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## Official Launch: 2nd Youth Connect Student Hub Hope Resource Center Remarks by Mayor Bernard Wagner

June 12, 2025

We are celebrating something that reminds us all that Belize City is not just a place where people live, but a city where people grow!

The Youth Connect Student Hub here at the Hope Center is a new source of opportunity, and empowerment for young people in this community. This launch isn't just about opening a space—it's about opening doors. It's about lighting a path for young people who need a little extra help, a little extra guidance, a little reminder that we're Always 'Bout the People—and, most importantly, a whole lot of love and support.

When we piloted our first Student Hub at City Hall in 2023, it was a dream rooted in a simple belief: that every young person—whether they are in school, out of school, working, or looking for their first job—deserves a fair chance to succeed. That hub offered homework help, mentorship, job prep, and a safe space for learning and connection. And what did we learn? That the need was real, the demand was high, and the impact was undeniable!

This Hope Center extension is more than just bricks and internet cables—it is a promise kept. A promise from this Council, outlined clearly in our 2024-2027 manifesto. We're showing that the work of the Belize City Council goes beyond drains and streets—it's also about building up people and creating transformational support systems. Like the first, this Student Hub will feature: Homework Assistance with resources to support academic growth; Tutoring and Mentorship where volunteer leaders will be able to give their time to uplift others; and Employment & Career Guidance that will help youth write resumes, apply for jobs, practice soft skills, and prepare for what comes next. And none of this would be possible without partnerships. I want to especially acknowledge Hon. Anthony Mahler, the Pickstock Constituency, the team from Change Agent Builders, and the Hope Center family.

You have all stepped up in a big way to make youth development real and tangible, not just something we talk about at podiums. You see, this Hub isn't just for students with high grades. It's also for the ones who need a second chance. The ones who've dropped out, but want to come back. The ones who feel unseen, unheard, or unsure of their next step. It's for dreamers, doers, and those still figuring it out.

That is what makes this initiative so special—it's inclusive, it's compassionate, and it's focused on the future. So to every young person listening—this space was made for you. Walk through these doors with confidence. Use the tools. Ask for help. Volunteer. Mentor someone else when your time comes. We celebrate the belief that when we invest in our young people, we are investing in a stronger, smarter Belize City. This is what it looks like when vision meets action. When promises become programs. When the community comes together to say: our youth matter.

To everyone who helped make this happen—thank you.

To every young person ready to step into this space—welcome. And to all of us—let's keep building a city where no one is left behind, and where every young person has the chance to rise.

This is your hub. This is your city. And our work only continues. Thank you. Let's keep going.

### HIS WORSHIP

### MAYOR BERNARD WAGNER

FINANCE, BUDGETING, HUMAN RESOURCES, STAFF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING,  
PUBLIC RELATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS, ANTI-CORRUPTION



## Official Launch: 2nd Youth Connect Student Hub - Hope Resource Center

The Belize City Council is proud to announce the launch of our second Youth Connect Student Hub, now open at the Hope Resource Center on Central American Boulevard!

This initiative builds on the success of our flagship hub at City Hall and delivers on our 2024–2027 manifesto commitment to expand safe, supportive, and well-equipped after-school spaces across Belize City.



The new hub will serve students from Pickstock, Freetown, Lake Independence, and surrounding communities, providing access to:

- ✓ Homework help & tutoring
- ✓ Internet, computers, printing, and study tools
- ✓ Mentorship & youth development
- ✓ Career guidance & resume support

This project is made possible through the Council's strategic partnership with Change Agent Builders, with support from Hon. Anthony Mahler and the Pickstock Constituency.

We were also glad to be joined on this occasion by Minister Francis Fonseca of the Freetown Constituency and representatives of the Lake Independence Committee, showing a united front in support of youth empowerment in this community.

Together, we're investing in educational equity and transformational support systems.

To our youth—this is your hub. Your space to learn, grow, and find support. We can't wait to welcome you!

We are deeply grateful to all the hands, hearts, and partners who made this milestone possible.



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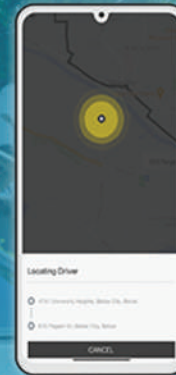
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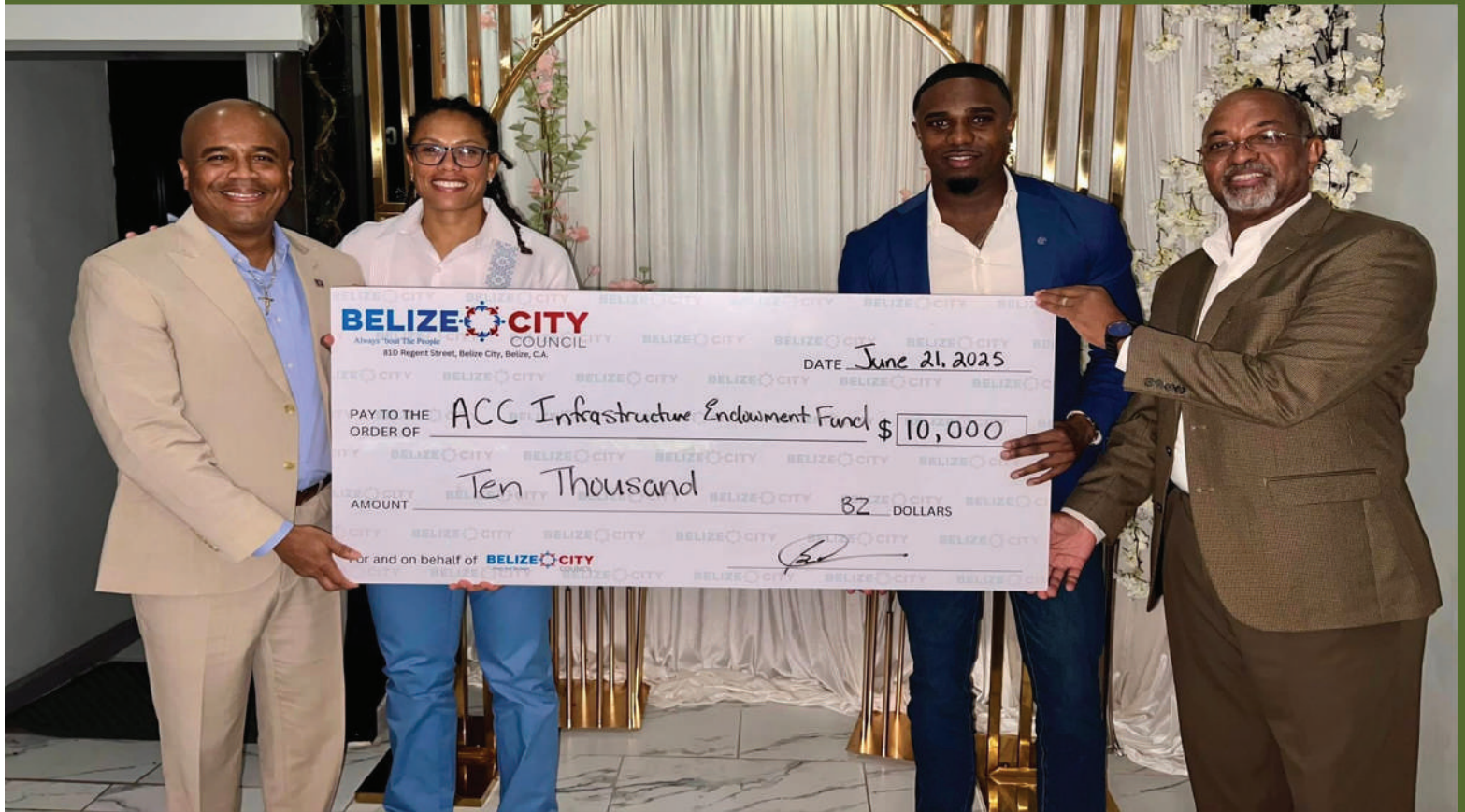
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## A Night of Purpose and Partnership!

We were honored to attend the Guest Speaker Welcome Dinner in New York City for the upcoming Friends Supporting the Anglican Diocese of Belize (FSADB) Scholarship Gala – a powerful gathering in support of our city’s students.



Joined by Councillors Kaya Cattouse and Allan Pollard, Mayor Bernard Wagner, a proud Anglican Cathedral College (ACC) alumnus, expressed his deep gratitude for being invited as this year’s Guest Speaker, and also announced his acceptance—with the blessing of Bishop Wright—as Patron of the newly launched Anglican Cathedral College Infrastructure Endowment Fund.

This Endowment Fund is dedicated to the upkeep and development of ACC’s physical campus, ensuring our students have a learning environment that inspires growth, discipline, and achievement for years to come.

On behalf of the Belize City Council, the Mayor and Councillors made the Fund’s very first contribution: \$10,000 BZD – a meaningful step toward sustainable, student-focused investment.

Mayor Wagner, warmly welcomed by FSADB President Claude Stuart, ACC Board Chairman Jeffrey Locke, Ambassador Carlos Fuller, Dr. Bernard Bulwer, and other passionate members of the FSADB family, reaffirmed the Council’s commitment to education, equity, and youth empowerment.

Honored to be part of an evening of intention rooted in the belief that when we invest in our students, we secure Belize’s future.



## 35 Years of Impact: FSADB Gala Celebrates Education and Commitment

The Belize City Council had the honor of joining the Friends Supporting the Anglican Diocese of Belize (FSADB) for their Annual Scholarship Gala, marking 35 years of commitment to the Diocese and to the future of Belizean youth.

This inspiring event wasn't just about celebration—it was about meaningful impact. Every contribution made goes directly toward the education of Belize City students, helping to create brighter, more equitable futures.

By special invitation, Mayor Bernard Wagner —himself a proud member of the first graduating class of Anglican Cathedral College (ACC)— served as this year's Keynote Speaker, joined by Councillors Allan Pollard and Kaya Cattouse. Together, they stood with fellow Belizeans and friends of Belize who continue to champion access to opportunity through education.

Congratulations to FSADB on the tremendous work they have done and continue to do in support of our young people. Your dedication has changed lives and continues to pave the way for generations to come.

Special thanks as well to Bishop Wright, FSADB President Dr. Claude Stuart, and ACC Board Chairman Mr. Jeffrey Locke for their leadership and for continuing to shape a legacy of empowerment.

Here's to the partnerships that make a difference.



# 35%

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# ALL YEAR

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## INCENTIVES FOR 2025

## FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

65 YEARS OR OLDER

ON THE PROPERTY THEY RESIDE

## DISCOUNT PACKAGE

## Belize City Council Enhances License Security

The Belize City Council's Traffic Department has officially upgraded its ID system with a brand new ID printer featuring advanced security laminate—a major step forward in our fight against counterfeiting.

This new technology means Belize City-issued driver's licenses are now more secure, tamper-resistant, and much harder to replicate, reinforcing our continued commitment to transparency, accountability, and public trust.

The council remains committed to modernizing our services to better serve the residents of Belize City.

It's all part of building a smarter, safer Belize City.



## St. John Vianney R.C. School's Annual Career Week 2025

Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller had the pleasure of being invited as the guest speaker at St. John Vianney R.C. School's Annual Career Week — an inspiring event that opens young minds to exciting career possibilities and meaningful community connections!

He was joined by Councillor Evan Thompson, who holds the Community Engagement portfolio. Fittingly, both Deputy Mayor Miller and Councillor Thompson are proud alumni of St. John Vianney, making their return to the school a meaningful and full-circle moment.

Deputy Mayor Miller delivered an inspiring address to the students, sharing his own journey in public service and encouraging them to embrace leadership, education, and service as pillars of personal and national development.

His message was one of purpose, perseverance, and pride, reminding students that no dream is too big and no contribution too small when it comes to building a better Belize.

With graduation just around the corner, the timing of Career Week offered a timely opportunity for these Standard 6 students and young leaders-in-the-making to reflect on their goals and prepare mentally for the next stage of their academic and personal journeys.

The session featured an interactive Q&A, fun games, prizes and giveaways, keeping students energized and involved throughout the event. To wrap up the visit, the students were treated to warm meat pies and refreshing juices, adding a delightful finish to the session.

Congratulations to the soon-to-be graduates of St. John Vianney Primary School!

Wishing you all the best on your next adventure!



# SANITATION STATS

THIS JUNE OUR SANITATION  
TEAM CLEARED

**11,000**

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## Belize@44: Stronger Together, Rising Forever

Mayor Bernard Wagner, Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, our City Councillors, and Youth Shadow Councillors proudly joined Minister Francis Fonseca and the National Celebrations Commission for the official theme launch of our 44th Independence Celebrations!

This year, we rally under the powerful theme:

"Belize@44: Stronger Together, Rising Forever."

Huge congratulations to the 2025 theme competition winners: David Peña and Holly Vasquez

We're looking forward to a September filled with culture, energy, and celebration in every corner of the city and country. Let's get ready for a season like no other – festive, bold, and proudly Belizean!



## Belize City Council Honours Service and Leadership: Javar McKenzie Leads by Example

As part of the Belize City Council's unwavering commitment to education, youth development, and civic engagement, Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, supported by Councillor Malcolm Nunez, attended the St. Joseph School Leaving Exercise Mass where they proudly recognized a standout student for his community involvement out of the classroom.

Javar McKenzie, the only Standard Six student who participated in the St. Joseph Church clean-up campaign held in May, was honored for his strong spirit of community service. In recognition of his efforts, he received a full scholarship from St. Joseph Catholic Church. Additionally, the Belize City Council awarded him a \$500 donation to assist with the purchase of high school books as he prepares to begin his academic journey at Wesley College.

This gesture not only reflects the Council's dedication to nurturing young leaders, but also reinforces the importance of civic pride and giving back to one's community.

The Council encourages other students to get involved, take initiative, and be part of the positive change in their neighborhoods.

The Council congratulates Javar and wishes him continued success as he embarks on this exciting new chapter.



## Cleaner Canals Today, Let's Keep Them That Way Tomorrow!

The Belize City Council's Sanitation Department continues its commitment to a cleaner, healthier city with a recent canal clean-up in the Bella Vista and North Creek areas that speaks volumes!

From debris-filled to debris-free — these before-and-aftershots show the real impact of our team's efforts. But keeping our waterways clean is not a one-time fix — it requires all of us to do our part.

We're calling on all residents to show civic pride by disposing of waste responsibly and helping prevent the re-clogging of drains and canals. Clean waterways reduce flooding, protect public health, and benefit the entire community.



## GETTING TO KNOW Councillor **KAYA CATTOUSE**

### Who have been some of the key figures in your life who have influenced your approach to leadership?

Leadership is something I've embraced through both sports and public service, and my approach has been shaped by key figures in both arenas. My parents and grandparents instilled in me the values of discipline and perseverance, while my coaches and mentors over the years taught me the importance of strategy, teamwork, and resilience. In governance, I've been inspired by leaders who prioritize community engagement, fairness, and progressive change—values I bring into my role as a Councillor.

### If you could collaborate with one organization or person (locally or globally) to make a change in the city, who would it be?

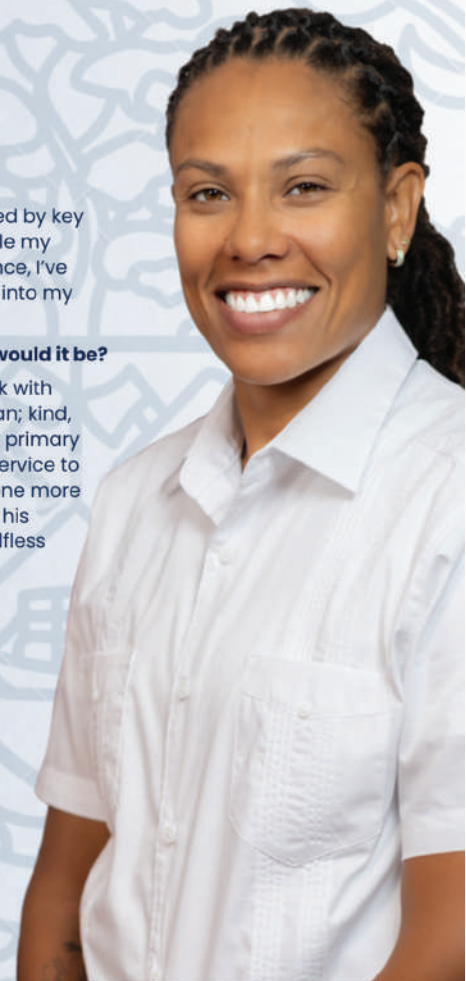
I would choose to spend a day with Right Honorable George Price, the Father of the Nation. As a child, I used to walk with him to school, completely unaware of the magnitude of his role in Belize's history. To me, he was simply a great man; kind, wise, and always willing to share knowledge. He taught me the National Anthem, the National Prayer, and even my primary school song, leaving an impression on me long before I fully understood his contributions. His mantra of being of service to the people has always resonated with me and continues to shape how I lead today. If I had the chance to spend one more day with him, I would ask him about the sacrifices he made for Belize's independence, his vision for the future, and his advice for young leaders navigating today's challenges. I would listen, learn, and strive to carry on his legacy of selfless leadership and unwavering commitment to the people.

### If you could spend a day with anyone, alive or dead, who would it be, and what would you do?

I would love to collaborate with UNICEF because of its strong commitment to improving the lives of children, particularly in areas like education, health, and protection. Given my portfolio overseeing Women & Children, Special Needs & Diverse Abilities Initiatives, and After-School Programs, a partnership with UNICEF could bring invaluable resources, advocacy, and support for initiatives that empower our youth. Whether it's expanding access to after-school programs, creating safer spaces for children with diverse abilities, or promoting gender equality, their expertise could help us implement sustainable programs that ensure all children in Belize City have opportunities to thrive.

### How can residents make their voices heard, and what's the best way to collaborate with the Council?

Residents can make their voices heard by actively engaging with the Council, attending community events and utilizing social media platforms to share concerns and ideas. The best collaborations come when communities and the Council work together towards shared goals. Whether through volunteering, participating in city initiatives, or simply staying informed, every resident has a role in shaping a better Belize City.



## 150,00+ Riders and Counting!

The Belize City e-Ride Electric Bus Service has officially surpassed 150,000 passengers—and we're just getting started!

This milestone is a testament to your support, the power of sustainable public transport, and our shared commitment to a cleaner, more connected city. From students to seniors, families to workers—our e-buses are making daily commutes safer and more environmentally friendly.

A huge thank you to all our riders and project partners who made this possible.

Belize City is on the move—and we're driving toward a greener future!



15000+

# RIDERS STRONG!

**Belize City's e-Ride Electric Bus Service Hits a Major Milestone!**

**161,772**

**eBUS PASSENGERS**

July 2024 - June 2025



# This One's For the Fathers!

Father's Day weekend with the Belize City Council was nothing short of epic! We celebrated Belizean dads with great food, cold drinks, competitive spirit, and appreciation for all they do in our families and communities.



From live entertainment, sizzling BBQ and refreshing beverages to amazing giveaways, this year's celebration brought the heat with exciting activities like our Father & Son Free Throw Challenge, a thrilling Dominoes Tournament, and the newest crowd favorite – a Poker Competition!

It was a pleasure to spend quality time with our residents, honouring the men who lead with strength, love, and resilience – our fathers.

A huge thank you to our generous sponsors who made this event possible:

Benny's Superstore, B&B Beverages, Champion Security, Vin Hong, RC Construction, Mirab Department Store, Habet & Habet Ltd., Cellular World, Wallace Usher Mahogany St. Supermarket, Golden Bay Co. Ltd., Hiromi Investment's Puma Gas Station, Fultec Systems Ltd., IT Store, Snackers Bz, and Bird's Isle Restaurant.



Your support helped us create another unforgettable celebration of fatherhood and community.

On behalf of Mayor Bernard Wagner, our Councillors, and the entire Belize City Council family – Happy Father's Day 2025!

## Protecting Our Oceans, One Cleanup at a Time

In celebration of World Oceans Day 2025, Oceana Belize led a coordinated cleanup effort along Marine Parade.

Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, Councillor Malcolm Nunez, and Councillor Kaya Cattouse represented the Belize City Council, joining local organizations and community volunteers in this impactful initiative. The Council was pleased to participate and support efforts that align with our commitment to environmental stewardship and the protection of our marine ecosystems.

Every piece of trash removed brings us one step closer to preserving our natural environment for our communities, marine life, and future generations.



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OUR FUTURE,  
OUR RESPONSIBILITY  
  
CIVIC PRIDE IS ALL  
OUR BUSINESS!



## Restoring Our Streets: 48 Abandoned Vehicles Removed as Clean-Up Campaign Continues

The Belize City Council, through the dedicated efforts of our Public Health Unit, continues its robust citywide derelict vehicle removal campaign, targeting 115 abandoned vehicles across public streets. This initiative is part of our broader mission to enhance urban safety, beautify neighborhoods, and restore shared public spaces.

In just under a month, 48 derelict vehicles have already been successfully removed from key areas, including: North Front Street, Pelican Extension, West Canal, Amara Avenue, Far West Street Faber's Road Extension Area, Signa Yorke Street, Holy Emmanuel Street, Set Site, Jennifer Smith Street, M&Y Street, McKay Boulevard, Electric Avenue, Periwinkle Street, Croton Lane Extension, Scarborough Street, Tibruce Street, Estella Metzgen Street, Aloe Vera Street, Kathleen Frazer Street, Partridge Street Extension, Broaster Avenue, Hibiscus Street, Whistling Duck Street and Madam Liz Avenue.

These long-abandoned vehicles are more than just eyesores. They pose serious health and safety risks by obstructing visibility, attracting pests and garbage, and collecting stagnant water. These conditions create ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes that spread illnesses such as Malaria and Dengue.

Once removed, these areas are cleaned and maintained, transforming them into safe, sanitary, and community-friendly spaces.



While some residents have moved derelict vehicles onto private property, this is not a long-term solution. Unmanaged vehicles continue to present risks, and we strongly encourage proper disposal to fully eliminate potential hazards.

This operation is ongoing, with additional neighborhoods scheduled for inspection and clean-up in the coming weeks. The Council remains fully committed to removing all 115 targeted vehicles and beyond as part of our continued work to restore order, protect public health, and foster a renewed sense of civic pride throughout Belize City.

Together, through shared responsibility and community action, we can reclaim and transform our public spaces. Belize City will become cleaner, safer, and more beautiful for everyone. Let's continue building a city we can all be proud of.

# Derelict Vehicles Notice

## What is a derelict vehicle?

A derelict vehicle is any automotive that has been out of service for an extended period of time due to neglect or misuse.



## Why is it important to remove derelict vehicles?

- Can cause accidents
- Creates public health hazard
- Affect streets and drainage maintenance
- Creates unflattering aesthetic in city streets
- Allows driving on only one side of the road



Report derelict vehicles by calling our complaint line at **+501-280-4014** or send us a WhatsApp message with photos and location at **+501- 673-9055**

## Driving Change, Empowering Knowledge

Mayor Bernard Wagner served as guest speaker at the Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Train-the-Trainers Workshop, hosted by ITVET, the University of Belize and the University of the West Indies.

In his address, Mayor Wagner reaffirmed the Belize City Council's commitment to innovation and sustainability, highlighting the Council's trailblazing efforts in introducing the country's first electric buses in collaboration with project partners, and more recently, the first-ever fleet of electric taxis—launched independently by the Council.

In support of this vital initiative, the Belize City Council has made one of its electric taxis available for demonstration purposes, allowing participants a hands-on look at EV technology and helping to strengthen local technical capacity.

As Belize moves toward a cleaner, more climate-resilient future, the Council remains committed to ensuring that no one gets left behind — supporting not only in infrastructure but in people and knowledge.

Special thanks to ITVET, UB, UWI, and all participants working to prepare Belize for the future of mobility.



## Belize Elementary's Youngest Graduates Shine Bright!

Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller had the pleasure of celebrating with Belize Elementary's Infant 2 class as they marked a proud early milestone on their academic journey.

He shared words of encouragement — reminding students to dream boldly and stay curious. His visit reflected the Belize City Council's continued support for education and inspiring our future leaders.

From cheerful games to joyful moments with the students, Deputy Mayor Miller didn't just attend — he joined the celebration, making the day even more special for the young graduates.

Big congratulations to the little graduates, their incredible teachers, and the proud families behind them. Here's to the next chapter!



## Strengthening Regional Links: Mayor Wagner at TT Trade Mission Kickoff

Mayor Bernard Wagner joined business leaders and delegates at the official opening of the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce's Trade Mission to Belize.

In his remarks, Mayor Wagner welcomed the delegation to Belize City and spoke passionately about the importance of regional collaboration, private sector innovation, and creating real opportunities for partnership between Caribbean businesses.

"Today, we're not just connecting two countries—we're linking industries, entrepreneurs, and futures."

The highlight of the event was the signing of a Trade and Business Development Alliance between the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber and the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry — a meaningful step forward in building resilient, cross-border partnerships that benefit our entire region.

Belize City remains committed to supporting regional initiatives that drive inclusive growth and economic opportunity.

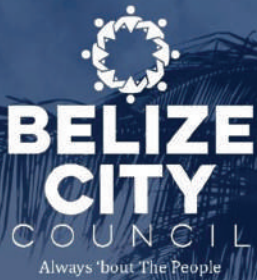


## Keeping Belize City Ready & Resilient During Hurricane Season

As hurricane season rolls on, we remain vigilant and proactive. The Belize City Council's Sanitation Team continues its commitment to keeping drains free and clear. They are working in the Teacher Street, Dungeon Drive, and Blue Marlin areas, clearing drains and outlets to help mitigate flooding and protect our neighborhoods.

These efforts go beyond routine maintenance — they reflect our city-wide commitment to safeguarding homes, families, and livelihoods. Clean waterways reduce blockages, improve drainage, and strengthen our defenses against storms.

Every cleared drain brings us one step closer to a safer, more resilient Belize City. With continued teamwork and community support, we can weather any storm — together.



# AFTER A *safety tips* HURRICANE

- 1 Ensure drinking water is from a safe source
- 2 Don't allow children to play in debris
- 3 Avoid wires and unstable structures
- 4 Inform your family and friends you are safe
- 5 If evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe



For more information:

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## Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders: Mayor Wagner at OLWRC Graduation 2025

"Today I set out into the future, where possibilities are endless."

That powerful theme came to life at the 2025 Our Lady of the Way RC School Graduation.

Mayor Bernard Wagner was honoured to serve as guest speaker, delivering an address to the graduating class – sharing his personal journey, words of encouragement, and a challenge to dream big and work hard.

Thank you to Principal Dr. Denise Neal, administration, the dedicated teachers and staff, proud parents, and of course, the graduates, for the warm welcome and the opportunity to be part of this meaningful milestone.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 – may you always step boldly into your future, fueled by dreams, discipline, and determination. We believe in you, and we know your best days are ahead!



## The Belize City Council Celebrating Partnership in Early Childhood Education

Lloyd Coffin Preschool held its graduation ceremony, marking a key milestone for its young students. With parents, teachers, and community members in attendance, the event highlighted the hard work and growth these learners have achieved over the school year.

As part of the celebration, the Belize City Council was specially recognized for its unwavering support throughout the school year.



This recognition underscores the Council's deep commitment to investing in early childhood education as a key pillar in building a brighter future for all Belizeans.

Receiving the certificate of appreciation were Belize City Councillor Sherwin Garcia and Enforcement Officer, Mrs. Audrey Crawford, both of whom were honored for their dedicated service and continuous engagement with the preschool. Their involvement reflects the Council's broader mission of community partnership and uplifting every stage of a child's educational journey.

The Belize City Council believes that when we invest in our youngest citizens, we sow the seeds of leadership, empathy, and civic responsibility. These foundational years are not just about ABCs and 123s, they are about building character, nurturing dreams, and empowering the next generation of Belizean leaders.

Congratulations to all the graduates! And to our educators and partners, thank you for being pillars of growth and inspiration.

# PARK ADOPTION PROGRAM



Residents or Organizations interested in adopting a park, roundabout, or median are encouraged to contact us at 227-3073, EXT 536.

## Belize City Council and the Ministry of Health & Wellness: United for a Healthier Belize City!

Through strategic partnerships with the Ministry of Health & Wellness' Central Health Region, the Belize City Council has been actively on the ground supporting anti-Dengue and Malaria cleanup efforts.

Over the past two weekends, our teams have been working across the Collet and Port Loyola constituencies – identified by the Ministry of Health as areas of concern due to increased reports of Dengue cases. These efforts focused on the removal of waste items that could become potential mosquito breeding sites.

As a Council, we remain committed to fostering a cleaner, safer environment for all. We thank the Ministry of Health & Wellness for the continued collaboration in making these targeted and proactive efforts possible.

Together, we fight Dengue and Malaria – one clean-up at a time!



## Councillor Kaya Cattouse Celebrates Calvary Temple Graduates

“I am ready, I am capable, and I am just getting started.”

With those affirming words, Councillor Kaya Cattouse delivered a message of strength, determination, and hope as Guest Speaker at the 2025 Calvary Temple School Closing Exercise.

In her address, Councillor Cattouse urged the graduating class to believe in themselves and their dreams – reminding them that their future will be shaped by their courage, their choices, and their commitment to keep growing.

“Dream big. Dream boldly. And always keep learning,” she encouraged.

As Councillor with responsibility for Women, Children, and After-School Programs, her participation reflected a deep dedication to youth development and educational empowerment. She had the proud honor of presenting completion certificates to each graduate and was warmly recognized by the school for her ongoing support and advocacy.

Congratulations to the Calvary Temple Class of 2025!

The Belize City Council celebrates your achievements and stands with you as you take your next steps forward.



## Strengthening Inclusive Disaster Preparedness: Special Needs & Disability Training 2025

As a symbol of our ongoing commitment to inclusive disaster preparedness, the Belize City Council's City Emergency Management Organization (CEMO), in partnership with the Disability Desk of the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs and the Special Education Unit of the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology, hosted a specialized sensitization session.

These sessions were designed for Belize City Council staffers in their capacity as first responders, shelter managers, and members of the National Special Needs and Disability Sub-committee during periods of disaster. They focused on proper protocols for supporting individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities during emergency situations.

Special thanks to our partners:

- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
- Disability Desk, Ministry of Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs
- Belize Red Cross
- Ministry of Health & Wellness

Together, we're working to build a disaster response system that is inclusive, compassionate, and leaves no one behind.



## Strengthening Municipal Enforcement

The Belize City Council continues to prioritize the development of a professional, well-informed, and community-focused enforcement team. As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, our Municipal Enforcement Officers recently participated in specialized training sessions on court procedures and traffic enforcement protocols.

This initiative reinforces our dedication to accuracy, accountability, and public service — ensuring our officers are equipped to perform their duties with the highest standards of integrity and excellence.

By investing in their ongoing growth, we are enhancing service delivery, simplifying enforcement processes, and building stronger public trust. A more prepared team means a safer, more efficient Belize City.



## To Our 2025 Miss Universe Belize Delegates: Shine Bright

Mayor Bernard Wagner, Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, and our City Councillors were honoured to be invited to host Miss Universe Belize 2024 Ms. Halima Hoy and the 2025 delegates at a special reception dinner held at The Treehouse Restaurant on the final night before this year's pageant — celebrating their hard work, ambition, and the pride they bring to Belize.

Each delegate brings her own unique story, vision, and passion for Belize — and one will earn the honour of representing our jewel on the global stage in Thailand this November.

The Belize City Council extends congratulations to all the 2025 delegates and the Miss Universe Belize Organization for their dedication to empowering young Belizean women and showcasing our country's talent and beauty on the world stage.

Special thanks to Ms. Halima Hoy for her outstanding service and for representing Belize with such grace and purpose.

We wish all the delegates the very best of luck at Miss Universe Belize 2025 Pageant. Shine bright, stand tall, and wear your crown with purpose.



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# UPCOMING STAFF Birthdays

Ralph Flores  
Lalita Smith  
Keara Velasquez  
Allan Horne  
Martin Lemus  
Franz Nicholas  
Victor Logan  
Cardinal Usher  
Erica Sutherland  
Germaine Thompson

Troy Flowers  
Litia Muschamp  
Derrick Gentle  
Curt Burgess  
Tyron Card  
Charles Bainton  
Clinton Dawson  
Rosalie Perez  
Yona Anderson  
Kimberly Arnold  
Mayor Bernard Wagner

Karina Villanueva  
Jermaine Hyde  
Kendra Hamilton  
Melissa Symms  
Kareem Gentle  
Chantel Symms  
Shakira Lamb  
Darren Parks  
Andrew Cacho  
La'Nita Murillo  
Vaneen Marsden Bradley

**Happy Birthday!** Wishing you a great day and a successful year ahead.  
Thank you for your hard work and contributions to the team.

JULY 2025

# WORK ANNIVERSARY

**35 YEARS**  
David Mccauley

**34 YEARS**  
Sharlene Rudon

**24 YEARS**  
Jacqueline Burgess Waight

**22 YEARS**  
Tiffany Smith Diaz

**22 YEARS**  
Josephine Usher McCauley

**18 YEARS**  
Ebony Flowers

**15 YEARS**  
Rachime Linarez

**12 YEARS**  
Rashawn Williams

**12 YEARS**  
Rupert Kelly

**12 YEARS**  
Lionel Neal

**8 YEARS**  
La'Nita Murillo

**7 YEARS**  
Melony Dawson

**7 YEARS**  
Alieyha Gibson

**6 YEARS**  
Litia Muschamp

**6 YEARS**  
Lisbey Leal

**6 YEARS**  
Robert Gibson

**6 YEARS**  
Bernalita Lewis

**3 YEARS**  
Mauricio Gonzalez

**3 YEARS**  
Kimberly Arnold

**2 YEARS**  
Shrean Guerrero

**2 YEARS**  
Etta Smith

**2 YEARS**  
Shadean Flowers

**2 YEARS**  
Denmark Sambula

**2 YEARS**  
Demitri Augustine

**2 YEARS**  
Karina Cabral

**2 YEARS**  
Aretha Hamilton

**2 YEARS**  
Tania Lopez

**2 YEARS**  
Mary Palacio

**2 YEARS**  
Chantel Symms

**1 YEAR**  
Jeffrey Trapp

**1 YEAR**  
Shane Locke

**1 YEAR**  
Keiosha Betancourt

**1 YEAR**  
Delcia Flowers

**1 YEAR**  
Nicole Reynolds

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Your contributions are truly valued and appreciated.  
Here's to many more successful years together!

**FROM: MAYOR BERNARD WAGNER AND THE BELIZE CITY COUNCIL**