact our daily lives, and this quarter, we're focused on Beat-the-Heat Readiness.

When the sun is blazing and the humidity is high, keeping your body cool and hydrated is essential. You don't need expensive gear or air conditioning to stay safe here are simple, budget-friendly tips to stay refreshed:

Top Hydration Hacks

- **Drink Before You Feel Thirsty:** High humidity causes your body to lose moisture faster than you realize. Drink water proactively throughout the day rather than waiting until your mouth feels dry.

- **Set a Daily Target:** Aim for regular sips of clean, cool water every hour. If you're active outdoors, try to drink about 1 cup of water every 20 minutes.

- **Avoid Dehydrating Beverages:** Limit sugary drinks, heavy sodas, alcohol, and excessive caffeine, as they can cause your body to lose more fluid.

- **Eat Water-Rich Snacks:** Boost your hydration with fruits and veggies that have high water content, like watermelon, cucumbers, oranges, and pineapples.

Smart & Simple Cool-Down Tips



- **D.I.Y. Cold Compresses:** Wet a washcloth or small towel with cold water and place it on high-blood-flow pulse points like the back of your neck, your wrists, or your forehead for immediate relief.

- **Wear Light & Breathable Clothing:** Choose loose-fitting, light-colored cotton clothing that lets air circulate and prevents heat from staying trapped against your skin.

- **Block Midday Sun Indoors:** Keep curtains, blinds, or shades closed during the hottest hours of the day on windows that face direct sunlight to keep your living spaces naturally cooler.

- **Take Cool Showers or Baths:** A quick rinse with cool water helps lower your core body temperature fast.

- **Seek Shade:** Whenever you're moving around outside, stick to shaded pathways, under trees, or covered walkways to minimize direct exposure to the sun.

Stay hydrated, take frequent shade breaks, and look out for your neighbors, SJLRC!



Connect with Us: Your Next Step

To help us serve you even better we encourage you to stay connected and use the following resources to reach out directly to our various departments.

Department/Unit

Disaster Management Unit
675-9777/800-SJLRC (7572)

Rodent Control/Litter Warden
675-6779

Public Health
675-0536

Municipal Police
674-5843/703-5649

Building Inspectorate
638-7391

Cesspool
663-3947

Engineering/Technical
638-7391

Lets Get Social!

For real-time updates on local on projects, community events, and timely alerts, be sure to follow us on our official social media channels and visit our website.

Website: https://sjlrc.com

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Instagram: @sjlrc.tt

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X: San/Juan Lav

Help Desk (868)- 477-5572 (Messages ONLY)

San Juan/Laventille Connect WhatsApp Channel