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### ***SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:***

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**Not in archives**

### ***Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:***

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## **SECTION 1: Getting There: Flights, Airlines, Airports, Cruises, & Weather**

### **1. Storms Olga & Pablo; Rebekah, Sebastien, Tanya, Van, & Wendy**

Tropical storms Olga and Pablo developed last week and quickly dumped rain on Louisiana and the US Southeast and the Azores respectively. They have since effectively dissolved.

Seasoned meteorologist Rob Lightbown, head of CrownWeather.com, long our go-to source for hurricane and other storm information, says there is a possibility that one or two more storms could form before this busy hurricane season ends November 30.

In fact, he is keeping a close watch on a system located in the Gulf of Mexico as of today, Monday. Although no hurricane models currently predict development, nonetheless he says it bears watching.

Should any more storms develop during this season, they will be called Rebekah, Sebastien, Tanya, Van, and Wendy.

For much more information, please visit the weather center on our main SXM site, everythingSXM.com. The weather center also contains current storm Advisories, plus satellite images and radar loops and other information.

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### **2. Entering the Final Month of the 2019 Atlantic Hurricane Season**

This Friday — the day after Halloween — marks the beginning of the last month of the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season. The six-month season began June 1.

The season so far has yielded 16 named storms, which is above many predictions for the year. Although the season for long-track storms like those that usually threaten SXM ended several weeks ago, there have been a few November storms over the years that hit St. Maarten. Therefore, as usual, we will keep an eye on things for you.

For much more about potential or developing storms, please see our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) or our weather center, which is on our main site, everythingSXM.com. As mentioned in the previous story, the weather center contains the most recent forecasts for active storms as well as satellite images and radar loops of the entire tropical Atlantic and Caribbean.

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### **3. SXM Airport Reconstruction Funding Contracts Still Not Signed**

As of late last week, the expected signing by St. Maarten officials of complete funding for the full restoration of the main terminal at SXM Airport had still not taken place. The cause of the delay was apprehension on the part of some bondholders concerning the fact that the government of the island has fallen nine times in the past nine years. Bottom line, bondholders are concerned about stability.

*Comment: If they are that concerned about stability, they should think about the instability they create and perpetuate by sitting on a solution to the already slow rehabilitation of the airport. Once the document is signed, full airport terminal restoration can proceed at a quick pace, enabling many more tourists to be processed much more quickly than is currently the case. With numerous new and replacement resorts opening both during 2020 and 2021, expedited completion of the restorations and renovations is essential to the island economy and to its stability. By not signing, government officials are aggravating the problem they claim to be worried about....*

It's our hope that they will realize this in the next few days, do their jobs, sign the papers, and allow the Airport to get on with completion of the airport terminal's restoration.



## 4. KLM Resuming SXM-Amsterdam Nonstops

After hurricane Irma struck SXM more than two years ago, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines discontinued nonstop flights to SXM, replacing them with direct flights making a stop elsewhere in the Caribbean.

Now, KLM has announced that it is about to resume nonstops from Amsterdam, which will mean quicker Amsterdam to SXM flights in both directions — and increased convenience for customers packaged with increased attractiveness for the trip to SXM.

Here is [that story](#).

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## 5. Where to Download the NHC's Hurricane Tracking Chart

Blank hurricane tracking charts similar to those that have been used by the folks at the National Hurricane Center for many years are now available for download; download yours [here](#) (that's the NHC download site).

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## 6. NHC Watches, Warnings, Etc. Are Our SXM Site

Regardless of whether there are systems being watched, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) posts Tropical Outlooks and other routine posts multiple times per day. As long as the tropical Atlantic and Caribbean remain quiet, we will have few NHC posts on our site. But when the tropical Atlantic becomes active, we will be posting all significant bulletins both in the Weather Center of our main everythingSXM.com website and, later, on our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Our Weather Center on everythingSXM.com this season will include all current hurricane informational bulletins, satellite images, radar, etc. Be aware that Crown Weather Services, our long-time partner private weather forecasting organization, will be posting its exclusive content in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) as necessary when any storms threaten SXM.

If you live or work anywhere where tropical systems could conceivably impact you or your business, we urge you to subscribe to Crown Weather Services predictions. We know a number of TV meteorologists and they invariably refer to Crown Weather's Rob Lightbown as the person to go to for accurate hurricane weather forecasting. Find out more at [crownweather.com](#).

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## 7. See Current SXM Weather / Tracking Serious Weather

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, [www.everythingsxm.com](#), and clicking either of the weather observations at the top of the page.

The four sources of current weather info, beyond the two above, are:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather" page at [www.everythingsxm.com](#) -- it has current satellite images and radar loops and now all the latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well. There are now also active weather widgets on the site's home page.
- 3) Our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which publishes the latest advisories, watches, and warnings when SXM is threatened by any storms.
- 4) On or off the island, listen to Island 92 -- 91.9FM or see [www.island92.com](#). They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.
- 5) For a quick look at weather radar exactly where you are or where you're going, try the My Radar phone app or My Radar for Windows -- excellent programs.

Get a quick, current satellite look at the Atlantic basin anytime: <http://www.goes.noaa.gov/GIFS/ATWV.JPG> .

N. B.: *Again...Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.*

### **Download your own NHC Hurricane Chart:**

Years ago, before we were all saturated with weather information from cable TV to local (redundant and repetitive) news and forecasts plus weather updates and bulletins on our smart phones, gas stations and television stations offered printed hurricane tracking charts so people at home could try to figure out for themselves whether they were about to get slammed by the latest hurricane.

We haven't seen hurricane tracking chart handouts for years, but if you want one they are easy to get.

The exact charts used by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) are available for download from the NHC [here](#). Select "Atlantic" and you're good to go. You can print out the chart and use it repeatedly, or simply print a bunch of them and use one for each storm that may approach an area of interest -- like, SXM. Bear in mind that this hurricane season may well be frontloaded — so you might want to print a few of these now and *not* save doing that for later.

More stories are below.

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## **8. Guaranteed Big-Time Savings on Hotels, Cruises, & Car Rentals**

We're now giving JMB Website Supporters members and *SXM Weekly News* readers access to a private, "members only" travel wholesale club that offers incredible prices not only on airfares but on travel reservations and packages worldwide.

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## 9. Sonesta Rebuilding 100% Finished, Resort Fully Open

From fellow travel writer Melanie Reffes:

It's official! On October 25, 2019, Sonesta Resorts Sint Maarten announces "completion of the final stages of re-opening and is now fully operational with brand new facilities and guest experience offerings."

The resort opened last March after hurricane Irma had blown away everything but its skeleton. It had vowed to rebuild "stronger and better" and employed hundreds of workers to get it reopened as quickly as possible once plans had been completed.

More: <https://www.sonesta.com/stmaarten>

## 10. It's Now Wyndham Port de Plaisance

We're not sure why Port de Plaisance resort appears to be keeping it a secret, but it looks now as though the venerable timeshare resort/casino/restaurant facility/Heineken Regatta entertainment center has hooked up with Wyndham, the global hospitality powerhouse. The Wyndham brand name is now being widely associated with Port de Plaisance in a number of places online, one of which is [this](#). The Trademark collection is part of Wyndham.

This information reached us at press time and we have not yet had an opportunity to explore in depth what exactly the relationship is between Wyndham and Port de Plaisance, but clearly there is an association.

We'll keep you posted.

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## 11. Want to Rent Out Or Sell Timeshare Units You Own?

If you own timeshare weeks that you would like to rent out or sell on our main everythingSXM.com website, you can do it once you become a member of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program. For all the details, go to our main site, everythingSXM.com and click on timeshare rentals in the navigation bar. You'll find the details about posting there. For information about joining JMB Website Supporters, click the page curl on all pages of everythingSXM.com. As a member, you will have access to a growing palette of about 300 discounts and other benefits including the ability to post up to 10 ads per year in our rental pages at everythingxsm.com.

The ability to post timeshare rentals on our site is limited to JMB Website Supporters members only, and is not available to any others at any price.

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## 12. Original SXM Relocation Seminar Now Available Online

Just before last Thanksgiving, working with Arun Jagtiani of Island Real Estate Team, we put together and conducted an SXM Relocation Seminar for dozens of attentive attendees at Emilio's Restaurant at the Emilio Wilson estate near Philipsburg.

Many of you have asked whether it would be possible for you to see video we made of our relocation seminar.

Although we do intend to put on future relocation seminars, the video of our November seminar is now available online to anyone interested in buying on SXM, whether for a vacation home, retirement home, income property, or anything else. Lots of outstanding info was communicated during this excellent seminar, and another is now in the early planning stages.

See the video [here](#).

Soon we'll add a link here to **Bright Path**, a company that can help provide very deep and expeditious help in completing residency requirements for people buying a second home, income property, or a new business in SXM. They're located in the Puerta del Sol building opposite Avantika, Simpson Bay, Dutch side.

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## 13. Places to Stay: Many Available, Take Your Pick

With most timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, La Vista, Simpson Bay Resort, Port de Plaisance, and Oyster Bay Beach now open too -- timeshare owners continue to post units available for rent on our [timeshare rental site](#) on [everythingSXM.com](#) and on our new companion Villas for Rent page, also on everythingxsm.com. Check them out.

Get your rental weeks now. Note: ads on those pages are from JMB Website Supporters members exclusively and are very frequently updated.

## 14. A Place Where SXM Timeshare Owners Can Talk

JMB Communications has long operated a St. Maarten timesharing site on Facebook. We have now combined that site with our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) since more timeshare owners from St. Maarten belong to the latter site than the former.

In the [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) lots of current information about timeshare resorts is being exchanged by timeshare owners. We welcome you to join that site and share your experiences with other timeshare owners.

## 15. Rented/Sold Your Timeshare? Please Cancel Your Ad

Owners of timeshares from St. Maarten and the rest of the world who are members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program can post timeshare weeks they own for rent or for sale on our main SXM site, [everythingSXM.com](#), which has had over 6 million visits and continues to be enormously popular. *We do urge timeshare owners to let us know at once when their weeks have been rented or sold. That way, we can remove expired ads on a timely basis — usually weekly during high season.*

Members of JMB Website Supporters can post or cancel ads using our members-only secret website, [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](#). Your assigned username and password are required for secret site access. Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you don't recall your password, use the forgot password link in the orange login box below the masthead on every page of [everythingSXM.com](#) for site access.

Updates to our listings are done weekly during high season.

### SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

## 16. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits -- Updates Coming

Jeff returns to the island during November and will be working in November and December to further increase the already huge number of restaurants, jewelry stores, hotels, and other businesses offering discounts or other incentives to members of our JMB Website Supporters SXM Island Discount Program.

As these additions are made, they will be reported here in *SXM Weekly News* and will also be noted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which currently offers roughly 300 discounts and other benefits to its thousands of members.

**For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, [go here](#).**

### SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

## 17. GEBE: Great at Making Excuses, Not So Much at Making Electricity

In fairness to GEBE, the government owned electricity and water company that serves the Dutch side of the island, it has pledged that it is going to be spending millions of dollars to improve its equipment, infrastructure, and maintenance to become significantly more reliable in the next few years.

The problem is that GEBE has a history of delivering unreliable service -- and its reliability has been compared to that of Zimbabwe in Southeast Africa.

The following is a direct quote issued by GEBE on October 15: "We hereby inform you we are experiencing some

difficulties on the high tension system. Due to the danger the rain poses for our employees, once the rain subsides we will start restoration of power to all of the the affected areas."

The expression "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds" may be associated with the US postal service but clearly when it rains, don't expect GEBE to do much to fix things quickly when the lights go out if it's raining outside.

Idea: Put temporary tents over the wires you're working on, GEBE. That works -- as should you, to get power back as quickly as possible from your very capable and hard-working employees.

## 18. Hospital Construction Begins Next Month (Nov.)

Construction of the long-awaited St. Maarten General Hospital is now scheduled to begin next month, November, 2019. The hospital will be built in close proximity to the current St. Maarten Medical Center in the Belair area not far from Philipsburg and Simpson Bay.

A photo of the hospital was published last week in our sister publication, our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

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## 19. SXM Fire Dept. Gets Much Needed Comms Eqpt.

Should another serious tropical cyclone hit St. Maarten in the future, the island will be better prepared to deal with it from a communications perspective.

That's thanks to new communications equipment received through the hurricane recovery program. Here's the full [story](#).

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## 20. Marigot Waterfront Redevelopment Plan Launches in 2020

The French side of the island has developed ambitious plans to rejuvenate a significant portion of the Marigot waterfront in a project that starts next year.

Here is much more [information](#) on this forward-thinking project

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## 21. Three of World's "Most Terrifying" Airports: SXM, St. Barth, Saba

Like some other news media, MSN sometimes puts attention-grabbing headlines at the beginning of its stories to get readers attention. That was the case recently when it published this article. To be sure, landing or taking off at all these 14 listed airports isn't exactly simple and easy — but terrifying, no way. Three of the 14 airports listed in this story about those 14 "terrifying" airports are in the Northeast Caribbean within a few miles of SXM. The airports are SXM Airport, St. Maarten; plus the Gustaf III Airport, St. Barth; and Juancho E. Yrausquin Airport on the island of Saba.

If you Google any of these, you will see why passengers flock to them simply to gawk, jaws dropped. Here is [the article](#).

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## 22. Where Are They Now?

*This is the third in a series of articles about where the people are who served you in the past at extremely popular SXM restaurants. If you've been going to SXM for any length of time — or, in fact, if you're an ex-pat now living there — you will find interesting information right here. Since they moved on from their original restaurants, many SXM restaurateurs and restaurant employees have stayed in the business on the island. In this series, we'll tell you where some of them are and where you can get those recipes you thought you'd never taste again.*

This is the first of a couple of stories concerning people who formerly worked at Mr. Busby's Beach Bar, Daniel's by the Sea, Pier Grocer, Island Pizza, or Mr. Busby's Rotisserie Chicken, the Great House apartments, and Great House Marina, all from Dawn Beach, Dutch Side, and all of which were washed away by Irma.

Jason and Grey, for many years the beach boys at Mr. Busby's beach bar, were very familiar faces on Dawn beach until Irma arrived and blew away all of the businesses whose names you read above.

Grey went home to Jamaica for a number of months, returning in the spring of 2018 to a new job on Dawn beach working for Oyster Bay Beach Resort.

We paid a melancholy visit to the site of the Greathouse and Mr. Busby's last winter when someone called to us; we peaked out from behind the camera to see Grey (technically Renold Grey) coming toward us with a big smile on his face. It was great to get reacquainted.

Jason, who in addition to being a beach boy was also involved in the security business, called out to us when we were visiting Oyster Bay Beach Resort on assignment from a major travel information company. From under his security officer hat, after warning us of his prank in advance, he approached Ilene, my better half, and told her, "Ma'am, you will have to move this car, it's in the way in our parking lot and you have to move it now." She was quietly reading a book in the car and was startled to see Jason, who promptly removed his sunglasses and hat and flashed her a big smile. It was great to see both of them.

Lulu (Laurell) at various times was day manager at Mr. Busby's beach bar, pastry chef across the street at Island Grocer, a Bartender at Daniel's by the Sea — after which she no doubt flew off in her Wonder Woman suit.

It was great to see that LuLu has landed at the new snack bar on the beach at Simpson Bay resort, next to the Marina pool at the southern end of the Marina building. She is as effervescent, cheerful, and efficient as always — and you'll also find Joan from Daniel's working with her; if you're in that area, check them out soon. By the way, the food and drink at the new snack bar are excellent and very reasonably priced.

Watch for the next article in this series next week. **If you have suggestions for future articles, please email them to [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject where are they now.**

#### **Featured so far in this series:**

Grey & Jason & "Lulu" & Joan / Busby's / Daniel's (article #3)  
David Foini, **La Raviolina / La Gondola** / iZi (article #2)  
Al & Lillian Wathey, **Turtle Pier / Nowhere Special** (article #1)

## **23. Restaurant of the Week: Vesna Taverna**

Reopening this coming weekend for dinner, Vesna Taverna will be open nightly except Monday and Tuesday starting this coming Sunday. They are open daily for breakfast and lunch.

During their seasonal closing, which is just concluding, Vesna and Yannick ventured to Paris and sometimes parts unknown in the rest of the world to seek out new culinary delights and inspirations. This annual closing was no exception.

Although their legendary restaurant has long been known for its home-cooked bagels and other breakfast selections (they started years ago as the Bagel House), it is equally well known now for its dinners which feature a major variety of French, American, and Continental offerings plus fresh salmon from Nova Scotia, fresh muscles, and an enormous additional list plus many delicious fresh specials.

The food is great, the service exemplary, and the prices very reasonable. Vesna is also great fun to watch — a very animated restaurateur who truly knows what she's doing.

We highly recommend Vesna Taverna to all *SXM Weekly News* readers.

#### **Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:**

**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 10/28/19). Now open every day for through B/L; dinner is offered Wednesday through Sunday.

**Spiga**, [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 10/20/19) New bar, great staff, service, and phenomenal food. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Not to be missed.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.izirestaurant.com](http://www.izirestaurant.com) (featured 10/14/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

**Isola** next to Hollywood Casino in Simpson Bay Resort, 7/13/19. 100% redesigned, inside and out, floor to ceiling and everything inside. Just go.

**Pineapple Pete**, [www.pineapplepete.com](http://www.pineapplepete.com) (featured 7/8/19) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids.

**Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto)** (7/8/19) is the new name of Sushiitto, now relocated next door to Pineapple Pete in Simpson bay. Essentially the same menu, same staff, same great food/service.

**Mario Bistro** [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.com/en/) 6/24/19 Mario's Bistro is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have. Go. Phenomenal dining. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

**Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy** (featured 6/17/19) Excellent pizza, and sizeable portions / reasonable prices on numerous other Italian specialties. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

**Mandarin Pan Asian, Port de Plaisance** (featured 6/10/19) Excellent Pan-Asian dining including Japanese, Thai, and Chinese. Nice setting near the casino at Port de Plaisance.

**Emilio's** at Emilio Wilson Estate (featured 4/21/19) is as stupendous as it ever was, with spectacular dining in an



equally spectacular restored building on the Emilio Wilson Estate. Ask to see the wine cellar and the museum. Open for lunch and dinner: not to be missed.

**Freedom Fighters ITAL SHACK Rasta Restaurant**, [www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant](http://www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant) 4/15/19. Just go....

**Avantika Thai** [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 4/8/19) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 3/11/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

**Topper's** <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 1/28/19) One of SXM's oldest and busiest restaurants, Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late dining. Open morning until late night. Sports on TV. Karaoke some nights.

**Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar** (on Cupecoy beach); follow the road toward Shore Pointe and turn near Shore Pointe to get there. (Featured 1/20/2019) Parking, drinks, chairs and umbrellas, lolo-type food, and an all-over tan. What could possibly be better?

**La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort** (featured 12/30/18) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

**SkipJack's SXM**, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 12/24/18) SkipJack's triumphantly reopened with an entirely new dining deck late in January, 2019. Great place - go!

**Enigma C3 luxury Catamaran**, [www.sailstmaarten.com](http://www.sailstmaarten.com) (featured 8/7/17). Neil's new boat is as big as Celine Too was and it has now entered service. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

**Domino's Pizza** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16) Open.

**The Hideaway**, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16) Open; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.

**Melange International Grill** (featured 2/20/17) Reopened.

**Papagayo**, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16) Club Orient was wrecked by Irma; rebuilding is planned. ETA not yet known.

**St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge** Reopened.

**Jimbo's**, [www.jimboscafe.com](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 6/12/17) Reopened.

**Taloula Mango** <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

**You will find hundreds more restaurants from both the Dutch Side and French Side listed in the Files area of our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group](#).** Our thanks to our Admin there, Contessa Aiello, who edited the restaurant entries on that site.

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## 24. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

Regardless of what time it is, people are always interacting with our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) — asking questions, answering questions, getting answers or suggestions or recommendations from other people, posting thousands of pictures, etc.

With almost 24,000 participating members (more than twice that including their partners and friends), there's just about always a number of people around to answer any question or to offer recommendations. *You will also find some of the best businesses on the island occasionally posting information about what they offer, too — jewelers, car rentals, points of accommodation, restaurants, pharmacists, swimsuit retailers, and others.* The best place to get your questions answered quickly is our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) -- check it out.

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## 25. Annual Dutch Side Road Patching Starts Underway

Because of occasional tropical downpours during summer and early fall, the Dutch side often delays the bulk of its road patching for November and December. During this period, crews check the entire Dutch side and mark off areas of roads that need to be repaired/repaved. Later, other crews remove a large square or rectangular shaped area of top-level asphalt as is often done in the US for major road repaving projects. These bumpy areas tend to annoy motorists for a couple of weeks before they are finally repaved. We won't ask why the top-level asphalt stripping and repaving can't be done in one contiguous operation....

This series of projects across the Dutch side began last week and will continue probably through the end of the year. Roads should be fully ready to go and in much more pleasant shape around the first of the year.

Until then, expect occasional bumpiness.

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## 26. Please Help Stop the Scourge of Brain Tumors...

*Jeff Berger writes:*

Our son Scott Berger has had two brain tumors. He's married with two kids and understandably his passion and ours is supporting the efforts of the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) in finding the cause of brain tumors, improving diagnostic tools, advancing treatment modalities, patient care, and more.

Scott in a few weeks will once again be active in the Brain Tumor Walk where he lives, in the Phoenix area. Please see more in [his post for the NBTS](#) and please help in any way you can. Every family affected by brain tumors will thank you - us especially! -Jeff & Ilene

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## 27. Your Invitation: SkyMed Member Appreciation Luncheon 1/3

Starting in November, SkyMed members (read on even if you're not) will be receiving invitations by mail from SkyMed's headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona, inviting them to come to our [SkyMed Member Appreciation Luncheon in Simpson Bay, St. Maarten, on January 3](#). The menu is fantastic, not at all surprising since SkyMed takes great care of its members. On hand will be Eleanore and Will Klein, Chairman/CEO and President of SkyMed respectively. Jeff Berger, long-time SkyMed Ambassador, will also be on hand.

**Save the date.** Not too long after formal invitations go out, we'll be inviting other St. Maarten / St. Martin visitors from the USA and Canada (as well as American and Canadian XPats) to join us as well. SkyMed is handling all arrangements. SkyMed TAKES YOU HOME® when you become critically ill or injured while traveling -- and not just to SXM. See [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb) for more SkyMed info and call Jeff directly for answers to questions or to sign up by phone (that way we get credit). *Nothing else is SkyMed.*

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## 28. Want to See Back Issues of SXM Weekly News? Here's How

Our *SXM Weekly News* PDF archives enable you to download any issue of Weekly News published since Spring 2014, including our amazing *2018 April Fools' Day parody* and many Special Editions.

Check it out [here](#). It has now been thoroughly updated. Each week's newsletter is being added just hours after mailing of that issue to its subscribers completes (Monday).

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## 29. Major SkyMed Promo Now Underway

A major promo continues on SkyMed memberships. Not only are all multiyear SkyMed memberships heavily discounted for JMB members, but *when you buy a new multiyear SkyMed membership through us or upgrade your annual SkyMed membership bought from us to a multiyear membership, we will extend your JMB membership on us for the number of years you buy SkyMed.*

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## 30. Ensure Best SkyMed Deal - Jeff Berger / SkyMed.com/jmb

Our new SkyMed website is [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb), now live; please bookmark that and not any other site.

**When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone; that way we get credit.** It takes about 10 minutes, and we submit it electronically. We know what SkyMed is looking for and we can make sure you submit it efficiently; that way we do get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you.

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Again, our new SkyMed website is [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb): please be sure you bookmark that and not any other site. Thank you.

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***Here are examples of SkyMed in action:***

***On a recent Thursday at Mullet Bay Beach***, a woman at the edge of the water fell and accidentally knocked down her friend, standing close by. The friend felt pain in her leg as she got up, went to a hospital, and was told she had a "soft tissue injury" and should relax in the sun. Pain continued. Next day she went to the Maho Clinic for another opinion since she couldn't put any weight on the leg without pain. The doctor there sent her to the French Side for a new x-ray. That diagnosis came back - broken leg and she had to be medically evacuated back to the US for surgery. A few days before, the woman had bought short-term SkyMed medevac protection for her short trip to SXM. Cost, under \$100. She was sent home by jet by SkyMed. The charge for the jet: \$0. Without SkyMed, had she needed a medevac jet, the \$26,000 (approx.) price of that jet home would have had to be paid in cash in advance; with SkyMed she was home and in the hospital of her choice the next day for \$0 out-of-pocket.

***Mary Beth and her partner Don*** were vacationing in SXM when Don fell and broke his hip -- only about a month after they had bought SkyMed. SkyMed flew them home on a medevac jet for the hospital care he needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: over \$35,000.

***An MD from Florida*** who always visits SXM was on a cruise vacation to the Greek Islands with his wife when he broke his femur aboard the ship. He was rushed to the hospital in Corfu but called SkyMed *which arranged and paid* for an emergency medevac flight to Athens for urgent surgery. A few days later SkyMed evacuated him again, with an excellent male nurse, all the way home to Florida, where an ambulance took him home for recovery. Required flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: huge.

***A Summer trip ended in disaster when a child visiting her grandmother*** in Grand Case was bitten in the head by the grandmother's bulldog, imperiling the girl's eyesight. She was flown to Miami in a medical evacuation jet for emergency eye surgery that saved her sight. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

***A woman from Virginia*** shopped at an island grocer and headed back to her car carrying two bags of groceries. She tripped and fell on a curb and knew at once she had fractured her hip. After being stabilized locally, she was flown home on a medical evacuation jet from SkyMed where she had the surgery she needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

***Two men were riding their horses on a hill in Cay Bay*** when a car backfiring spooked one of the horses, which threw its rider. The other rider got off his horse to check his companion when the car again backfired, spooking the horse again which led it to kick its dismounted driver in the head, luckily causing "only" a severely dislocated jaw. The local hospital had no ability to solve that problem so the victim was airlifted by SkyMed back to Pennsylvania for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

***A member of the clergy*** fell down cement stairs and broke her leg. She too was airlifted home by SkyMed for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

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*When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone.* It takes under 10 minutes, and we submit it electronically. We know what SkyMed is looking for and we can make sure you submit it efficiently; that way we also get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you. SkyMed calls only can be received at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time.. Thank you.

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## 35. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 10/14)

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**Melange (Port de Plaisance)**

**Pelican Bistro**

**Soggy Dollar Bar**

**Sale and Pepe**

**LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)**

**MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)**

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**Emilio's (NEW)**

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If you're interested in making a villa reservation (doing it with close friends can be fun and more economical than you'd imagine), contact our top recommended Villa rental/sale partners at [Island Real Estate Team](#). Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles villa rentals: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you're interested in a rental and you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*. Hundreds of villas are now online.

[Jennifer's Vacation Villas](#) has also joined us as a villa rental partner. *Jennifer's Vacation Villas* is a licensed management, real estate and villa rental company specializing in the rental of private villas and condos on both French and Dutch St. Maarten. Its proprietor, Jennifer, is a New Yorker who has been residing in St. Maarten for 40 years and whose goal is to provide guests with personal attention and to ensure that their vacations are memorable. Jennifer's Vacation Villas also does Weddings, Private Events, and any additional services including massages, boat trips, and private catering. Their aim is to make your vacation stay as comfortable, accommodating, and easy going as possible. Call 1 (721) 544-3107 | +1 (631) 546-7345. When you contact them, please tell them you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

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## 36. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot & Web Traffic

SXM Weekly News, our [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com) website and its Hurricane Center, and our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) — along with our many Vacation Giveaways and hundreds of benefits of JMB Website Supporters membership — are all made possible through our partnerships with our JMB Website Supporters members and our Sponsors.

Our Sponsorships enable SXM businesses to present their products or services to a huge, responsive audience of tourists from around the world, but primarily the USA and Canada. (Our site is based in the U. S. and is focused on the needs of tourists traveling to SXM.) If you own an SXM business and want to look into and take advantage of this unique marketing opportunity, please email [susank@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susank@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "JMB Sponsorships". We'll get complete information to you quickly. Winter is here and with it, plenty of opportunity to bring more tourists into your business not only in the short term, but especially as tourist business increases throughout this year and into 2020. Contact us today for more information.

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### St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW):

[Click to access our recommended real estate agent, Arun Jagtiani, featured on HGTV.](#)

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### Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Frequently Updated

JMB members can run up to 10 free ads on our website per 12-month period to rent out or sell St. Maarten / St. Martin timeshare weeks they own -- or any timeshares, anywhere worldwide. If you're not a member, learn more about membership here: [http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml) .

#### Want to rent or buy a week?

**\*2017 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale\* are posted at [http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml) Listings are now updated every few weekdays. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.**

### SECTION 5: For Members Only

- A. **Where to Get Member Info:** [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret)  
B. **Password Recovery Info:** Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). To change your password, click that same link.  
C. **How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad:** See [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret). Your username and password are required.

### SECTION 6: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 7/2017

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NON-members who wish to contact us should write to ***jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com*** with the subject \*Free Newsletter Recipient,\* but due to the huge volume of mail received, we may not respond individually.

Our main St. Maarten / St. Martin website: [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) .

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