

August 2011 Belize Newsletter

Dear Friends of Grand Baymen,

July was an exciting, busy month for those of us associated with Grand Baymen Belize. The most notable accomplishment during July was the Building A construction progress. This is our first building in the Baymen Garden development. (Baymen Garden is Grand Baymen's off-beach development, two blocks from our beach.) It's been rewarding to watch Building A being built, on a day-to-day basis.

As I observe the construction progress from our back door, I'm writing blog updates. Links for the first two posts are included in this Newsletter, below.

In July, AkBol Yoga Retreat Center held Ambergris Caye's first Yoga and Wellness Festival.

Visitors often assume that our island is strictly a tourist party town. Ambergris Caye does have its fair share of quirky beach bars, night clubs, and beer joints. But there is a committed group of health and wellness devotees here on the island, as well...

Ambergris Caye and Belize landed on two more "Top 10" lists. (Check the posts under the Newsletter's Tourism Info and Ratings topic, below.) You'll also find a neat YouTube video clip that's a teaser for the recently updated "Heavenly Belize" picture book. The photographs of Belize in this book are visually stunning. You'll also find pieces about Belize's new Master Sustainable Tourism Plan, and the significance of 2012 in the Mayan calendar...

In next month's newsletter, I'll provide the links to blogs about the Hemispheres financial conference that Grand Baymen hosted early in August. The island has been festive and lively, crowded with mainland and Central American visitors, here to enjoy the Costa Maya Festival. I've already posted blog entries on these events, but will include the links in the September Newsletter...

We're now taking a seasonal break from Chill Weekends. As we head into the hot, wet months of the year, we will take a break. We'll re-initiate the Chill Weekends in early December. But the Exotic Caye Beach Resort, (on the Grand Baymen property), is always open. [Link to their website to check on special seasonal discounts...](#) Visitors are welcome all times of the year. Of course, we'll be happy to give you a personal tour of the Grand Baymen properties at any time...

In November, Grand Baymen will again host several conferences. Then we'll reinitiate the Chill Weekends.

Chill Weekends through May 2012 Are Now on Line. You'll find the schedule for Chill Weekends through May of 2012 posted. [They are posted on the Grand Baymen website.](#)

You can sign up for any weekend, through May 2012 on line, at any time. The next Chill Weekend will be held the weekend of December 2-4. November and December are very comfortable months here, on the island.

We set the date for the December Chill Weekend to correspond to the weekend of the Christmas Boat Parade. If you join us, you'll be able to watch the boat parade sail by from the comfort of the Blue Iguana restaurant, on the Grand Baymen property... [Click here for the Chill Weekend link.](#)

Feel free to comment on any blog post. You can send me a question directly through the post. Or send your questions and comments to me via e-mail, at annb@grandbaymen.com.

Best regards,

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Baymen Garden - Building A Progress

Now that building A is well underway, we'll update the progress in a blog post whenever we reach a construction milestone, such as completing a floor. Here are the links for this month's blog posts that describe the latest construction progress, with both words and pictures.

- [Baymen Garden Building Construction Now Underway](#)
- [Baymen Garden Building A – First Floor Completed!](#)

Recent Fun Summer Events on Ambergris Caye

Here are the links for blog posts for recent conferences, social events and festivals that were held on Ambergris Caye. Each blog entry includes several pictures, to give you a feeling for the event.

- [Yoga and Wellness Festival on Ambergris Caye](#)
- [Ambergris Caye's Tres Pescados Grand Slam Festival](#)

Ambergris Caye/ Grand Baymen Tourism Info, Ratings and Travel Tips

Some of the links below connect to blog posts that describe awards given to Ambergris Caye, Belize, or our Grand Baymen Belize resort (Exotic Caye Beach Resort). You'll also find any posts on tourism trends, or tourism attractions, in this section.

- [Ambergris Caye – Again on “Islands” Top 10 List](#)
- [Belize's “Jet's Bar” on AOL's World's Top 10 List](#)
- [Belize's New Sustainable Master Tourism Plan](#)
- [2012 Mayan Calendar and the Marco Gonzalez Site](#)
- [Experience “Heavenly Belize” on YouTube](#)