

Venture News

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TAREIG In the News

TAREIG HELPS CROWN MISS QUEEN OF THE BAY IN NEW YORK

One of Belize's most prestigious competitions, the Queen of the Bay Pageant, has expanded from beyond the country's borders into New York and Los Angeles. Originating in Belize in 1946, the Queen of the Bay Pageant is the oldest event of its kind and provides an opportunity for young women to display their patriotism, glamour and intelligence. TAREIG was one of the many sponsors of the New York pageant that was held in Brooklyn in August.

Five Belizean-American beauties competed against each other for the wearing of the crown. The aspiring queens participate in a swimsuit competition, display a talent, show-off in

an evening gown and then share their knowledge in a final question and answer session. Contestants must be Belizean by birth or descent to be able to qualify for the title.

The 2008-2009 winner is the charming 25 year old Ms. Shaneleigh Mejia. Ms. Mejia



Shaneleigh Mejia wears the crown sponsored by TAREIG for the New York Belize pageant

was born in Belize and migrated with her parents to New York in 1999. She has obtained an Associates degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration and plans to continue her education with a Master's degree. She is currently employed by the City of New York as a Community Coordinator.

Ms. Mejia will join the winner from the Los Angeles pageant to further compete in Belize for the Battles of St. George's Caye. She will also visit Belize to participate in local parades, provide encouragement and be a role model to other aspiring women in the country.

Local/Country News

TAIWAN AND BELIZE HEALTH CARE COOPERATION

This summer, a six-member delegation from the Tao-Yuan General Hospital (TYGH), Ministry of Health, Taiwan visited Belize to further extend the hospital's health care cooperation program with Belize. This meeting was a follow-up visit to strengthen the cooperation in areas of human resource development and capacity building. Belizean healthcare professionals have been trained over the recent years and the mission is to create a relationship

with the Western Regional Hospital and the Tao Yuan Hospital. The focus of the meeting was on reviewing the surgical services and to evaluate the biomedical equipment training in the country. Public hospitals in all of the districts were visited to better evaluate the needs.

Through this cooperative, medical doctors are often deployed to Belize to assist in the treatment of serious illnesses and to train local physicians. As the growth of



Joint program promotes cooperation

new residents arrive into the area, training on the latest medical procedures become more important. Medical supplies and other future donations are planned as part of the program.

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Project Spotlight GOING GREEN AT HOME

*Invest with a conscience
and go 'green'*

As more and more consumers become environmentally conscious, they are seeking to find ways to create green spaces at home. Anyone can do it, and it doesn't matter if you are an apartment dweller or a home owner. Even if your building isn't architecturally green friendly, your interior can be, as it is all in the sustainable materials you select.

Going green doesn't have to be expensive. The goal of sustainable design is to have a lesser impact on the environment. Many projects can be do-it-yourself. Simple and sometimes complex things that can be done to ensure the principles to recycle, reclaim/reuse, using non-toxic items, and sustainability are incorporated.

Designing your home in an eco-friendly manner can be a bit more expensive, but the supply and demand is causing prices to lower. Items such as countertops of bamboo, recycled glass, and paper used to be much more expensive, but they are now in a similar price range as granite.

There are various materials now available that can help homeowners become more environmentally responsible. Sustainable materials include flooring from bamboo, cork, bark, leather, and reclaimed hardwood, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)-free paints (paints which that do not release significant pollutants) and furniture constructed from hardwoods certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

If you use a dual flush toilet, you can save over 60% on your water bill, and the price of the toilet is compatible with a less efficient toilet.

Replacing appliances with Energy-Star-rated models also increases energy efficiency and lowers your energy bill. Appliances that have such a rating meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy.



Look for the Energy Star rating on appliances

If you decide to hire an interior designer, research sustainable design, as it is best to educate yourself about the materials available beforehand. Use online sources, magazines,

and even visit a green building conference, many of which are open to the public. An eco-friendly home designer should know about practices that include use of FSC-certified hardwoods, non-toxic paints, and have worked on projects that involve multiple levels of high-value options that will save money for clients.

Questions to ask include:

- What is the benefit for the client, the project and the planet?
- How much will this cost?
- How is the care different?
- Where is the green or eco-friendly documentation?

As with any designer/consultant, you should ask for professional affiliations and references.

GREEN CHANGES YOU CAN MAKE

Even the smallest of actions can have lasting environmental effects. Going green at home gives people the opportunity to reduce their impact on the environment and to ensure that clean air and water are available for future generations. Although you can spend a lot to go green, just a few inexpensive changes can make a difference.

1. Use less electricity. Switch to compact fluorescent bulbs each time you replace an old incandescent bulb. Compact fluorescents save 75 percent in energy use and last up to 10 times longer. As a bonus, you'll save money on your electric bill.

2. Run the washer, dryer and dishwasher only with full loads. You reduce both electricity and water usage by only running these appliances when necessary.

3. Install a low-flow shower head. The newest models still produce strong water pressure while using much less water.

4. Choose Zero VOC paints for your next home decorating project. Most paints contain toxic volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that are released into the air when you paint. VOCs can cause short and long term health problems.

5. Look for furnishings made without glue or formaldehyde. This will green your home by improving your indoor air-quality.

6. Recycle, reuse and compost. Reduce the amount of stuff you send to the landfill. Find out about recycling programs in your community. Find new uses for items. Compost yard waste and kitchen scraps.

7. Properly dispose of hazardous waste. Cleaners, oils, paints, pesticides, batteries and solvents should never go out with the household garbage; they end up contaminating the soil and groundwater in your community. Contact your city government or the EPA to find out how to properly dispose of these items.

Adventure Activity Spotlight

CAVE TUBING ALONG THE SIBUN CAVES BRANCH RIVER

Cave tubing is available in Central Belize

Come and experience the mystery and beauty of the caves and caverns of Belize and journey through the interconnected caves where the Ancient Mayas once travelled as cave tubing has become Belize's most popular adventure trip.

Enter the exciting world of rivers disappearing into the underworld as you float on inner tubes with only your headlamp to light your way. Floating past side windows that filter the jungle light through the mist as you swirl around stalagmites jutting from the river and stalactites looming from above. Float past underground waterfalls then into the crystal cathedral, a spiritual center to the ancient Maya.

In less than an hour drive from the commercial center of Belize City is the historic Sibun Caves Branch Archaeological Park which provides its visitors with some of the best opportunities to explore cave tubing in Belize and appreciate the area's spectacular cave formations from over 100 million years ago.

Some caves programs start with a hike through nature trails, which take you through small dry caves with gorgeous stalactite and stalagmite formations and crystal curtains. The flora of the rainforest is typical of a well preserved tropical broad-leaf eco-system, with many famous hard-

woods, medicinal plants, and some farming produce such as guava, mamei, pineapple, sugarcane, mango, avocado, and coconut trees.

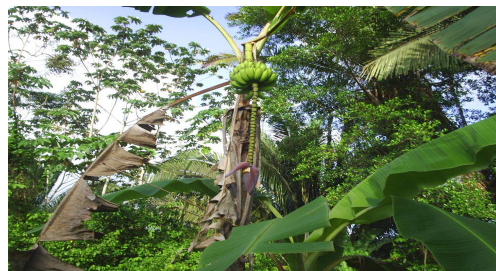
With a myriad of intricate cave systems, alluring jungle trails, and spectacular scenery, it is not surprising that the pristine forests of Belize have fast developed as the region's premier cave tubing and adventure tourism destinations.

As you float down the river, you will experience the wonder of animal and bird-shaped stalactite formations once held sacred by those Mayan shamans, so be sure to bring a waterproof camera to capture the unique and natural sculptures.



Cave Tubing along the Caves Branch River in central Belize

PHOTO GALLERY (*The Trees of Camino Del Rio*)



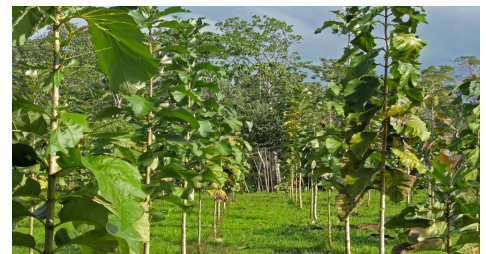
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Various Palm



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TAREIG, LLC, The Adventure Real Estate Investment Group, is a Maryland based real estate development and management company created to pursue domestic and foreign real estate investment opportunities. The target for real estate development activities is on small to medium sized projects in emerging destinations that are in the early stages of development for tourism and residential community living. Projects include the building of resorts, single family, and multi-unit residential and vacation home communities that incorporate ecological-based designs to maintain and/or enhance the natural features of the property.

OUR PROJECTS:

- Utilize environmentally sound preservation practices,
- 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.

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PRE-SUMMER BELIZE SAMPLER IN MAY

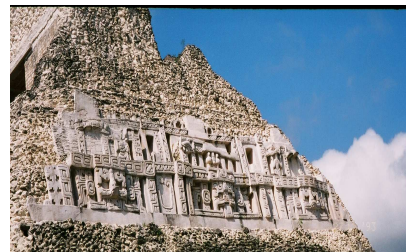
With average annual temperatures of 80 degrees, the weather is always warm in the tropical country of Belize. So get ready to pack your bags and head south to join in the pre-summer fun.

Imagine yourself enjoying water sports near the longest barrier reef in the western hemisphere, experiencing the ceremonial culture of centuries-old Mayan ruins, climbing to the top of a waterfall in the jungle, or just relaxing by the beach. Belize, nestled between Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, Guatemala and the Caribbean coast. Known as "Mother Nature's Best Kept Secret", Belize is surrounded by a rich diversity of eco-systems and nature's

most exotic treasures, offering an intriguing mix of tropical forests rich with wildlife, majestic mountains, mysterious Maya temples, and the world's best diving and fishing experiences. Belize is consistently ranked as one of the top ten best-selling adventure travel destinations in the world and is a favorite destination for travelers that

enjoy water sports, adventure, and relaxation.

Join TAREIG and Fresco Adventures as it presents it's fifth year with a Belize Sampler Program from Wednesday, through Sunday, May 13-17. This 5-day/4-night extended weekend getaway is an outdoor enthusiasts dream of adventure, fun, and relaxation visiting the mainland and major island of San Pedro. Visit the website for more information at www.frescoadventure.com to view the detailed itinerary or call (301) 352-5272 to book your reservation today. Looking forward to seeing YOU in Belize.



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