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$284.4M NEVIS BUDGET UNVEILED

- Represents a 4% increase over funds allocated in 2025

Premier the Hon. Mark Brantley, Minister of Finance in the Nevis Island Administration, delivers his government's Budget Address in the Nevis Island Assembly on December 02, 2025.

By Vernan George
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Residents from across the island flocked to the Nevis Island Assembly on Tuesday, while many more tuned in via radio and online, as Premier the Honourable Mark Brantley, , Minister of Finance in the Nevis Island Administration, unveiled his government's $284.4 million Budget for the 2026 fiscal year.

Premier Brantley reported that the new budget represents a 4% increase over the $273.2 million allocated for 2025. He noted that recurrent expenditure is projected at $203.5 million, accounting for 72% of total spending and remaining consistent with the current fiscal year's recurrent allocation.

"Having considered the expected uptick in economic activity for the upcoming fiscal year, my administration has set its revenue budget and anticipates that it can collect the amount of $175.8 million in recurrent revenue, which will represent a modest increase of 7% when compared to the projected revenue of $164.7 million budgeted for the fiscal year 2025," Premier Brantley said.

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Mark Brantley and Dr Timothy Harris

Harris blasts Brantley over new CBI revenue deal

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Police launch probe into video involving minor

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Police launch probe into disturbing video involving minor

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) has confirmed that an investigation is underway following the circulation of a disturbing video involving a minor engaged in sexual acts.

"We have seen the video circulating, and it is absolutely unacceptable," the Police said in a statement. "Our Special Victims Unit has opened an immediate investigation. If you have any information, please come forward. Every detail helps. Message us here or call the SVU at 662-7077."

The incident has sparked widespread concern and comes on the heels of another viral video showing an individual naked at the Basseterre Ferry Terminal. In response, the RSCNPF issued a strong advisory ahead of the Christmas and Carnival season, warning that public indecency will not be tolerated.

The Police reminded the public that such acts are illegal under the Small Charges Act (2017), CAP.4.36, highlighting several relevant offences:

- Incorrigible Rogues – Section 30: Persons deemed rogues and vagabonds who reoffend may face imprisonment of up to six months.
- Indecent Behaviour – Section 31 (1): Anyone behaving indecently in a public place may be imprisoned for up to one month.
- Indecent Exhibition – Section 31 (3): Individuals who expose obscene images or expose themselves in public may be jailed for up to three months.

"These are arrestable and jailable offences, and no exemption or excuse exists for such behaviour committed during festivities, celebrations, or entertainment events," the advisory stated.

With the Federation entering the festive period, the Police reiterated their stance: "Zer0 Tolerance. Zer0 Excuses." Authorities warned that indecent exposure, disorderly conduct, and any violations of the law will result in immediate intervention.

Event promoters and venue managers were also put on notice. The Police emphasised that they are responsible for ensuring lawful conduct at their events, monitoring their spaces, and working with security to swiftly report or remove offenders. Failure to do so, the Police warned, could result in shutdowns, legal consequences, and challenges in obtaining future event approvals.

"The laws of the Federation are not suspended during the festive season," the statement added. "Events are not free zones for criminal activity or indecent conduct."

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Ecclesiastical and Faith-Based Affairs, in collaboration with the St. Kitts Evangelical Association, the Christian Council, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, issued a statement condemning the behaviour displayed in the video from the Ferry Terminal.

"We strongly condemn the behaviour depicted in the video circulating from our Ferry Terminal. Such actions have no place in our public spaces and do not reflect the moral and spiritual values of

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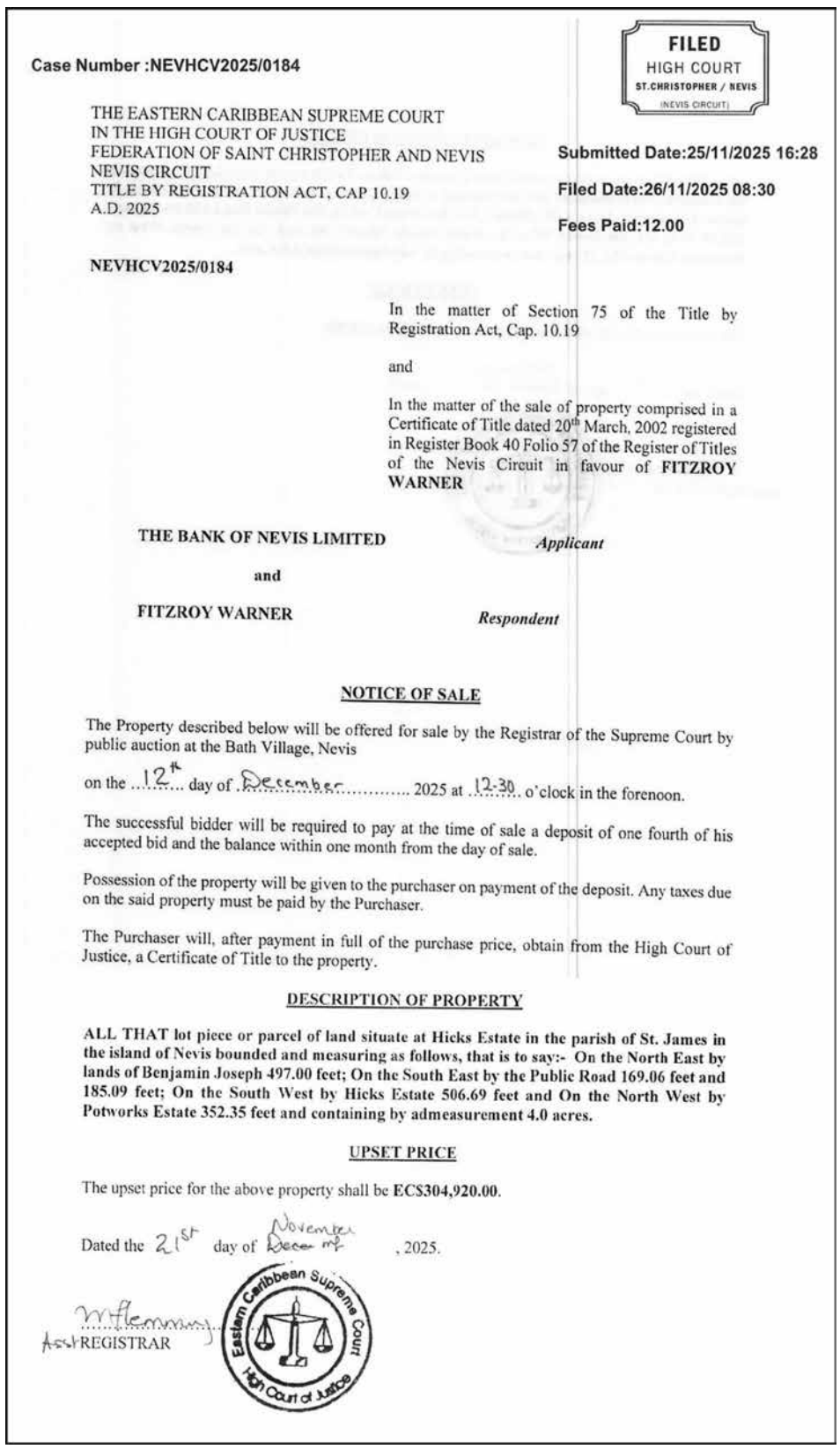

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In the matter of Section 75 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

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In the matter of the sale of property comprised in a Certificate of Title dated 20th March, 2002 registered in Register Book 40 Folio 57 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in favour of **FITZROY WARNER**

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED *Applicant*

and

FITZROY WARNER *Respondent*

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Bath Village, Nevis

on the 12th day of December 2025 at 12-30 o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Hicks Estate in the parish of St. James in the island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North East by lands of Benjamin Joseph 497.00 feet; On the South East by the Public Road 169.06 feet and 185.09 feet; On the South West by Hicks Estate 506.69 feet and On the North West by Potworks Estate 352.35 feet and containing by admeasurement 4.0 acres.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be **EC$304,920.00**.

Dated the 21st day of November December, 2025.

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Meades Pasture resident fined $20,000 for drug-related offences

By Vernan George
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

A Meades Pasture man has been ordered to pay a total of $20,000 in fines after pleading guilty to multiple drug-related offences stemming from a police search conducted earlier this year.

Taj Taylor, of Meades Pasture, Nevis, appeared before District "C" Magistrate Reynold Benjamin on 2 December, where he pleaded guilty to Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Supply, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Supply, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Supply.

According to the prosecution, the charges resulted from an operation on 1 April 2025, when officers of the Task Force Unit executed a search warrant at Taylor's home. As officers approached his bedroom, Taylor reportedly said, "I have a little weed."

During the search, officers discovered:

- One large Ziploc bag containing several smaller bags of vegetable matter suspected to be cannabis
- A paracetamol bottle containing small Ziploc bags with a white powdery substance suspected to be cocaine
- Tablets believed to be ecstasy
- A black strap bag containing $525 in cash

Taylor and the items were taken into police custody, and he was later formally charged.

On 25 May 2025, the suspected substances were tested by the government's appointed analyst, who confirmed that the vegetable material was cannabis, the white powder was cocaine, and the tablets were MDMA (ecstasy).

During mitigation, Taylor's defence attorney told the court that his client was an IT specialist and requested leniency in the form of fines rather than a custodial sentence.

Magistrate Benjamin imposed the following penalties:

- Possession of Cannabis With Intent to Supply: $3,000 in 3 weeks or 6 months' imprisonment
- Possession of Cocaine: $3,000 in 3 weeks or 6 months' imprisonment
- Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Supply: $8,000 in 3 weeks or 6 months' imprisonment
- Possession of Methamphetamine: $3,000 in 3 weeks or 6 months' imprisonment
- Possession of Methamphetamine With Intent to Supply: $3,000 in 3 weeks or 6 months' imprisonment

Taj Taylor

Before concluding the matter, Magistrate Benjamin offered Taylor stern advice.

"If you are using cocaine, please stop, as it is destroying your life. If you are selling it to another, you are destroying their life," he told the defendant, sharing a personal story about a friend whose life had been ravaged by addiction.

Taylor is required to pay all fines within the stipulated timeframes or face imprisonment.

Harris blasts Brantley over new CBI revenue deal

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Former Prime Minister Dr Timothy Harris has sharply criticised Premier Mark Brantley's announcement of a new revenue-sharing arrangement between the Federal Government and the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), claiming the deal will significantly reduce the funds Nevis previously received.

Premier Brantley revealed during his Budget Address that the NIA and the Federal Government have agreed that Nevis will now receive 25 percent of Citizenship by Investment (CBI) revenue on a population-based formula. He also disclosed that Nevis is set to receive $4.8 million in grant funding, with the combined inflow projected at approximately $39.8 million. Due to the slowdown in the CBI industry, Brantley said the government has conservatively budgeted $35 million in CBI revenue for 2026—well below the $66 million previously received.

Reacting to the announcement, Dr Harris launched a fiery critique, accusing Premier Brantley of damaging the former Team Unity Government over what he described as an ever-increasing demand for "fair share" revenue.

"And you see he not thinking right, you know, for he mash up a government over fair share. The more you give him, the more he want. No conscience," Harris said. He argued that sensible arrangements could have been negotiated without dismantling the coalition. "He mash up the government of which he was a part, and by his own words he said it was the best government in the history of St Kitts and Nevis."

FILE PHOTO

Mark Brantley and Dr Timothy Harris.

Harris accused Premier Brantley of abandoning principles he once championed. Recalling past praise Brantley offered during Team Unity's early years, Harris said, "He said that Team Unity will go for 20 years, that I was the most brilliant leader, that I had succeeded where others have failed, that I had given Nevis what it never had." Harris cited appointments of ambassadors and diplomatic placements as achievements Brantley once applauded, only to later turn against the administration.

Describing Brantley in unflattering terms, Harris criticised the Premier for now accepting a deal far smaller than what Nevis previously received. "When I heard in the budget, he had to come out and say, 'Instead of 66, you then cut me down to 35 million. What a man!" he said. "He gambled, not appreciating what he took, and he now has to deal with the reality. Everything that glitters is not gold."

Harris also revisited tensions dating back to 2014, alleging that a bounced Federal Government payroll cheque for Nevisian public servants had deeply embarrassed the NIA at the time. He said Brantley once vowed never to forgive that incident, yet appeared now to be praising the same political opponents he previously condemned.

While Harris delivered his criticisms in strong language, Premier Brantley maintained in his Budget Address that the 25 percent agreement represents a long-fought achievement for Nevis, and an historic milestone in intergovernmental fiscal cooperation. He has also confirmed that Nevis has already begun receiving its 25 percent CBI allocation.

Brantley says job creation remains central to Nevis' economic strategy

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Premier Mark Brantley has reaffirmed that job creation remains one of Nevis' highest priorities, emphasising that the strength of any economy is measured by the availability of quality employment opportunities.

In presenting a new Budget, Brantley said one of the most reliable indicators of economic performance is the Social Services Levy, which is charged directly on employment income.

"Similarly, the primary measure of the level of employment in our economy is the revenue generated from the Social Services Levy… This is the most appropriate yardstick to measure growth in the number of people employed and in the level of personal income as well," he said.

For the period January to October 2025, revenue collected from the Housing and Social Development Levy totalled $11.29 million—a trend Brantley said points toward surpassing the $12.33 million collected for the entire 2024 fiscal year.

He said the government's mantra of "jobs, jobs, jobs" continues to guide policy decisions. "My government continues to make a concerted effort to ensure that year after year, the average number of jobs and the number of people employed on Nevis continues to trend upwards."

Citing data from the St. Christopher and Nevis Social Security Board's Statistics Department, Brantley noted that the average monthly number of jobs as of 30 June 2025 was 6,398, representing a three percent increase compared to June 2024.

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In the Estate of **Maria Victoria O'Flaherty also known as Victoria O'Flaherty also known as Maria Victoria Borg O'Flaherty also known as Marie V O'Flaherty** late of Old Rectory Road, Dorset, Basseterre, St. Kitts, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **TAMARA NINA MANDELA O'FLAHERTY** of Old Rectory Road, Dorset, Basseterre, St. Kitts and **FIDEL JOHN ROBERT O'FLAHERTY** of #19 Ponds Extension, Basseterre, St. Kitts, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are two of the children of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 25th day of September, 2022.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2025.

Filed by: DUBLIN & O'BRIEN LAW FIRM, Attorneys-at-Law, whose address for service is Suite C18 The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

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EDITORIAL

A fight requiring sustained funding and united action

The resilience and success of the National HIV/AIDS Program and the tireless work of the National HIV/AIDS Secretariat, public health teams and key community partners, were duly recognised by Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew earlier this week during the observance of World AIDS Day.

Dr. Drew appealed for responsible sexual behaviour and routine testing, while reminding citizens that we all have a role to play in the fight against HIV/AIDS, one which requires sustained funding and united action.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there are an estimated 40.8 million people living with HIV around the world. It also revealed that HIV response is entering a critical moment, as "funding dedicated towards HIV is declining which threatens to unravel decades of progress. HIV services are being disrupted, especially in fragile and conflict situations, and community-led services, vital to reaching marginalized populations, are being deprioritized".

A noteworthy development this year was the fact that the United States did not commemorate World AIDS Day this year as it has done since the occasion's inception in 1988. The Trump administration withdrew this year, with a plan to expand beyond WHO to organizations and communities around the world.

In a statement from the State Department, it was pointed out that: "An awareness day is not a strategy. Under the leadership of President Trump, the State Department is working directly with foreign governments to save lives and increase their responsibility and burden sharing. Earlier this year, we released a global health strategy aimed at streamlining America's foreign assistance and modernizing our approach to countering infectious diseases."

With a wide range of treatment options, HIV has become a chronic treatable infection, if appropriately managed. Those with the virus can lead a healthy, normal life, unlike in the 1980s and 90s when contracting it was often fatal. However, it cannot be ignored that globally, HIV programmes are relying heavily on dwindling external funds, and rising cases show HIV must not in any way be considered a disease of the past.

Apart from that, stigma, discrimination, punitive laws and the lack of community-based services continue to represent major obstacles to prevention, testing and care.

The WHO in its recent AIDS Day statement called on governments to keep HIV high on their national health agendas and increase national investments. There was an urging for greater integration of HIV services

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COMMENTARY

The UN is fading - We should worry

Sir Ronald Sanders
Columnist

The United Nations is being starved quietly. This month in New York, the Secretary-General, António Guterres, warned the General Assembly's budget committee that the UN is entering a "race to bankruptcy."

The organisation ended 2024 with about US$760 million in unpaid contributions from Member States—most of it still outstanding. A further US$877 million due for 2025 had not yet been received. In all, Member States now owe the UN regular budget roughly US$1.6 billion in arrears. Any institution asked to safeguard global peace, development, human rights, public health, and humanitarian relief would buckle under far less.

Faced with this shortfall, the Secretary-General had no choice but to propose painful cuts for 2026: a 15 per cent reduction—more than US$577 million—and the elimination of 2,681 posts, almost one in five. Some of the steepest reductions fall on Special Political Missions, the very operations that help hold fragile peace processes together.

Yet even these cuts will not repair the cash crisis, because while inefficiencies exist in every institution, the central cause is neither waste nor mismanagement. It is insufficient and unpredictable financing—a condition that the Organization of American States (OAS) knows all too well. For more than fifteen years, the OAS has also struggled with inadequate funding. Next year, its regular budget will be significantly lower in real terms than in 2010, even though mandates have multiplied.

Both organisations—global and hemispheric—are caught in the same bind: overreliance on a handful of countries to pay the lion's share and delayed or withheld payments from key contributors.

WHO IS NOT PAYING—AND WHY IT MATTERS

The UN's regular budget is apportioned according to national income. The United States is assessed at 22 per cent, the largest share. China is second at close to 20 per cent. When either of them pays late, the UN's financial circumstances immediately deteriorates.

In the United States, debates over federal spending—especially foreign expenditures—have led to repeated delays. The current administration has added another dimension: postponing payments while it reviews certain aspects of UN op-

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NEA raises concerns at its meeting with AG Garth Wilkin

The Nevis Evangelical Association (NEA) has been concerned with a number of issues that have been very present in our society. To this end the NEA organized a meeting with the Attorney General of St Kitts and Nevis the Honourable Garth Wilkin. This follows up meetings with the Honourable Premier Mark Brantley and the High Command of the Nevis arm of the Royal St Kitts and Nevis Police Force. Issues raised included but not limited to:

1. The frequent public smoking in Nevis is violating the Smoking (Designated Areas) Act of 2023, creating health risks, and enforcement appears lacking as no penalties or tickets are being issued.

2. Underage drinking is increasing, with minors easily accessing alcohol in violation of the Liquor License Act Cap 18.21, which prohibits selling or supplying alcohol to minors and penalizes offenders.

3. Adult Entertainment Centres promoting nudity and stripping are operating in Nevis, contrary to the law and contributing to the erosion of national moral values.

4. Prostitution remains insufficiently addressed, with current laws too weak to support consistent enforcement and the prohibition on entrapment limiting police effectiveness.

5. Noise pollution is widespread, with many individuals disregarding the right of others to peaceful enjoyment.

6. Minors are frequently present at adult-only events, exposing children to inappropriate environments and behaviors .

. We were advised by the Attorney General that the Government would be undertaking some more public education about smoking in public and once done that tickets would be issued for those offenders. We were further advised that we could make use of the Voice Al tool that could be used to assist the public in finding

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"Get ready to shut down Basseterre"

Former PM Harris warns of massive protest

By Vernan George
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Former Prime Minister and Parliamentary Representative for Constituency Seven, Dr. Timothy Harris, has signalled that a major public demonstration may soon take place in Basseterre. Harris made the declaration while addressing supporters during a town hall meeting at the Ottley's Community Centre on 26 November.

In a fiery and impassioned speech, Harris accused the government of undermining national sovereignty and warned supporters that the time was approaching for widespread protest action.

"We the people must get ready to shut down Basseterre and Charles-

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COURTESY PHOTO

Former Prime Minister and Parliamentary Representative for Constituency Seven, Dr. Timothy Harris with two supporters at the Town Hall meeting.

What You Should Expect From Your Lawyer: From Lock-Up to Trial

By Adlai Smith
Director of Public Prosecutions

THE LAW IN PLAIN LANGUAGE

When a person is arrested and suddenly finds themselves behind the locked doors of a police station, the experience can be frightening, confusing, and overwhelming. In that moment, your lawyer becomes far more than a hired professional; he or she becomes your protector, adviser, and advocate, guiding you from the very first call at the police station to the final outcome of your trial.

Yet many citizens do not know what they are entitled to expect. In a previous article we dealt with issues pertaining to legal fees. Once you have entered into clear arrangements with your lawyer regarding fees for the services below, the following is a clear guide, written in ordinary language, explaining what a lawyer should do for you at every step of the journey.

At the Police Station: Your Immediate Rights

From the moment you are detained, your right to a lawyer becomes one of your strongest protections. You are entitled to contact your lawyer as soon as reasonably possible, and your lawyer should try to attend the station quickly or speak with you immediately by phone. They must also ensure that the police do not question you until you have received proper legal advice, and they should make sure that your request for a lawyer is recorded in the station diary.

During any police interview, your lawyer plays a crucial role. They must advise you on whether you should remain silent, give a full statement, or provide only a limited account. Where permitted, they should be present during questioning, ready to stop the interview if the police act unfairly, intimidate you, or attempt to mislead you. Their job is to make certain that you are not tricked, pressured, or threatened into speaking.

Your lawyer must also be alert to your welfare. If you need medical attention, it must be requested. You are entitled to food, water, restroom access, and humane treatment. You cannot be kept in degrading conditions or held longer than the law allows.

After Charges Are Laid: Advice and Bail

Once the police decide to charge you, your lawyer must explain the accusation in simple language. You are entitled to know the possible sentence (based on applicable existing sentencing guidelines), what the prosecution must prove, and whether the case against you appears strong or weak.

Your lawyer should then deal with the question of bail (according to your instructions). They may seek police bail immediately, and if that is refused, they must prepare a proper bail application for the Magistrate's Court. They will present the factors in your favour i.e. your job, your family ties, your health, and the fact that you pose no danger to witnesses. A lawyer must also explain the conditions that may be attached to your release.

Preparation of Your Case: A Lawyer Must Work Early and Actively

Whether you are released on bail or kept on remand, your lawyer must begin preparing your case without delay. This starts with demanding disclosure from the police and prosecution. They must review witness statements, CCTV footage, forensic results, police notes, digital evidence, and anything else that may affect your case.

Your lawyer must then take your full instructions. That means listening to your entire account, asking questions to understand your side of the story, and, where possible, independently verifying what you say. This forms the foundation of your defence.

A good lawyer will then advise you on strategy: whether you should plead guilty or not guilty, what defences may be available (such as self-defence, accident, mistake, lack of intent, or alibi), and what evidence is needed to strengthen your case.

Gathering Evidence in Your Favour

Your lawyer must not simply wait for the prosecution's case. They must actively collect evidence that may help you: alibi witnesses, phone records, medical reports, video footage, expert opinions, and even social media messages or documents. A diligent defence does not depend on the pace of the prosecution.

Staying Informed: Communication Is Your Right

You should never feel unable to reach your lawyer or left in the dark about your case. According to the Lawyers Code of Ethics for the Federation, whenever you reasonably so require, your lawyer owes you regular updates, clear explanations of new developments, and meetings before important court dates. You are entitled to see important documents unless restricted by law, and your lawyer should return your calls or messages within a reasonable time.

Before Trial: Your Lawyer Must Be Fully Prepared

As your case moves toward trial, preparation becomes even more important. Your lawyer should review the defence with you, prepare cross-examination questions for prosecution witnesses, identify weaknesses in the State's case, and draft both opening and closing addresses. They must also ensure that your witnesses are summonsed to attend court and that they understand what to expect.

Your lawyer must advise you honestly about whether you should give evidence. This decision can affect the entire direction of your case, and you are entitled to a clear explanation of the benefits and risks.

At Trial: Strong Representation Matters

During the trial, your lawyer must be organised, confident, and completely familiar with the facts. They must object to improper questions, challenge unfair or unreliable evidence, and expose con-

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BETWEEN:

THE BANK NEVIS LIMITED
(successor to the banking business
of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts)

Applicant

and

DENZIL SAUNDERS

Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court, St Kitts Circuit by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts on Thursday the 29th day of January 2026, at 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at **Mc Knight**, in the Town of **Basseterre**, in the Island of Saint Christopher, and bounded as follows:- On the North by lands of Althea Tyson, 24.17 feet; On the East by lands occupied by Sylvia Penny, 44.00 feet; on the South by alley leading to Shaw Avenue, 29.00 feet; On the West by lands of J. O. Williams, 32.17 feet and Elise Henry, 13.00 feet and containing by admeasurement, **1,191.00 square feet**; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated April 19, 1978 registered in Book D2 Folio 47 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit.

SURVEY PLAN & SATELLITE MAP OF PROPERTY:

UPSET PRICE: The upset price for the above land shall be **EC$70,438.40**

GENERAL INFORMATION: The successful bidder: (1) must publicly declare on whose behalf he or she is bidding; (2) must pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth (25%) of his or her winning bid; and (3) must pay the balance within one month from the day of the public auction. The purchaser(s) shall be entitled, by law, to possession of the property after payment of the deposit. The purchaser(s) must pay Stamp Duty (statutorily 6% of the purchase price) and any Property Taxes accrued and unpaid at the time of the transfer of the property. It is recommended that the purchaser(s) instruct legal counsel to conclude the transfer process. Contact the Applicant/Mortgagee's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand (869-465-2440 or law@kwfonline.com) or the High Court Registry (869-467-1102 registryskn@gov.kn) for more details

Dated the 26th day of November 2025

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Construction sector nears full employment as incentives drive growth

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Premier Mark Brantley has highlighted the continued strength of the construction sector as a key driver of economic growth in Nevis, noting that a range of residential and commercial projects remain actively underway. These include new home construction, extensions to existing properties, and the expansion of commercial buildings across the island.

"Many of our contractors are indicating the difficulty in attracting suitable skilled persons. This is a clear indication that we are nearing full employment in this sector," Brantley said during his Budget Address.

He reported that data from the Department of Physical Planning recorded 243 applications between January and October this year, of which 202 were approved. Of those approvals, 81 were for new residential construction, while 121 covered building renovations and expansions.

Brantley credited much of the growth to the government's incentive programmes.

"These programs include the first-time homeowners' initiative, which is an ongoing program designed to incentivize first-time home construction. I am happy to report that the Ministry of Finance has approved a total of 37 new applicants for enrollment in this program for this fiscal year up to October 31, 2025," he said.

He added that a new initiative this fiscal year expanded incentives for individuals building additional homes or renovating and expanding existing properties through the Build and Renovate Programme. A similar incentive was also extended to commercial investors. "I am happy to report that up to October 31, 2025, a total of 82 persons have been enrolled in this build and renovate program, generating significant economic activity in the construction sector," Brantley said.

Looking ahead, the Premier said the government intends to continue the programme into the upcoming fiscal year with some adjustments. "Further details will be provided later in my presentation. This Government stands committed to developing a sustainable construction sector as we seek to improve the livelihood of our people and grow Nevis together."

COURTESY PHOTO

Hamilton Geothermal Site on Nevis.

NIA selects drilling company for geothermal production wells

The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) has confirmed a significant step forward in the island's push toward renewable energy, announcing that a drilling company has been selected to carry out the production wells for the highly anticipated Nevis geothermal project.

The decision marks one of the most important milestones to date, placing Nevis on the verge of commencing drilling operations—an advancement that signals the steady progress of what is considered one of the Caribbean's most promising clean energy initiatives.

Premier the Honourable Mark Brantley, who also serves as Minister of Energy, revealed that the competitive bidding process has concluded, and that a driller has been chosen. While the name of the company has not yet been released, he assured that a public announcement is imminent.

He noted that the NIA is "hopeful that in January we could have a signing ceremony which will mark the start of the production well drilling."

Premier Brantley also highlighted the strong connection between the geothermal programme and the government's ongoing water-drilling initiative. Adequate water supply is necessary for geothermal drilling, and one of the water well sites identified at Hamilton is strategically located near the geothermal location.

"Water-drilling is going to be critical, because we are very close to the start of our geothermal drilling… And so again I'm just demonstrating how the government's initiatives are not haphazard but coordinated. That is what we're seeking to do," he said.

Nevis' geothermal resources are widely recognised as among the strongest in the Caribbean. Previous surveys and exploratory work suggest that the island sits atop a robust geothermal reservoir capable of delivering clean, reliable, and continuous base load power. The first phase of the project aims to develop a 30-megawatt (MW) plant.

Once completed, the geothermal project has the potential to transform the island's energy landscape—ushering in full renewable energy independence, lowering long-term electricity costs, and improving energy security. It may also create opportunities to export excess clean power to St. Kitts and other neighbouring territories.

Beyond environmental and energy benefits, the initiative is expected to stimulate economic growth by reducing business operating costs and making electricity more affordable for households, strengthening Nevis' long-term development prospects.

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BETWEEN:

[1] REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED

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Applicant

and

[1] ORAL CARTY also known as EARL VANLOW
[2] JENIFER CARTY formerly JENIFER LOUARD

Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE
BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts,

on Thursday the 29th day of January 2026

at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Green Tree Housing Development Lot No. 69 bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say On or towards the North-East by Wingfield Drive, 47.02 feet; On or towards the South-East by Lot No. 71, 87.38 feet; On or toward the South-West by Lot No. 70, 47.00 feet; On or towards the North-West by Lot No. 67, 86.97 feet and containing admeasurement 4,097 square feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated January 18, 1994 registered in Book T2 Folio 36 of the Register of Titles of the St Christopher Circuit.

SURVEY PLAN & PHOTOGRAPH OF PROPERTY:

UPSET PRICE: The upset price for the above lands and any buildings thereon shall be **EC$427,000.00**.

GENERAL INFORMATION:
The successful bidder: (1) must publicly declare on whose behalf he or she is bidding; (2) must pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth (25%) of his or her winning bid; and (3) must pay the balance within one month from the day of the public auction. The purchaser(s) shall be entitled, by law, to possession of the property after payment of the deposit. The purchaser(s) must pay Stamp Duty (statutorily 6% of the purchase price) and any Property Taxes accrued and unpaid at the time of the transfer of the property. It is recommended that the purchaser(s) instruct legal counsel to conclude the transfer process. Contact the Applicant/Mortgagee's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand (869-465-2440 or law@kwfonline.com) or the High Court Registry (869-467-1102 registryskn@gov.kn) for more details.

Dated the 26th day of November 2025

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Talent, creativity shine through at Gingerland Secondary graduation

By Vernan George
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

The Gingerland Secondary School's Class of 2025 delivered a graduation ceremony filled with artistry, pride and heartfelt emotion, leaving a lasting impression on students, families and officials. The event was held on Thursday, 27 November at the Gingerland Methodist Church under the theme "Anchored in Gratitude, Driven in Purpose." The honouree for this year's ceremony was Mr. Joseph Morton.

Among the dignitaries in attendance were Deputy Governor General Mrs. Hyletta Liburd; Deputy Premier Hon. Eric Evelyn; Hon. Troy Liburd; Hon. Janel Nisbett; Permanent Secretary Zahnela Claxton; Human Resources Permanent Secretary Kevin Barrett; Principal Education Officer Londa Brown; Principal Assistant Secretary Jamir Claxton; Pastor Ron Daniel; and School Chaplain Stacia Williams-Christmas.

In his remarks, Principal Mr. Kayno David highlighted the school's exceptional performance over the academic year.

"The heart of competitiveness was channelled into academics and extracurricular success throughout the year, culminating in a great year for the Gingerland Secondary School," he said.

COURTESY PHOTO

Gingerland Secondary School's Class of 2025.

He noted that for the 2024–2025 school year, GSS achieved an "almost complete sweep" of major competitions. The school captured first place in the Spelling Bee, dominated the STEM Challenge and STEM Expo, and also won the Bank of Nevis Tourism Youth Congress. In the Tourism Essay Competition, victory went to one of their own, Aniya Liburd. The school also achieved an overall pass rate of 77.3% across 13 subject areas.

Addressing the graduates directly, Principal David encouraged them to embrace the future with confidence.

"Graduands, you have what it takes to change the world. Life's journey is a winding road, so choose the path to success… Let your purpose, proven by your resilience in the hybrid classroom and your contribution to GSS' rich history, be the driving force that helps you reach your altitude," he said.

Principal Assistant Secretary Mr. Jamir Claxton also offered words of advice, telling students that while greater challenges lie ahead, discipline and purpose will guide them toward continued success.

Featured Speaker Mia Alexander reminded the graduands that purpose is often discovered, not found instantly.

"Purpose doesn't always come with a manual. Sometimes it taps you on the shoulder when you're just trying to pass Maths and HSV," she said, encouraging them to let gratitude ground them and to move boldly into their futures.

Valedictorian Balinda Subramani delivered an emotional speech, thanking God, her family and her teachers for their unwavering support.

> ***'We now stand on the edge of something. What we carry now is not just knowledge, but confidence and determination—powerful enough to carry us into the future… What matters is that we move forward, not driven by pressure or comparison but by meaning'***
>
> **Balinda Subramani**
> **Valedictorian**

"We now stand on the edge of something," she said. "What we carry now is not just knowledge, but confidence and determination—powerful enough to carry us into the future… What matters is that we move forward, not driven by pressure or comparison but by meaning."

One of the most touching moments of the ceremony came when the graduating class honoured their late classmate, Kevon Wood, who died last year following an injury at Pinney's Beach. Students presented his photograph at the podium as his parents received his certificate, moving the audience to tears. A video tribute followed in his honour.

Sixty-six students graduated in the Class of 2025. Blessyn Grant received the Salutatorian award.

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In the Estate of **FRANKLYN GEORGE LAWRENCE** late of Hamilton Estate in the Parish of St. John in the island of Nevis, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Sylvia Valarice Lawrence** of Hamilton Estate in the Parih of St. John in the island of Nevis and **Jacintha Francillia Lawrence Maynard** of Stoney Grove in the Parish of St. John in the island of Nevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant as the wife and daughter of the Deceased, the Deceased having died intestate on the 26th January 2022.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 1st day of December 2025.

Filed by:
Adrian S. Daniel
DANIEL BRANTLEY
Attorneys-at-Law

The Applicant's address for service is Daniel Brantley, Juris Building, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis. Telephone (869) 469-5259 Facsimile (869) 469-1162 Email: adrian.daniel@danielbrantley.com.

Govt. commits to strengthening national response on World AIDS Day

Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, has reaffirmed his government's commitment to strengthening the national response to HIV/AIDS as St Kitts and Nevis joined the global community in observing World AIDS Day on December 1.

The annual observance, held under the theme "Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response," focuses on how global funding cuts have threatened vital HIV services and increased risks for vulnerable populations. The theme calls for stronger innovation, unity, and investment to keep the world on track to end AIDS by 2030.

Dr. Drew highlighted that the national HIV/AIDS Programme continues to receive technical guidance from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the PANCAP Coordinating Unit of CARICOM. The programme is funded through annual national budget allocations and previously benefited from the Global Fund's multi-country grant.

In May 2025, St Kitts and Nevis signed a new Global Fund agreement valued at more than US$56,000 to support HIV-related services from April 2025 to December 2027. However, the Prime Minister noted that global donor reductions may prevent the Federation from receiving the full funding pledged, heightening the need for increased domestic investment.

"This year's theme urges the Ministry of Health and the Government to act decisively—ensuring sufficient funding and forging new strategic partnerships to protect the progress we have achieved," Dr. Drew stated.

According to global data from 2024, 40.8 million people were living with HIV worldwide, with 1.3 million new infections and 630,000 deaths due to AIDS-related causes.

During the same year, St Kitts and Nevis recorded:

- 238 persons living with HIV
- 19 new diagnoses
- 3 AIDS-related deaths

All persons living with HIV in the Federation continue to receive free life-saving antiretroviral medication, but health officials remain concerned about rising infections among young people aged 15–24.

Dr. Drew outlined the government's comprehensive approach to HIV prevention and treatment across primary, secondary, and tertiary care.

Primary prevention efforts include health education, STI treatment, expanded access to free condoms, and the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) programme, which has helped the Federation maintain

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COURTESY PHOTO
Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew

Tourism remains a cornerstone of Nevis' budget priorities

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Tourism continues to stand as one of the strongest and most resilient pillars of Nevis' economy, according to Premier Mark Brantley, who highlighted the sector's ongoing growth and adaptability during his recent Budget Address.

Brantley said the industry has shown "resilience, creativity and adaptability," noting that strategic investments are paying off.

"Our strategic focus on staff development, community engagement, cultural promotion, and destination enhancement have yielded impressive results that have strengthened the foundation upon which we continue to build," he said.

The Premier pointed to the government's commitment to empowering citizens to take advantage of the opportunities within the tourism sector. He highlighted the success of Gingerland Secondary School student Kayla Claxton, who won the local Tourism Youth Congress—sponsored by the Bank of Nevis—and represented the island at the regional competition in Barbados.

Among the major events that continue to attract visitors, Brantley said 'Mango Fest' remains a standout, showcasing Nevis' growing culinary tourism appeal and the talent of local chefs, farmers, and vendors. He also noted the increasing popularity of the Cross Channel Swim, led by Jane Hansom, which drew a record 500 swimmers this year.

Brantley emphasised that infrastructural development and heritage preservation must advance alongside rising tourist arrivals. He cited the upgrade of The Bath Hot Springs as a project receiving positive reviews from both residents and visitors.

He added that significant progress is being made on the Bath Hotel Renovation Project, coordinated by the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society (NHCS) in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism. "This represents an important step toward restoring one of the Caribbean's oldest tourism infrastructural sites," he said.

Funding support includes approximately US$300,000 from the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown, with additional assistance being pursued through the CARICOM Development Fund. The project is expected to be completed in the first half of 2026, and will serve as a National Museum preserving Nevis' cultural and historical legacy.

Brantley also highlighted the launch of refreshed destination brand-

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CLAIM NO.: NEVHCV2025/

IN THE MATTER of an Application for the issue of a First Certificate of Title by virtue of Section 12(1)(a) of the Title by Registration Act, Chapter 10.19

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by **AGNES HANLEY JEFFERS, JUANITA SHARY HANLEY-GUMBS** and **MARITA DAHLIA HANLEY-JOHN** for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to a lot, piece or parcel of land situate at Bachelors Hall Estate in the Parish of St. George on the Island of Nevis measuring 1.87 acres.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For a Certificate of Title, notings thereon and caveats, for week ending the 5th day of December 2025

DATE OF REQUEST	PERSON PRESENTING	NATURE OF REQUEST
October 2, 2025	**Agnes Hanley Jeffers, Juanita Shary Hanley-Gumbs** and **Marita Dahlia Hanley-John** by their Attorney-At-Law, STAINES, Attorney-At-Law & Notary Public, Heritage Plaza 1, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis	For the issue of a First Certificate of Title to **1.87 acres** of land situate at Bachelors Estate in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: - **On the North West by lands of Thomas Simmonds 269.49 feet; On the North East by lands of Thomas Simmonds 124.77 feet; On the South East by the Public Road 187.83 feet; 218.80 feet and 50.17 feet and On the South West by Merina Works Estate 376.58 feet.**

Dated the 1st day of December 2025

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(PROBATE)

In the Estate of **NIGEL WALTERS** late of Brown Hill Village, St. John's Parish in the Island of Nevis, deceased

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ALVEA SARGEANT of Prospect Estate, St. John's Parish in the Island of Nevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the sister of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 6th day of August 2025.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 25th day of November 2025

Shemica Maloney
MALONEY & CO.
Attorneys-at-Law

Filed by: MALONEY & CO. Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is:
Unit 1, The Key Complex, Cedar Trees, Charlestown, Nevis.

St. Kitts and Nevis, Taiwan collaborate to advance E-ID system development

Saint Kitts and Nevis has taken another significant step in its digital transformation agenda through continued collaboration with the Republic of China (Taiwan). A series of workshops, system installations, and an official equipment handover have advanced the development of the Federation's Electronic Identity (E-ID) system, a key project aimed at strengthening digital government services.

To accelerate implementation, the Embassy of Taiwan and the Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM), in partnership with the Department of Information Technology (ICT), hosted the Digital Identity Authentication System Hardware and Software Installation Workshop on 18 November. Taiwanese system developers—including IISI, Chunghwa Telecom, and Foongtone Technology—joined multiple government agencies in reviewing the project's progress over the past three years. Technical discussions focused on server deployment, terminal setup, and upcoming system testing phases.

Later that day, officials gathered at the Ministry of Finance for an equipment handover ceremony. Speaking on behalf of Ambassador Edward Tao, Second Secretary Hsien-Yu (Billy) Chung reaffirmed Taiwan's commitment to assisting Saint Kitts and Nevis in building a modern digital government rooted in efficiency, innovation, and accessible public services.

Mrs. Cheryleann Pemberton, Permanent Secretary in the ICT Department, underscored the national importance of the initiative, noting that the E-ID system is central to the country's digital transformation. She expressed gratitude for Taiwan's longstanding support as the project moves into its next operational phase.

From 19 to 21 November, the TTM and Taiwanese developers conducted hardware and software installations at the Saint Kitts data centre. During the sessions, the team successfully operated the card printer to produce E-ID sample cards, allowing government staff to gain hands-on experience with the future issuance process.

The deployment continued on Nevis from 24 to 26 November, where the team installed additional system components and carried out further training. Demonstrations of the sample card's functions helped local personnel understand application and verification procedures, ensuring both islands will be positioned to deliver secure, reliable, and unified digital identity services.

A project wrap-up meeting was held on 28 November at the National ICT Center on Saint Kitts. Permanent Secretary Pemberton praised the rapid progress achieved and extended appreciation to Project Manager Edward Chen and the Taiwanese development teams for their professionalism and dedication.

Officials say the continued momentum reflects the shared commitment of both Taiwan and Saint Kitts and Nevis to strengthening digital governance and expanding secure, citizen-centred public services across the Federation.

LAW

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tradictions in witness testimony. They must present your defence clearly and powerfully, always ensuring that your right to a fair hearing is protected.

A well-prepared lawyer gives you confidence. You should feel that they are fully in control of the case and fighting for you at every turn.

After the Verdict: Guidance Continues

If you are acquitted, your lawyer should immediately seek your release and request the return of any property, passport, or bail money held by the court.

If you are convicted, your lawyer must explain the sentence, advise you on your right to appeal, and outline the strict time limits involved. They must also prepare arguments in mitigation to persuade the court to impose the most lenient sentence possible in the circumstances.

In Summary: Your Lawyer Owes You These Duties

- Protection from unfair police action
- Clear advice at every stage
- Confidential communication
- Thorough preparation of your defence
- Strong advocacy in court
- Respect, professionalism, and dedication

A person facing the justice system should never feel abandoned, confused, or alone. Knowing what to expect from your lawyer empowers you to insist on proper representation and ensures that your rights are fully protected from lock-up to trial.

Wide-ranging slate of activities outlined for Sugar Mas 54

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

The St Kitts-Nevis National Carnival Committee (SKNNCC) has outlined an ambitious and wide-ranging slate of activities for Sugar Mas 54, with organisers highlighting increased youth participation, strengthened logistics, and continued improvements to major competitions.

Speaking at a recent press conference, Carnival Director Clement "Monarch" O'Garro said the early events leading into the season had exceeded expectations, particularly among young people.

O'Garro noted the strong involvement of students during the Republic Bank Miss Teen St Kitts and Nevis school tour, which visited eight high schools—including Sky Academy, which will be entering the pageant for the first time.

He also highlighted a successful Calypso Tent season, the CD Song Elimination, the fourth annual Sugar Mas Awards recognising over 30 contributors, and the launch of the I Am Sugar Mas podcast.

"We have a dedicated team of 10 individuals and volunteers who continue to punch above their weight," he said, crediting the leadership of Chairperson Shannon Hawley for pushing the Secretariat to "step up the game".

"The results thus far have been phenomenal," he added.

COURTESY PHOTO

Chairperson Shannon Hawley and the St Kitts-Nevis National Carnival Committee (SKNNCC) has outlined an ambitious and wide-ranging slate of activities for Sugar Mas 54.

400 CHILDREN EXPECTED FOR DASANI JUNIOR CARNIVAL PARADE

A major focus this year is the expansion of youth involvement in the Dasani Junior Carnival Parade, set for Saturday, 27 December.

O'Garro announced that the parade has recorded "unprecedented registration", with a goal to place 400 children on the road alongside youth folklore groups.

The 2025 theme, National Treasures, will showcase culturally significant landmarks including Brimstone Hill, the Berkeley Memorial, Independence Square, the Bath Hotel, Hot Springs, and the Botanical Gardens.

"We are also accommodating registrants from Nevis," he confirmed, thanking title sponsor Dasani through KOSCAB St. Kitts Ltd.

Registration is open at the Department of Youth, the Carnival Office, and online at skncarnival.com.

VENDOR OPERATIONS STRENGTHENED IN BASSETERRE

Carnival Chair Shannon Hawley addressed public concerns regarding vending operations in Basseterre during the two-week peak of Sugar Mas. She said approximately 300 vendors apply annually, but only 150 were approved for this year to maintain order and ensure safe movement for pedestrians and vehicles.

Key vending areas include Fort Street, the Circus, Bank Street, Central Street and the Bay Road.

"We have heard your concerns," Hawley said, noting that the Committee held two meetings with vendors and downtown businesses.

"There will be no complete blockage of sidewalks… Each vendor has a designated space to prevent obstruction."

She added that nightly cleaning crews have been hired, and pallets have been banned to maintain a consistent and attractive appearance.

MISS TEEN SKN PAGEANT SET FOR 13 DECEMBER

Hawley also confirmed strong momentum for the Republic Bank Miss Teen SKN Pageant, scheduled for Saturday, 13 December.

"The energy and support from the schools were unbelievable," she said, praising the dedication of contestants and their chaperones.

Tickets are available online via JAD and at Central Service Centre, COSCAB, First Federal, The Cable and through long-time vendor Tony Berry.

Most major event tickets are priced at $50 for adults and $40 for children, with the Soca Monarch costing $30

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PANORAMA RETURNS WITH FOUR BANDS

Panorama and Calypso Coordinator Antonio "Abonaty" Liburd outlined details for the First Federal and The Cable Panorama, scheduled for Sunday, 28 December at 8 p.m. at Warner Park.

Four bands will compete:

- Sugar City Steel Orchestra – Iron (Ricardo Drue)
- Bank of Nevis EBJ Harmonic Steel Orchestra – Retro (Voice)
- Oualie Rhythms Steel Orchestra – Black Man Feeling to Party (Black Stalin)
- Nevis Community Development Steel Orchestra – Teach a Teacher (King Elimat)

Liburd said all bands are rehearsing intensely and will "bring their A-game".

Junior Calypso Monarch to Feature Brass Band for First Time

The Flow Junior Calypso Monarch will take place on Sunday, 14 December at 5 p.m. at the Marriott Plaza.

This year, junior performers will be backed by a full brass band—the Legends Band—for the first time.

The competition includes:

- 6 primary school contestants, including reigning monarch Adia
- 8 secondary school contestants, including reigning monarch Mighty J

Liburd thanked the Greenhouse Band for years of support and welcomed Flow as the new major sponsor.

SENIOR CALYPSO MONARCH SEMIFINALS SET FOR 17 DECEMBER

The Carib Senior Calypso Monarch began with 34 competitors, narrowed to 16 semifinalists after two judges' nights at Proud Sound Calypso Tent.

The semifinals will be held on Wednesday, 17 December at the Sugar Apple in Fortlands at 7 p.m.

One alternate, King Hollywood, has been selected should any semifinalist withdraw.

Seven finalists will advance to compete against reigning monarch King Jussie.

Liburd encouraged all Calypso fans to support both the Junior and Senior competitions.

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(PROBATE)

In the Estate of **RICHARD WALTERS** late of Brown Hill Village, St. John's Parish in the Island of Nevis, deceased

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RANDOLPH WALTERS of 7 Hillcrest Drive, Cleaver Road, Arima 300619, Trinidad and Tobago for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15th day of December 1998.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 28th day of November, 2025

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Shemica Maloney
MALONEY & CO.
Attorneys-at-Law

Filed by: MALONEY & CO. Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is: Unit 1, The Key Complex, Cedar Trees, Charlestown, Nevis.

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He added that remittances of approximately $39.8 million, when combined with projected revenues, will bring total revenue for 2026 to $215.6 million.

"When compared to the projected recurrent expenditure of $203.5 million, it provides a surplus of $12.1 million," he stated. Capital expenditure is set at $80.9 million, reflecting a 17% increase over the 2025 allocation.

Major Allocations by Ministry

The Premier outlined how funds will be distributed across key ministries:

- Office of the Premier: $11.2 million (4%), including support for energy sustainability initiatives.
- Ministry of Finance: $128.9 million (45%), covering debt servicing obligations and financing for the airport rehabilitation and expansion project.
- Ministry of Communication and Works: $33.7 million (12%), supporting ongoing infrastructure development.
- Ministry of Agriculture: $17.7 million (6%), including funding for food sustainability, upgrading processing facilities, and Culturama activities.
- Ministry of Health, Gender Affairs and Social Empowerment: $43 million (15%), aimed at improving healthcare delivery, recruiting medical professionals, purchasing equipment, strengthening social protection programmes, and advancing the Alexandra Hospital expansion.
- Ministry of Tourism: $6.5 million (2%), for the development and maintenance of historic sites and other attractions.
- Ministry of Education, Library Services, Information Technology, Youth and Sports: $38.5 million (14%), supporting the TVET programme, youth initiatives, and upgrades to educational and sporting infrastructure.

Public Debt Update

As Minister of Finance, Premier Brantley also provided an update on the public debt.

"As it relates to the status of our public debt, the Nevis Island Administration debt portfolio as of October 31st 2025 stood at $474.7 million, representing a 1% decrease from the $479.5 million recorded on December 31st 2024," he reported. Domestic debt accounts for 95.4% of this total, while external debt stands at $21.6 million. When combined with the debt of statutory corporations, total public sector debt amounted to $541.5 million as of October 31st 2025.

Commitment to Responsible Borrowing

The Premier assured residents that his administration will continue to exercise caution in borrowing and remain guided by the recommendations of the Director of Audit.

"The annual budgets are merely projections for revenue and expenditure. The extent to which we roll out expenditure programmes will naturally depend on our ability to access funding," he said. "I wish to assure the public that we will not be reckless, and we will only seek to undertake projects if the funding is available or can be accessed at low cost in accordance with our debt management strategy."

He added that any projects unable to secure concessionary financing will be deferred to 2027.

Premier Brantley concluded by reaffirming his government's commitment to prudent financial management and sustainable development for the people of Nevis.

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FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2025

SKBHCV2024/0127

LAND REGISTRY DEC 03 2025 ST CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

In the Matter of section 12(1)(d) of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19
And

In the Matter of an Application for first Certificate of Title by CLEAVON FLEMMING for all that lot piece of land situate at Marshall Alley, in the Town of Basseterre, in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of St Christopher

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND NOTING THEREON FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 5th DAY OF December ,2025.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request for Certificate of Title and Noting Thereon
29th Day of December, 2023	Cleavon Flemming by his Attorneys-at-Law, ELLIOTT MACCCLURE	Application for issue of a first Certificate of Title for all that 1,797.64 square feet of lot piece and parcel situate at Marshall Alley, in the Town of Basseterre, in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows that is to say:- **ON** or towards the North by Lands of Daphne Wilkinson 38.91 feet; **ON** or towards the East partly by lands of A Joseph 8.45 feet and partly by lands of Cleavon Flemming, 29.57 feet and partly by lands of Mildred Godwin 5.90 feet; **ON** or towards the South by lands of Leroy Webbe, 47.17 feet and **ON** or towards the West by a paved Alley 42.12.

Dated the 2nd day of December 2025

Registrar Of Lands

JOBS

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However, he added that these figures only capture reported employment. Some self-employed individuals do not submit monthly contributions, and certain types of casual work also go unreported.

"It therefore suggests that the actual job situation is even better than what is currently reported," he said.

Brantley also pointed to a continuing trend in the labour market: the number of job opportunities exceeds the number of available workers. He highlighted that as of mid-2025, there were 6,398 job opportunities compared to 5,898 persons available for employment.

"This void in the job market continues to be filled by persons holding multiple jobs, especially in the hotel and restaurant sector and with private security services," he said.

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laws easily. This could be found on lawcommission.gov.kn. We found it to be extremely helpful in finding out exactly what the law said about various issues.

We have not merely held these meetings just to hold meetings to bring public awareness to these issues and to ensure that we encourage government to enforce their own laws in the best interest of the public. The Nevis Evangelical Association expressed some dismay at the fact that people are very comfortable openly breaking the law. We believe that is our duty as an Association to bring these issues to light so that the entire society can play its role in ensuring the law is upheld and our moral fabric as a society is preserved.

■ Public Notice

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCE, 1906

SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District " ".
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Tanya & Travel Buchanan
now residing in 25th Bladwell South Street in the town or
village of Basseterre do hereby give you notice
that it is my intention to apply on 5th
day of January 2026 next to the District Magistrate at
Basseterre
for a Liquor Wholesale licence in respect of my premises
in Anchorage Road Street in Tyrgate
Bay, St. Kitts.

Dated this 3rd day of December 2025

Signed Buchanan

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town if needs be," Harris told the gathering. "We need to defend our country, defend our values… Very soon, we are going in the streets, and I want every one of you. We want virtuous people in the battle to save our country."

Harris argued that recent developments—particularly those tied to the Special Sustainability Zone (SSZ) and perceived threats to local autonomy—demanded a robust response from citizens. He claimed that decisions made by the government have opened the door to outside groups whom he described as having no cultural or historical ties to the Federation.

"They prefer to give to strangers… those people from yonder," Harris said. "They don't look like us, they don't talk like us, they don't want to live with us, but they want to come in and take over our country. We will not have it and we will not allow it."

He further alleged that foreign interests were being granted undue influence, saying the situation amounted to an erosion of the rights and dignity of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Harris urged supporters to prepare for what he described as a "march to freedom," arguing that the country's sovereignty, citizenship rights, and constitutional protections were at stake.

"We will educate you so when we issue the call to close down Basseterre in protest… every man joins in the march to freedom of St. Kitts and Nevis," he said. "Never again must our people go through the indignity of having to beg for land or opportunity."

'We the people must get ready to shut down Basseterre and Charlestown if needs be. We need to defend our country, defend our values… Very soon, we are going in the streets, and I want every one of you. We want virtuous people in the battle to save our country.'

Dr. Timothy Harris
Former Prime Minister

The former prime minister also criticised what he characterised as governmental arrogance, pointing to past and current development projects as evidence of poor decision-making. He insisted that only strong and united public resistance could reverse what he called a dangerous trajectory.

"These people are disrespectful to our people," he said. "We will do whatever is necessary to save St. Kitts and Nevis—not just for ourselves, but for generations to come."

Harris ended his address by demanding repeal of the SSZ legislation, calling it an affront to national sovereignty and constitutional integrity.

The government has not yet responded publicly to Harris' statements or his call for mass demonstrations.

FIGHT

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into wider health systems to deliver comprehensive, people-centred care, the scale-up of innovative service delivery models, the expansion of prevention, harm reduction and community engagement programmes, and enhanced surveillance, monitoring and targeted HIV responses.

In his World AIDS Day Address, Prime Minister Drew warned that the worldwide reductions in funding pose a real challenge for sustaining progress, noting that "due to global donor funding cuts, this support is now at risk, and the Federation may not receive the full amount pledged." He emphasized that this reality demands stronger national leadership and expanded domestic investment to safeguard essential health services.

He said that St. Kitts and Nevis must act decisively to protect recent gains, particularly for young people and vulnerable groups, with the Ministry of Health and the Federal Government being urged to ensure sufficient funding, increase annual budget support, and forge new strategic partnerships.

The revelation of rising infections among people aged 15–24 is sobering. A serious call to action has been issued, with the recognition that while all persons living with HIV in the Federation receive free, life-saving medication, prevention efforts must be strengthened. There was the reminder that HIV is no longer a death sentence, as "with regular testing, early diagnosis, and treatment, people living with HIV can achieve an undetectable viral load and live long, healthy, productive lives."

We at The Observer will continue to support the assiduous efforts of the health sector by highlighting the pertinent messages that enable our Federation to effectively curb the spread of HIV.

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its elimination status since 2017. The Ministry of Health is also providing subsidised PrEP to high-risk groups.

Secondary prevention focuses on early detection, expanded screening, and immediate linkage to care. The government continues to provide modern antiretroviral medications at no cost and offers counselling, mental health support, and assistance with basic needs to people living with HIV.

Tertiary services include adherence counselling, monitoring opportunistic infections, and screening for comorbidities such as cardiovascular disease and cervical cancer to ensure long-term health.

Dr. Drew urged citizens to take responsibility for their health, especially during the busy Christmas and Carnival season.

He encouraged residents to:

• Make HIV testing part of their annual medical check-up.

• Get tested as couples before having unprotected sex.

• Stay informed on HIV prevention.

• Use the free HIV testing and condoms available at all public health facilities.

"HIV is no longer a death sentence," Dr. Drew emphasised. "With early diagnosis and treatment, people living with HIV can achieve an undetectable viral load and live long, healthy, productive lives."

The Prime Minister also expressed gratitude to local partners—including SKN Alliance and SKN Care—for their continued work with vulnerable groups and key populations.

TOURISM

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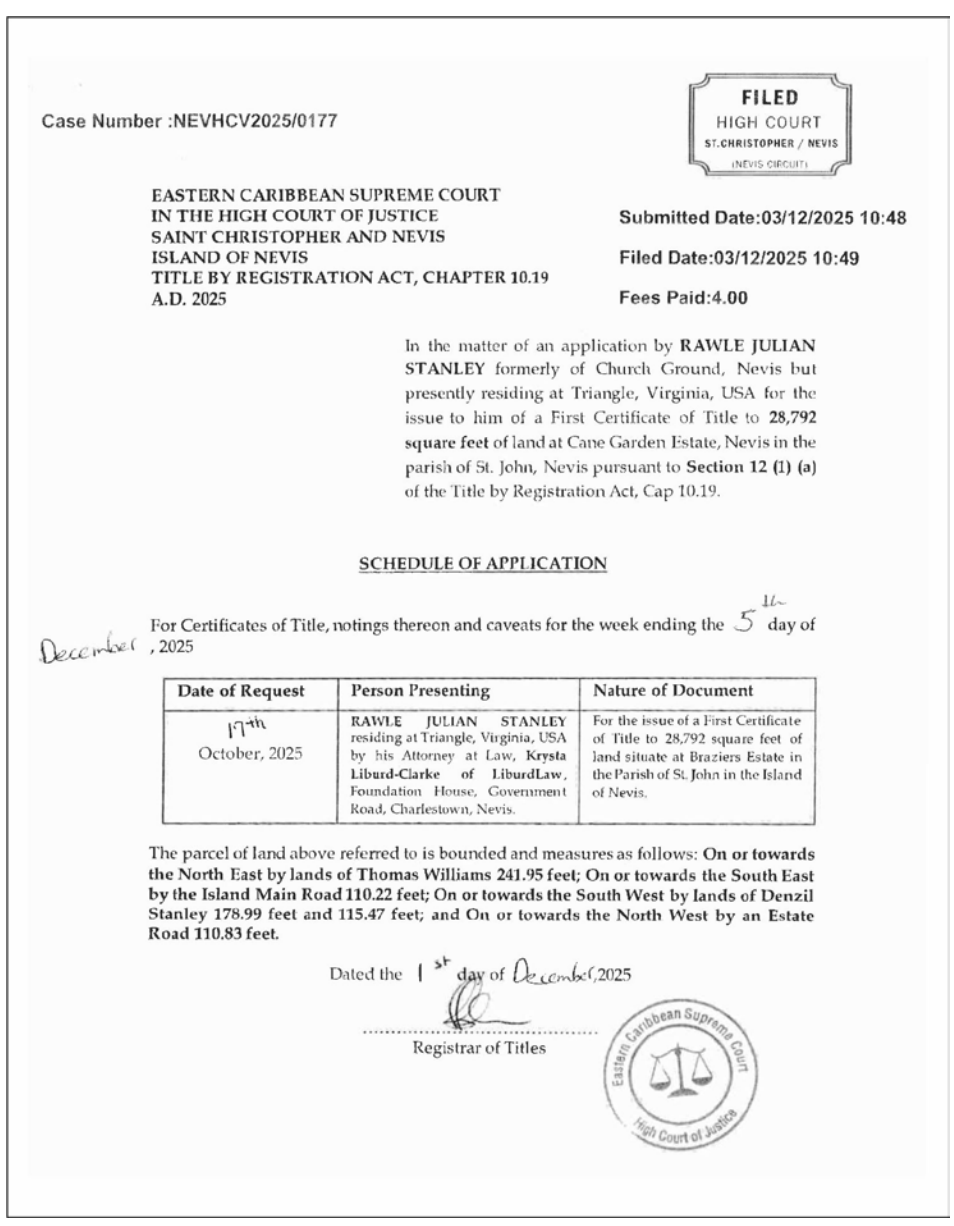
ing by the Nevis Tourism Authority as a major milestone for the fiscal year. He said the initiative will strengthen international marketing efforts, expand into emerging markets, and enhance the overall visitor experience.

"These new initiatives laid out in the Nevis Integrated Marketing Plan will serve to strengthen Nevis' market visibility, enhance the quality of the visitor experience, and reinforce the Island's position as the Caribbean's premier boutique luxury destination," he said.

The Premier noted that the well-known tourism tagline "Nevis Naturally" has been retained, reaffirming the island's natural charm and strong brand identity.



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(NEVIS CIRCUIT)

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ISLAND OF NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CHAPTER 10.19
A.D. 2025

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In the matter of an application by **RAWLE JULIAN STANLEY** formerly of Church Ground, Nevis but presently residing at Triangle, Virginia, USA for the issue to him of a First Certificate of Title to **28,792 square feet** of land at Cane Garden Estate, Nevis in the parish of St. John, Nevis pursuant to **Section 12 (1) (a)** of the Title by Registration Act, Cap 10.19.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificates of Title, notings thereon and caveats for the week ending the 5th day of December, 2025

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Document
17th October, 2025	RAWLE JULIAN STANLEY residing at Triangle, Virginia, USA by his Attorney at Law, **Krysta Liburd-Clarke of LiburdLaw**, Foundation House, Government Road, Charlestown, Nevis.	For the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 28,792 square feet of land situate at Braziers Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis.

The parcel of land above referred to is bounded and measures as follows: **On or towards the North East by lands of Thomas Williams 241.95 feet; On or towards the South East by the Island Main Road 110.22 feet; On or towards the South West by lands of Denzil Stanley 178.99 feet and 115.47 feet; and On or towards the North West by an Estate Road 110.83 feet.**

Dated the 1st day of December, 2025

Registrar of Titles

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

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■ Vacancies

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Full Time Positions. Competitive Salary
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Contact: hareshsadarangi@yahoo.com

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■ Vacancies

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is searching for 2 Office Managers: B.A. in
Business, have knowledge with Retail Edge
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■ Vacancies

VACANCY -
Food Centre
Main Street Charlestown, Nevis
Is Searching for a Manager
Contact: (869) 762-9898

VACANCY
S&L Cleaners
is searching for Cleaners
Contact: (869) 667-9998
For More Information

VACANCY -
Franklyn's Construction Services
Is searching for a Laborer
Contact: (869) 663-0683
For More Information

Private Estate located in Nevis in search of a:
Full Time Maintenance Projects Coordinator

Position Overview
This role serves as the communication and coordination hub for the maintenance department. This position requires excellent attention to detail and a professional, service-oriented demeanor. Tasks receiving and tracking repair requests, scheduling service appointments with outside vendors, and managing the logistics of parts ordering and delivery in a fast-paced environment.

Key Responsibilities Issue/Repair Request Management
- Receive, log, and track all maintenance-related requests and reports of items in need of repair.
- Prioritize requests and route them to the appropriate maintenance manager, supervisor, or team member.
- Monitor progress to ensure timely completion and maintain accurate service records.

Vendor Scheduling & Coordination
- Arrange and confirm appointments with outside contractors and service providers for repairs, preventative maintenance, and specialized services.
- Coordinate vendor access to the property, ensuring compliance with security procedures.
- Maintain a calendar of vendor visits and communicate relevant information to affected staff and management.

Parts & Supplies Logistics and Inventory Management
- Research and source replacement parts and maintenance supplies as directed.
- Place orders, track shipments, and coordinate delivery or installation schedules.
- Manage all aspects of overseas ordering of parts and supplies including uploading of all required documentation for import.
- Maintain an organized inventory of frequently used items and reorder as needed.

Administrative Support
- Keep detailed digital maintenance logs, service records, and vendor contact lists.
- Assist in preparing cost estimates, purchase orders, proposals, and expense tracking for maintenance-related activities.
- Assist in drafting annual budget.
- Reconcile debit card transactions and submit all supporting documentation in a timely manner.
- Prepare meeting minutes and agenda items for the department
- Assist in communication with other departments about maintenance related projects, issues, repairs, care instructions, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), safety instructions…etc.
- Provide general support to maintenance managers for operational projects.

Qualifications
- Previous administrative, scheduling, or coordination experience, preferably in a facilities, property management, or maintenance setting.
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to manage multiple priorities and deadlines.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Previous shipping (air and ocean freight) experience and knowledge is an asset.
- Proficiency with Apps, scheduling tools, spreadsheets, Dropbox, and Microsoft Office software.
- Comfortable interacting with vendors, contractors, and staff in a professional manner.
- Discretion and respect for confidentiality.
- Previous Safety training is an asset, ongoing safety training required.
- First Aid & CPR training provided.
- Valid Driver's License with clean driving record.
- Must be able to legally work in Nevis and provide a Police Clearance Certificate.

Physical & Work Environment Requirements
- Primarily office-based with property walkthroughs.
- Ability to lift and carry items (up to 50 lbs).
- Flexible, availability to adjust to the needs of the estate, occasional weekend, public holiday, or evening work is required.

To Apply
Please email CV to: estatejob9655@gmail.com
or complete a job application form at the office of: Larkland Richards and Associates, upstairs of Food Centre Supermarket on Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis

VACANCIES

1）Job Title: Electrician

We are looking for a skilled and reliable Electrician to join our team.
Responsibilities:
• Install, maintain, and repair electrical systems
• Troubleshoot electrical issues and ensure safety compliance
• Perform wiring, testing, and equipment inspections

Requirements:
• Proven experience as an electrician
• Knowledge of electrical systems, tools, and safety procedures
• Relevant certification is preferred

2）Job Title: Office Clerk

We are looking for a responsible and organized Office Clerk to join our team.

Responsibilities:
• Handle daily administrative tasks
• Manage documents, filing, and data entry
• Answer phone calls and support office operations
• Assist with scheduling and coordination

Requirements:
• Basic computer skills (Word, Excel)
• Good communication and organizational abilities
• Attention to detail and a positive attitude

To Apply:
Please contact us at (869) 660-7700,
emails address: royal.seaviewgarden@gmail.com

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■ Vacancies

VACANCIES

Ebenezer Engineering Consulting Epidemiology and Water Quality Control. The interested professional must meet the following requirements:

- BCs in Hygiene and Epidemiology or Water Quality Control related fields.

If interested, please call: (869) 661-0400.

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LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCE, 1906

SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate District "C"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Reyza Ruiz Rigondeaux

Now residing in #9 Williams Street, St Kitts Street in the town or

Village of ..... do hereby give you notice

That it is my intention to apply on 5

Day of January 2026 next to the District Magistrate

At Charlestown for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my

Premises in Low Street Street in St Paul's Parish

Dated this 21 day of November 2025

Signed: RR26

■ Vacancies

VACANCIES - VIP Auto Rental

1. Administrative Assistant / Office Manager

Seeking Job - Office/Admin Work
Over 10 Years' experience in office support, organizing schedules, keeping records and helping with the day-to-day operations. Hardworking, reliable and willing to learn.

2. Electrical Mechanic

Experienced in electrical and mechanical repairs, maintenance and troubleshooting. Dependable and skilled. Available for full-time work or private jobs.

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SANDERS

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erations. China continues to meet its obligations but has in recent years tended to pay much later in the year, leaving the UN short of cash. Other Member States, including several middle-income countries, are also paying behind schedule.

But the impact is greatest when the largest contributors are late. A predictable budget cannot survive unpredictable cashflow.

SMALL STATES: EXPOSED AND AT RISK

For the Caribbean and Latin America—regions of small, open economies and climate-exposed societies—the consequences are immediate and severe.

UN development and humanitarian programmes are already shrinking. Development financing—long the backbone of support for least developed and small island states—is eroding at the very moment climate impacts are accelerating.

For Small Island Developing States (SIDS), this is a survival issue. Every dollar removed from UN development and climate-adaptation programmes widens the gap between the threats faced and the ability to respond. As the impacts of climate change worsen, the loss of UN support will carry real human costs.

PEACEKEEPING AT A CROSSROADS

The picture in peace and security is equally troubling. Peacekeeping is often the last buffer before catastrophe. When budgets shrink and reimbursements slow, missions are forced to operate with fewer resources, weaker mandates, and diminished capacity to protect civilians.

Some major capitals are now considering reducing or restructuring their contributions to peacekeeping. Such debates are understandable; taxpayers everywhere want accountability for money spent abroad. But if the UN retreats, the world will rely more heavily on ad hoc coalitions or regional deployments, often with fewer safeguards, less transparency, and less legitimacy.

As with the OAS, when resources dwindle, only the activities preferred by the richest countries survive. That is not a recipe for balanced multilateralism.

A NARROWING UNITED NATIONS

As budgets tighten, the UN is being reshaped—often unintentionally—into a narrower institution. It will still debate, negotiate, and set norms, but without adequate financing, its capacity for field operations, development support, and humanitarian action will decline.

That is not the UN that the world needs. In disaster recovery, health crises, climate resilience, arms control, and the defence of small-state sovereignty, we rely on the UN to deliver support.

If insolvency forces the UN into retreat, the weakest and smallest states will be the first to feel the vacuum. And vacuums rarely remain empty; they are filled by the interests of the powerful.

WHAT MUST CHANGE

The way forward requires only practical steps that Member States have already contemplated.

The UN's financial instability is fundamentally a problem of timing. Contributions that arrive late, especially from the largest economies, create liquidity shocks that no amount of internal belt-tightening can absorb. The organisation would be strengthened considerably if all Member States, large and small, regarded timely payment of assessed contributions as integral to the mandates they approve. Such predictability is essential not only at the UN but also within the OAS.

There is also an outstanding proposal before the General Assembly to suspend the automatic return of unspent budget credits when liquidity falls below a safe threshold. This is financially prudent. It makes little sense for the UN to refund credits while simultaneously cutting staff and scaling back programmes due to lack of cash. A modest buffer could prevent unnecessary disruption. The OAS faces a similar anomaly: states receive a bonus for paying dues on time, while others incur no penalty for paying late or not at all.

THE UN IS NOW NEEDED MORE THAN EVER

Small countries need the UN most. It is in their interest to lead by example—paying contributions on time, honouring obligations, and encouraging the richest nations to do the same. The alternative is a weakened, less effective international system and a drift toward a world governed less by law and more by power.

The UN is already in a race to bankruptcy. Should it stumble, the world will learn quickly that when multilateralism weakens, the strong grow stronger—and the small stand alone.

(The author is the Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States and the OAS, and Dean of the OAS Ambassadors accredited to the OAS. Responses and previous commentaries: www.sirronaldsanders.com)

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St. Kitts and Nevis," the release stated.

"As a nation rooted in Christian principles, we are called to uphold decency, self-respect, and respect for others. Public conduct should honour God, protect our children, and preserve the dignity of our communities. We therefore urge all citizens to conduct themselves responsibly, and in a manner befitting our faith-based heritage."

Investigations into both incidents remain ongoing as authorities call for calm, cooperation, and vigilance during the busy

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RFHL announces the launch of its inaugural Sustainability Report

OUR MILESTONE JOURNEY

2022

- Launched Group ESG Policy Framework setting Group standards for strategy, lending, and operations.
- Formalized relationships with UNEPFI PRB (signed 2020) and NZBA (signed 2021).
- USD 200 million Climate Finance Facility established.

2023

- Expanded sustainability-focused finance commitments: TTD 50 million Agribusiness Loan Package launched in Trinidad and Tobago.
- Community Resilience: PMAD expanded youth, arts & culture, environmental, healthcare and sports and education and inclusion partnerships across subsidiaries to align with SDGs.

2024

- MSME financing target established: TTD 200 million to be disbursed by 2025, benefiting at least 1,500 MSMEs in Trinidad and Tobago to enhance access to financing.
- Launched the first of its kind in the region, Sustainability Expo.
- Limited assurance of 3rd PRB Self-Assessment Report.
- NZBA Power Generation Sector Target established.
- Procured ESG Data Platform – Updapt.

2025

- Published Baku to Belém Roadmap to 1.3T Paper as part of UNFCCC stakeholder consultation for COP 30.
- Completed Stage One of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Accreditation for Republic Bank (Grenada).
- Serving on the GFANZ High-Level Caribbean Chapter consultative group.
- First Caribbean bank to join the Latin America and Caribbean Chapter of SME Finance Forum.
- Completed introductory corporate sustainability training of all Trinidad and Tobago branches.
- Ghana fulfilled quarterly reporting requirements for the Sustainable Banking Principles (SBP) and Climate-Related Financial Risk Directive (CRFRD).
- Republic Bank representation at the BLUMORPHO pre-event leading up to the Blue Economy Finance Forum (BEFF).
- Established Group Greenhouse Gas Emissions Baseline to be used for cost saving initiatives.
- Achieved 93 percent of the USD 200 million Climate Finance Target.

Nigel Baptiste, Group President and CEO

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