

Thursday August 25, 2016

\$60M FOR SCARBOROUGH RC

The wait is almost over for the Scarborough RC Primary School, with the sod turning ceremony scheduled for Monday (August 29). Chief Secretary Orville London said there won't be a long period of inactivity after the sod turning. Construction of the new facility will start in the next two months. "The contractor has already been named, the contract has been given out and they are prepared to mobilise," London said during Wednesday's (August 24) post Executive Council media briefing. "My information is that by the beginning of October we should see work starting on the site."

The cost of the construction is estimated at around \$60 million, and the school is expected to house up to 750 students when completed. London also lauded the school for its academic performances despite the condition of the school.

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"Scarborough RC has been one of the best performing schools in the island for the longest while despite the difficult physical circumstances in which the teachers and students operate."

London added that the construction should be completed in roughly 18 months.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Representatives of various youth organisations participate in the Department of Youth's 2016 Capacity Building Programme.

WORLD FOOD DAY APPLICATIONS INVITED

Preparations are underway for the 2016 World Food Day celebrations, which are scheduled for October. Registration for booth space for the event, which is set for the Dwight Yorke Stadium in Bacolet, will take place on Thursday September 1 and Friday September 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Applications for booths can be made at the Department of Food Crop Production at Montessori Drive, Glen Road.

The Division of Agriculture, Marine

Affairs, Marketing and the Environment has also advised that space will only be made available for people affiliated with a Farmer's District Association. Booth space will be available for three categories of vending: food court, ornamental horticulture and, seedlings.

Food vendors are required to have the necessary documents, including a food badge, to sell at the event. Anyone seeking further information can contact the Division at 635-1612.

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FACE TO FACE MEETING SERIES ENDS

The water supply in Canaan/ Bon Accord was a popular topic at the THA's final Face to Face community meeting for 2016 last evening (August 25).

Several residents complained about the situation, which Secretary of Infrastructure and Public Utilities Gary Melville explained is due to a low level of supply at the Courland Plant. It's the only major surface water supply for southwest Tobago.

Melville said wells have been dug in the area but no other potable water source has been found so far.

The Secretary said his Division and WASA are working together to find a long-term solution.

Melville also addressed a concern about a newly-assigned street name in the Kilgywn area, which one resident wants renamed.

"It would not be appropriate for the Division to take the opinion of one individual or so and create a new street name," Melville said.

"If we want to go through that process we would prefer if you go back to the Village Council itself, and you have a consensus in the area as to what might be the most appropriate for a street."