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Official Launch of the Belize Public Transport Ridership Card Remarks by Mayor Bernard Wagner

August 14, 2025



HIS WORSHIP

MAYOR BERNARD WAGNER

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

Today, we are not just talking about buses... we are talking about the future.

When we rolled out electric buses along with our project partners just over a year ago, we knew it was bold.

We knew it would be different. We knew it would be an experiment worth taking on. We were offering an alternative in the form of our now iconic Green Buses: clean, quiet, and 100% zero-emission. And in just twelve months, those buses have carried over 180,000 passengers! That's 180,000 cleaner, greener experiences and 180,000 statements that Belize City is ready to lead!

For that alone, everyone here who has played any role in our eMobility journey deserves a hearty round of applause!!!

And now, with the launch of the Belize Public Transport Ridership Card, this project is taking leadership one step further!

This simple card is more than a ticket. It's a key that unlocks convenience, safety, and speed for our passengers!

Thanks to our partnership with DigiWallet, you can now board your bus with a quick tap. No fumbling for coins from the bottom of your bag. No waiting for change for your brand new \$50 bill. No frustration, and no delays! Our partners from DigiWallet will be able to share the exciting technologies behind this move, but I do not want to miss the opportunity to emphasize the purposefulness of this singular addition to our public transportation system; here's the bigger picture!

Once we start using and enjoying cashless systems for public transport, what's stopping us from expanding it? Imagine a Belize City where the same smart card works for parking, water taxi, eTaxis and regular taxis, at the school cafeteria or a vending machine.

This is how one small project sparks a ripple effect. This is what happens when leaders lead, and when we are willing to stumble forward, rather than succumb to the comfort of same ole, same ole.

Our shift to electric buses has already inspired conversations and created the appetite for more green transportation nationally - not just in our City. Pair that with smart payment solutions, and suddenly you're looking at communities that are cleaner, more connected, and more efficient than ever before.

This project is proof that innovation is not something we wait for in Belize City; it's something we create. And with partners like the European Union, UNDP, the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Public Utilities, Digiwallet, and of course, our Belize City Council team, we are showing that when we work together, we don't just keep up with the world, we can set the pace.

Let's celebrate more than a card. Let's celebrate the start of a new era in how Belize City moves, pays, and lives. The future is here, and it's riding with us.

I encourage you all to join us on this ride. There's space for EVERYONE because we're Always About the People! Thank you!

Your Streets, Our Commitment: Infrastructure in Action

Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council continue to take bold, proactive steps to improve the daily lives of our residents through strategic and sustained infrastructure development.

As part of our commitment to achieving safer and more resilient neighborhoods, major works are currently underway in the Collet Division on Antelope, Pelican, Seagull, and Iguana Streets.

These streets are set to receive chip and seal resurfacing, which strengthens the road surface and extends its lifespan. The result is smoother, longer-lasting roads that better serve motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

But the work goes far deeper than just paving. Before resurfacing begins, comprehensive drainage improvements are being carried out, including reshaping and cleaning drains to ensure proper stormwater flow and reduce flooding risks, especially during the rainy season. In addition, damaged or non-functional driveways and walkways are being removed and replaced to ensure residents have safe, reliable access to their properties.

Mayor Bernard Wagner and City Administrator Albert Vaughan visited the project sites to monitor progress and engage with residents. Their presence on the ground underscores the Council's commitment to hands-on leadership, transparency, and dedicated service to the people of Belize City.

We appreciate the continued patience and cooperation of our residents as we work tirelessly to build a stronger, safer, and more vibrant Belize City.



Day 1 of Our Sister City Exchange with Miramar, Florida

We're excited to officially welcome Mayor Wayne Messam and the City of Miramar delegation to Belize City as part of our growing sister city partnership. Following our visit to Miramar last August, it's an honor to now host our friends and continue strengthening this meaningful collaboration.

The delegation kicked off the day with a live interview at the Open Your Eyes Morning Show, followed by a tour of City Hall, a visit to the Belize City eRide Depot, a stop at the Pump Station, and a city tour showcasing our infrastructure initiatives.

We're looking forward to a productive week of engagement, knowledge sharing, and partnership-building as we work together to create opportunities that benefit both our cities.



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Emancipation Day 2025 - Honoring Our Past, Upholding Our Future

From heartfelt prayers at the historic Queen Street Baptist Church on Emancipation Eve to the powerful Official Emancipation Day Ceremony at Government House, the Belize City Council proudly joined in honoring the resilience, courage, and sacrifice of our ancestors.

Councillor Allan Pollard Jr. paid tribute to the Church's pivotal role in the fight for freedom, while Mayor Barnard Wagner and Councillor Stephanie Hamilton joined Hon. Francis Fonseca, the National Celebrations Commission, and NICH in commemorating the day with stirring addresses, cultural performances, and the laying of a commemorative wreath.

As we reflect on the chains broken long ago, we recommit ourselves to advancing a Belize where the hard-won freedoms of the past are safeguarded, and every citizen can thrive in justice, equality, and unity.



Ebo Town Festival 2025 - Celebrating Our Legacy, Enriching Our Culture

The 2025 Ebo Town Festival, which kicks off the September Celebrations, was proudly sponsored by the National Celebrations Commission in collaboration with the Belize City Council and the National Institute for Culture and History. It was a vibrant celebration of heritage, unity, and community pride.

This year's festivities reached new heights with the addition of the lively Kolcha Lane, the exciting Powder Bun Contest, and a new highlight in the free kids' zone – traditional children's games that brought joy and laughter to our youngest festival-goers.

From delicious food and live music to cultural performances and community connections, the Ebo Town Festival continues to honor our history while creating unforgettable memories in the heart of Belize City.

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Emancipation Day with us – you made 2025 one for the books! We also extend thanks to all our vendors, performers, and residents for making this year's event a true success.



Strengthening Sister City Ties Through Shared Vision



Day 2 of the Belize City-Miramar Sister City Exchange featured a full slate of meaningful engagements that opened doors for ongoing collaboration between our cities.

The day began with a dynamic exchange session with the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), exploring ways our cities can collaborate to drive private sector growth and opportunity. This was followed by a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture and Immigration Hon. Frances Fonseca who provided valuable context on Belize's cultural and foreign policy priorities.

The delegation also learned about the brewing process behind The Beer of Belize at Di Bruwry, before visiting the Museum of Belize, where they learned about our nation's history and cultural legacy.

The group later met with Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries Hon. Kareem Musa, Commissioner of Police Dr. Richard Rosado, and CEO Sharole Carr-Saldivar to discuss shared interests in public safety and youth engagement.



The day concluded with a vibrant cultural ceremony featuring powerful performances by the Garifuna Wabagari Dance Group and vibrant steelpan music, celebrating Belize's diverse heritage.

We're grateful to every official, organization, and partner who has taken the time to be part of this meaningful exchange. We look forward to formalizing the collaborative initiatives discussed as we build a stronger bridge between Belize City and the City of Miramar.

Strengthening Local Government Partnerships

City Hall had the pleasure of welcoming Hon. Florencio Marin, Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, along with CEO Mr. Valentino Shal, as part of their countrywide tour.

Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, City Administrator Albert Vaughan, and the Belize City Council team were on hand to greet the Minister and his delegation, engaging in productive discussions on shared priorities for community development, governance, and service delivery.

We look forward to working closely with the Ministry to advance initiatives that strengthen local governance, improve the quality of life for residents, and create meaningful opportunities for our city's continued growth.



BCC Campers Exploring Belizean Art and Culture at MOBA

As part of the Belize City Council and the Child Advisory Body Belize City's Math & English Summer Program, a group of our curious and creative campers had the exciting opportunity to visit the Museum of Belizean Art (MOBA), located in the historic former Government House.

MOBA is Belize's first official art museum, proudly showcasing the nation's vibrant and evolving artistic identity. During their visit, our campers explored 68 captivating pieces from Belize's National Art Collection, each telling a unique story of culture, creativity, and imagination.

It was truly inspiring to see our young participants connect with Belizean art and history. Experiences like these nurture cultural pride and help ensure that the legacy of our artists endures through future generations.

Special thanks to the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) and the team at the Museum of Belizean Art for warmly welcoming our campers and allowing them this meaningful experience.



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Strengthening Emergency Preparedness Through Collaboration

The CEMO Unit is committed to safeguarding life and property and therefore, holds the critical responsibility of protecting both our staff and our offices during any emergency. In a proactive effort to strengthen our emergency preparedness, the CEMO team, together with our dedicated floor marshals who play a vital role in guiding and evacuating employees, participated in a comprehensive meeting with the Belize City Fire Department.

The session focused on thoroughly reviewing and reinforcing our evacuation, ensuring each floor marshal fully understands their specific duties and responsibilities during an emergency.

As part of this collaboration, the Fire Department conducted an in-depth walkthrough of the facility, inspecting key safety features such as emergency exits, fire extinguishers, and the building's electrical systems. This initiative not only enhances our safety protocols but also ensures all staff are equipped with the knowledge and confidence needed to respond swiftly and effectively in any emergency scenario.



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Belize City Hosts MCR2030 Workshop

Belize City hosted the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) initiative, a 3-day workshop focused on disaster risk reduction, climate action, and resilience planning.

The City Emergency Management Organization (CEMO), a unit of the Belize City Council, spearheaded this initiative, playing a key role in disaster preparedness, emergency management, and building community resilience across Belize City.

In his opening remarks, Mayor Bernard Wagner emphasized the importance of innovative, people-centered approaches to tackle today's and tomorrow's challenges—climate change, urban safety, disaster risks, and social inclusion.

With the use of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard, MHEWS Addendum, and Disability Inclusion Annex, the workshop sets the foundation for a stronger local resilience action plan for Belize City.

Special thanks to our partners: UN Women, UNDRR, UN RCO, and NEMO for their collaboration with CEMO and the Belize City Council in this important effort.



GETTING TO KNOW Councillor ALLAN POLLARD JR.

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

I've always been someone who values the small, often unseen victories—those quiet moments of overcoming self-doubt or pushing through internal battles. That's why it's difficult to single out just one accomplishment. However, winning the 2018 municipal election stands out as a truly defining moment. We were the underdogs, and I was a young newcomer to politics. That victory wasn't just about securing a seat—it was a powerful testament to perseverance, purpose, and the reward that comes with relentless hard work.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to get more involved in local governance or community service?

This has to be one of the most frequently asked questions since I began my political career. I always try my absolute best to inspire young people to get involved in the process, whether it be on a local or national level. My advice to them is always: to just start! The common mistake we make as young people is doubting ourselves because of factors like age or experience. It doesn't matter how small we start, starting is most important. There is plenty of time to grow and plenty of time to adjust and master whatever it is that we're doing. Perfection is a flawed concept, and I've learned that there is no such thing as perfect timing, only God's timing. Once you are prepared to do the work, pray to God for guidance, and move with absolute intention, it is pretty hard to fail. Failure in itself begins when you decide to stop, so best to not stop!

What's something interesting or a hidden talent that not many people know about you?

I would say many people don't know that I am an avid reader and I like to write. In addition, from a very young age I've always had an extreme love for music. Whenever I get the chance to, I would get involved in the behind the scenes production of music, whether it be writing songs, composing, or the arrangement of tracks. These are all things that I enjoy doing.

What role do you see technology playing in the future of Belize City, and how is the Council adapting to these changes?

I see technology being an integral part of our daily lives, as it relates to the city, how we navigate, consume, interact and do business will all be centered around technology. I believe our council has done a tremendous job of keeping up with the times by creating an environment already structured to adapt to these monumental changes in Belizean life. Some of the apps that we have introduced as well as easy to access features that were made available to our residents were all strategically planned and rolled out with these inevitable changes in mind.



Mayor Wagner Joins World-Renowned Speaker Nick Vujicic

Mayor Bernard Wagner had the honor of joining world-renowned motivational speaker, author, and Christian Nick Vujicic for the highly anticipated 'Night of Hope' event.



Born without limbs, Nick has dedicated his life to inspiring millions around the world with a powerful message of faith, resilience, and hope.

Organized by Life Church, the purpose of 'Night of Hope' is to uplift communities, encourage perseverance through challenges, and remind us all that with faith and determination, anything is possible.

Thank you to Pastor Coryn Dueck and his team for bringing this meaningful event to Belize City.



Partnership in Action for St. John Vianney Students

Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller was happy to join the Good Deeds Day Team, the Ixchel Caribe Foundation, and St. John Vianney RC School to give back to the very school that helped shape him in his youth.

Together, they provided students with backpacks filled with essential school supplies — a small gesture that makes a big difference as families prepare for the new school year.

Here's to more partnerships that uplift our youth and strengthen the community.



Good Deeds Day Regional Conference Kicks Off in Belize City

Mayor Bernard Wagner, Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, and Councillor Stephanie Hamilton were honored to join Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, Her Excellency Mrs. Rossana Briceño, and the dedicated Good Deeds Day leadership team for the opening night ceremony of the Good Deeds Day Regional Leaders Conference at Old Belize Beach & Museum.

The gathering brought together leaders and changemakers from across the region to highlight the importance of service and community. With this year's conference being hosted in Belize City, it was a moment to reaffirm our collective commitment to positive action and regional collaboration.

We are glad to support this important effort and to showcase Belize City as a hub for service, leadership, and community impact.



Councillor Garcia Tours BCC's Summer Programs

Campers of the Youth Innovation Incubator and Peewee Basketball League welcomed Councillor Sherwin Garcia for a surprise visit! He connected with some of the 450+ campers in our summer programs and even took a few shots on the court.

We continue to celebrate youth voice, talent, and empowerment all summer long!

Proudly brought to you by the Belize City Council and the Child Advisory Body of Belize City.



Belize City Council Supports Smile for Belize Dental Clinic

As outlined in this Council's 2024–2027 strategic focus, we endeavour to provide meaningful health and wellness opportunities for our residents. With this vision, the Belize City Council was more than happy to support the collaborative efforts of Phoenix ILS and the Smile 4 Belize team in hosting a free dental clinic for children at the Lion's Club in Belize City.

This impactful initiative gave children the opportunity to learn about proper dental hygiene while receiving professional dental care – all completely free of charge.

We were also pleased to welcome the newly crowned Miss World Belize, Ms. Faith Edgar, and Miss Universe Belize, Ms. Isabella Zabaneh, who paid a special visit to support the cause.

Special thanks are extended to Phoenix ILS, Smile 4 Belize, and Miss World Belize for championing a shared vision of a healthier city and citizenry. We remain committed to fostering partnerships that prioritize the well-being of our community.



City Hall Welcomes 2025 Queen of the Bay Delegates

Mayor Bernard Wagner and Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller were honored to welcome reigning Queen of the Bay, Deanni Laing, along with the 2025 delegates during their courtesy visit to City Hall.

The visit gave us the opportunity to hear directly from the delegates about their social platforms and community goals, while also sharing encouragement and advice as they prepare for this year's 80th Anniversary pageant.

In continued support of cultural heritage and women's empowerment, the Council also made a contribution to the pageant's organizing committee, reaffirming our commitment to celebrating national traditions and community pride.

We extend our best wishes to each delegate as they represent their districts with grace, confidence, and poise. May your journey be inspiring and unforgettable!



BELIZE CITY COUNCIL MANHOLE NOTICE

The Belize City Council urges all pedestrians to be mindful of damaged and missing manhole covers. While the Belize City Council continues to replace damaged manhole covers throughout the city, residents can help by:

REPORTING AREAS WHERE THERE ARE MISSING/DAMAGED MANHOLE COVERS
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Continuous Preparation for the Hurricane Season: Shelter Management Training Provided to Staff

In preparation for the peak of the hurricane season, the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) facilitated a Shelter Management Training for staff members of the Belize City Council.

This hands-on training is part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen disaster response and ensure that all personnel are well-equipped to manage emergency shelters across the city. Staff were guided through key protocols such as intake procedures, shelter rules, safety considerations, logistics, and providing support to residents in the event of a disaster.

By building capacity at the local level, we ensure that our teams are ready to respond swiftly and effectively, helping to protect lives, provide stability, and maintain order during times of uncertainty.

We thank NEMO for their continued collaboration and support in building a safer, more resilient Belize City.



Building Bright Futures - BCC's 4th Annual Primary School Donation Ceremony

Each year, as students get ready to head back to the classroom, the Belize City Council, with the support of the Child Advisory Body, stands alongside our principals, teachers, and schools to ensure children begin their academic journey with confidence.

At our 4th Annual Primary School Donation Ceremony, 32 primary schools across Belize City received essential cleaning supplies, sanitization items, and backpack vouchers – support that helps to ease the burden on families and ensures classrooms are welcoming and ready for learning!

Special recognition goes to Ms. Monilee Aspinall, Youth Shadow Councillor, who served as Director of Ceremonies for the event as part of her mentorship under Councillor Kaya Cattouse.

This initiative is not an isolated act, but part of the Belize City Council's broader ecosystem of support for children and families. Alongside our summer programs, youth student hubs, and mentorship initiatives, the Primary School Donation Ceremony reflects our commitment to creating safe and supportive environments, ensuring our young people can thrive as tomorrow's innovative leaders.



Launch of Carnival@50 Magazine 2025

It was a pleasure for Mayor Bernard Wagner to join Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Culture and Chairman of the National Celebrations Commission, alongside fellow mayors, deputy mayors, and councilors, to commemorate this historic milestone – Carnival@50.

In celebration of this golden anniversary, the National Celebrations Commission, in collaboration with the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH), the Institute of Creative Arts, and the Belize Carnival Association, officially launched the Carnival GOLD Commemorative Magazine and two Carnival@50 songs, performed by Belize's very own Ernestine Carballo and TR Shine.

As part of the occasion, Minister Fonseca, joined by Hon. Florencio Marin Jr., Minister of Local Government, presented a contribution to each of the nine municipalities to support the success of this year's National Celebrations.

The Belize City Council is deeply honored to be part of such a remarkable milestone, celebrating the rich culture, artistry, and vibrant spirit that Carnival continues to bring to our nation.

We encourage residents to support the Carnival GOLD Commemorative Magazine, a keepsake of this historic anniversary and a tribute to the people who keep Carnival alive.

Here's to Carnival@50 – a golden celebration of unity, culture, and Belizean pride!



Steady Progress on Belize City Streets

Works on Carissa Street and Peter Ashdown Street continue to advance, with the concreting phase now nearing completion. Very soon, residents will enjoy smoother and safer commutes through these improved roadways.



This is the Belize City Council's commitment in motion—strengthening infrastructure, enhancing neighborhoods, and uplifting the quality of life for all. Step by step, block by block, Belize City is moving forward.

Completed and Upgraded: Zericote and Santa Barbara Streets

The Belize City Council is pleased to announce the successful completion of upgrades on Zericote Street and Santa Barbara Street in the Collet Division.

These important secondary routes often used by motorists to avoid heavy traffic on Central American Boulevard are now fully rehabilitated and more resilient.

The final phase of work included:

- ✓ Chip and seal paving for a stronger and longer-lasting road surface
- ✓ Reshaping and cleaning of drains to improve water flow
- ✓ Installation of culverts to help prevent flooding and manage stormwater effectively

These upgrades go beyond improving roads; they enhance everyday life for residents and support safer, more connected communities.

Thank you to the residents of the Collet Division and all Belize City residents for your continued trust as we work to deliver meaningful progress. Together, we are building a city that works better for everyone.



Good Deeds Day Tours Belize Commitment to Service

As part of the Good Deeds Day Regional Leaders Conference, delegates spent some time shadowing Councillors Evan Thompson, Sherwin Garcia, and Stephanie Hamilton, gaining firsthand insight into the Belize City Council's year-round commitment to service.

From investing in youth hubs to championing community programs and sustainable initiatives, the tour highlighted how the Council, under the leadership of Mayor Bernard Wagner, continues to practice "good deeds" that uplift residents and strengthen our city.

Belize City is honored to share our story of civic leadership and inspire lasting impact across the region.



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Have you picked up your Ridership Cards yet?

Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council team, together with our project partners the European Union, UNDP, and the Government of Belize, and with support from DigiWallet, officially launched the Belize Public Transport Ridership Card – the next step in our bold eMobility journey.

This simple card is more than a ticket – it's a key to convenience, safety, and speed:

- ✓ Tap and ride – no coins, no hassle
- ✓ Enjoy cleaner, greener commutes on our Belize City eRide electric buses
- ✓ Be part of Belize City's move toward a smarter, more connected future

In just one year, our electric buses have served over 180,000 passengers, showing that innovation in Belize City is something we lead, not wait for.

The future is here, and it's riding with us. Let's celebrate a new era of how Belize City moves, pays, and lives.



Communicating with Confidence: The Power of the Student Voice

In line with our mission to empower youth and amplify their voices, we take every opportunity to interact with and help mold young minds.

The Belize City Council's Programs Department had the opportunity to train the student leaders in waiting of the Anglican Cathedral College under the theme: "Communicating with Confidence: The Power of the Student Voice: Speaking Up for Change"

From discussions to activities, it truly was a wonderful day spent empowering the next generation of leaders to be effective, actionable, and thought-provoking change makers.

This workshop concluded with an opportunity for the student leaders to create their very own and collectively enact a Code of Ethics, a guide for how they will think, act, and represent themselves as youth leaders.

A huge thank you is extended to the management of Anglican Cathedral College and the Prefects & Peer Helpers in training for accommodating us! We look forward to another opportunity very soon to continue this movement!



Free Health Check in Belize City

The Belize City Council, alongside Hon. Henry Charles Usher and the Ministry of Health & Wellness, hosted a FREE community check-up right here in Belize City.

From blood pressure and glucose checks to health and dietary counseling, our residents accessed services that help us build a healthier Belize City together.

Delivering these health fairs is part of our 2024-2027 manifesto commitment to put people first and invest in community well-being.

Thanks to our partners for standing with us as we continue promoting healthier lifestyles for all Belize City residents.



A Warm Belize City Welcome for UNICEF

Mayor Bernard Wagner had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Ken Legins, UNICEF Representative for Belize, to City Hall for a courtesy visit.

The discussion centered on Belize City's role in the Sustainable Child Friendly Municipalities initiative and exploring new areas for future partnerships that will continue to uplift and empower our children and young people.

Also in attendance was Mr. Micheal Fritz, the Council's Programs Manager, who leads the way on our youth and community outreach initiatives, ensuring that the work we do truly connects with and benefits our residents.

The Belize City Council thanks Mr. Legins and UNICEF Belize for their dedication to children's well-being, and we wish their team continued success in all the meaningful work ahead.



Belize City Recognized Globally for Climate & Energy Progress

The Belize City Council is proud to be recognized with the Adaptation Assessment Medal by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)—a powerful acknowledgment of our city's commitment to building a more sustainable and resilient future.

This milestone reflects Belize City's ongoing actions in climate change mitigation, adaptation, and clean energy access, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with over 13,300 cities worldwide dedicated to protecting our planet and its people.

Together, we are proving that Belize City is ready to lead the way toward a greener tomorrow. Special thanks to our dedicated Council team and to the residents of Belize City, whose support and participation continue to drive these important advancements.



CONGRATS, BELIZE CITY!

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MITIGATION

Inventory → Target → Plan



ADAPTATION

Assessment → Goal → Plan

→ NEW →

The Global Covenant of Mayors are proud to recognize **Belize City** for your example in climate action.

Belize City Council's Downtown Super Sale: Back to School Edition - A Great Success!

Our Annual Back to School Edition Super Sale was the place to be this weekend! Families came out in full force to enjoy unbeatable deals, delicious food, refreshing drinks, and an unforgettable day of community spirit in Downtown Belize City.

Highlights that made this year extra special:

- 🍎 Amazing discounts on school supplies & uniforms
- 📖 Back to School Giveaways
- 🍔 A variety of food & drink vendors
- 👥 Belize City Council's Youth Entrepreneurs
- 🎨 Free kids zone
- 🎵 Vibrant live performances by local artists



At the Belize City Council, each year we work to make the back-to-school transition smoother for families while creating spaces where local businesses can thrive. None of this would be possible without YOU—our supportive residents and businesses!

As always, Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council team will continue working to create more opportunities that drive growth, inspire progress, and bring our community together.



Connecting Creativity Across Councils

Mayor Bernard Wagner and Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, alongside the Belize City Council PR team, welcomed Mayor Wally Núñez and the San Pedro Town Council for a vibrant exchange on communications, PR, and community engagement.

The session sparked fresh ideas, shared innovative approaches, and reinforced how collaboration fuels creativity. Together, we're shaping dynamic strategies that bring our communities closer, strengthen the way we connect with residents, and amplify our collective impact.



4th Annual Peewee Basketball Summer League Comes to an Exciting Close

The 4th Annual Peewee Basketball Summer League came to an exciting close after five weeks of skill development, sportsmanship, and fun!

This year's program, organized by Mayor Bernard Wagner, the Belize City Council, and the Child Advisory Body Belize City, wrapped up with an exhibition showcase, a friendly match against the Crooked Tree Conquering Lions U-13 team, and the highly anticipated Mayor's Match.

Campers proudly received their certificates and backpacks, celebrating not only their growth on the court but also their dedication and teamwork throughout the program.

Special thanks to Deputy Mayor Coretta Banner, Councillor Santos, representatives from the Belmopan City Council, and especially Councillor Malcolm Nunez, Councillor responsible for Youth, Sports, and Wellness, for his commitment and leadership in driving initiatives like this league. We also extend our gratitude to the parents and guardians whose support makes these moments possible.

This league would not have been possible without our generous sponsors:

Mayor Bernard Wagner & the Belize City Council, Child Advisory Body of Belize City, PFF Capital Services, and D&E Vegetables.

Here's to another successful year of youth empowerment through sports!



Belize City Welcomes the Lord Ashcroft Center

This month marked the official launch of the Lord Ashcroft Centre, the newest modern addition to the Fort George Hotel & Spa. This facility is set to transform Belize City's capacity to host international conferences, business gatherings, cultural showcases, and community events—cementing our city as a hub for growth, innovation, and opportunity.

A proud step forward for our hospitality and business sector, and a strong signal that Belize City is open for business, culture, and progress!



It's a Wrap - Summer Wrap-up Trip 2025

As testament to our continued commitment to delivering an innovative, exciting, and enriching summer, campers from the Belize City Council's various youth programs recently embarked on our Summer Wrap-Up Trip!

The adventure included visits to the Philip Goldson International Airport's National Meteorological Office, the Department of Civil Aviation, and ended with an interactive experience at the Belize Zoo!

This trip marked the grand finale of both the Youth Innovation Incubator 4.0 and Youth Connect: Summer Blast but the summer fun continues with our Peewee Basketball League and Back to Basics: Math & English Courses still in full swing!

The Belize City Council extends heartfelt thanks to the incredible partners and sponsors who made this impactful summer possible:

- ★ Ministry of Education, Science & Technology (MoEST)
- ★ Ministry of Tourism, Youth, Sports & Diaspora Relations
- ★ Leadership Intervention Unit
- ★ Department of Civil Aviation
- ★ National Meteorological Office
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- ★ Premier Charters & Tours Ltd.
- ★ Nando's Wholesale Ltd.
- ★ D&E Fruits & Vegetables
- ★ The Belize Zoo

★ And lastly, to all the parents and guardians—thank you for allowing your children to participate and be part of this memorable summer journey.

Cheers to four incredible weeks of learning, laughter, and lasting memories proudly brought to you by the Belize City Council, in partnership with the Child Advisory Body of Belize City.

Stay connected as we continue creating endless opportunities for children, youth, and families—through summer and beyond.

Until next year!



SEPTEMBER 2025 WORK ANNIVERSARY

34 YEARS
Ana Jacobs

33 YEARS
Denise Swazo

22 YEARS
Schroleen Sankey

19 YEARS
Michelle Garcia Arnold

17 YEARS
Stanley Woodye

14 YEARS
Fajama Terry

14 YEARS
Melanie Trapp

13 YEARS
Steven Vernon

13 YEARS
Terry Garnett

12 YEARS
Jevaughn Pitts

12 YEARS
Michael Flowers

8 YEARS
Leon Lanza

8 YEARS
Ian Blake

7 YEARS
Luke Banner

7 YEARS
Dorla Gillett

7 YEARS
Shirley Mejia Smith

6 YEARS
Elroy Armstrong

6 YEARS
Jenieve Lewis

6 YEARS
Clarence Pascasio

6 YEARS
Winston Reynolds

6 YEARS
Joyce Staine

5 YEARS
Arlene Neal

5 YEARS
Alleyea Alford

3 YEARS
Dalton Franklin

3 YEARS
William Johnson

2 YEARS
Marco Itza

2 YEAR
Marianne Vasquez

2 YEAR
Alden Acosta

2 YEARS
Tefanie Francis

2 YEARS
Emory Gonzalez

2 YEAR
Caleva Jones

2 YEAR
Lindsford McKenzie

2 YEAR
Herman Ottley

2 YEAR
Greory Perez

2 YEAR
Alexander Teul

1 YEAR
Davis Ramirez

1 YEAR
Melissa Symns

1 YEAR
Andrew Cacho

1 YEAR
Leslie Smith

1 YEAR
Lyzel Thompson

1 YEAR
Ornel Fuente

1 YEAR
Vasni Pech

1 YEAR
Reginald Flowers

1 YEAR
Calvin Pandy

1 YEAR
Michael Ramirez

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

SEPTEMBER 2025 UPCOMING STAFF *Birthdays*

Radiance Tablada
David McCauley
Sharlene Rudon
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Lionel Rhamdas
Calvin McKoy
Denise Middleton
Julio Arenivar
Sean Pitter
Delcia Flowers

Denise Williams
Peter Castillo
Richard Whyllie
Natalie Hamilton
Audrey Crawford
Delroy Herrera
Nigel Franklin
Darcie Montes
Lionel Neal
Josephine Usher McCauley
Janille Martinez Saunders

Alden Acosta
Rasheda Joseph
Tameca Myles
Caleva Jones
Rudyshia Codd
Dylon Moguel
Alleyea Alford
Erin Garnett
Linda Esquiliano
Reuel Black
Merwin Martin

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