

Venture News

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TAREIG In the News

SCHOOL SUPPLIES UPGRADED AT FRANKS EDDY SCHOOL

When the call for assistance from the local Franks Eddy School is made, members of Camino Del Rio are always there to provide assistance.

The Franks Eddy village is a small community of approximately 400 residents in an area that stretches from the Western Highway all the way to the Caves Branch River edge. Its location in the Cayo district and the central area of Belize attract many



Franks Eddy students receive new books and supplies

Belizean families to work at the nearby citrus farms and to provide services at the local tourist attractions. The Franks Eddy primary school provides education to the local youth population of over 140 students from Kindergarten to 6th grade.

Dr. Carol James, one of Camino Del Rio's newest purchasers, immediately fell in love with Belize and the local Franks Eddy Village and felt compelled to be involved with the community. A former District of Columbia primary School teacher, Dr. James believes in outreach and service. On her recent visit to Belize Dr. James answered the call to action by providing school supplies and equipment. Principal Joel Flores was ecstatic with the donated equipment that will aid both



Principal Flores accepts the laser printer for use at the school

the staff and students. Camino Del Rio is an integral part of this community and support from its residents and visitors has always been a priority. Dr. James plans to be very involved in the school and local church as she prepares for her future residency at Camino Del Rio and looks forward to the continued global development projects that are in the works.

Local/Country News

RESEARCHERS TO EXPLORE ANCIENT MAYA POOLS OF BELIZE

A team of expert divers, a geochemist and an archaeologist will be the first to explore the sacred pools of the southern Maya lowlands in rural Belize. The expedition, made possible with a grant from the National Geographic Society and led by a University of Illinois archaeologist, will investigate the cultural significance, environmental history and condition of three of the 23 pools of Cara Blanca in central Belize.

Called cenotes (sen-OH-tays), these groundwater-filled sinkholes in the limestone bedrock were treated as sacred

sites by the Maya. Studies of shallow lakes and cenotes in Mexico and Guatemala have found that the Maya also left elaborate offerings in the sacred lakes and pools. The sediment samples will provide a record of changes in surface and water conditions. Were the Maya challenged by droughts in the area? Did the water quality suddenly go bad due to sulfur or other geologic factors? There is hope that these cenotes will provide a rich story of linked human and environmental conditions. The team will include some of the most accomplished technical divers in the world and

will be in radio contact with British Special Forces, who train in the region. The divers will videotape and map the pools and any artifacts they find.

One of the three pools the researchers will explore has a substantial Maya structure on its edge, likely ceremonial. The team plans to conduct a limited analysis of the structure while the divers explore the pools. The works are under the auspices of the Institute of Archeology, which is part of the National Institute of Culture and History, Government of Belize.

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Project Spotlight**CISTERNS—A WATER CONSERVATION METHOD**

Cisterns save kilowatts of energy to disperse water for common household uses

Camino Del Rio has begun the process of expanding rain water collection methods through the use of cisterns. Cisterns are containers used to store rainwater. Cistern water can be used for many purposes including cooking, irrigation, and washing. The cistern containers are typically made of plastic, concrete or fiberglass and can last for decades with minimal maintenance. Filters or other water purification methods can be installed when the water is meant for consumption.

It is not uncommon for cisterns to be open in some way in order to catch rain or to include more elaborate rain-catching systems. Some cisterns sit on the top of houses or on the ground higher than the house, and supply the running water needs for the house. Cisterns differ from water tanks in that they are not completely enclosed and sealed with one form, rather they have a lid made of the same

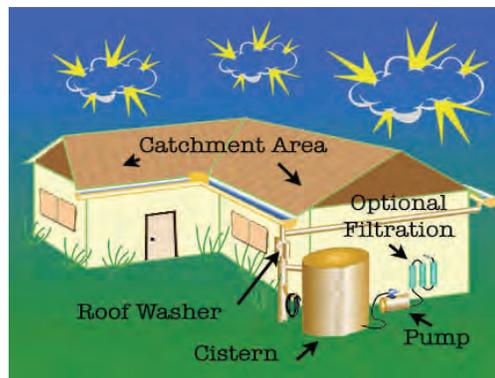
material as the cistern, which is removable by the user and can be used for inspections and cleaning. Cisterns should be inspected and cleaned regularly with an appropriate dilution of chlorine and then rinsed well.

To continue enjoying water provided by one of the best underground water systems in the Cayo district (known as an aquifer), methods to preserve and maintain the purity of this aquifer are important. Camino's chemical-free farming method, including natural fertilization of all plants and fruits using the abundant leaf compost, protects the water supply from toxins.

At Camino, various methods of testing underground and above ground rain water collection systems are being explored. Testing has been initiated on different cistern units ranging from a few gallons to water house and lawn plants to thousands of gallons to support a home. For every gravity cistern that is installed, kilowatts of energy are saved since no power is required to use the system. Even using small cisterns with a hand valve requiring very little space or a simple rain barrel is a start in a new direction that will ensure an adequate supply of water for all.

Soon the onsite seven thousand plant nursery will convert to cistern watering. The water to the new Tiki bar restroom facilities currently under construction will be supplied by a roof cistern.

The use of cisterns at Camino Del Rio will be encouraged for home-owners as they begin the planning for the construction of their homes; even small ones (a twenty-five gallon tank).



A typical home cistern configuration

CAMINO RECIPE OF THE MONTH**Chaya Egg Scramble****Ingredients:**

- 1/4 lb chaya (also known as Belizean spinach)
- 3-4 eggs
- 2 Tbsp milk or water
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 onion (finely chopped)
- 1 tbsp margarine 15ml
- 1 medium sized tomato (chopped)

Directions:

1. Wash chaya leaves and tear leaves into small pieces.
2. Cover and set aside.
3. Break eggs, add milk or water, salt, pepper and onion and beat well.
4. Heat frying pan and add oil.
5. Add spinach and tomato. Saute for 3 minutes and stir.

6. Add eggs and continue cooking for another 3 minutes or until mixture is firm and fluffy.
 7. Remove from stove
- Serves 4



Chaya leaves are abundant at Camino Del Rio

Adventure Activity Spotlight
GOLFING COMES TO BELIZE

Golf is available on the mainland and a private island

Golfing in Belize is just starting to catch on. One might think that with Belize's great weather and beautiful array of landscapes there would already be a vast array of golf courses to choose from. Currently there are two golf courses in operation in the country.

On the mainland near the capital city of Belmopan is the Roaring River Gold course. This course offers a simple version of Belize golf, and though the course is small, many visitors have said that it is a treat to play. The site offers a 9-hole, executive style course, with double tees. The course measures 1,933 yards on the front nine, and 1,959 on the back nine, for a par 64 and a total distance of nearly 4,000 yards. The elevated and bunkered greens offer a challenge even for the most skilled of golfers, and along the way you'll spot native birds and a good amount of iguanas. Indigenous trees and jungle growth line the fairways, and you can grab some refreshments before or after your round at the course's clubhouse. There are also nature trails where you can enjoy a bit of hiking, and the nearby Guanacaste Natural Park is worth visiting.

On the island of Caye Chapel there is a par 72, USGA rated, 18-hole course. Caye Chapel is a private island found just 12 miles off the Belize coast. You can get here in ten minutes from Belize City or a 45-minute boat ride from Ambergris Caye. The exclusive and upscale Caye Chapel Island Resort offers very luxurious villas and suites for lodging. On this small resort island, besides the golf course and the resort

accommodations are a nice swimming pool, a deep-water marina that can handle up to 140-foot yachts, a private airstrip, and an impressive clubhouse. There's also two miles of glorious beach to enjoy. The 25,000 square-foot clubhouse offers a nice restaurant and bar, as well as conference facilities and a new fitness center. The views it affords of the Belize Barrier Reef and the blue, turquoise Caribbean Sea are stunning. It's pretty much about golf and relaxation here, and the course, which measures more than 7,000 yards, dominates most of Caye Chapel's landscape. This course should be all that any golfer could ever want. Plus, you're in the middle of paradise.

If golf in Belize is not part of your plan, you can still head to Caye Chapel to enjoy the fitness center, beach, and swimming pool. It is possible to enjoy Caye Chapel Belize golfing without staying at one of the villas on the island. You'll just have to arrange a tour or boat ride in.



Golf is catching on in Belize

PHOTO GALLERY
VIEWS FROM THE MOUNTAINVIEW BIRD WATCHING TOWER



View of the Pelican House



The Maya Mountains



A perched Osprey



Hilario relaxes in the sitting area



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- Emphasize local community involvement and community service support,
- Provide for a network of other TAREIG corporate owned and commercial developed projects.

MISSION

The mission of TAREIG, LLC is to develop unique and high quality real estate projects that are situated near outdoor adventure and tourist attractions in emerging travel destination areas.

VISION

Our vision is to create a network of TAREIG properties through land development and reciprocal arrangements with other similar high quality residential and vacation development communities and resorts throughout the world.

CORPORATE PHILOSOPHY

Offer quality products and a satisfying customer experience.

Closing Note
LIVING AMONGST THE RICH AND FAMOUS

When you come to the Placencia Peninsula of southern Belize, you may find yourself in celebrity company. While filming *Apocalypse Now* in the jungles of Thailand and the Philippines, Francis Ford Coppola fell in love with the verdant jungle rainforests and vowed to build a house in a similar setting where he could spend creative time writing and reading, but closer to home.

On a trip to Belize in 1981, he found just the place in the remote highlands of western Belize's Cayo district. It overlooked the waterfalls in the Pine Ridge Reserve and is midway between important Mayan archeological sites of Caracol, in Belize, and Tikal, in Guatemala.

This became a secluded family vacation spot for Coppola and his family, and a host of famous aunts, uncles, and cousins (including actors Nicholas Cage and Jason and Robert Schwartzman).

Later, Coppola converted the property into a "rustically comfortable" and mostly self-sufficient resort. Opened in 1993, Blancaneaux Lodge is beautifully intimate with rooms decorated with textiles and folk art purchased by Francis and Eleanor during their travels through Central America. There are extensive vegetable gardens and citrus groves that supply most of the resort's food. In 2000, the second Coppola family retreat opened near Placencia village on the languid shores of the Caribbean in Belize's Stann Creek district. Known as the Turtle Inn resort, it takes its inspiration from Bali, with batik prints, Japanese soaking tubs, Asian antiques, and elaborate hard-carved wooden doors. In both locations there are no TVs or phones in the rooms. Instead, guests use the Shellphone: a giant conch shell on a wooden base that acts as an intercom. (Coppola calls himself a leader in

"shellular technology.") The restaurants at both locations are top notch, serving many Coppola family recipes. The wine cellar is stocked with vintages from Coppola's own Napa Valley vineyards. The spas at both properties are among the finest in Belize.

The Coppola family often vacations at these properties. And Francis Ford Coppola himself can sometimes be found enjoying the exquisite food in the restaurant, writing and relaxing on the deck of his villa, or sitting at the bar. Learn more about the Coppola resorts at www.blancaneaux.com.



A unique spa experience at the Turtle Inn