



# St. John Properties Newsletter

Information, Facts & Trends

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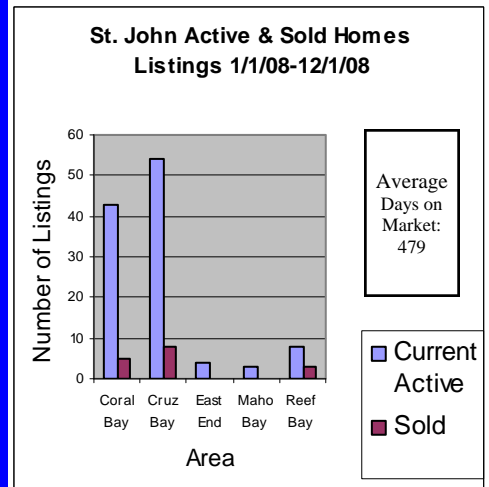
## St. John Back Time

In 1825 the Danish government opened a new courthouse and prison in Cruz Bay. The structure was intended to improve the treatment of slaves on St. John, by making justice a government issue rather than leaving it to individual planters. This building is now known as the Battery and is one of the only buildings remaining from the Danish Colonial period.



View of Battery and Cruz Bay from North Shore Road

## Market Watch



Alec Harris, Rental Manager

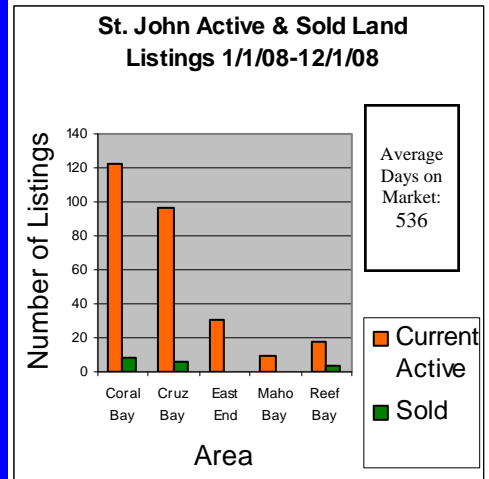
## Staff Updates

This year St. John Properties has made two superb additions to its staff. Alec, son of BJ's brother, came on board as Rental Manager and has taken the office by storm. A graduate of Boston College, his background in property management has been an enormous asset. Ace Rock, as we like to call him, is an avid bocce ball and Trivial Pursuit player, and is quick with a dry joke and a hardy laugh.



Tina Petitto, Sales Manager, and Maia

Tina Petitto began working at St. John Properties as Sales Manager in October. Her thorough manner and remarkable organizational skills have already added immeasurably to the office. Tina is also the owner of Hurricane Alley in Mongoose Junction, and a busy mother of a precocious 10-year-old daughter, Maia. We welcome this dynamic-duo to our team and look forward to a bright real estate future.



*Happiness resides not in possessions and not in gold; the feeling of happiness dwells in the soul.*  
Democritus



**Rotary Club of St. John, USVI**

## Current Events

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, a group of 80 St. Johnians gathered at the Ocean Gill Bar and Restaurant in Mongoose Junction to join the Rotary Club of St. John in recognizing and celebrating three special St. John residents. St. John Properties' staff joined Rotary President, BJ, in honoring Bob Malacarne, of St. John Rescue, and Moe Chabuz, owner of Skinny Legs, for their years of untiring community service, as well as Dr. Elizabeth Barot for her 23 years of vocational service at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center. The three recipients this year all exemplify Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." It was tremendous to be at the dinner and to share in honoring people like this in our community, and even more remarkable to know that they are there to help when help is needed.

Saturday, November 22nd, almost 200 guests attended *Flavors—A Taste of St. John*, The Rotary Club's annual charity event. The winners were The Westin, Rhumb Lines and The Beach Bar. But the real winners were the St. John college bound students, who receive \$12,500 each year from The Rotary in scholarships!

## Island News Watch:

Throughout the island, recycling is a old trend that is being revived! Green recycling bins for aluminum have been placed at several locations for convenience and ease. In Coral Bay, on the South Shore Rd, and on Giffit Hill Rd, the bins are located next to the dumpsters, and in Cruz Bay they are located at Connections and Kilroy's laundry. Volunteers have adopted the bins and are responsible for emptying them regularly. Can crushers can be ordered at St. John Hardware for approximately \$25 and will help to decrease the bulk of your recycling items. So far, the united efforts of the people who live on this beautiful island have been very successful and the future of our overflowing landfills is hopeful. STJP is installing a can crusher in each of it's villas.



## Featured Listing: Fish Bay Hideaway

**This 4 Bedroom, Two Bath** villa is nestled in the quiet Fish Bay neighborhood on the south shore of St. John. Sit in the hammock and enjoy the breathtaking view of Fish Bay and the Caribbean. On clear days you can see St. Croix, 40 miles away. The villa sits on a private half



Acre lot and boasts two large decks and open living, dining, and kitchen areas. The master and second bedrooms have A/C, and there is an oversized master bath.

This new listing is priced to sell at **\$699,000**.



## Vacation Rental Watch: Villa St. John

This magnificent villa, with its British West Indies ambience, one of only a few six bedroom villas on the entire island, is available for those seeking a fantasy vacation of which dreams are made. The master villa is comprised of four

bedroom suites and the guest villa of two bedroom suites. Both the master and guest villas have their own living and dining room areas and newly renovated kitchens with rich mahogany cabinetry and graphite counter tops. Contact Alec for more information!



*Guest Review: "The villa was lovely and had access to the water where we kayaked and snorkeled. Villa St John is conveniently located close to the island's best restaurants and shopping as well. The villa's pool and deck was a wonderful place to relax and enjoy the fabulous ocean view. Villa St John is furnished with everything you need to cook your favorite gourmet meals, and it is surrounded by beautiful tropical landscaping. We will definitely be back to stay again!"*

"The villa's pool and deck was a wonderful place to relax and enjoy the fabulous ocean view"

*Lisa Scott*



## Calendar Watch:

- Friday, December 5th, 2008 ACC Christmas for the Animals 6:30 – 9:30pm at Tango Mare
- Saturday & Sunday, December 6th, 7th, 13th & 14th 2008 Epiphany Theater production of Crackin Da Nut St. John School of the Arts
- Saturday, December 6th 2008 4th Annual St. John Christmas Children's Parade St. John, Cruz Bay 6:00pm
- Saturday, December 6th 2008 St. John Christmas Music Festival/St. John, Cruz Bay 7:30pm
- Saturday, December 13th 2008 Island Christmas Party Mongoose Junction Adults Only 9:00pm
- Saturday, December 20th 2008 Christmas With Santa Sun Dog Café Mongoose Junction 9:00am
- Saturday, February 7th Sprauve Gala, Caneel Bay
- Saturday, February 28th, 2009 8 Tuff Miles Race Downtown Cruz Bay to Coral Bay
- Wednesday, March 18th, 2009 7th Annual St. John Blues Festival Sun Dog Cafe & Gecko Gazebo 8:00pm
- Thursday, March 19th, 2009 7th Annual St. John Blues Festival Aqua Bistro 8:00pm
- Friday, March 20th, 2009 7th Annual St. John Blues Festival Shipwreck Landing 8:00pm
- Saturday, March 21st, 2009 7th Annual St. John Blues Festival St. John, Coral Bay Ballfield 7:00pm
- Sunday, March 22nd, 2009 7th Annual St. John Blues Festival, Beach Bar 4:00pm

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