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MP's REPORT

to Constituents of
Central Manchester

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MP's Message

As we enter a new year, I take this opportunity to wish you and your families, good health, peace and prosperity!

In 2013, Central Manchester solidified its position as a model constituency. Our young people performed exceptionally well in sports, education and the arts. Manchester High placed ninth and tenth in the ISSA Boys' & Girls' Championships, and they took home the prestigious Headley and Spaulding cups. Two of our schools placed in the top 20 of Jamaica's best for CSEC performances; and deCarteret College ended the year on a high note, copping the top prize for TVJ's All Together Sing choir competition. The designation of Mandeville as the Caribbean's first Peace Town is another testament to the culture of excellence and order associated with our constituency.

In honour of the late Cecil Charlton, let us strive to maintain good order and civility in our parish, and continue to demonstrate our intolerance of criminality by working closely with the police to prevent criminals from taking hold of our communities. While we reflect on the past year, let us also put plans in place to ensure that this year is more successful. I ask for your commitment and active participation in realizing our shared vision of transforming Central Manchester into a centre of excellence.

I wish for you a prosperous 2014.

Peter

Editorial

Evil Prevails When Good Men Do **Nothing**

Jack Calhoun, of the USA National Crime Prevention Council said, "When families collapse, schools fail to educate, and the economy does not produce jobs, we turn to law enforcement to save us. Nothing could be more wrong: it gives law enforcement an impossible burden, and worse, it takes all of us off the hook." This encapsulates the thinking behind the Unite for Change programme recently launched by Minister Bunting (December 5, 2013) -- a national movement which aims to empower citizens to take responsibility for their safety and security.

The Minister has declared crime and violence a public health crisis, which, like a cholera or malaria epidemic, must be eradicated in three phases. Firstly, we interrupt the transmission; secondly, measures are implemented to prevent future spread and the final stage of the eradication process involves the changing of group norms. The Unite for Change movement is a key part of the final stage, as it attempts to change behavior, eliminating the dysfunctional elements of our culture, which have constrained our development.

In the past, our approach, which was largely hinged on hard-policing, yielded but marginal results, as it focused on treating symptoms, simply, putting bandages on sores. This new approach is designed to impact the problem at its core, by empowering citizens to make better choices for themselves, without coercion, without the proverbial 'big stick over our backs'. Unite for Change will assemble

a coalition of the good, to effect change in their individual spheres of influence. Within this movement, a church for example, will be encouraged to adopt the community in which it operates and to take ownership of its wellbeing. It will take a multitude of initiatives such as this and other personal, and active sacrifices, to get back the Jamaica we all want.

Unite for Change will mobilize a wide cross section of individual Jamaicans and organizations to become involved (unite) within their communities and in the lives of higher risk individuals and families. Among the most innovative aspects of Unite for Change is the introduction of a mobile phone application (app) that will enhance the resources currently available to citizens to improve their level of safety and security. This app will offer each Jamaican the opportunity to play their part by engaging the iReport, Panic Mode, The Law, or Alert icons on their mobile devices in order to report incidents of crime, seek assistance from the police or be informed about their rights.

We have reached a crossroad: and we have no further to look than at the New Year messages delivered by the Honourable Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to find the two choices we have as a nation: We can either acknowledge where we are and commit to uniting for change, or we can point fingers and lament, taking no responsibility for getting ourselves out of our current situation. "In a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible."

The editorial section is reserved for constituents to submit opinion pieces on matters pertinent to the constituency or to the country. We invite you to submit your articles for consideration to info@bunting.org.jm, and it could be in the next edition.



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Mandeville dubbed Peace Town

On Tuesday, November 19, 2013 the International Institute for Peace through Tourism (IIPT) and SKAL International – the world’s largest membership organization of traveling tourism executives- declared Mandeville the first Peace Town in the Caribbean.

According to the organizers, this designation signifies to the world that Mandeville is actively committed to promoting values of tolerance, non-violence, gender equality, human rights, youth empowerment, environmental awareness and sustainable social and economic development.

Commenting at the event, Mayor of Mandeville, Brenda Ramsey welcomed the designation and expressed her commitment to promoting Mandeville as a peace town. “As we approach the 200th anniversary of Manchester as a parish, we are adding another accolade to our repertoire. In addition to having the first Golf Course and Tennis Club (and) the first Horticultural Society in the Western Hemisphere, we are also moving towards becoming the central domain for community and heritage tourism,” the Mayor stated.



Brooks Park Recreational Complex was also named Jamaica’s first Peace Park and a Peace Garden was started with orange seedlings said to have originated in the Parish of Manchester.

Youth and Business Expo

On Friday, November 29, 2013, the Central Manchester PNPYO staged a Youth and Business Expo at the Manchester High School, under the theme “Transforming Youth in Manchester”. Sixty persons were in attendance, including students from high schools across the region, exhibitors from academia, essential services, and financial institutions.

Guest speaker, Andre Hylton, Entrepreneur and Member of Parliament for Eastern St. Andrew, delivered a powerful message, drawing on personal experiences. “You should use what you have to achieve what you want; look on life as half full and never as half empty”, he encouraged. Mr. Hylton, spoke passionately about youth transformation and how through his experience as a “country boy”, he became a successful entrepreneur.

He encouraged the students to persevere, as with education and a strong belief in the human spirit success is possible.



Students were also treated to informative presentations by the Jamaica Constabulary Force, Jamaica Fire Brigade, Jamaica National Small Business Loans, The Heart Trust NTA and the University College of the Caribbean, who all mounted displays at the Expo.

GEORGES VALLEY FLAMES

Tops the 2013 Peter Bunting Football League

The Georges Valley Flames are the 2013 winners of the Peter Bunting Football League after braving less than ideal weather conditions to defeat



last year’s champions, Porus Football Club at the Comfort Sports Complex. The team received a \$100,000.00 cash prize and the coveted Champions trophy.

The 2013 sporting season culminated on December 15, 2013 at the Hanbury Complex with the finals of the 20/20 Cricket



competition. Thanks to Supreme Ventures for their continued support of youth and sports development in Central Manchester.



CENTRAL MANCHESTER PNP WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

Cancer Symposium

The Central Manchester Chapter of the PNP Women's Movement staged a successful Cancer Symposium in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event was held on Thursday, October 24, 2013, on the lawns of the Cecil Charlton Park. Keynote speaker, Mrs. Marcia Higgins a lecturer at the Northern Caribbean University and cancer survivor, spoke candidly about her battle with the disease. The Women's Movement organized this event to raise awareness on breast cancer.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME- GWEP

On October 15, 2013, the National Youth Service launched its Graduate Work Employment Program (GWEP), which offers internship opportunities to recent graduates of tertiary institutions. The program was developed to provide graduates with valuable work experience in their respective fields to facilitate career development and exposure.

Through the Constituency Office of Central Manchester, Ms. Latoya Lyons from the Broadleaf District in the Royal Flat Division was shortlisted to benefit from GWEP. Ms. Lyons holds an undergraduate degree in Education with an emphasis in Business Administration. She is now completing an internship at the Southern Regional Health Authority.

PNPYO's Youth Month

-Guest Night

MP Bunting hosted the Youth Revolutionary League of Central Manchester's monthly 'Guest Night' in November at his constituency office. Also the keynote speaker at the event, MP Bunting lectured young political activists on the role of the youth in politics and more generally their responsibility as youth leaders and change agents. The session provided an opportunity for several young constituents to engage their MP directly.

This event is part of a new initiative of the MP's Office which will engage special interest groups on their various areas of focus. If you have an interest group and wish to have dialogue with the MP, please contact Trishanna Archer at the constituency office.



MEET YOUR FACILITATOR



No stranger to activism and community service, Ms Wendy Freckleton is the new PNP caretaker for the Knockpatrick Division. Former Manchester Chamber of Commerce President and Managing Director of Mandeville Publishers, home of the reputed Mandeville Weekly, Wendy has spent the greater part of her life in service to Manchester. She brings to the position a track record of success and a reputation for being a high performer, and is guided by the philosophy, "Leadership is not just about what I can do; leadership is about what everybody can do with me."

Ms Freckleton has hit the ground running, already hosting a community workshop with stakeholders of the division, as well as a Christmas treat for children of Knockpatrick. She is fast developing a close relationship with her constituents and based on her programme of activities and her enthusiasm, we expect that the division will have as its Councillor, a driven, competent and respected leader in the next election.

Thanks to Goyfield Harrison for his contribution to the division and the constituency, and best wishes in his endeavours.



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Christmas in Central Manchester

Special thanks to Lasco, MegaMart, Wisynco, Grace Kennedy, Urviles and Bashco for their gracious response to MP Bunting's appeal for perishable and non-perishable food items and personal care products, to brighten the holidays for several individuals and organizations across the constituency. Through their generous donations, along with the personal contribution from the Member of Parliament, the constituency office was able to put together over 300 Christmas care packages which were distributed across the constituency. The beneficiaries included several shut-ins and elderly residents, the Paediatric Ward of the Mandeville Regional Hospital, New Hope Children's Home and Candle in the Dark which caters to the homeless and disenfranchised. Food for the Poor also made an invaluable contribution in the form of homes for two families in time for Christmas.

Walk Good Mayor Charlton!

Last September we lost former Mayor of Manchester, Mr. Cecil Charlton. The longest serving Mayor of Manchester, he embodied a passion for community service and development, which made his contribution to politics and nation building exemplary. His leadership of the Parish Council was marked by an unfettered drive for excellence, which has raised the bar and has changed the level of service we have come to expect from our elected representatives.

Mayor Charlton was known for having kept the cleanest town in Jamaica, and set the standard which all local government representatives today, strive to attain.

MP Bunting, commenting on Charlton's political career, recognized him for his charisma and professionalism which helped him to overcome the political divide, having served both political parties. For this Mr. Charlton has earned the admiration and respect of voters and political colleagues on both sides. MP Bunting shared a fond memory of Charlton saying, "Comrade Charlton loved politics greatly, and I was always warmed by his occasional visits to the PNP's Central Manchester Constituency Conferences, even in the last few years."

A pioneer of the public transportation industry in Mandeville, Mr. Charlton was the consummate businessman, diversifying into other areas of business and providing employment to many residents of the parish.

Cecil Charlton successfully balanced careers in both the public service and the private sector, effectively maintaining his financial independence whilst fulfilling his public duty. Cecil Charlton's unwavering love and passion for Manchester, was always evident, even with his failing health.

Walk good Comrade, your rich legacy will be honoured for years to come.



We want to hear from you.

We have made some changes to the layout of the newsletter. We understand that some constituents are unable to attend all our events, so we are attempting to make the report more experiential, by giving greater details on the key events for the quarter.

Please let us know your thoughts on this new layout and style of reporting.

This new layout allows for the inclusion of features by constituents, therefore we are inviting you to submit your articles, events, birthday greetings and advertisements.

With the redesign of the newsletter, we are also considering a name change, which will better reflect the new style of the report. Please indicate your preference:

- Central
- Grand Central
- Central Point

Other _____



NON-CDF PROJECTS FACILITATED BY THE MP'S OFFICE - 2013

PROGRAMME

Town Centre Road Improvement
Christmas Work Programme
Roxborough Museum
Hanbury Road Programme
Jeep 2&3 Road Improvement Projects
Expansion of Belair High School
Multipurpose Recreational Facility
Housing
Construction of basic School

DESCRIPTION

Resurfacing of Mandeville Town Centre
Bushing, drain cleaning & infrastructure development
Renovation and general construction of the Roxborough Museum
Over \$4M approved for resurfacing
Construction of retaining Walls : Davton, Bombay, Bottom Coffee Grove, Top Albion, Bartley Town Rd Rehabilitation: Cedar Gardens Rd, Balvenie, Lamb Town, Harcourt & Jackson Drive, Top Bellefield, Bottom Coffee Grove
Additional classroom blocks built
Sports & entertainment complex to be built in Hanbury
Twenty (20) homes constructed
New Georges Valley Basic School

CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND ALLOCATION 2013

January - December 2013	Total JMD
Additional Housing	1M
Disaster Mitigation	3M
Education Assistance	3.5 M
Emergency and Welfare	1 M
Sports	2 M
Social Housing	1 M
Labour Day/Welfare Project	300 K
Agriculture	1.7 M
Administration	1.5 M

NON-CDF PROJECTS FACILITATED BY THE MP'S OFFICE - 2013

PROGRAMME

#PERSONS
IMPACTED

DESCRIPTION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jobs

1083

Permanent & Temporary jobs facilitated for constituents via The Central Manchester Job Bank

Special Agriculture Programme

91

Chicks, chicken feed & fertilizer distributed

Computer Training

24

Information Technology training

Food & Beverage Management Certification

80

Training & Certification for bartenders and waiters

Summer Internship Programme

10

Job placement for 10 interns in Manchester businesses

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Social Responsibility Empowerment Seminar

203

Seminar hosted to encourage civic participation

Sports Development

1100

Netball Football & Cricket competitions through the Peter Bunting Sports Foundation

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMME

DESCRIPTION

Road Beautification

Maintenance of Winston Jones Highway