

TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE IN TOBAGO...

COMMUNITIES ARE THE KEY

Developing Tobago's communities will accelerate social and economic growth on the island.

That's the strategy the Tobago House of Assembly is employing through various programmes, geared at increasing the resources available to communities. On Thursday (May 25), the Assembly passed a motion to support programmes that will improve collaboration among the THA, the private sector and community groups.

Marslyn Melville-Jack, the Secretary of Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour, said deficiencies in community life usually impact family life as well.

"We have realised over the years that the family structure has been disintegrating all over the world, and here in Tobago a multiplicity of social ills have given rise to increased delinquency especially among our boys," she said.

Melville-Jack was supported by Dr. Agatha Carrington, the Secretary of Health, Wellness and Family Development, who said the conditions in communities can also affect residents' wellbeing.

"Our physical and mental health, our

social, our emotional, our psychological well-being. Those are important. The public spaces that we live and work are essential community resources where our population, where our communities come together," Carrington said.



IT'S OFFICIAL: Chief Secretary Kelvin Charles, right, and Minister of Education Anthony Garcia, centre, unveil the commemorative plaque to open the new National Energy Skills Centre (NESC) Automotive Services Building in Goldsborough on Monday (May 22). Also in photo, from left, are NESC president Kern Dass, Minister in the Ministry of Education Dr Lovell Francis, and NESC director and ANSA Automotive sector head Jerome Borde.

MOVES TO STEP UP FOOD PRODUCTION

Boosting food production will enhance Tobago's food security, and assist in efforts to diversify the island's economy.

That's why agricultural development and training are being prioritised. Food Production Secretary Hayden Spencer said several programmes are being executed, including work on the Castara Fishing Facility, which should be completed in a few months.

There are also a number of other projects, he said, that will positively impact Tobago's food security.

"We also looked at maintenance of completed projects, completed infrastructure and established systems to safeguard the gains that were already made in the Division," Spencer stated. "Various units served to boost the island's food security through increased food production."

Spencer said improving farming communities will have a positive impact on food production and sustainability. He says that's why the Tobago House of Assembly is investing in those communities.

ZENITH RELAYS THIS WEEKEND

Athletes from Tobago and Trinidad will test their speed and mettle at the 9th Zenith Relays on Sunday (May 28) at Dwight Yorke Stadium from 11a.m. to 6p.m.

The event is hosted annually by Zenith Athletic Club. Since 1980, Zenith has produced athletes at the junior, national and Olympic levels.

Zenith is the home club of Carifta gold medalist and record holder Tyriq Horsford, as well as Tobago House of Assembly 2016 Sportswoman of the Year, Asha James.

Events include relays, hurdles, field events, 300m and 500m races. Admission is \$30 for adults, \$20 for teens and \$15 for children.