

## October 2011 Belize Newsletter

*Dear Friends of Grand Baymen,*

September was an action packed month here in Belize. The entire nation joyfully celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> year of independence. There were a series of parades, competitions, events, and street dances. But, sadly, the beloved Father of Belize, the Right Honorable George Cadle Price, passed away a few days before the September 21<sup>st</sup> holiday. His passing added more poignancy to this landmark holiday. The residents and citizens of this country became more aware and appreciative of the significant role he played in forming the independent nation of Belize...

We are now settled into the fall. So far October is living up to its reputation as the wettest month, as well as the slowest month for tourism on the island. Many restaurants are closed, undertaking remodels, or just taking time off. A good number of the resident expats are off the island. They travel to visit their family, or for an extended vacation. Although we seldom experience a serious hurricane here, October is the most likely month for one to veer in our direction. So it's a perfect time to button up one's home and head out.

Mike and I are heading for Florida, to attend several conferences during October. And since there isn't a lot of action here in October, I'll be taking a break from writing posts while I'm traveling. The island will pick back up again in November. So I'll again have more to write about. Such is life on a tourism island... Those of us who live here do appreciate getting a break once in a while... We do enjoy having the island all to ourselves... It gives us time to catch our breath and regroup, before the next high season...

Here's the short review of October's activities and positive economic updates about the island and Belize. The links to the month's blog entries are included. Scroll down and click on links for topics of interest to you...

**Baymen Garden Building A Update.** We are pleased to report that in September the second floor of Building A was completed. This was another major milestone in the construction schedule. The construction has been moving at a fast clip... In the blog entries, you'll find pictures and details that explain the progress in September. The construction pictures are posted on the Grand Baymen Facebook page and will be on the website soon.

**Economic and Political Updates.** There was plenty of good economic news for Belize and Ambergris Caye in September. Belize's economic indicators report for 2011 has been strong to date. And the real estate market trend on Ambergris Caye is indeed encouraging. We also delve into why George Price, Belize's first Prime Minister, is so beloved. And, last but not least, we present a review of how Belize plans to secure funds for green energy projects. There are four posts this month explaining the year's economic trends. This is unusual, since economic data is hard to come by in Belize...

**September - a Month of Celebrations.** There were two major holidays in September. Both related to events that led to Belize's independence. You'll find several posts that show the celebrations.

**Worthy Causes.** We review the history and good works accomplished by the Saga Humane Society, Ambergris Caye's branch of the Humane Society. And another blog covers a charity in the USA that Grand Baymen supports.

I hope you've had a pleasant summer and are ready to transition into the fall. If you are already dreaming of your next mini-vacation, don't forget that our next Chill Weekend takes place in early December. That is a good time to travel, before the holiday crowds and high prices. If you are interested in learning more about living and investing in Belize and Ambergris Caye, [click here for more info...](#)

Hemispheres Publishing is also holding another Financial Conference in November on Ambergris Caye. It will focus on asset management and offshore investing. If that is of interest, [click here for more info...](#)

Below is the bulleted list of September's Grand Baymen blog topics, with links. As always, forward any comments or questions to me via my e-mail address below, or through the blog.

Best regards,

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### ***Baymen Garden - Building A Progress***

Now that building A is well underway, we're updating 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. Pictures are included with each blog

- [Baymen Garden Building A – Second Floor Completed!](#)

### ***Belize and Ambergris Caye Economic and Political Updates***

September is a month of parades and events in Belize, as the entire country celebrates their independence. The month also brought good news in terms of Belize's overall economic progress and Ambergris Caye's real estate market trends. On the political front, the passing of the Father of the Nation, George Cadle Price, was a poignant reminder of the key role he played in Belize gaining their independent nation status in 1981...

- [Ambergris Caye's Real Estate Market Trends](#)
- [Belize's Prime Minister Presents a Rosy Economic Report](#)

- [Celebrating the Life of George Price – the Father of Belize](#)
- [Belize Seeking Green Energy Investments](#)

### ***Recent Summer Events on Ambergris Caye***

This section includes blog post links for recent conferences, social events and festivals held on Ambergris Caye. There are two Independence Days in Belize, both in September. Since this was Belize's 30<sup>th</sup> year of independence, the parades and events were more spectacular than usual. Each blog includes pictures that give the reader a feeling for the event.

- [Celebrating Belize's Independence on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011](#)
- [Jumping Up on Belize's Independence Day \(September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011\)](#)

### ***Worthy Causes***

There are some notable non-profit organizations on Ambergris Caye. Saga Society is one of the most popular. This group is committed to protecting the forlorn and abandoned pets and animals of this island. Grand Baymen and Exotic Caye often donate free weeks at the resort to favorite charities. The second blog below describes another charity, centered in Washington D.C.

- [Kudos to Ambergris Caye's Saga Humane Society](#)
- [Grand Baymen Supports Charity Work](#)