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CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE



Back for the first time since 2019, the St. Croix Christmas Boat Parade is ready to light up the Christiansted Harbor once again with holiday cheer! This holiday tradition started back in 1994 as the local boating community's gesture thanking the St. Croix people for the use of the beautiful waters surrounding the island. Nearly two decades later, what began with four to twelve boats decorated with lights has grown into one of the largest attended events on St. Croix and the largest boat parade in the Caribbean. Additionally, St. Croix Christmas Boat Parade, Inc. was established in 2011 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Their goal with the parade is to bring the people of St. Croix together to celebrate the start of the Christmas season and to support charitable children's organizations to help with educational needs and more.

Starting around 6pm after sundown, Christmas themed boats light up the Christiansted Harbor for the crowds gathered along the boardwalk to see. Over 25 boats and vessels of varying sizes join in on the festivities competing in categories such as "Best Lighting," "Best Music" and "Best Animation." The fun starts long before the parade begins with a flurry of holiday merriment. From 1pm, attendees are enticed to come into downtown Christiansted for holiday shopping and live music. Mocko Jumbies parade through the streets greeting holiday shoppers, Santa Clause comes in on a dinghy to greet the crowd and share candy canes, street vendors are cooking up local Crucian flavors to tantalize your tastebuds and live music from local artists, bands and steel pan orchestras keep the energy at an all-time high.

The St. Croix Christmas Boat Parade will take place on Saturday, December 10th. The parade begins at 6pm after sundown and will culminate with a grand finale that lights up the sky with spectacular fireworks. For more information, visit the St. Croix Christmas Boat Parade Facebook page at www.facebook.com/STXBoatParade.

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Message from Bry...



Bry Locher

Greetings from Sunny St. Croix! It's almost impossible to believe that we have less than two months to go in 2022. Many people on island and abroad are shocked by how quickly time has flown by. Here on St. Croix, we have so much to be thankful for: a relatively quiet hurricane season, an abundance of rain to keep our island lush and green and a historic number of visitors discovering the magic of the island, to name a few. While the global pandemic is seemingly fading into our rearview, we cannot forget what this moment in history taught us – to be grateful for the simple things in our lives like family, good health, friends, co-workers, clients and a place to call home.

One of the biggest things I've been thankful for recently is the return of St. Croix's cherished events. This month, I am sharing two events that are making their historic return since their untimely pause in 2020. I also highlight a festival that is all about one of the world's most resourceful fruits and offers a weekend of fun for the family!

Are weather temperatures dropping where you are? If so, now is the perfect time to visit St. Croix! Our thriving real estate market combines with the exceptional properties we have available means your dreams of homeownership in the Caribbean is closer than you think. Give us a call to discuss your options and schedule a showing or two; we'd love to hear from you.



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THE RETURN: JUMP UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

After a two-year hiatus, one of St. Croix's most beloved events is making its anticipated return to the island. Christiansted Jump Up is the unofficial start of the holiday season in St. Croix. The phrase 'jump up' means to dance with jubilation and you're sure to do that and much more at this cherished event! This festival-like block party is held in the streets of downtown Christiansted where the streets are closed off to vehicular traffic to allow everyone to "jump up" and immerse themselves in a cultural experience unique to the island.

Due to the global pandemic, Christiansted Jump Up was postponed to minimize the spread of the virus throughout the community. Now that restrictions have been eliminated and large-scale events have returned, Christiansted Retail & Restaurant Association (CRRA) decided it was time to bring back the event in time for the holidays. Jump Up is held four (4) times a year on a Friday night with a different theme for each one. The last Jump Up of the year typically takes place the Friday after Thanksgiving. This year's theme is "Christmasted," a play on words that combines

'Christmas' with 'Christiansted.'

There is much to look forward to including the infamous cultural icon, Mocko Jumbies from Guardians of Culture. Mocko Jumbies have been a staple in our

Virgin Islands culture for centuries. Legend has it that they ward off evil spirits and it is considered a blessing to be in their presence. Live music can be heard on almost every corner: the sweet sounds of music from Rising Stars Steel Pan, sultry jazz sounds from Eddie Russel Band, Hot Club Jazz Trio and Kwabena Trio and the smooth, melodic tunes from Gyasi Clarke and Pollo Bass Covers. A variety of street



vendors set up their tables to offer numerous item such as local foods and drinks, jewelry, arts and crafts and much more. Additionally, Christiansted businesses and restaurants extend their hours to welcome the crowds and offer various specials in celebration of the event.

Christiansted Jump Up will take place on Friday, November 25th from 6pm to 10pm. Come out and enjoy a night on the town with good food, family and friends!



Go Crazy FOR COCONUTS AT CRUCIAN COCONUT FESTIVAL

Celebrate, hydrate and rejuvenate at the 2022 Crucian Coconut Festival on St. Croix! Hosted by St. Croix Farmers in Action, Inc., the Crucian Coconut Festival is focused on identifying and highlighting ways to reignite St. Croix's economy with the help of coconuts. This two-day event offers a rich, cultural display of this cherished Caribbean fruit while showcasing the benefits of the coconut and coconut farming. Filled with numerous activities for the entire family, attendees can enjoy educational presentations, cooking demos, activities, games and live local music at this year's festival. Coconuts create a wide assortment of byproducts that are used and enjoyed by people worldwide and is one of the few fruits in the world that has that capability.

The Crucian Coconut Festival does more than shine a light on coconuts. This event brings the community together in a safe, family friendly environment to support entrepreneurs, small businesses and farmers. The expansion of last year's festival included the addition of the fine art exhibit complete with live entertainment on the opening night. This year will see a continuation of the art exhibit, showcasing visual art pieces by more than 30 artists of varying disciplines across the Virgin Islands, including woodworkers, painters and steel sculpture artists. The newest addition to the festival



lineup is the Music and Fashion Show produced by local clothing brand, UpperClass OG. The show will feature some of the territory's top local brands as they walk the runway and show off the creative spirit of our Virgin Islands.

Thanks to several vendors that will be in attendance, there will be an abundance of coconut-inspired crafts, local foods and treats available for purchase. The on-site greenhouse will host aquaponic tours that show how produce is grown using this fish powered food production system. There will also be a host of interactive educational presentations about the coconut as well as a family activity center with craft baskets and bags filled with coconut learning activities. Popular competitions will return such as the coconut jelly scooping contest and coconut husking competition where speed is the name of the game.

The Crucian Coconut Festival will kick off with the Fine Art Exhibit at Estate Bethlehem Sugar Factory on Friday, December 2nd from 4pm to 9pm; \$25 entry fee for the opening night. An extension of the Fine Art Exhibit is the music & fashion show on Saturday, December 3rd from 7pm to 10pm; \$15 entry fee per attendee. The main festival event will take place on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th from 11am to 6pm; \$10 entry fee for all attendees. For more information, visit www.cruciancoconutfestival.net or call 340.332.7228.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED PROPERTIES



Sprawling Estate in Shoys!

122 ANNA'S HOPE | MLS 22-1843 | \$1,295,000

Enjoy the breeze, endless views and seclusion in a gated and guarded East End estate that captures the essence of St. Croix living! This solid steel-reinforced 2BD, 2BA concrete home features a large wrap-around covered gallery to enjoy endless views of the Caribbean sea, Buck Island, Green Cay and distant islands. With nearly 8,000 square feet of open spacious living areas, this estate also has a huge 1BD, 1BA apartment w/kitchen and extra studio apartment below! Includes a large 2-car garage plus loft and workshop space. Two lovely open courtyards are upstairs and two downstairs, plus two outdoor/indoor showers.

Listing courtesy of David Fedeles

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45-I LA GRANDE PRINCESSE

MLS 22-50 | \$150,000

This is a great opportunity to build your dream home. Plans are for a 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Walls are in place, needs roof and completion. Two cisterns hold approximately 24,000 between the two. Mature avocado trees on the lot. It's a great location near shopping, banks and post office, sandy beaches and great restaurants.

Listing courtesy of Lorine Williams



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M-1 CRUZAN PRINCESSE | MLS 22-1649 | \$190,000

Waterfront, affordable 1 bedroom with 1 bathroom condo! Listen to the waves from your bedroom or watch the Caribbean Sea all day from your private porch. This unit is conveniently located minutes from historic Christiansted and has a successful rental history. Recent updates and being sold furnished. The complex is well maintained with a very nice pool.

Listing courtesy of Bry Locher and Kelly Odom

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101-A COLONY COVE | MLS 22-1855 | \$269,900

Island living at its easiest in this lovely 2BD, 2BA first floor condo with NO steps. The spacious great room has a wall of sliding doors leading onto the large porch with its tropical views. This unit has an open kitchen with a big granite eat-at counter. The bedrooms have good closet space, with their own bathroom. The complex is beachfront, right on the Caribbean Sea, close to the lively town of Christiansted with its wonderful restaurants and shops. Colony Cove is gated, has an office on-site, and a lovely pool.

Listings courtesy of Isabel Brady



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26-A EAST MOUNTAIN

MLS 22-1850 | \$1,000,000

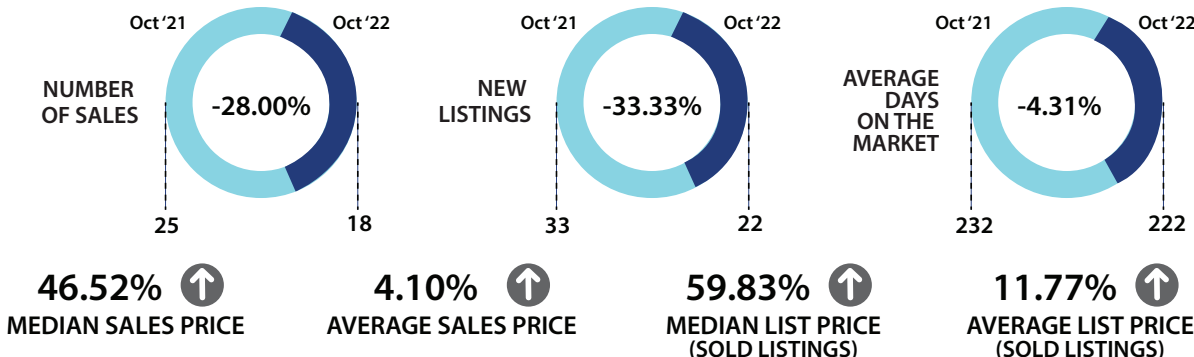
Many opportunities for business on this large, nearly 4 acres, flat Industrial 2 zoned parcel. 30' access easement to Centerline Road.

Listing courtesy of Bry Locher and Kelly Odom



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ST. CROIX REAL ESTATE MARKET WATCH



OCTOBER 2022 ALL PROPERTY TYPES

Comparison to the same period last year. Information from various sources such as county records and the Multiple Listing Service and it may include approximations. Although all the information is believed to be accurate, it is not warranted and you should not rely on it without personal verification.