



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Wed. Oct. 4, 2017

HEALTH STATUS SYSTEM ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY

The public is advised that officers from the Environmental Health Division will be conducting assessments to determine the following:

Health status of the Territory
Status of the Territory's water systems

The questionnaires will seek information on the:
number of sick persons | level of environmental sanitation
food safety | how solid waste is being disposed

The assessments will be conducted by officers of the Environmental Health Unit commencing in the Carrot Bay community.

The department's personnel will be available to give advice and to distribute purification tablets for water safety problems.

LOST LICENCE PLATES (ON HOLD)

The Department of Motor Vehicles is now accepting orders for the purchase of lost licence plates. In order to receive a replacement plate, persons will need to file a police report and pay the \$25 fee. All forms of payment will be accepted. Specific orders for your replacement late should be made before October 31.

DISTRICT 3 DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Residents of the 3rd District are advised that distribution of relief supplies will take place at the: | Valerie O'Thomas Community Centre | 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Thursday, October 5

TRC OPERATING HOURS

The public is notified that the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission is now open for business. Operating hours for the week of October 2 is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Operating hours for the week October 9 and thereafter is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The TRC thanks the public for their patience during this time.

PUBLIC WATER SERVICE UPDATE

The team at the Water and Sewerage Department (WSD) continues to work diligently to restore water service to the following areas:

- WSD Compound to Paraquita Bay
- Ridge Road
- Balsam Ghut
- Parts of McNamara/Pleasant Valley
- Parts of Huntum's Ghut

The water infrastructure is now approximately 60 percent restored. If you are outside of the affected areas and have not received service, contact the department at 346-6032, 346-6052 or via Facebook @VIWaterandSewerage. Please note that persons residing in hillside areas will experience difficulty gaining water due to current water levels.

NOTICE BY THE WATER & SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT

The Water and Sewerage Department is seeking volunteers in the plumbing sector to assist with the rehabilitation of water service lines.

Interested persons are asked to register by Friday, October 6 by calling 468 9804 or 468 9699.

VISITATION HOURS AT HM PRISON

The public is notified that visiting hours at her Majesty's Prison resumes Thursday, October 5. Visitation for remanded prisoners are as follows:

Tuesday or Thursday ONLY from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Visitation for convicted prisoners are as follows:

Saturday or Sundays between the hours of 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Booking appointments will be waived until further notice. However, each inmate will be entitled to one visit per week on a first come, first served basis, and for a duration of 20 minutes.

Please note the following requirements in order to visit HM Prison:

All visitors must be dressed appropriately (no tights, sleeveless, and no clothing above the knee).

All visitors must present a valid ID such as a driver's license, a passport, NHI card or student's ID.

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. A limited amount of snacks and juice will be accepted as water is being provided by the Prison at this time) No cooked food or items for food preparation will be accepted.

All visitors will be subjected to search before entering the facility.

Curfew Remains in Effect 8:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
Banks open from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m. Mon. to Fri.

Direct all inquiries to bviddmirra@gmail.com Please log onto [@bviddm](https://www.facebook.com/bviddm) and [@bvigovernment](https://www.facebook.com/bvigovernment) on Facebook for regular updates on the response and relief efforts in the Territory





TIMESHEETS MANDATORY FOR PROCESSING GOVERNMENT PAYROLL

Public officers are advised that effective Monday, October 2nd, timesheets are mandatory for the processing of payroll. Public officers are required to complete and submit weekly timesheets to their respective Department Head for hours worked. Department Heads will then submit timesheets to the Compensation and Benefits Unit of the Department of Human Resources to process payroll from October 15th and each pay period thereafter.

Timesheets may be collected at the front desk of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour on the second floor of the East Wing of the Central Administration Complex. Timesheets will also be distributed on the sister islands and are available online at www.bvi.gov.vg/services/employee-timesheets.

Public officers are to comply with the new mandatory requirement to promote accountability and to validate the payment of salaries.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS FUEL FORMS HAVE CHANGED

Heavy Equipment Operators with the previous requisition forms for fuel collection from Delta Petroleum are asked to note that the forms have changed.

Operators are asked to visit the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) at the Ritter House to collect new forms. Please present your driver's licence and vehicle registration number when collecting the new forms.

END OF SEPTEMBER PAYROLL TO BE PAID ON OCTOBER 9

Public officers are informed that the 30th September, 2017 payroll is being processed and will be payable on Monday, 9th October. The delay was caused by technical challenges. Public officers are thanked for patience and understanding during this time.

WATER SERVICE ON VIRGIN GORDA

The Water and Sewerage Department continues to make progress in its efforts to restore safe potable water to all its customers.

Customers on Virgin Gorda are advised that service would be available daily from 6:00 - 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. As water levels improve times would be extended.

We remind customers to be conservative with water usage.

H LAVITY STOUTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPENS OCTOBER 23

Faculty and staff of the H Lavity Stoutt Community College are asked to report to work at the college on Monday, October 9.

Students are also asked to note that classes at the college resume on Monday, October 23. Only students whose classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will be accommodated.

GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS

TIP 1: Please do not turn on generators indoors as high levels of poisonous carbon monoxide gas will be released. Carbon monoxide is a deadly, odorless, and colorless gas which can be fatal within as little as 5 minutes.

TIP 2: Do not run a portable generator in the rain, unless it is covered and vented.

TIP 3: Before refueling, turn off your gasoline-powered generator and let it cool. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts can ignite. Allowing the engine to cool also reduces the risk of burns while refueling.

TIP 4: Avoid electrical hazards. For stationary generators, an approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the electric co-op, should be installed by a professional. For portable generators, plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.

TIP 5: Use a heavy-duty extension cord for outdoor use, rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads.

TIP 6: Do not attempt to backfeed your house. Backfeeding means trying to power your home's wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet. This reckless and dangerous practice presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer. It also bypasses some of the built-in household circuit protection devices, that could result in frying of your electronic equipment or starting an electrical fire.

TIP 7: Start the generator first **BEFORE** connecting appliances.



These tips were brought to you by the Electrical Inspection Unit, the British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation and the National Emergency Operations Centre.

DMV CLOSED

The public is informed that due to technical difficulties with the operating system the Department of Motor Vehicles remains closed until further notice.

Updates on the status for reopening will be provided in the coming days.

INVOICES FOR AUGUST 7 TROPICAL WAVE DUE OCTOBER 11

Persons who provided clean up and rehabilitation services after the passage of the Tropical Wave on August 7, 2017 who have not yet submitted invoice are kindly asked to do so by Wednesday, October 11. Invoice received after this date will not be processed.

The Government of the Virgin Islands is asking for cooperation from all operations in ensuring timely processing of all invoices.

BREGADO FLAX REGISTRATION

The Bregado Flax Educational Centre, Secondary Division would like to advise all secondary students to register with the security guards at the school, between Friday, September 29 and Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

Grades 10, 11 & 12 will begin classes Thursday, October 5.

VIRGIN GORDA COLONIAL INSURANCE NOTICE

Individuals in Virgin Gorda insured with Colonial Insurance are asked to note that representatives from the company will be upstairs the Command Centre at the Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbour located in the Town Centre, from Monday, October 2 to Friday, October 6. The representatives will be there from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1ST DISTRICT DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Currently distribution of water and relief supplies is taking place in the 1st District for all residents of Carrot Bay at the Coal Pot Restaurant.

Distribution of water and relief supplies for all residents from Smuggler's Cove to Little Apple Bay including Long Bay, Zion Hill on the Northern side among other surrounding area is currently taking place at the Sebastian's area.

WATER AND SEWERAGE HOTLINE NUMBERS

Persons wishing to report leaks or damage to our water lines can contact the department by calling our hotline at 346-6032 or 346-6052.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETINGS

Please note daily meetings will be held in the 1st District (West End Area) as follows:
12noon – D'Coal Pot, Carrot Bay
2:00p.m. – Basketball Court West End
4:00p.m. – Little Apple Bay, Sebastian's

SPECIAL MEASURES IMPLEMENTED FOR ENTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS

All business owners are notified that special measures have been put in place to accommodate the entry of skilled workers to aid in relief activity.

Commissioner of the Labour Department, Mrs. Janice Rymer, said officers from the department would be stationed at ports of entry to assist in the effort to facilitate entry. Ports of entry include:

1. T. B. Lettsome International Airport
2. West End Jetty
3. Tortola Pier Park
4. St. Thomas Bay Jetty

Persons entering the country for relief purposes must indicate so in the section labelled "Purpose of Visit" on the Immigration form. Officers will then collect the following information:

1. Name of Employee
2. Employer/Organisation Name and Contact No.
3. Length of Stay
4. Position

Extensions to stay will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

For more informations please contact Mrs. Rymer at 468-9329, email jan_rymer@hotmail.com or visit a Labour Officer.



VISIONS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OPENS OCTOBER 2ND

The public is notified that the Visions Child Development Centre located at Johnson's Ghut will resume operations October 2nd.

The centre will be opened from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be accepting children 0 to 4 years old.

PUBLIC INVITED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION OR FOOTAGE OF LOOTING

The Commissioner and members of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force are inviting the public to submit information or footage they may have in their possession of persons looting, following the passage of hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Persons can contact the Intelligence Department of the RVIPO or the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC).

NOTICE FROM DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

The Government of the Virgin Islands is notifying prospective employers that measures in place to speed up the processing of work permits for skilled craftsmen to help rebuild the Territory. The processing of the work permits will be done on a case by case basis.

Prospective employers can contact the Department of Labour at telephone number 468-9898 or 468-9329 for further information.

SHIPMENT PROCEDURES IN THE TERRITORY

The public is advised of the following procedures in which to follow when sending goods to family, friends and businesses in the Territory:

Shipper is expected to send a copy of the manifest to the recipient
Recipient will take the manifest to a Customs broker to facilitate the preparation of the T12 form

After the shipment is received in the BVI, the recipient takes the completed T12 form to Customs for approval

Customs will review, approve and release the shipment to the recipient (duties will apply for items not exempted)

REMOVING DAMAGED AND DERELICT VEHICLES

The Department of Motor Vehicles is requesting that owners of Motor Vehicles must contact their insurance provider to settle vehicle claims immediately. All motor vehicles that are damaged and left abandoned would be removed and further crushed as they would seem to be derelict. Owners of derelict vehicles should contact the department of motor vehicles to update our records.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION NOTICE

The Registry of Corporate Affairs is operating limited hours as the territory recovers. The Registry will open daily from 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

HM CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS TEMPORARILY RELOCATED

The public is notified that Her Majesty's Customs headquarters has been temporarily relocated to upstairs of BVI Cable TV in Road Town. Services resume effective Monday, October 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additionally, Customs officers will be stationed in Tortola at the West End Ferry Terminal, CAPS office upstairs of Qwomar; the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport on Beef Island and in Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda.

RELIEF EFFORTS ACCESS

All ports are open for air and sea access, but the Government accepts no liability for travelers. Those who choose to travel, must be self-sufficient and do so at their own risk. Priority is being given to military goods and technical expertise. No provisions have yet been made to accommodate commercial flights.

BURN NOTICE

THE PUBLIC IS ASKED TO STOP ALL OPEN BURNING OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND DEBRIS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF WASTE MANAGEMENT HAS RESUMED REGULAR COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND A DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN IS BEING IMPLEMENTED



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PORTS AUTHORITY HOURS

All cargo boat operators, please be advised that the BVI Ports Authority Cargo facility at Port Purcell is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Certain restrictions will apply. Please contact the Harbour Master on VHF Channel 16 for docking arrangements. Berthing will be done on a priority basis.

2ND DISTRICT DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE AT CANE GARDEN BAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday 29th September
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 30th September
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION NOTICE 2

The Registry of Corporate Affairs announces a temporary extension to the name reservation process. All company names reserved during the period 4th September to 31st October, 2017 will remain reserved until November 15th, 2017. Please direct any inquiries regarding this change to the Registry of Corporate Affairs via email: virrginsupport@bvifsc.vg or by tel 852-4067 / 852 4712 / 852 4116.

PASSPORT OFFICE AND CIVIL REGISTRY EXPANDS SERVICES CIVIL REGISTRY AND PASSPORT OFFICE WILL BE EXPANDING ITS SERVICES FROM TUESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER | 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

SERVICES WILL INCLUDE:

REGISTRATION & ISSUANCE:

- Birth | Death | Marriage Certificates
- Processing Of Visas For Employment Purposes Only

ISSUING OF EMERGENCY TRAVEL
DOCUMENTS APPLICATION AND
COLLECTION OF:

- British Overseas Territories Citizens Passports

Processing of Apostilles (Apos-Teels)

NOTICE ON IMMIGRATION AND LABOUR

The Government of the Virgin Islands is notifying persons with valid work permits, property owners and longtime residents who were away from the Territory during the passage of Hurricanes Irma and Maria that they are free to return once the airport becomes open for commercial flights.

Work permit holders will have up to three months after their permits have expired to sort out their immigration status.

Government has also relaxed its labour and immigration policies to expedite the processing of skilled workers that will be needed to support businesses in the rebuilding process.

NOTICE ON TAX WAIVER

The Government of the Virgin Islands is waiving ALL taxes on the importation of supplies to assist in the rebuilding efforts. The supplies include food and water, building material, electrical fixtures and materials, plumbing fixtures and materials, household furniture and appliances, pharmaceutical, generators and cleaning supplies.

The tax waiver will end of December 31, 2017.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON VIRGIN GORDA

Residents of Virgin Gorda are advised of the locations of the distribution centres On Virgin Gorda:

North Sound Methodist Church
Yacht Harbour Town Centre
Monday | Wednesday | Friday
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

EDUCATION SYSTEM NOTICE

The Government of the Virgin Islands is notifying residents that students ages 3 to 8 years will be involved in an educational programme by October 5.

Students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 will also be functioning by October 5.

Plans are in place to have all schools and all grades functioning in a shift system by November 6.

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