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Always 'bout The People



Welcome to Belize City!

On behalf of our vibrant community, we extend a warm invitation to explore the heart and soul of Belize—our beloved Belize City. Situated along the eastern coast at the mouth of the Belize River, our city is where history, culture, and progress converge. Belize City is not only Belize's largest city but also the commercial center, bustling with opportunity and promise.

With a population of over 60,000, our city is a melting pot of cultures, traditions, and flavors. Belize City is home to the Creole, Garinagu, Maya, Latino, Chinese, Lebanese, Hindu, and so many others. Together, we form a diverse and welcoming community that delights in sharing our unique customs, cuisine, and heritage with visitors. From traditional rice and beans to street-side tacos, vegan bites, and local delicacies like sahou, there's something here for every palate and every traveler.

Our city is steeped in history, with landmarks such as the Baron Bliss Lighthouse, Marine Terminals, the Museum of Belize, and the former Government House. For those seeking a taste of Belizean history, we encourage you to stroll through the Southern Foreshore, with its colonial homes, or visit St. John's Cathedral, built in 1812 with bricks once used as ballast in ships. This cherished landmark is the oldest Anglican Church in the Caribbean and a testament to our rich heritage.

But Belize City isn't just about history—it's alive with energy, especially in September, when our streets come alive with festivals, parades, and the vibrant Carnival. Whether you're here for business or pleasure, there's always something to experience, from lively street fairs and concerts to the Holy Saturday Cycling Classic, a thrilling 140-mile race that's not to be missed.

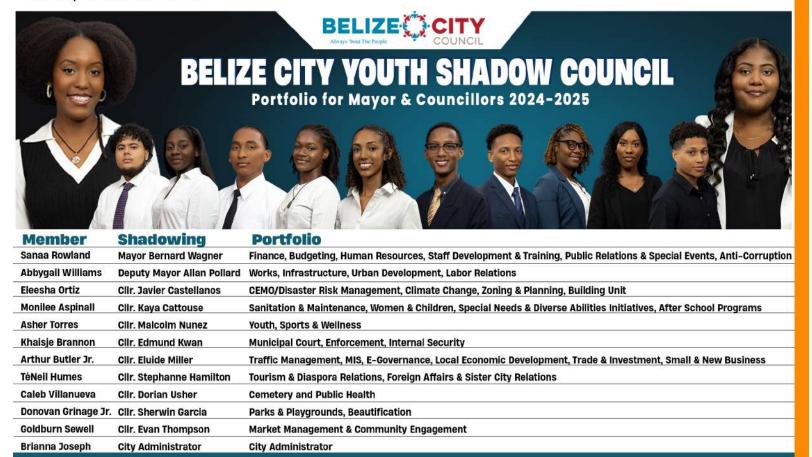
However you choose to explore,we invite you to explore our city by foot, bike, or even horse and carriage. Belize City awaits with open arms, warm smiles, and endless adventures. So come, immerse yourself in our culture, our stories, and our hospitality. We're thrilled to have you here.

Welcome to Belize City—where every visit feels like coming home.



2024-2025 Belize City Youth Shadow Council

We are excited to officially introduce the 4th cohort of the Belize City Youth Shadow Council. These 12 young leaders have embarked on their journey with the Belize City Council, where they will collaborate closely with the Mayor and Councillors.



Their mission is to contribute to project development and gain a deeper understanding of municipal management, all while upholding our commitment to championing youth development and enhancing youth connectivity in governance.

4th Annual Halloween Costume Contest

Our City Council family showed off their spook-tacular ensembles for a chance to take home a prize from our 4th Annual Halloween Costume Contest!

Congratulations go out to our winners who ranked first in the Scariest, Most Original, Best Group and Funniest costume categories and to all our other participants.

We appreciate all the creativity and effort our team members put into the contest and cherish these fun moments shared among our staff!

Special thanks extended to Mayor Wagner and our City Councillors for their kind donations towards our awesome prizes!





Enhancing Preparedness: Collaborative Efforts for Hurricane Season in Belize City

During the peak of hurricane season, we actively collaborated with stakeholders to strengthen our preparedness and response strategies for Belize City. CEMO held a meeting with the National Meteorological Service of Belize, representatives from London Economics, the UK Meteorological Office, and the Caribbean Meteorological Organization.

The purpose of this meeting was to explore the operations of the National Meteorological Service, evaluate its current impact and socio-economic benefits, and identify opportunities for enhancing services for climate-sensitive sectors that depend on its climate data, information, forecast products, and early warnings. Additionally, we gain a deeper understanding of how community needs align with the weather and climate information provided by the National Meteorological Service of Belize.















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Ombuds Day 2024

Marking a significant occasion dedicated to promoting the values of justice and fairness within our community, Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council were delighted to partner with the Office of the Ombudsman to celebrate Ombuds Day 2024.

Mayor Wagner delivered the welcome remarks at the official ceremony where he underscored the importance of accountability and transparency in governance, highlighting how these principles are essential for a healthy democracy.

An awesome highlight of the event was the interactive booths where community members learned more about their rights and the various services available to them.

Together, the celebration emphasized the ongoing commitment to uphold justice and ensure that the voices of all citizens are heard and valued.



Remember: It's okay to not be okay. Be kind to yourself and others, not just today, but every day.



#WorldMentalHealthDay2024

Youth Shadow Council Tour Begins

The 2024-2025 Youth Shadow Council officially kicked off its journey with orientation sessions at City Hall and various Council locations. Throughout the journey, the Shadow Councillors had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor, Councillors, managers, and staff, gaining valuable insights into the Council's leadership and operations. Each Youth Shadow Councillor was paired with their mentor, further enhancing their understanding of a Councillor's role.

Together, we are empowering the next generation to lead our city towards a brighter future!





Shaping Tomorrow: CEMO Engages Youth in Disaster Risk Reduction

CEMO participated in a youth forum organized by NEMO in partnership with UNICEF, commemorating the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction under the theme "Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future."

The forum provided youth with insights into Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) initiatives in Belize and allowed them to engage with leaders about their future in disaster management.



Ms. Melony Dawson, CEMO Liaison Officer, shared valuable experiences enhancing the youth's understanding of DRR and encouraging community resilience. In addition, she had the opportunity to participate in a simulation exercise at the Philip Goldson International Airport which aimed to prepare stakeholders for potential disasters, clarifying roles and improving response effectiveness. Together, we are building a more resilient future!

The Belize City Traffic Management Committee is steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the seamless coordination and safety of our city's streets, recognizing the vital role this plays in enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

In a meeting held at City Hall, chaired by Mayor Bernard Wagner, the Committee engaged a diverse array of internal and external stakeholders, including Councillors Eluide Miller and Edmund Kwan, City Administrator Mr. Albert Vaughan, representatives from the Enforcement and Traffic Departments, the Belize Police Department, the Fire Department, the Taxi Association, the Belize Transport Department, and the business community.

The meeting focused on addressing urgent traffic concerns and strategizing transformative initiatives aimed at overhauling traffic management throughout the city.

The discussions underscored our shared dedication to progress and innovation within Traffic Management. The Committee is determined to implement robust initiatives that will not only enhance safety but also continue to improve traffic efficiency for all residents.

The collective goal is to create a secure, navigable, and responsive traffic environment that supports a thriving community and fosters civic pride. As the Committee moves forward, it remains committed to transparency and collaboration with our community.









Belize City Traffic Committee Meets

Caesar Ridge Road Manhole Covers Replacement and Installation



Thanks to the efforts of our Works Department, 20 new manhole covers have been installed on Caesar Ridge Road. The important upgrade enhances the safety and accessibility of our streets, ensuring a smoother experience for our pedestrians.

We take this opportunity to encourage residents to report any damaged or stolen manhole covers to facilitate timely replacements. Together, let's promote safety and beautification in our city!

Zoning, Planning, and Building Unit Achieves Annual Recertification

The Belize City Council's Zoning, Planning, and Building Unit has achieved its annual recertification, an important milestone that reinforces our commitment to effective urban planning and development. This rigorous process ensures that the unit meets the necessary standards to review and approve building plans, facilitating responsible growth within our community.

By maintaining this certification, the unit can continue to guide development projects and oversee building operations, ensuring that public health and safety align with our city's goals for sustainability and organization. This commitment creates an environment where residents can thrive in a safe, resilient and organized city.



SUBMIT APPLICATION FORMS

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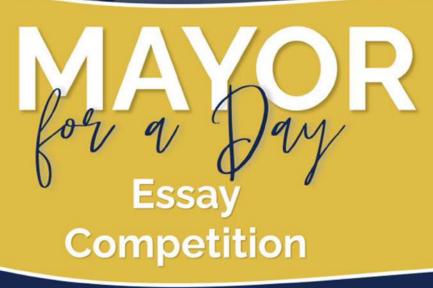
The William David Fonseca Parking Lot

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Submit a 500-word essay on

"The Importance of Youth Inclusion in Governance"

Must be a registered student at any secondary institution in Belize City

1ST PRIZE

2ND PRIZE

\$300 CASH PRIZE

\$500 **CASH PRIZE** PLUS **BE MAYOR FOR A DAY**

3RD PRIZE

\$200 **CASH PRIZE**

Written entries, with proper referencing, can be submitted to the Council's Programs Department at programs.manager@belizecitycouncil.org.

DEADLINE: November 13, 2024

GETTING TO KNOW

Councillor DORIAN USHER

What inspired you to pursue a role in public service with the Belize City Council?

As I watched my father in his role as a minister, I saw the significant influence that dedicated public service can have on our country. His commitment to making a difference inspired me to follow a similar path. I believe that by serving at the Belize City Council, I am contributing to the progress and well-being of our city, just as he is doing for our country.

Can you describe a recent accomplishment you're especially proud of?

I consider my role as a Councillor at the Belize City Council an accomplishment that I take great pride in. Together, we have addressed important issues and laid the groundwork for a brighter future for our community. Each project we develop brings us closer to improving the quality of life for our residents, and I am glad to be part of this journey.

How do you envision Belize City five or ten years from now, and what role do you see the council playing in shaping that future?

I see Belize City as a thriving center for innovation, with many new developments. The council will play an important role in this vision by continuing to encourage community engagement, investing in infrastructure, and prioritizing environmentally friendly projects.

How does the council engage citizens to understand their concerns and improve city services?

At the heart of our work is our engagement with citizens—after all, we're all about the people. To make sure everyone's voice is heard, we use social media and various other methods. By listening to the community and engaging citizens through numerous public events and the new Siti Taak Show, we can take note of their needs so that our future projects and policies address those concerns.



Belize City Council Health Clinic 2024

The Belize City Council, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Wellness and the North American Taiwanese Medical Association (NATMA), proudly hosted the NATMA Medical Mission at City Hall.

The community-focused clinic offered vital healthcare services, including blood sugar and blood pressure tests, medical consultations, a cardiovascular and pain clinic, free medications, and health education. Both City Council employees and the general public were welcomed to take advantage of these essential services.

A heartfelt thank you to the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the North American Taiwanese Medical Association, and the International Cooperation & Development Fund of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for this collaboration.



Deputy Mayor Allan Pollard Jr. represents the Belize City Council at MSME Roadshow

The Office of the Prime Minister, in collaboration with BELTRAIDE, celebrated the incredible entrepreneurs who embody the spirit of Belize!

As a council committed to fostering economic development, Deputy Mayor Allan Pollard Jr. was honored to deliver the opening remarks at the National MSME Roadshow Ceremony, which concludes in Belize City this weekend. This vital initiative aims to uplift micro, small, and medium enterprises by providing valuable training, business incentives, and essential resources.

Under Mayor Bernard Wagner's leadership, here in Belize City, the council continues to establish vital initiatives like the Downtown Super Sale, Community Festivals, and the Belize City Accelerator

Program, which ensure that local businesses are supported and promoted.

The Deputy Mayor commended our entrepreneurs for their hard work and innovation, emphasizing how they are shaping a brighter future for our nation. Together, we are empowering our local businesses to thrive and make significant contributions to our vibrant economy!

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MORNING SHOW every Wednesday 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM

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Edward P. Yorke Tours City Hall

The Belize City Council had the pleasure of welcoming 4th form students of Edward P. Yorke for an insightful tour of City Hall. This visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to gain insight into the functions of municipal government and the decision-making processes that influence the development of our city.

We extend our gratitude to Edward P. Yorke for their interest in the work of the Belize City Council. It is our hope that this experience not only broadened their understanding of civic operations but also instilled a sense of responsibility and motivation to contribute positively to the future growth and development of their

communities.





NOVEMBER

Shaien Anderson Martin Banner Samuel Beeks Cardell Bernardez Ricesell Bogan Jr Tricia Bradley Jada Burgess Karina Cabral Councillor Javier Castellanos Julio Contreras Calvin Cumberbatch Angelita Esquilliano **Shanice Faber** Justin Vaughan

Psalm Francis Councillor Sherwin Garcia Michelle Arnold Jacqueline Gentle **Emory Gonzalez** Cordell Gonzalez **Glenston Grant** Joanna Guerra Gabriel Jacobs Fenton James Jr. Alieyha Lanza Lisbey Leal Lennox Leslie Cleyon Marage **Ronald Smith**

Isabel Martinez Tracy McKenzie Tae Medina Sandra Moguel **Jamily Moir Dwight Moody** Arlene Neal Shaquille Neal Bert Palmer Deputy Mayor Allan Pollard Michael Ramirez Tyrone Raymond Shaunna Saunders **Clifford Stephens**

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

FROM: MAYOR BERNARD WAGNER AND THE BELIZE CITY COUNCIL







Official Launch of the 501 Transit App

UNDP Belize, the Department of Transport, the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics & E-Governance, and the Belize City Council officially launched the 501 Transit App, the first public transportation commuter app in Belize.

This innovative app aims to enhance the commuting experience for residents by providing real-time information on public transport schedules, routes, and availability. With user-friendly features, the 501 Transit App will empower commuters to plan their journeys more effectively and efficiently.

The launch of this app marks a significant step toward modernizing public transport in Belize, promoting accessibility, and improving connectivity across the city. Mayor Bernard Wagner, Councillor for Traffic Management Eluide Miller, and City Administrator Albert Vaughan represented the Belize City Council, underscoring this initiative's importance.

We encourage Belize City eRide Bus Service users to take advantage of this new app and stay updated on all its features. Download the app today and navigate our public transportation system with ease!



Meet The Team

Carla Patnett CITY PLANNER

What is the role of a City Planner?

A city planner is typically engaged in making both long-term and short-term decisions regarding the management and development of a city. Their goal is to balance the competing demands of various land uses, recreation, transportation, and environmental factors, including climate change, to facilitate suitable development.

What is your educational background?

- · Bachelor's Degree in Architecture
- Master's Degree in Design for Development in Architecture, Urban Planning and Heritage in the Global South

How long have you been the City Planner at the Belize City Council?

• 10 years 10 months

What advice would you give to someone interested in becoming a city planner?

Consider volunteering or interning at a city planning office to engage with your local community and explore the issues that matter most to residents. This experience will help you understand the social, environmental, and legal factors that shape urban planning. To build a career in this field, pursue a Bachelor's Degree in a related area such as architecture, engineering, political science, or environmental design, followed by a Master's Degree in urban planning, urban design, environmental planning, or geography.

NOVEMBER 2024

WORK ANNIVERSARY

29 YEARS Kevan Jenkins

11 YEARS
Manuel De Rosales Portillo

5 YEARS Leticia Vasquez 1 YEAR Kirk Broaster

. 23 YEARS
Angelita Esquilliano

9 YEARS Shayraven Foreman **5 YEARS** Fenton James Jr. 1 YEAR Jordan Ifield

21 YEARS Reynaldo Duran

7 YEARSCarissa Casanova

2 YEARS
Charles Bainton

1 YEAR Alguin Beck

19 YEARS Maria Young

7 YEARS Marvin Grant

2 YEARS Eldon Thomas 1 YEAR Jean-Claude Pascual

14 YEARS Geondale Pipersburgh

6 YEARS Demi Peyrefitte 2 YEARS Anthony Wagner

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

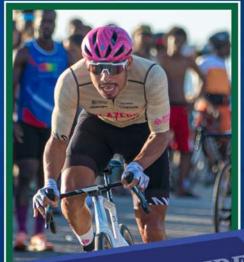














3.1 MILES RUN

800 YARDS SWIM 11.42 MILES RIDE

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IN CASH WINOVER **PRIZES**

CATEGORIES: (Individual) Women | Men | Junior Women | Junior Men

RELAY: Open | Junior | Corporate | (Relay must include both genders)

Junior must be 18 years and younger



\$50.00 Open Individual Events

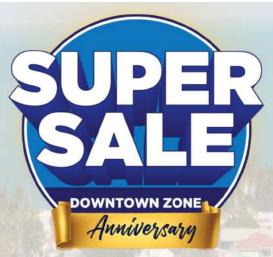
> \$60.00 Relay Events

FREE Junior Events

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