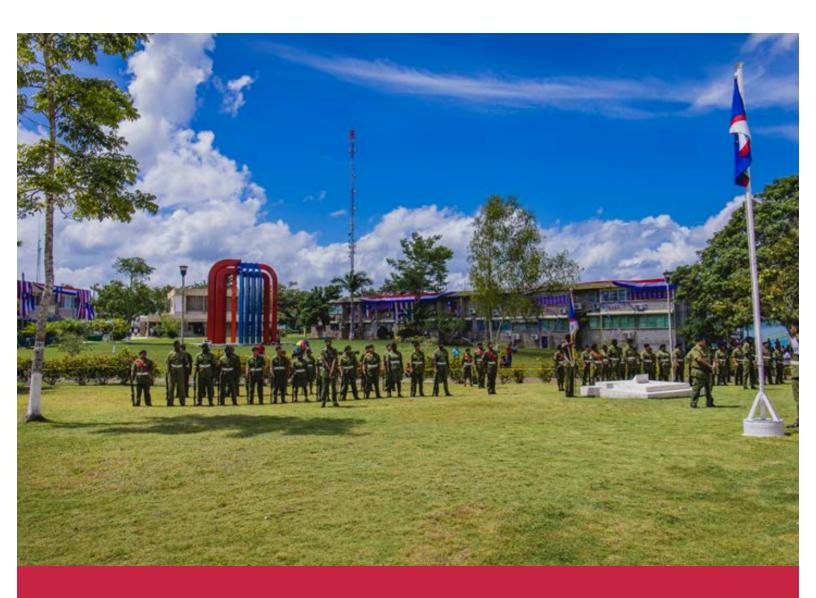


FROM MAYA GRANDEUR
TO MODERN GLORY, TOGETHER
LET'S SHAPE THE BELIZEAN STORY



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CHAIRMAN'S

Greetings my fellow Belizeans, visitors and friends,

Wishing all a happy National September Celebrations 2019! As the Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, and Chair of the National Celebrations Commission, I present to you this year's Calendar of Events; a fun-filled programme designed to showcase Belize's spirit and national pride.

Our National Celebrations highlight the tremendous efforts of our people past and present to create a nation and to enshrine in our consciousness our cultural and historical heritage that permeates the fabric of what constitutes our Belizean identity.

Belize has a unique and diverse cultural heritage that extends from antiquity to our modern-day communities. Hence this year's winning theme, submitted by Mr. Eloy Escalante from Orange Walk, "From Maya grandeur to modern glory, together let's shape the Belizean Story", is indeed a narrative that encapsulates Belize's history in all its facets and embraces our indigenous roots. The recent referendum on whether or not Belize should proceed to the ICJ to resolve that longstanding dispute, shows our courage to make a major step in helping to further shape the Belizean Story. The theme highlights the fact, that Belize as a nation has a long history rooted in the past and that is manifested today in the present, from our indigenous Maya brothers and sisters, later to our African and Garifuna ancestors, the Europeans and now to thriving rural and urban communities of today's Belize.

The month of September is a time to reflect on Belize's journey to Independence and the struggles our forefathers had to endure to achieve this milestone in our nation's history. As Belizeans, we need to come to grips with the fact that, yes, we are a young nation, and that the paths to adulthood are fraught with hurdles to cross. We are mindful however, that as a nation. with our people coming together, we can overcome and surmount these challenges. Investing in our people, in health and education, in infrastructure and very importantly in safeguarding our natural and cultural heritage, will yield tremendous opportunities for our nation to achieve cultural and socioeconomic prosperity.

The September 2019 Calendar of Events will showcase Belizean culture to its fullest and the various activities country-wide will be spectacular! Music, dance, pageants, carnivals, and parades all present opportunities for our artists to demonstrate their creative energies in marimba, drumming, steel pan music, songwriters, dramatists, and artisans modelling Independence Day related products from marine and terrestrial resources for sale to visitors. This year's celebrations will be unique in each of the municipalities but when combined, forms a togetherness that celebrates Belize.

I take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks and gratitude to members of the National Celebrations Commission and their partners for their joint efforts and contributions in order to develop and promote a full and exciting program of activities during this month of celebrations that commemorate the 221st Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye and the 38th Anniversary of Belize's Independence.

As the Minister responsible for Culture and Chair of the National Celebrations Commission, I invite every Belizean and visitor to our shores to actively participate in these exciting events, which showcase our national identity, starting with the official launch in Punta Gorda Town, located in the incomparable, southernmost district of Toledo, on August 31ST, 2019. Let us all go out and enjoy a happy, memorable, and peaceful celebration, as we march forward "From Maya grandeur to modern glory, together let's shape the Belizean Story".

May God continue to bless our prospering nation.

Hon. Patrick Faber **Deputy Prime Minister,**

Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture **Chair, National Celebration Commission**

BELIZE CITY

BELIZE CITY CONT'D

AUGUST 29, 30 & 31

SIR. BARRY'S BELIKIN BASH 2019

Venue: Digi Park 6:00pm – 12:00am | FREE

AUGUST 30

CARNIVAL MOTORCADE

Venue: Principal Streets of Belize City 5:00pm | FREE

QUEEN OF THE BAY 2019

Venue: Bliss Center 8:00pm | PAID

AUGUST 31

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE SEPTEMBER **CELEBRATIONS 2019**

Venue: Punta Gorda-Victor Sanchez Stadium Nationally Broadcast 10:00am | FREE

CARNIVAL KING & QUEEN COMPETITION 2019

Venue: Marion Jones Sporting Complex 7:00pm | PAID

SEPTEMBER 1

NATIONAL FLAG DAY -

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY Venue: Flag Monument

6:00am | FREE

21st Annual Lionman Triathlon -(CATEGORIES: MALE/FEMALE/JUNIORS/ MASTERS/RELAY TEAM)

Venue: Sandlighter's Promenade 7:00am | FREE

ISLAND VIBES SOCA FETE

Venue:Bird's Isle 6:00pm - 12:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 2

THE ANNUAL EVENING OF PATRIOTIC **SONGS & POEMS**

Venue: Wesley Church (Albert Street) 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 2.3 & 4

CARNIVAL MAS CAMP

(JUNIORS & SENIORS)

Venue: Respective Mas Camps 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 4

LAUNCH OF THE BELIZE MARINE LITTER & WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

Venue: Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marina 1:00pm - 4:00pm | FREE

MARINE LITTER CHALLENGE AWARD CEREMONY

Venue: Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marina 1:00pm - 4:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

FRANCIS RENEAU'S CONCERT SERIES "DISCO FEVER"

Venue: Bliss Center 8:00pm | PAID

SEPTEMBER 6

BELIZE CITY SENIORS ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Venue: Lord Ridge Cemetery

4:00pm | FREE MISS UNIVERSE BELIZE 2019

Venue: Belize Civic Center 8:30pm | PAID

SEPTEMBER 7

8TH PATRIOTIC PADDLE

Venue: Flowers Bank to Belize 8:30am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 7

CARNIVAL J'OUVERT

Venue: Starts at Belcan Bridge & Through Streets

of Belize City 4:00am - 8:00am | FREE

CARNIVAL ROAD MARCH

Venue: Principal Streets of Belize City 1:00pm | FREE

CARNIVAL LAST LAP

Venue: Marion Jones Sporting Complex 3:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 8

JUNIOR MS. BELIZE 2019

Venue: Bliss Center 7:00pm | PAID

SEPTEMBER 9

FIRE ENGINE PARADE

Venue: Principal Streets of Belize City 6:00pm | FREE

9TH NIGHT DANCE (CARIBBEAN ROOTS & IMPERIAL BANDS)

Venue: Bird's Isle 9:00pm - 2:00am | PAID

SEPTEMBER 10

OFFICIAL ST. GEORGE'S CAYE DAY CEREMONY

Venue: Memorial Park 8:00am | FREE

ST. GEORGE'S CAYE DAY 10TH PARADE (AFTER CEREMONY)

Venue: Principal Streets of Belize City 9:30am | FREE

BELIZE CITY COUNCIL 10TH BASH

Venue: Battlefield Park 1:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 12

BELIZE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL MEDIA LAUNCH "WINE, CHEESE & MOVIE"

Venue: Biltmore 6:00pm | PAID

TRIBUTE TO BELIZEAN PATRIOTS - NATIONAL **HONOURS & AWARDS CEREMONY**

Venue: Bliss Center 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

NATIONAL COLOURS DAY

Venue: Countrywide All Day | FREE

KRUFFY AIR

Venue: Bliss Center 7:00pm | PAID

18[™] ANNUAL SOUND FEST

Venue: Bird's Isle

8:30pm - 2:00am | PAID

ANNUAL CELEBRATION TEA

Venue: TBA 4:00pm | PAID

OLE SKOOL DANCE

Venue: Bird's Isle 10:00pm - UNTIL I FREE

SEPTEMBER 14 & 15

BCCI EXPO 2019

Venue: Marion Jones Sporting Complex

8:00am - 6:00pm | PAID

SEPTEMBER 15

BELIZE CITY COUNCIL'S CYCLING CRITERION

Venue: Albert & Regent Streets 10:00am | FREE



BELIZE CITY CONT'D

SEPTEMBER 15

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER -**ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

Venue: Cathedral Church of St John the Baptist Albert Street 7:00pm | FREE

PAN YAAD Venue: ITVET

6:00pm - 12:00am | PAID

SEPTEMBER 17

NATIONAL LECTURE - THE HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF THE BELIZE FLAG

Venue: Bliss Center 7:00pm - 9:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY

Venue: Countrywide All Day | FREE

BELIZE REWIND

Venue: Bliss Center 7:00pm | PAID

SEPTEMBER 20

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S RALLY

Venue: Belize Civic Center 8:30am | FREE

A CALL TO WORSHIP & THE **REFORMATION TEAM "GOSPEL CONCERT"**

7:30pm | PAID

ENTERTAINMENT, OFFICIAL FLAG RAISING **CEREMONY, FIREWORKS DISPLAY &** MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Venue: Principal Streets of Belize City 9:00pm - 1:00am | FREE

6TH ANNUAL SOCA & CULTURAL FEST

Venue: Marion Jones Sporting Complex 9:00pm - 4:00am | PAID

SEPTEMBER 21

OFFICIAL 21ST INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN BELMOPAN CITY

Venue: Independence Plaza- Belmopar 8:00am | FREE

21ST INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY

Venue: Memorial Park 8:00am | FREE

UNIFORM PARADE

Venue: Principal Streets- Belize City 9:30am | FREE

21ST FEST

Venue: Digi Park 4:00pm - 12:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 22

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION -MARKING THE 1ST PHASE OF ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL RESTORATION

Venue: St. John's Cathedral 4:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 27

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR KIDS

Venue: Marion Jones Sporting Complex 6:30pm | FREE

AUGUST 30

LAUNCHING OF BELMOPAN SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Venue: Mae Gordon Park, Hummingbird Avenue 10:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 1

NATIONAL FLAG DAY - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Venue: BNE Roundabout 6:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 6

BACK TO SCHOOL TEEN SPLASH

Venue: Belmopan Civic Center 6:00pm | FREE

MILITARY PARADE

Venue: Principal Streets City of Belmopan 1:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 7

AUBREY LOPEZ BASKETBALL MARATHON

Venue: Devon Beaton Basketball Court 1:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 8

CONCACAF NATIONS LEAGUE TOURNAMENT "BELIZE VS. GRENANDA"

Venue: Isidoro Beaton Stadium 2:00pm | PAID

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY NATION WALK & RUN

Venue: Sir George Brown Field

SEPTEMBER 9

KIDS BICYCLE DECORATING

Venue: DFC Parking lot 4:00pm | FREE

FIRE ENGINE PARADE

Venue: Belmopan Surrounds 7:00pm | FREE

CHRISTIAN BLOCK PARTY

Venue: Sir. George Brown Field 7:30pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 10 221ST ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF

ST. GEORGE'S CAYE

Venue: Independence Plaza

2:00pm | FREE

CITIZENS PARADE, SPORTING

ACTIVITIES & JUMP UP

Venue: Mae Gordon Park, Hummingbird Avenue

SEPTEMBER 12 **BINGO NIGHT**

Venue: Belmopan Comprehensive 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

NATIONAL COLOURS DAY

Venue: Countrywide All Day | FREE

STORYTELLING & CAMP FIRE NIGHT

Venue: Mae Gordon Park, Hummingbird Avenue 6:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 14

PAN YAAD BELMOPAN EDITION

Venue: OLOG Primary School Grounds

SEPTEMBER 15

BELMOPAN

MR. WHITFIELD TENCH TOURNAMENT

Venue: Mae Gordon Park, Hummingbird Avenue 2:00pm | FREE

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Venue: Belmopan Comprehensive 4:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 18

KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

Venue: Mae Gordon Park, Hummingbird Avenue

SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY

Venue: Countrywide All Day | FREE

CHILDREN TALENT COMPETITION

Venue: Belmopan Civic Center 6:00pm | FRFF

KARAOKE COMPETITION

Venue: Double 0 8:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 20

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S RALLY

Venue: Hilltop Basketball Court I FREE

TAKE BACK THE LAND PARADE (FROM ROARING CREEK)

Venue: Belmopan surrounds

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Venue: Independence Plaza 11:45pm | FREE

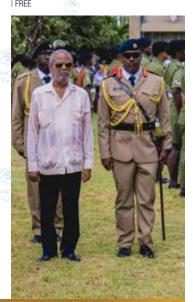
SEPTEMBER 21

OFFICIAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES

Venue: Independence Plaza 9:30am | FREE

PARADE & JUMP UP

Venue: Mae Gordon Park, Hummingbird Avenue



BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN

AUGUST 31

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF BENQUE SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS **CALENDAR**

Venue: Cancha Marshalleck

SEPTEMBER 1

NATIONAL FLAG DAY - FLAG RAISING **CEREMONY & MOTORCADE**

Venue: Benaue 6:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 7

CHILDREN'S VARIETY SHOW

Venue: Cancha Marshalleck

SEPTEMBER 9

BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE MOTORCADE

Venue: Main Streets of Benque Viejo 10:00am - 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 10

221ST ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF ST. **GEORGE'S CAYE - ECUMENICAL SERVICE**Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church 10:00am | FREE

OFFICIAL CEREMONIES AND CROWNING OF QUEEN OF THE BAY 2019: EMOGENE WALTON

Venue: Cancha Marshalleck 2:00pm | FREE

PARADE OF THE 221ST ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE

Venue: Main Streets of Benque Viejo 3:00pm | FREE

TREATS FOR CHILDREN & ADULT JUMP UP Venue: Cancha Marshalleck 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

NATIONAL COLOURS DAY

Venue: Countrywide All Day | FREE

SEPTEMBER 15

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Venue: Benque Viejo Town TBA | FREE

SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY - CLEAN-UP **CAMPAIGN ON MAIN STREETS**

Venue: Benque Viejo Town 6:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 20

CROWNING OF SRTA. ANTORCHA 2019: MELANIE CASTELLANOS

Venue: Cancha Marshalleck 10:00pm | FREE

PRE-INDEPENDENCE OFFICIAL **CEREMONIES & LIGHTING OF TORCH**

Venue: Cancha Marshalleck 10:00pm | FREE

FIREWORKS DISPLAY & INDEPENDENCE DAY DANCE

Venue: Cancha Marshalleck 12:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 21

38TH INDEPENDENCE DAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Venue: Mount Carmel Parish 10:00am | FREE

OFFICIAL CEREMONIES AND CROWNING OF MISS INDEPENDENCE 2019: RAFAELA ROMERO, 38TH INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE, TREATS **FOR CHILDREN & ADULT JUMP UP**

Venue: Cancha Marshalleck 2:00nm | FRFF







AUGUST 10

NATIONAL SONG COMPETITION

Venue: Andres Campos Civic Center 8:00pm | FREE

AUGUST 24

MISS INDEPENDENCE

Venue: Corozal Community College 7:00pm - 12:00am | PAID

AUGUST 31

COROZAL QUEEN OF THE BAY PAGEANT

Venue: Andres Campos Civic Center 7:00pm | PAID

SEPTEMBER 1

NATIONAL FLAG DAY - FLAG RAISING CERMONY

Venue: In Front of Town Hall 6:00am | FREE

OFFICIAL OPENING OF SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS DJ'S FACEOFF COMPETITION

Venue: In Front of Town Hall 6:00pm - 11:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 6

MATINEE

Venue: Coronation Park 6:30pm - 10:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 8

KIDS KARAOKE

Venue: Coronation Park 5:00pm - 9:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 9

FIRE ENGINE PARADE

Venue: Corozal Town 7:00pm - 10:00pm | FREE

DANCE

Venue: Miami Beach 9:00pm - 2:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 10

221ST ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE CEREMONY & CORONATION OF COROZAL QUEEN OF THE BAY

Venue: In Front of Town Hall 10:00am | FRFF

PARADE, 10[™] BEACH BASH & DANCE

CTC MUNICIPAL BAZAAR

Venue: Andres Campos Civic 5:00pm - 10:00pm | PAID



SEPTEMBER 14

COROZAL

ART IN THE PARK 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Venue: Corozal Central Park 5:00pm -10:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 15 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Venue: Church of Choice

SEPTEMBER 17

BELIZE'S HISTORIC RAILWAY SYSTEM FXHIRIT

Venue: Corozal House of Culture









Venue: Miami Beach 11:00am - 1:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13 NATIONAL COLOURS DAY

Venue: Corozal Town

Venue: In Front of Town Hall 8:00am - 5:00pm | FREE

COROZAL BEST EVER RUM. RICE & RIBS

COROZAL CONT'D

SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY (TREE PLANTING)

Venue: Corozal Town All Day | FREE

SEPTEMBER 20

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S RALLY

Venue: Andres Campos Civic Center 8:00am - 12 Noon | FREE

CARNIVAL PARADE

Venue: Corozal Town 3:00pm - 6:00pm | FREE

CARNIVAL JUDGING

Venue: Ricalde Stadium 6:00pm - 9:00pm | FREE

OFFICIAL CEREMONY, FIREWORKS & DANCE

Venue: In Front of Town Hall 11:00pm - 4:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 21

CARNIVAL J'OUVERT

Venue: In Front Of Town Hall 4:00am - 6:00am | FREE

INDEPENDENCE DAY, OFFICIAL **CEREMONY & CROWNING OF MISS** INDEPENDENCE

Venue: Andres Campos Civic Center 9:00am - 10:00am | FREE

UNIFORM PARADE & CITIZENS PARADE

Venue: Corozal Town 10:00am - 12:00pm | FREE

Venue: In Front of Town Hall 1:00pm - 2:00am | FREE



DANGRIGA

AUGUST 10

QUEEN OF THE BAY PAGEANT

Venue: Parish Hall 7:30pm | FREE

AUGUST 31

LAUNCH OF SEPTEMBER **CELEBRATIONS & STREET FEST**

Venue: St. Vincent Street (Corner Yemeri Road to Mahogany Street) 12:00pm - 10:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 1

NATIONAL FLAG DAY - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Venue: Flag Monument Infont of Town Hall 6:00am | FREE

FAMILY DAY

Venue: Southside Beach 12:00pm – 6:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 4

KNOW YOUR HISTORY - SCREEN BELIZE (A DOCUMENTARY ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE)

Venue: DIGI Princess Royal Park 6:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 6

CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW

Venue: DIGI Princess Royal Park 2:00pm | FREE

SEENAGERS DAY Venue: Helpage Center 2:00pm – 5:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 7

MAYOR'S BALL

Venue: Pelican Beach Resortt 8:00pm - 1:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 8

MAYOR'S CYCLING CLASSIC

Venue: Main Streets 10:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 9

BLOCK PARTY

Venue: Drums of Our Father Monument 6:00pm – 11:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 10

OFFICIAL ST. GEORGE'S CAYE DAY **CEREMONIES**

Venue: DIGI Princess Royal Park 3:00pm | FREE

CITIZENS PARADE & PARTY IN THE PARK

Venue: Main Streets of Dangriga (Commerce, St. Vincent Street & Havana Streets) & DIGI Princess Royal Park 5:00pm - 11:00 pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 11

TALK SHOW

Venue: Hamalali Radio Station 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 12

READ-A-BOOK-TO-A-CHILD

Venue: All Primary Schools 2:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

NATIONAL COLOURS DAY

Venue: Countrywide All Day | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

PATRIOTIC NIGHT

Venue: DIGI Princess Royal Park 6:00pm - 9:00pm | FREÉ

SEPTEMBER 14

KARAOKE COMPETITION ADULT & CHILD

Venue: DIGI Princess Royal Park 7:00pm - 10:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 15

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER **ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

Venue: All Churches In Town 6:00am | FREE

FAMILY DAY

Venue: Alejo Beni Park 12:00pm – 6:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY - CLEAN-UP DAY

Venue: Citizens & Students to clean up in zones and schools 6:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 20

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S RALLY

Venue: All Districts 8:30am | FRFF

TORCH RUN

Venue: From Bertha's tamales – 26 miles to Alejo Beni Park 4:00pm | FREE

OFFICIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY -FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Venue: Alejo Beni Park

9:00pm - 12:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 21

INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICIAL CEREMONY

Venue: Alejo Beni Park

9:00am | FREE

UNIFORM PARADE & CITIZEN'S PARADE

Venue: Main Streets 9:00am | FREE

PARTY IN THE PARK

Venue: Aleio Beni Park 2:00pm - 12:00am | FREE



ORANGE WALK

PUNTA GORDA

AUGUST 24

BTIA TOURISM EXPO Venue: Orange Walk Central Park 10:00am - 10:00pm | FREE

AUGUST 31

NORTHERN MAYA ASSOCIATION "MAYA HEROES DAY"

Venue: Orange Walk Central Park 9:00am - 3:00pm | FREE

FIESTA FM'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY "QUINCEANERA GRILL FEST" DANCE: **GRUPO MUSICAL REDLATINO, DOGGY** KING AND YOUTH CONNECTION BAND

Venue: Price Barracks All Day | FREE

SEPTEMBER 1

NATIONAL FLAG DAY - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Venue: TBA 6:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 9

SIREN PARADE & BLOCK PARTY

Venue: Orange Walk Central Park 7:00pm - 2:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 10

221ST ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF ST. **GEORGE'S CAYE CEREMONY & BLOCK**

PARTY Venue: Orange Walk Central Park

3:00pm - 2:00am | FREE **SEPTEMBER 12**

MASTERS OF THE ROAD

Venue: Orange Walk Central Park 3:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

NATIONAL COLOURS DAY

Venue: Countrywide All Day | FREE

CDC DRUM FETE

Venue: Orange Walk Central Park 8:00pm-11:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 14

ROCK CONCERT

Venue: Orange Walk Central Park 7:00pm - 2:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 15

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Venue: Open to all Denominations All Day I FREE

SEPTEMBER 19

RECOGNITION AWARDS TO COMMUNITY LEADERS

Venue: Orange Walk Central Park 2:00pm - 3:00pm | FREE

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY - ECUMENICAL SERVICE & INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Venue: George Price Avenue 6:00pm - 8:00pm | FREE

BANQUITAS HOUSE OF CULTURE ANNIVERSARY

Venue: Banquitas House of Culture 9:00am - 6:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 20

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S RALLY

Venue: Orange Walk Central Park 8:30am | FREE

TORCH RUN, FLAG RAISING CEREMONY, FIREWORKS DISPLAY, BLOCK PARTY & J'OUVERT

Venue: Town Hall

7:00pm - 3:00am / 4:00am - 7:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 21

OFFICIAL CEREMONY, CITIZENS PARADE & BLOCK PARTY

Venue: Orange Walk Central Park 2:00pm - 1:00am | FREE

AUGUST 10

INTRODUCTION OF QUEEN OF THE BAY CANDIDATES

Venue: Central Park 7:00pm - 9:00pm | PAID

AUGUST 17

PUNTA GORDA QUEEN OF THE BAY PAGEANT

Venue: Sports Complex 6:00pm - 11:00pm | PAID

PUNTA GORDA QUEEN OF THE BAY PAGEANT AFTER BASH

Venue: Sports Complex 11:30pm - 4:00am | PAID

AUGUST 31 OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE SEPTEMBER

CELEBRATIONS 2019 Venue: Punta Gorda-Victor Sanchez Stadium

Nationally Broadcast 10:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 1

NATIONAL FLAG DAY - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Venue: Flag Monument 6:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 6

WORLD LITERACY DAY

Venue: Parish Hall 10:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 7

ART IN THE PARK

Venue: Central Park 11:00am - 5:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 9

PANEL DISCUSSION

Venue: Parish Hal 5:00pm | FREE

FIRE TRUCK MOTORCADE

Venue: Central Park 7:00pm - 9:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 10

221ST ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF ST. **GEORGE'S CAYE CEREMONY, PARADE & BLOCK PARTY**

Venue: Central Park 2:00pm - 10:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 11

CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW Venue: Central Park

7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 12

TRIBUTE TO BELIZEAN PATRIOTS

Venue: Town Hall 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

NATIONAL COLOURS DAY Venue: Countrywide All Day | FREE

SEPTEMBER 15

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Venue: Open to all Denominations All Day | FREE

SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY - CLEAN UP **CAMPAIGN FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL &** HIGH SCHOOL

Venue: Primary School Compounds and Main Streets 8:00am - 12:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 20

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S RALLY

Venue: TBA 9:00am - 12:00pm | FREE

JUDGING OF THE SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION DECORATION OF **SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES & OFFICES** COMPETITION

Venue: Punta Gorda Town Council Compound 3:30pm | FREE

OFFICIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY, **TORCH RUN & FIREWORKS**

Venue: Central Park

10:00am - 12:30am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 21

INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY, **UNIFORM PARADE & INDEPENDENCE** DAY BLOCK PARTY

Venue: Central Park 10:00am - 5:00am | FREE

NATIONAL BEACH CRUISER CYCLING

CLASSIC

Venue: Central Park/Parade Route 3:00pm - 6:00pm | FREE





SAN IGNACIO / SANTA ELENA

AUGUST 3

PRESENTATION OF CONTESTANTS FOR **OUEEN OF THE WEST**

Venue: Wine House 8:00pm - 10:00pm | FREE

CORN FESTIVAL

Venue: Cayo Welcome Center 2:00pm - 7:00pm | FREE

AUGUST 9

MOVIE NIGHT

Venue: Cayo Welcome Centre 6:30pm - 8:00pm | FREE

AUGUST 16

FULL MOON CONCERT

Venue: Cayo Welcome Centre 7:00pm - 12:00am | FREE

AUGUST 17

QUEEN OF THE WEST PAGEANT

Venue: Octavia Waight Centre 6:00pm - 10:00pm | PAID

BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

Venue: Cayo Welcome Centre 9:00am - 12:00pm | PAID

AUGUST 23

MOVIE PREMIER (TECUANI AND THE DUENDE)

Venue: Cayo Welcome Center 6:30am - 9:00pm | FREE

AUGUST 31

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Venue: Santa Elena Sports Complex 7:00pm - 8:30pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 1

NATIONAL FLAG DAY - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Venue: Administration Building 6:30am | FREE

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Venue: Victor Galvez Stadium 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 7

ART IN THE PARK

Venue: Cavo Welcome Center 8:00am - 3:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 8

SPORTS MARATHON

Venue: Falcon Field 9:00am - 6:00pm | FREE

SENIOR CITIZEN EVENING WITH

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Venue: Cayo Welcome Center 6:00pm - 10:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 9

FIRE ENGINE PARADE, ST. GEORGE'S **EVE JUMP UP & FIREWORKS**

Venue: San Ignacio & Santa Elena 10:00pm - 2:00am | FREE

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Venue: Streets of San Ignacio & Santa Elena 2:00am - 4:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 10

221ST ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF ST. **GEORGE'S CAYE CEREMONY & PARADE**

(Starts at Santa Elena Sports Complex to George Price Hwy to Burns Ave. To Savannah

ending at Macal Park) Venue: San Ignacio & Santa Elena 8:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

NATIONAL COLOURS DAY

Venue: Country Wide All day | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN - SANTA ELENA

Venue: Santa Elena 6:00am - 2:00pm | FREE

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Venue: Falcon Field Park 7:00pm - 8:30pm | FREE

KIDS SPORTS EVENING (SACK RACE. LIME N SPOON ETC)

Venue: Cayo Welcome Center 6:00pm - 9:00pm | FREE

ADULTS TALENT SHOW

Venue: Cayo Welcome Center 9:00pm - 2:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 14

MINI FAIR INCLUDES SPORTS & BBQ **COOK OFF COMPETITION**

Venue: Santa Elena Sports Complex 10:00am - 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 15

CULTURAL DAY & CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW

Venue: Cayo Welcome Center 5:00pm - 10:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 16

SAN IGNACIO / SANTA ELENA CONT'D

PANDY'S MUSIC VIDEO AWARD

Venue: Cayo Welcome Center 7:00pm - 12:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY - CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN - SAN IGNACIO

Venue: San Ignacio 6:00am - 2:00pm | FREE

CARIBBEAN NIGHT

Venue: Cayo Welcome Center 7:00pm - 1:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 20

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S RALLY

Venue: Hon. Louis Sylvestre Sports Complex 8:30am | FREE

EVE OF INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS

Venue: In front of Administration Building 9:00pm - 4:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 21

INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY & PARADE

Venue: Begins at Victor Galvez down Joseph Andrews Drive, Savannah Street, Hudson



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SEPTEMBER 1

NATIONAL FLAG DAY - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Venue: Countrywide 6:00am | FREÉ

SEPTEMBER 7

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Venue: Hon. Louis Sylvestre Sports Complex

SEPTEMBER 8

TEEN FOAM PARTY WITH DJ DEBBIE

Venue: Central Park 2:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 9

FIRE ENGINE PARADE

Venue: Streets 6:00pm | FREE

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Venue: Central Park 7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 10

221ST ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF ST. GEORGE'S CAYE CEREMONY, CORONATION OF MISS SAN PEDRO & **UNIFORM PARADE**

Venue: Central Park 10:00am | FREE

ST. GEORGE'S CAYE DAY - UNIFORM PARADE: AFTER PARTY & GAMES

Venue: Boca Del Rio Park 1:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 13

NATIONAL COLOURS DAY

Venue: Countrywide All Day | FREE

SEPTEMBER 14

CENTRAL AMERICA & MEXICO INDEPENDENCE NIGHT

Venue: Hon. Louis Sylvestre Sports Complex

7:00pm | FREE

SEPTEMBER 15

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Venue: Open to all Denominations All Day | FREE

SEPTEMBER 19

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY

Venue: Countrywide 8:00am | FREE

SEPTEMBER 20

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S RALLY

Venue: Angel Nunez Auditorium- San Pedro High School 8:30am | FREE

INDEPENDENCE DAY EVE CELEBRATION **BLOCK PARTY & FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Venue: Hon. Louis Sylvestre Sports Complex 7:00pm | FREE









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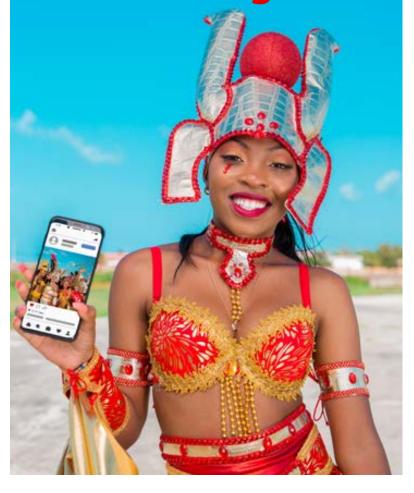




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