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YEAR IN REVIEW

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DPW

ON THE MOVE

2024 marked another year of DPW illustrating its slogan, "On the Move!" While it was a year of transformational change, we also recognize the difficulties and challenges we overcame. DPW's 2024 Year in Review is dedicated to the late Peggy Franco, a longtime employee who we lost this year but who exemplified all the department represents.

2024 saw the advent of projects on all three islands, such as head starts, libraries, government buildings and facilities, bridges, and roads. With 2025 rapidly approaching, we are looking forward to keeping the positive momentum moving. We hope that you enjoy our Year in Review and all the great things to come!!

Derek Gabriel
Commissioner

GARVEE BOND ISSUANCE

A \$156 million GARVEE issuance has been approved to complete key transportation projects territory wide. Outside of the direct economic stimulus this package will provide through jobs, material sales, taxes, and indirect economic multipliers, these projects, particularly Veterans Drive - Phase 2A and the St. Croix - St. Thomas ferry, will positively change the territory for the foreseeable future.

what's covered >>>





WHAT WILL THE GARVEE BONDS COVER?

GRANT ANTICIPATION REVENUE VEHICLE (GARVEE)

\$54M

Refinance
Existing GARVEEs

\$48M

Veterans Drive
Project Phase 2A

\$20M

St. Croix –
St. Thomas Ferry

\$28M

Available for
St. Croix Projects

\$6M

Deposit to Debt Service Reserve Fund
& Issuance Costs

\$156 MILLION TOTAL

MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS



We have continued building the territory's resiliency through improved infrastructure.

Throughout the year, our department has made significant strides in this regard with repairs made to major thoroughfares such as segments of Queen Mary Highway on St. Croix, and FEMA-funded projects in the areas of Fortuna/Bordeaux, Estate Nazareth, Bolongo, Coral Bay, and Cruz Bay of the St. Thomas/St. John District.



First Avenue



Kronprindsens Gade

Road Projects

- Downtown Christiansted Road Project - Phase 1 completed. Phase 2 nearing completion.
- Melvin Evans Highway (MEH) Segment 2 (Final Segment) - Nearing completion.
- Clifton Hill Connector Road Project, now including lighting the entire MEH - In progress.
- Queen Mary Highway Bridge - Completed.
- Altona Lagoon Bridge - Completed.
- East Airport Road Bridge - Completion scheduled for Jan. 2025
- Route 669 Bridge (near Dept. of Agriculture) - In progress.

Drainage Improvements

- First Avenue Drainage Project - In progress.
- Downtown Charlotte Amalie Drainage Project:
 - Segment 1 Completed (Kronprindsens Gade).
 - Segment 2 Completed (Crystal Gade).



Clifton Hill

TRANSPORTATION



The Division of Transportation has been a significant focus in the past twelve months. In Fall 2023, we executed a contract to design, fabricate, and deliver a new 300-passenger ferry for the St. Thomas – St. John route.

We are currently soliciting a ferry boat operator for the new ferry, appropriately named the “Spirit of 1733.” The deadline to submit a proposal is December 30, 2024.





In fiscal year 2024 VITRAN served 218,446 fixed-route and Paratransit riders. Of that, 44,240 rides were free, which amounts to approximately 20.3 percent of our ridership. The department increased rates on June 1, 2024, to help cover operational costs. Fixed-route service was increased to \$2, and Paratransit service to \$4. Paratransit ridership is high, and most daily trips include rides to medical visits, personal care visits, and work.

The department saw that global economic factors such as logistics, supply chain issues, and the pandemic adversely impacted all VITRAN services. As an aside, the department is under contract, utilizing federal funds, for seven new medium-duty buses and has an amendment for two additional buses. We expect to acquire 12 new ADA Paratransit vans during this fiscal year. Also, DPW acquired two new electric paratransit vans in 2024.

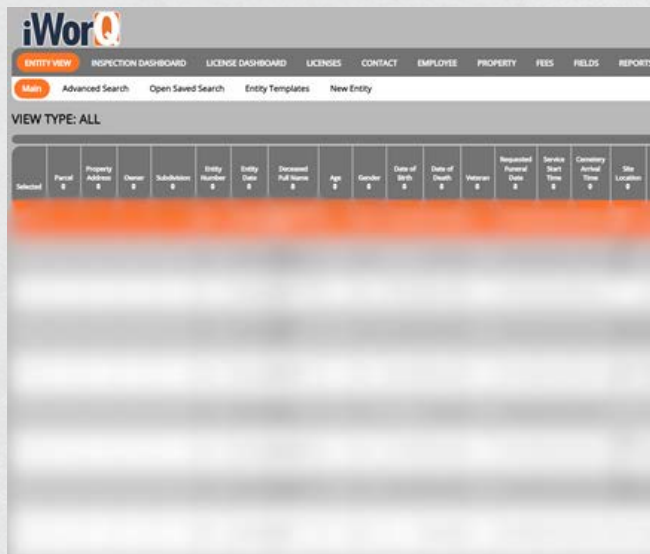


CEMETERY PROJECTS



The department is upgrading public cemeteries territory-wide. On St. Croix, a new veteran's crypt is about 75% completed. The cost for this segment of the project is \$468,820.50. On St. Thomas, the department is building a veteran crypt, a columbarium, and a crypt for the general public. This portion of the project is 90% completed and costs \$666,838.

The Western Cemetery Wall Project on St. Thomas began construction on Dec. 4, 2024. This new project focuses on building a perimeter wall around Western Cemetery No. 3, signage, repairs, and landscaping.



CEMETERY DIGITIZATION STATS

Our cemeteries are of paramount importance. Working with local and national partners, we are crafting a strong Territorial Cemetery Enhancement Plan aimed at revitalizing our cemeteries and preserving our burial records for future generations.

Using the iWorQ management system, we began digitizing our burial records in 2023. As of December 11, 2024, 8600 cemetery records were uploaded in iWorQ. This year, there were 317 burials in the St. Thomas/St. John District and 292 on St. Croix.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Engineering and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Divisions are currently managing over 100 projects territory-wide.

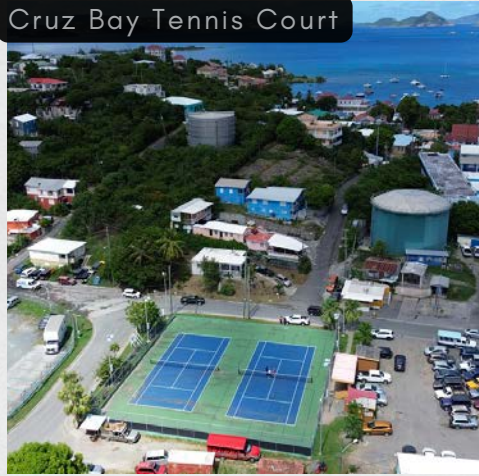
These divisions are responsible for providing construction management, as well as architectural and engineering services for a wide range of scopes of work for DPW and other government agencies.



Bolongo Head Start



Cruz Bay Tennis Court



Charles Harwood Clinic



Priority Projects

- Cramers Park - Completed
- Florence Williams Library - Completed
- Charles Harwood Medical Complex - Demolished
- Vincent Mason Pool - Under Construction
- Annas Hope Head Start - Under Construction
- Concordia Head Start - Under Construction
- DC Canegata Complex - Under Construction
- Charles Seales Fire Station - Under Construction
- Cruz Bay Head Start - Completed
- Cruz Bay Tennis Court - Completed
- Emile Griffith Ballpark - Under Construction
- Enid Baa Library - Under Construction
- Charles Turnbull Library - Under Construction
- Lindberg Bay Head Start - Under Construction
- Bolongo Bay Head Start - Under Construction
- Minnetta Mitchell Head Start - Under Construction

Cramers Park



Florence Williams Library



Emile Griffith Ballpark



Operations Division SPOTLIGHT

The Operations Division is comprised of four units. They are responsible for the maintenance of public roadways and highways; public cemeteries; government buildings; as well as our fleet of heavy equipment and trucks throughout the territory.



Operations Division SPOTLIGHT



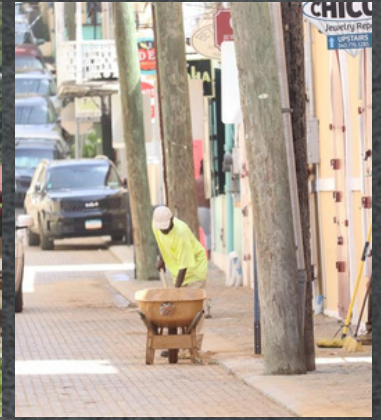


AUGUST 13, 2024

HURRICANE ERNESTO

- LANDFALL: 8PM
- 65 MPH WINDS
- WNW AT 18 MPH
- PRESSURE 998 MB

Hurricane Ernesto RECOVERY



EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR ²⁰²⁴



STANFORD MACCOW

GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER II
ST. CROIX DISTRICT



NANCY CAMACHO

TRANSIT ADA ASSISTANT
ST. THOMAS - ST. JOHN DISTRICT

Congratulations again to our 2024 Employees of the Year for going far beyond the call of duty and doing more than others expect. This is what excellence is all about. It comes from striving, maintaining the highest standards, looking after the smallest detail, and going the extra mile.

Excellence means doing your very best. In everything, in every way.

DPW EVENTS 2024

Mother's Day Roses



St. Croix Beach Day



Motorcade



Crocs Day



Bowling Day



Dominoes Tournament



EVENTS CONT.



Chicken and Fish Fry



Employee Breakfast



Battle of the Agencies St. Croix



Battle of the Agencies St. Thomas



Scavenger Hunt



Scavenger Hunt Winners



Cake Sale

EVENTS CONT.



Employee Appreciation Breakfast



Beach Day



Movie Day



Beach Day



Burger Sale



ROAD NAMING CEREMONIES

Road naming ceremonies commemorate the contributions of outstanding individuals serving in the U.S. Virgin Islands. This year, 14 people were honored for their exceptional work. They include: Corporal Kendall Emanuel George, Rudolph A. "Pimpy" Thomas Jr.; Private Viggo Edison Sewer; Almando "Rocky" Liburd; Benburin "Benny" Stephens; Bishop Dr. William Alfred Industrious; Horace A. Callwood, Sr.; Wayne "Facts Man" Adams; Aloy "Wenty" Nielsen; Dr. Rafael Garcia, MD; Officer Melbourne Clarke; Euclyn "Pede" Prentice, Jr.; Pastor Hector Luis González; and Valmy Thomas. Veterans Circle on St. John was named as well.

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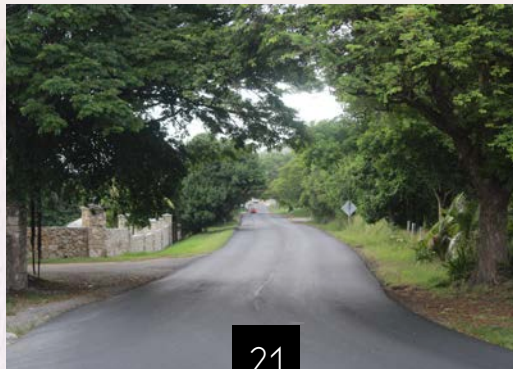
2025 OUTLOOK

ST. CROIX

- Airport Road
- Estate Lower Love
- Estate Morning Star
- Peter's Rest
- La Grande Princesse (Segments)
- Contentment Road
- Ethel McIntosh Drive (Mahogany Road)
- Recovery Hill Road
- Smithfield Road (Walter I.M. Hodge area)
- Downtown Frederiksted Roads

ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN

- Fish Fry Drive
- DPW Maintenance Building St. John
- Hospital Ground (Near Bethel Baptist Church)
- St. Peter Mountain Road (Route 33)
- Scott Free Road (Segments)
- Tranquil Road (In Contant)
- Bolongo Road
- Emerald Hill (Segments)
- Johnny Horn Trail Road



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