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New Homes for East Coast Communities



Picture Grand Fond housing project (Artist impression)

Anou Palay, the new One on One programme with Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister of Dominica was launched on Sunday 14th June 2020. The Prime Minister intimated that the programme “is an informal conversation, relating to matters of [Dominica]”. The programme coined “Anou Palay” means “*Let us talk*” and is meant to be an engagement with the Prime Minister and the people of Dominica, where questions are accepted via WhatsApp and telephone.

During the programme, the Prime Minister announced that 254 families in the East Coast communities of Grand Fond, La Plaine, Delices and San Sauveur are expected to receive keys to new homes from the week commencing 15th June. The assiduous work on the various housing development projects during the COVID-19 pandemic was highlighted in order to have the homes completed and commissioned before the hurricane season.

He confirmed that additional housing units would soon be completed and handed over in other communities such as Grand Bay. Read [here](#) for more information.

Opening Ceremony of Layou Emergency Shelter



Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister at the opening ceremony

The new Layou Emergency Shelter, a 740 square metre facility, financed through the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) under the Natural Disaster Management Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Layou Flood event Fund programme, was officially opened on 22nd June, during a ceremony attended by the Prime Minister, Hon Roosevelt Skerrit, members of the Cabinet, government officials and dignitaries and members of the Layou community.

This modern facility will provide the residents of the community with emergency shelter during any storm, hurricanes and any other adverse weather conditions. The facility will also be used for youth and other community events.

The Hon. Dr. Adis King, Minister for Youth Development and Empowerment, Youth at Risk, Gender Affairs, Seniors' Security and Dominicans With Disabilities and Parliamentary Representative of the St Joseph Constituency addressed the gathering and informed that this new state of the art facility is the first of its kind in Dominica.

The opening ceremony can be viewed [here](#).

Current Projects

Housing Projects



Bellevue Chopin Housing

The Government of Dominica continues in earnest to deliver modern medium-income residential communities across the island.

Various locations will benefit from these housing developments including Castle Bruce, San Sauver, Delices, La Plaine, Grand Fond, Cotton Hill (Portsmouth), Georgetown (Portsmouth), Jimmit, Grand Bay, Stockfarm, and Roseau City Square.

For more information please click [here](#)

The New Marigot Hospital



Marigot Hospital

The Government of Dominica, delivering on its promise to provide high class health care to its people, has entered into an agreement with Montreal Management Consultant Est. (MMCE) to build the new Marigot Hospital. This follows the successful housing developments which MMCE have delivered in Dominica.

Construction of the new 40,000 square feet hospital is well underway, with an expected capacity for 75 beds. The new Marigot Hospital will offer a range of services including Ambulatory Services, Emergency Care, Intensive Care (ICU), Maternity and Paediatric Care, Laboratory and Radiology Services and Trauma Centre.

The communities in the Marigot Health District in the north of Dominica, as well as the Douglas-Charles Airport, will have their health care in new state-of-the-art facility.

For further information on the Marigot Hospital construction please click [here](#).

Health Care Centers



Georgetown Healthcare Center

Some communities across Dominica will benefit from the construction of 12 Health Centers. The communities include Vieille Case, Colihaut, Mahaut, Wesley, Bellevue Chopin, Newtown, Marigot, Penville, Georgetown (Portsmouth), Anse De Mai, Bagatelle and Soufriere.

The Government of Dominica has indicated that these new Health Centers will be community-based and patient directed aimed at delivering high quality primary health care services.

For further information and latest updates on the construction of the new health centers please click [here](#).

Source: Dominica Housing <https://housingdominica.com/>

Community Center



Trafalgar Community Centre

Several community centers are being built by the Government where youths at risks can find respite and participate in social, recreational and educational activities. The facility will be available for community events and functions. For more information click [here](#).

Tourism



Dominica's unique attractions will feature to wide audiences when the adventure show, Epic Trails, airs this week. CEO of the Discover Dominica Authority Colin Piper says Epic Trails caters to adventure seekers. Season 3 of The Nature Island will be part of the setting for Epic Trails, a popular US nature show. Season 3 of the Epic Trails airs this week and will feature Dominica's stunning attractions to a global audience of nature and adventure enthusiasts. The show is broadcasted on Outside TV, a cable network which reaches millions of viewers in 134 countries. The next episode will be on Sunday 28th June at 2:00pm on "**Outside TV**".

Mr Colin Piper, CEO of Discover Dominica Authority says that this will be good promotion for Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the country prepares to reopen its borders.

For further information please visit the following [link](#).

Commonwealth Virtual COVID-19 Leaders Meetings

Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit was among the Commonwealth Heads of Government who participated in a virtual Leaders meeting on 24th June 2020 to discuss the challenges faced by Commonwealth member states due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In this address to the meeting, the Honourable Prime Minister commented that "early planning and quick action, Dominica was able to implement a series of COVID 19 containment measures, that enabled us to restrict our infection rate to a total of 18 persons, all of whom have subsequently recovered".

The Honourable Prime Minister also commended the leadership of the Commonwealth Secretary General during these uncertain global times.