



*Office of the M.P. for
Tunapuna
Administrative Report
For the period:
May 1st, 2017
To
August 31st, 2017*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: CONSTITUENCY OF TUNAPUNA

It is our honour and pleasure to once again deliver a report of our stewardship of the Constituency of Tunapuna for another period, May 01st to August 31st 2017.

VISION STATEMENT

An excellent constituency office providing exceptional and reliable services through authentic leadership and an empowered team in the Tunapuna Constituency. This team will allow for the development and involvement of all constituents to ensure the strengthening of the nation of Trinidad and Tobago.

MISSION STATEMENT

***CADRE™* FRAMEWORK**

To achieve our vision, we shall:

- *Care for all constituents*
- *Attend to their needs in a timely, reliable and professional manner using the available resources*
- *Dedicate ourselves to the development of the community*
- *Respond to all community concerns regardless of race, religion, political affiliation and social status*
- *Empower our team to make sound decisions and take appropriate action*

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A total of one thousand, five hundred and thirty-two (1,532) persons visited the Office of the M.P. for Tunapuna during this period with the majority of persons (611), seeking assistance in their efforts to acquire housing accommodation through the Housing Development Corporation (HDC).

Correspondences to the Minister of Housing and to the HDC are done almost on a daily basis and collected by those individuals who visited the office seeking such assistance to be taken by them to the Housing Development Corporation

Employment continues to be high on the list of priorities of the office of the M.P. for Tunapuna. Resumes are collected and dispatched to various agencies along with cover letters from the office of the M.P. in an effort to secure employment for interested and qualified constituents. Recommendations and Testimonials are issued to know persons on a regular basis, as requested.

ENSURING WATER REMAINS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CAURA VALLEY



The Digicel Foundation EPIC Caura Water Tank storage project nearing completion is scheduled to be opened on Wednesday September 6th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. This project consists of the installation of ten, one thousand gallons water tanks. The installation of these tanks would assist in ensuring an adequate water supply to Tumbasson and other areas in Caura. Thanks to Ms. Peggy Gomez, Ms. Cindy Ann Currency and Ms. Dianna Matura who were all patient and accommodation over the last 15 months. The Caura Valley Village Council anxiously awaits this official opening of this first of its kind very important community project.

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With the successful completion of this project a similar one is earmarked to commence at Upper Wharf Trace, Maracas, as early as mid-September. The Office of the M.P. for Tunapuna in conjunction with the Water & Sewerage Authority (WASA) is working assiduously to ensure that an adequate supply of pipe borne water is made readily available to the constituents of Tunapuna, especially the Maracas Community.

In the aftermath of Tropical Storm Bret, workers from the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation, the Disaster Management Unit under Ms. Carol Charles, along with the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission and volunteers from the Tunapuna constituency assisted in the removal of debris and the restoration of electricity to affected areas. TPRC Councillors Martin Gonzales, Travis Williams, Aaron Thomas and Josiah Austin did yeoman service with the Tunapuna Constituency. Not forgetting M.P. Office Staff Mr. Tinto, Shawn Borde, Curt Conneuil, I-Luko Tafari and Tenisha Edwards for being on the "ground" daily in the storm aftermath.



The Office of the Member of Parliament for Tunapuna provided much needed assistance to victims of tropical storm Bret. Affected households received compensatory assistance in the form of grants from the National Commission for Self Help to aid in the rebuilding process. Unfortunate fire victims were also compensated.

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Constituent receiving a Grant from M.P. Office Manager

The M.P. for Tunapuna, Esmond Forde with attorneys Roland Bain and Kelly Ann Tricia-Thorpe



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With the anticipated reintroduction of the Property Tax, a series of public consultations organized by the M.P. for Tunapuna, Mr. Esmond Forde, were held throughout the constituency of Tunapuna in an effort to enlighten constituents on the procedures, guidelines, requirements and forms and supporting documents to accurately submit their Property Tax documents.

A total of 9 Property Tax Consultations were successfully held at the birdsong Pan Theatre, St. John Community Centre, Upper El Dorado Community Centre, La Goya Housing Community, Lower El Dorado Caura Community Centre, La Seiva Community Centre, Maingot Village Sumatee Sabha Centre and Pasea Main Road. Special thanks extended to Attorneys Roland Bain and Kelly Ann Tricia Thorpe, Balroops Sound Systems Ltd., Fire Fox Miking and M.P. Tunapuna Staff for the success of these consultations.

Residents at the Property Tax Consultations in La Seiva Community Centre, Maracas



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EDUCATION

Chairman of the Tunapuna Constituency, Ms. Pearl Charles presents a student with his full school books list and stationery required for the new academic 2017 school year.



The M.P. for Tunapuna recognizing the need for sustained education of our children, continues a relentless drive to ensure that every child eligible for school is given the opportunity to attend by being furnished with all the required school books lists and stationery necessary to secure their education.

Mr. Esmond Forde, working in conjunction with Mohammed Book Stores for the second year as serving M.P. for Tunapuna has presented a total of sixty-five (65) students from within the Tunapuna constituency with much needed assistance for their school attendance. This is the fourth consecutive year of school books lists and stationery distribution jointly performed by the M.P. and Mohammed Book Stores as this was done twice before when the said Member of Parliament served as Councilor for Auzonville/Tunapuna.

The students were also inducted into the membership of the Tunapuna Library and presented with lifelong membership certificates by Ms. Karmella Camino, Librarian 111 of the Tunapuna Library and highly motivated in speech by Principal Terrence Caesar from Tunapuna Boys R.C. School.

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The M.P. was also present at the graduation ceremony of the St. Charles Girls High School. Tunapuna

A proud moment: 2017 Valedictorian and graduating student from St. Charles High School proudly receives and displays her token and certificate award presented by the Tunapuna M.P. Esmond Forde



NALIS Health Fair at the Tacarigua Indoor Hockey Centre

Healthy bodies equals healthy minds

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M.P/ Tunapuna addressing guests at SeconSpring Senior Activity Launch

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M.P. Esmond Forde addresses guests at the launch of the Secon Spring Senior Activity Centre at the YWCA located on Gordon Street, St. Augustine on Saturday 20th May, 2017. The Centre is designed to engage Senior Citizens in different activities inclusive of exercise, aerobics and craft. The Centre is opened Monday to Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and caters for all persons over the age of 60 years. Well done to Ms. Joy Duncan and her hard working team.



Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley at Maracas / St. Joseph Police Station Opening

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On Friday 30th June, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago officially opened the new Maracas St Joseph Police Station - a welcome security initiative to the Maracas St Joseph community. The Prime Minister Honourable Dr. Keith Rowley is greeted by a number of school children of the Maracas Seventh Day Adventist Primary School during the formal opening which was also attended by National Security Minister, Brigadier General Edmund Dillon, M.P. for St. Anns East, Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, TPRC Maracas/Santa Margarita councilor, Martin Gonzales and M.P. for Tunapuna, Esmond Forde.

World Renowned Master Tailor Tunapuna born, Professor Andrew Ramroop launches FAME at Brian Lara Residence

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FAME Caribbean is an initiative of renowned Saville Row Tailor, Andrew Ramroop. Its objective is to build a sustainable creative fashion industry in the Caribbean by providing entrepreneurial support with philanthropic values to students and designers.

Speaking at the launch, which was hosted at Lara's Residence, Knaggs Hill, Lady Chancellor, Mr. Ramroop born at Maingot Road, Tunapuna said Fame Caribbean will aid in the fashion industry creation of something meaningful and sustainable, thus helping to diversify the Trinidad and Tobago economy. **Echoing his sentiments was M.P. for Tunapuna, Esmond Forde who, speaking on behalf of the Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Rowley** explained the capacity of the initiative to create employment and generate revenue. He also revealed that government was in the process of establishing a garment production facility aimed at increasing the production capacity of local designers.

OBITUARIES

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During the period under review, the constituency mourned the passing of the following persons, M.P. tunapuna was present at the home celebration services to extend his condolences:

- Anthony James Housen Tuesday August 8th, 2017
- Dorothy Mulcare (99 years.) Tuesday July 25th, 2017
- Juanita Rita Castillo (93 years) Saturday July 23rd, 2017
- Lloyd George Niles (78 yrs.) Saturday July 8th, 2017
- Archbishop Alston S. F. Wilson. (79 yrs.) Thursday July 6th, 2017

We express our sincere condolences to their families and loved ones.

May Their Eternal Souls Rest in Peace!

EVENTS

The M.P. and/or his representatives continue to attend and support events within his constituency as much as possible. Here is a preview of some of the events attended:

The M.P. is welcomed by staff as he visits the Tunapuna branch of the Trinidad and Tobago Post Office.

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Emancipation Day celebrations at the Upper El Dorado Community Centre.



History.... 1st School to win all Divisions and Competitions in Colleges Cricket 2017 season in Trinidad and Tobago.... Hillview College, El Dorado Road, Tunapuna. Well done, my Alma Mater.

Tacarigua Anglican Primary School Sports Day. Young Winners for the Future

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Special thanks to a Mohammed Book Stores for their contribution of \$5,000. worth of gift certificates to the Tunapuna Library Spelling B winners, Specialist Learning Centre, Wilson Street, St. Augustine



St. Mary's Anglican Primary School Graduation 2017



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160th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service at the St. Mary's Children's Home Tacarigua with Honourable Minister Ayana Webster-Roy and Home Manager



The M. P. visits the Tunapuna Nazarene Church and participates in their vacation bible school activities. Cooking for the young participants



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El Dorado Caura Village Council 8 Ah Side Cricket Finals Presentation. Special Thanks to our M.P. Tunapuna for always supporting us; with Trophies and gold Medals and closing remarks ant the finals



Anti-Bullying Associating of Trinidad and Tobago Camp graduation at the Tunapuna Anglican Primary School.



CONCLUSION

We continue live in challenging times while we strive to deliver and satisfy the needs of our Tunpuna constituents. Resources are limited but we continue to surge forward earnestly offering assistance to everyone that comes through our doors. As we approach the completion of two years of service we remain unwavering in our attempts to make a positive difference and to enrich the lives of those we come in contact with. We encourage all to make the most of any productive opportunity which may come his or her way.

Respectfully submitted

I-Luko Tafari
Office Manager

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