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## Launch of Belize City eRide eTaxi Service Remarks by Mayor Bernard Wagner

May 14, 2025



### HIS WORSHIP

### MAYOR BERNARD WAGNER

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

I'm truly honored to be here as we mark another important milestone in our city's transportation evolution and ongoing efforts to improve everyday life for Belizeans.

We are proud to present our eTaxi Service—an innovative extension of our city's evolving public transportation network. This effort builds on the momentum of our eMobility Pilot Project, which introduced two electric buses to the city. From July 2024 to April 2025, our eBuses served over 129,193 riders—and have collectively traveled more than 108,265 kilometers, reducing approximately 162 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. That's real, measurable progress—and a clear signal that Belizeans are ready for cleaner and more efficient modes of transport.

This growing demand underscores why the eTaxi Service is not just a new option—it's a necessary and bold step in our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint, promoting energy efficiency, and protecting the environment for future generations. These eTaxis are 100% electric, with low operating costs, and high performance.

When we travel to more developed nations, utilizing transport services like Lyft and Uber gives us a taste of convenience, reliability and comfort, and we should no longer say things like "this can't happen da Belize" because it can, and we're making it happen right here, right now.

Our eTaxis are more than just environmentally friendly—they're accessible and designed for modern city living. With features like real-time tracking, cashless payment options, and an Uber-style platform through the MiDriva App, passengers can enjoy affordable, efficient, and secure rides at their fingertips—anytime, anywhere in the city. Whether it's getting to school, commuting to work, running errands, or enjoying a night out with friends, this service offers a safe and reliable way to move around—without needing to drive yourself.

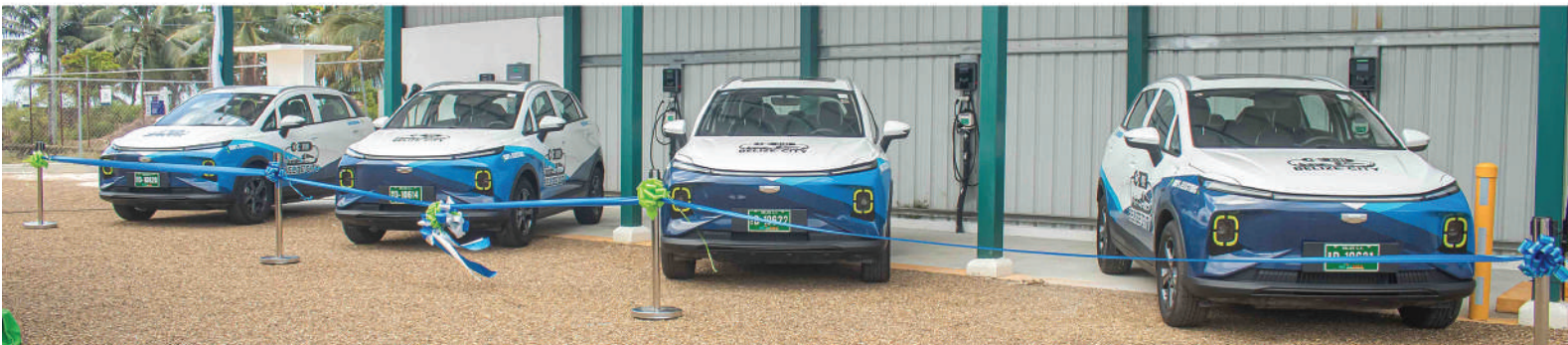
We begin with a fleet of four eTaxis, operated by proud and capable drivers each trained and ready to deliver a modern, respectful, and people-centred service to our residents and visitors.

This project speaks to our vision for a 21st-century Belize City—one that is forward-thinking, environmentally conscious, and always working to improve the quality of life for its people. As your Municipal leaders, we don't believe in simply sitting back and waiting for development in our City – we are willing, capable, and fully prepared to lead as well, hand in hand with like-minded stakeholders, and this is another example of us doing just that!

As your Mayor, I remain committed to helping build a transportation system that reflects the values we hold dear: innovation, equity, and sustainability.

Thank you to our partners, our City Council team, our drivers, and every resident who continues to believe in this movement. The road to transformation is paved with bold ideas and brave action—and today, we move forward once again.

Let's continue to drive Belize City into a smarter future together.



**NOW AVAILABLE!**

**eRide Taxi Service**

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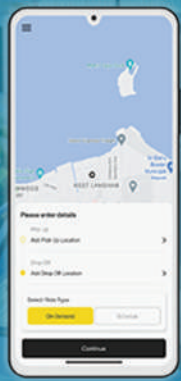
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**HOW TO USE THE APP**



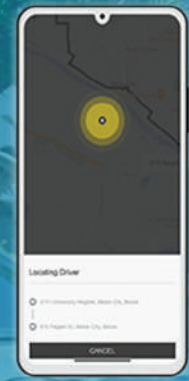
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**Select eRide, number of passengers & payment method**



**Confirm & track your ride in real time**



**Easy. Electric. Reliable.**

# A New Era of Urban Mobility Has Arrived!

The Belize City Council officially launched the eRide Taxi Service—Belize City’s first fleet of 100% electric taxis!



Quiet, clean, and efficient—our new eTaxis offer another way to move around the city with ease and comfort. Whether you're heading to work, school, running errands, or enjoying a night out with friends, the eTaxi service is here to get you where you need to go—safely and reliably.

With real-time tracking, cashless payments, and rides available through the MiDriva App, the future of transport is at your fingertips. But don't worry—you can still hail an eTaxi the old-fashioned way too.

Driven by professional, trained drivers, the eRide Taxi Service is here to serve you—wherever you are in the City.

Special thanks to Mayor Bernard Wagner, our dedicated City Councillors, the hardworking Belize City Council team, our valued stakeholders, our eTaxi drivers, and every resident who continues to believe in and support this transformative movement.



# Floating Forward for a Resilient Belize City!

The Council proudly kicked off the Belize City Floating Boardwalk Project Feasibility Study Mission Visit with two important sessions – first, an introductory meeting at City Hall, and later, a high-level briefing at the Office of the Prime Minister.

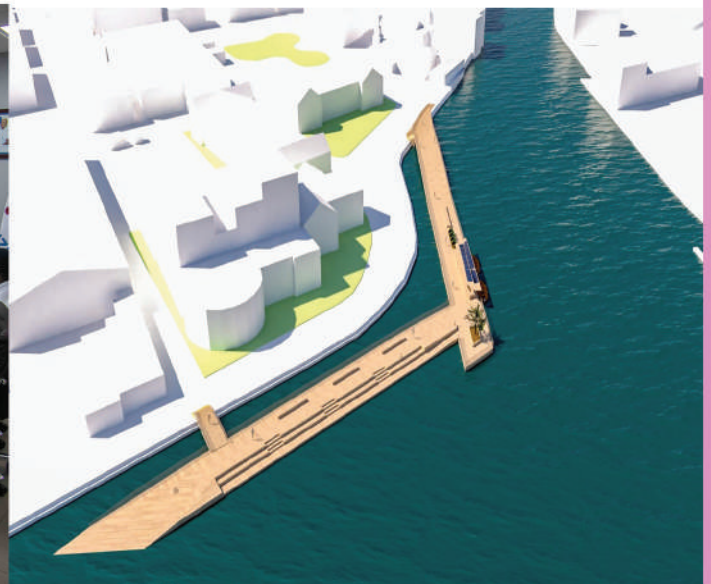
Mayor Bernard Wagner, Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, and our City Councillors warmly welcomed our visiting partners from Blue21 and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), funded by the European Union, to Belize City and participated in an engaging session outlining the plans for the feasibility study and the exciting concept design for the proposed floating boardwalk along the Southern Foreshore.

We were equally honored to present this transformational concept to the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, along with CEO of the Ministry of Tourism, Mrs. Nicole Solano, and Director of Tourism at the Belize Tourism Board, Mr. Evan Tillett, as we explore how this initiative aligns with national tourism, infrastructure, and climate adaptation goals.

## Our Visiting Experts Include:

- Mr. Rutger de Graaf - Co-founder & Civil Engineer, Blue21
- Mr. Rui Gomes - Head of Engineering, Blue21
- Mrs. Mercedes Garcia Ibarrola - Climate Action Financing Expert, GCoM
- Mr. Alejandro Jimenez Hernandez - Nature-Based Solutions Expert, GCoM

Supported by grant funding from the Dutch Government, the feasibility study is expected to be completed by January 2026 and will serve as a critical first step in assessing the viability of a sustainable, multifunctional boardwalk that could enhance connectivity, tourism, recreation, and climate resilience in Belize City.



We thank all partners, stakeholders, and technical teams involved, and look forward to a productive mission of collaboration and exploration!

## CEMO Flood Mitigation Clean-Up Campaign in Full Force!

Mayor Bernard Wagner and your Belize City Council team hit the ground early for our CEMO Flood Mitigation Clean-Up Campaign—a powerful push in our continued efforts to prepare the city for the rainy season.

From Pound Yard to Queen Street, from Freetown Road to King Street, and across Dean Street and Berkley Street, our teams tackled six major flood-prone zones simultaneously, clearing drains, removing debris, flushing critical areas with vacuum trucks, and raising public awareness on disaster preparedness and sanitation.



But make no mistake—this isn't a one-time campaign.

Our Works and Sanitation teams work year-round to tackle waste buildup, clear drains, and protect flood-prone areas. This effort simply gave us the extra hands to push even harder, thanks to the support of council members, office staff, sanitation inspectors, and our energetic Youth Shadow Council, who led an educational campaign.

This clean-up is part of a broader, ongoing flood mitigation and disaster preparedness strategy—because a safe, clean city is a year-round priority.



While some level of flooding in certain areas is unavoidable due to longstanding infrastructural limitations, we remain fully committed to doing everything within our means to reduce the impacts. We continue to monitor, clear, and support these high-risk zones, doing all we can to protect and serve the residents of Belize City.

Thank you to every person and department who made this initiative possible. With continued teamwork and civic pride, Belize City is ready for whatever the season brings.

## Building a Resilient Belize City: Belize City Council Signs Commitment to MCR2030

The Belize City Council, under the leadership of Mayor Bernard Wagner, officially signed the Letter of Commitment to Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030), demonstrating the city's strong dedication to building long-term urban resilience and reducing disaster risks. This global initiative, led by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), aims to support cities in becoming inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.



Through this commitment, Belize City pledges to enhance awareness of disaster risks, develop and implement inclusive risk-informed strategies, and take concrete actions that align with the MCR2030 framework.

The letter outlines key goals, such as analyzing and applying the Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient, monitoring and evaluating progress through clear indicators, and sharing experiences with other member cities across the MCR2030 network.

Mayor Wagner also formally designated Ms. Melony Dawson, Liaison Officer for the City Emergency Management Organization (CEMO), as the city's focal point for coordinating efforts under this initiative. CEMO will lead the charge in implementing resilience strategies, institutionalizing risk reduction practices, and collaborating with stakeholders across all sectors.

The Belize City Council extends its sincere gratitude to the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) for its ongoing support and collaboration. Their partnership at the national level continues to be vital in advancing coordinated efforts to build a safer Belize.

This milestone underscores Belize City's proactive approach to safeguarding its residents and infrastructure against future disasters while contributing meaningfully to global resilience efforts.



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 **WhatsApp 673-9055**

## Street by Street, We're Making Progress!

The Belize City Council Works Department continues its mission to improve the condition of our streets, one repair at a time.

From Albert Hoy to Marine Parade, Raccoon Street, Dolphin Street, Magazine Road, and more — teams have been hard at work patching potholes and resurfacing key areas as part of our commitment to safer, smoother travel across the city.

There's still a long way to go, but every repair brings us one step closer to a better driving experience for all residents and visitors.

- Ongoing improvements
- More reliable roads
- Stronger communities

Thank you for your patience as we continue to invest in the city we all call home.



## The Hands That Work While We Sleep: Belize City's Night Crew in Action

The Belize City Council's Sanitation Night Crew continues their dedicated efforts to clean up illegal dumps and waste hotspots—so that each morning, our city wakes up a little brighter and healthier.

But keeping Belize City clean isn't just the work of our sanitation team—it's a shared responsibility. Civic pride means doing our part: disposing of garbage properly, discouraging illegal dumping, and respecting the spaces we all share.

Let's support the hard work being done by helping to reduce the burden. Together, we can build a cleaner, more beautiful Belize City.



## Belize City Council Joins Courageous Conversations at 2025 UB & CBU Conference

As a signifier of our strategic commitment to strengthening the social infrastructure available to youth, children, families, and vulnerable populations, Councillor Kaya Cattouse and Councillor Malcolm Nunez proudly joined social workers, students, and professionals at the 2025 Social Work Conference, coordinated by the University of Belize in partnership with the California Baptist University under the compelling theme “Courageous Conversations: Advancing Social Science Research.”

This vital intervention, complementing ongoing efforts and collaborative partnerships with central government and the broader social sector, is expected to further enhance the Council’s community-oriented initiatives. Each action reflects our shared vision of a municipality rooted in civic pride and rich with opportunity for all.

Special thanks to the University of Belize and California Baptist University for facilitating this platform for meaningful dialogue and collective learning as we work together to advance Belize through impactful social programs.



# GETTING TO KNOW Councillor STEPHANNE HAMILTON

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

From an early age, even before the inception of my formal career, I have always been driven by service. I humbly started my quest for service by serving my community and building rapport with those in my surroundings to improve the community. By doing this, I realized that I had more to offer. Driven by my will to serve, my love for people and a fervent passion for my community and city, I decided to take up the mantle and that led me to this role of public service with the Belize City Council.

### What’s your vision for making Belize City an even better place to live, work, and play?

My vision for making Belize City a better place to live, work, and play is to remain actively involved in the council, advocating for more efficient management systems. To be a driving force that petitions for better streets, better drainage, safety protocols, beautification and also smart technological improvements that drive the city towards that of more advanced cities, regionally and internationally.

### What’s a fun fact or hidden talent that most people might not know about you?

A fun fact that most people don’t know about me is that I enjoy photography. I love taking pictures of people and nature. I enjoy travelling to different places and capturing timeless photos of people and nature.

### 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?

In five or ten years from now, I envision Belize City being a beacon that has adapted smart technology with a robust city infrastructure that is clean, safe and conducive, where people can thrive and work in a safe and beautiful city. The role that the council will play in shaping this future is building upon sister-city relations and adapting new and smart technologies, climate-resilient infrastructure and modern adaptations that make living and traversing the city a pleasure.



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## eBUS PASSENGERS

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# Belize City Council Mother's Day Photo Contest

Congratulations to the six (6) winners of our Mother's Day Giveaway Photo Contest!

On behalf of Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council, we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in our Mother's Day Photo Contest and shared their beautiful memories and tributes.

Your stories truly reminded us of the strength, love, and inspiration that mothers bring into our lives every day.

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## MOTHER'S DAY Giveaways Photo Contest

Share your favorite photo with your mom and a short caption about why she means the world to you.

You'll be entered for a chance to win one of our amazing Mother's Day prizes!



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### HOW TO ENTER

- 1 Like and follow our pages on Facebook and Instagram.
- 2 Post a photo of you and your mom in the comments under this giveaway post, along with a short caption about why she is special to you.
- 3 Tag 2 friends to join the fun!

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

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**MOTHER'S DAY Giveaways Photo Contest**

**WINNERS!!**



## Mayor Bernard Wagner Welcomes His Excellency, Mr. Wilfred Mohr

Mayor Bernard Wagner was pleased to welcome His Excellency Mr. Wilfred Mohr, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Belize, for a courtesy visit at City Hall.

During the visit, Mayor Wagner and Ambassador Mohr discussed continued collaboration in areas of sustainable urban development, including the Belize City Council's eMobility Pilot Project, made possible through funding from the European Union.

Also in attendance was City Planner Ms. Carla Patnett, who provided an update on the Floating Boardwalk Feasibility Study—a Dutch-funded initiative aimed at strengthening coastal resilience and enhancing connectivity in the Southern Foreshore area.

We thank H.E. Ambassador Mohr for his visit and look forward to building on this valuable partnership.



## Empowering Plastic Solutions, One Pitch at a Time!

Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, who also serves as Council Member for the Local Economic Development, Trade & Investment, and Small & New Business portfolios, represented the Belize City Council as part of the judging panel at the 2025 Plastic Solutions Academy, hosted by Belize City-based nonprofit Sea of Life in collaboration with BELTRAIDE and the Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future.

The open house featured a dynamic lineup of innovative start-up presentations from aspiring entrepreneurs across Belize, all working to reduce plastic pollution through bold business ideas.

Deputy Mayor Miller was honoured to participate in this forward-thinking initiative aimed at empowering the next generation of sustainable business leaders.

Hats off to the organizers, partners, and presenters for a fantastic evening of innovation and impact. We look forward to continuing our collaboration toward a cleaner, greener Belize!



## Removing Derelict Vehicles, Restoring Public Spaces

The Belize City Council's Public Health Unit, with support from our Sanitation Night Crew, continues its proactive efforts to remove derelict vehicles from city streets—recently focusing on Pelican Street Extension, Fabers Road Extension, and Scabbard Street.

These abandoned vehicles pose safety hazards, reduce visibility, and contribute to urban blight. Their removal is part of our broader initiative to restore public spaces and ensure a cleaner, safer Belize City for all.

But long-term change starts with all of us. Civic pride means taking care of our surroundings—by not abandoning vehicles, reporting those that are left behind, and respecting the effort it takes to maintain our shared spaces.

Let's keep this momentum going—together, we can create a city we're proud to call home.



## 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**

## Hands to Work, Hearts to Serve: Clean-Up Campaign at St. Joseph Church

There's nothing more powerful than a community coming together with purpose—and to add to a meaningful day, Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller and Councillor Sherwin Garcia joined forces with an incredible group of volunteers for a day of community service at the St. Joseph Church Clean-Up Campaign.



This initiative wasn't just about cleaning a space—it was about strengthening the bonds within our community, promoting shared responsibility, and showing what's possible when we unite for a common cause.

On behalf of the Council, Deputy Mayor Miller and Councillor Garcia were happy to give their time, energy, and heart along with residents who are passionate about positive change. We also extend sincere thanks to everyone who came out to support this clean-up campaign.

## Congratulations to the HRCU Eagles with Belize City Council Representation!

The Belize City Council proudly congratulates the HRCU Eagles on winning the 2025 Interoffice Softball League!

Undefeated in the marathon and securing a 2-0 victory in the finals against Education Sheriffs—what an achievement!

We're proud to have had some of our Belize City Council staffers on this championship team.



# Belize City Council Advances Capacity Building with Valuation Training

As part of our ongoing commitment to capacity building and institutional excellence, the Belize City Council recently hosted an in-house training session focused on Valuation Methods and Collection Systems—critical pillars in supporting sustainable municipal finance and effective service delivery.

Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller opened the session with remarks that underscored the importance of continuous professional development and highlighted the vital link between strong valuation systems and quality service delivery.



Team members from the Revenue Department, Valuation Department, and Municipal Court were joined by colleagues from the San Pedro Town Council, fostering valuable inter-municipal exchange and knowledge-sharing.

The session provided a comprehensive overview of key valuation frameworks, legal underpinnings, assessment processes and strategies for improving compliance and collection—all geared toward strengthening municipal systems across Belize.



This training forms part of a wider effort to position Belize City as a model for modern local governance—one with the skills, tools, and vision to keep moving forward.

## Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders About Safety Today

Our CEMO and Enforcement Units visited Building Blocks Pre-School to educate our little ones on disaster preparedness and the importance of traffic safety. Instilling these values at an early age helps build a safer, more resilient community for the future.

A big thank you to the school for the invitation and to our dedicated teams for making safety education fun and impactful!

If you would like to request a visit from our team to your school, please contact us at 227-3073—we're happy to bring this important learning experience to more young minds across the city.



# DURING A *safety tips* HURRICANE



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# Civic PRIDE

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OUR FUTURE,  
OUR RESPONSIBILITY

CIVIC PRIDE IS ALL  
OUR BUSINESS!



## Belize Leads the Conversation on Unlocking Local Government Finance

Belize City proudly kicked off the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)'s new webinar series with an energizing session on "Unlocking Local Government Finance"—and what a powerful start it was!

Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller opened the event on behalf of Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council, sharing reflections on the city's bold municipal financing journey and the importance of financial innovation at the local level.

Mr. Ervin Perez, Managing Director of Legacy Fund Ltd., gave an insightful presentation detailing Belize City's pioneering use of municipal securities and the evolution from the Municipal Paper Act to the modern Municipal Securities Regulations 2023—empowering municipalities to fund sustainable, people-centered growth.

With vibrant participation from across the Commonwealth—including representatives from India, Pakistan, Uganda, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, and many more—the exchange was rich with ideas, strategies, and practical solutions for financing resilient and responsive cities.

Thank you to the Belizeans who registered and joined this global conversation. Your presence reinforced that local governance is most impactful when citizens are informed and engaged.

This event marked a strong launch to the CLGF's webinar series, and Belize was honored to open the floor. We look forward to continuing these important conversations and sharing what's possible when local governments are empowered to lead.



## We've Marked the Way! Official eBus Stops Now in Place

We're pleased to inform the public that official bus stop signs for the Belize City eBus Service are now installed at designated locations along the route! These signs are part of our ongoing efforts to make the service more accessible, visible, and convenient for all commuters.

This marks another step forward in our commitment to modernizing public transportation in Belize City—bringing clean, reliable, and efficient transit options to our residents.

We sincerely thank you for supporting this movement, and we're excited to continue enhancing your experience.

Coming Soon: eRidership Card for frequent riders—your faster, easier way to travel. Just tap and go!



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## Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller Advocates for Boys' Mental Health at Ebenezer Primary School

In commemoration of the International Day of the Boy Child, Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, accompanied by Councillor Malcom Nunez, had the distinct honor of serving as a guest speaker at Ebenezer Primary School. Addressing an assembly of 110 bright and engaged students, his presentation centered on a topic that is both critical and often overlooked—boys' mental health.

To connect meaningfully with the students, the presentation introduced a simple yet impactful emotional regulation tool known as the  stoplight methodology. Drawing on the familiar imagery of traffic signals, the method helped students identify and manage their emotions using color-coded cues:

- Red signaled a need to stop and seek help.
- Yellow served as a reminder to slow down and breathe.
- Green represented a readiness to go forward and grow.

This relatable framework provided students with a memorable and practical way to recognize, name, and respond to their feelings in a healthy and constructive manner.



Deputy Mayor Miller emphasized that mental health is just as important as physical health, and reminded the young boys that expressing emotions is a sign of strength, not weakness. The message encouraged them to speak up, seek support when needed, and understand that it's okay to not be okay.

By fostering a safe and open space for dialogue, the Belize City Council continues to demonstrate its steadfast commitment to the emotional well-being of our youth. Initiatives such as this are essential in breaking the stigma surrounding mental health—particularly among boys—and in cultivating resilience, empathy, and a culture of support within our schools and communities.

The session concluded on a heartwarming note, as each student received a sweet treat as a token of appreciation for their participation—a small but meaningful reminder that caring for your mental health is something to celebrate.

The Belize City Council extends sincere gratitude to the administration, staff, and students of Ebenezer Primary School for their warm hospitality and enthusiasm. Together, we are nurturing a stronger, more compassionate, and emotionally resilient Belize City—one boy at a time.

## Strengthening Educational Ties Through International Collaboration



Through collaboration with the Belize International Education Collaboration Board, the Belize City Council was elated to lend assistance in facilitating a visit from a delegation of students from University High School of Fresno, California, to Anglican Cathedral College.

During this visit, Councillors Kaya Cattouse and Malcolm Nunez welcomed the visiting team and were present for the handover of sporting equipment and stationery intended for use by the students of Anglican Cathedral College.

The visit also provided a unique opportunity for students from University High School to tour the ACC campus and for students from both institutions to engage and network, fostering cultural exchange and mutual understanding.

Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council extend sincere gratitude to Superintendent Jeffie Hickman and the University High School team, Principal Augustus, the student leaders and management of Anglican Cathedral College, and the Belize International Education Collaboration Board for making this enriching activity possible.

It is our hope that this marks the beginning of many such collaborations as we continue to champion youth inclusion and development through exposure and education.

# PARK ADOPTION PROGRAM



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

JUNE 2025

# UPCOMING STAFF Birthdays

Loleta Lino  
Ursula Smith  
Melida Jimenez  
Ana Jacobs  
Delwin Gordon  
Leticia Mendez  
Burnell Jones  
Sandra Gillett

Brandon Gillett  
Harry Belgrave  
Shrean Guerrero  
Jennifer Smith-Reyes  
Jeffrey Woodye  
Fajama Terry  
Darren Benguche  
Keemar Armstrong  
Dejean Thompson

Lyzel Thompson  
Davis Ramirez  
Gilroy Thomas  
Leonor Mariano  
Reynaldo Duran  
Brenda Usher  
Alliea Augustus  
Randy Harris

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

JUNE 2025

# WORK ANNIVERSARY

**38 YEARS**  
Ronald Burgess

**18 YEARS**  
Jeffery Woodye

**9 YEARS**  
Kenrick Deshield

**7 YEARS**  
Travis Santos

**3 YEARS**  
Samuel Gillett

**3 YEARS**  
Olivia Card

**2 YEARS**  
Elihue Coleman

**1 YEAR**  
Ralph Flores

**2 YEARS**  
Charleston Fernandez

**1 YEAR**  
Jennifer Smith-Reyes

**32 Years**  
Troy Smith

**13 YEARS**  
Thresia Mitchell

**9 YEARS**  
Sherieka Young

**4 YEARS**  
Karina Villanueva

**3 YEARS**  
Elton Gordon

**3 YEARS**  
Andrea Hamilton

**1 YEAR**  
Erin Garnett

**1 YEAR**  
Dale Henderson

**23 YEARS**  
Wayne Williams

**12 YEARS**  
David Zuniga

**9 YEARS**  
Sheneese Watler

**3 YEARS**  
Nevelle Armstrong

**3 YEARS**  
Francis Lopez

**3 YEARS**  
Richard Whyllie

**1 YEAR**  
Alex Nolberto

**1 YEAR**  
Jamily Moir

**19 YEARS**  
Georgia Marshall

**9 YEARS**  
Jason Bruce

**7 YEARS**  
Glenston Bermudez

**3 YEARS**  
Cardinal Beaton

**3 YEARS**  
Anthoy Nunez

**3 YEARS**  
Shaien Anderson

**1 YEAR**  
Sovania Requena

**1 YEAR**  
Gabriel Jacobs

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

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**SEASON**  
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**Andrea**  
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**Erin**  
**Fernand**  
**Gabrielle**

**Humberto**  
**Imelda**  
**Jerry**  
**Karen**  
**Lorenzo**  
**Melissa**  
**Nestor**

**Olga**  
**Pablo**  
**Rebekah**  
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**Tanya**  
**Van**  
**Wendy**

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