Ministry PLAHI Cayman Quarterly Updates across Planning, Lands, Agriculture,

Housing, Infrastructure & Transport.

New Land-Use Licences
Boost Local Food Security

The Cayman Islands Agriculture Land Use License Policy opens a new chapter for local farmers, building a stronger future for food security.

YYYC Winners Announced

PLAHI Ministry Backs National Road Safety

New Bus Route Maps Installed Across Grand Cayman

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From the Minister's Desk

"In just 100 days, we've hit the ground running: launching the Agriculture Land Lease Programme, delivering new affordable homes at Flamingo Point, making meaningful progress on the East-West Arterial, National Road Safety, and the expansion of Owen Roberts International Airport. We've also advanced the 2024 Development Plan and begun modernising the Building Code—laying the groundwork for a stronger, more connected Cayman."

— Honourable Johany "Jay" Ebanks, MP Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure

First Recipients Named for High Rock Agro Park Lease

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI) has officially named the first seven recipients of the Cayman Islands Agricultural Land-Use License Policy (CI-ALLP). This diverse group reflects our deep commitment to inclusion and the cultivation of the next generation of Caymanian agricultural leaders.

The farmers include Shirline S. Henriques, Sharon Francis, George Powell, Mathew Francis, Darren Kirchman, Bernie Bush, and Jennett Powell.

Located in East End, the new High Rock Agro Park is the first of its kind, offering fully serviced agricultural plots with roadways, post-harvest facilities, and sanitation systems—building a stronger, more efficient farm-to-market pipeline.

One plot will be dedicated to the Department of Agriculture to showcase best practices, providing valuable guidance to recipients as they grow their businesses. This launch marks an exciting new chapter for local agriculture.



Lands & Survey Highlights Real Estate Market Trends

Lands & Survey Director, Uche Obi, recently sat down with <u>Compass TV</u> to provide Quarter 2 Real Estate Market Insights, highlighting both challenges and opportunities as the market evolves.

The Department of Lands & Survey continues to monitor and share key insights on real estate performance. noting that while overall sales volumes have slowed, the high-end property market remains resilient. Luxury transactions, particularly homes valued above US\$2 million, continue to drive much of the dollar volume, underscoring strong investor confidence in Cayman's real estate sector.

The Department of Lands and Survey, under the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI), recently hosted the 2025 RICS Cayman Islands Real Estate Forum, which featured the launch of the Cayman Islands Residential Property Price Index (RPPI). The event introduced the RPPI as a key tool for tracking property value trends and brought together expert panellists to review recent market performance while sharing insights on the future of Cayman's real estate sector.

For more information on the Residential Property Price Index, visit caymanlandinfo.ky/Services/VEO/RPPI



Uche Obi, Director, Lands and Survey Department

Building A Stronger Cayman



Minister Johany "Jay" Ebanks extends a warm welcome to the newly appointed Central Planning Authority Board.

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI), along with the Department of Planning (DoP), is making significant strides to shape a stronger, smarter, and more resilient Cayman Islands.

PlanCayman, our national planning framework, continues to take shape with forward-looking policies that support sustainable development, protect our environment, and ensure growth benefits the entire community. In parallel, the Ministry is actively transitioning to the 2021 International Code Council (ICC) regulations, modernising the Building Code to align with global standards for safety, resilience, and efficiency.

Adding to this momentum, the Central Planning Authority Board has been reappointed and held its first meeting on 4 September 2025, a fresh start that brings renewed leadership and energy to guide development decisions across the Islands. These advancements reflect the Ministry's commitment to building a more resilient, well-planned Cayman, with meaningful progress happening behind the scenes to secure a brighter future for all residents and visitors.









First grow boxes collected; training underway

Backyard Garden Pilot Takes Root Across Cayman

The Ministry of Planning, Land, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI), in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DoA), is pleased to announce the successful completion of the Backyard Garden Pilot Programme's first Grow Box Collection Day.

The initial recipients gathered at the DoA's main office to collect their Grow Boxes, soil, seeds, and starter kits — marking the exciting beginning of their journey into sustainable home gardening.

The event saw an enthusiastic turnout, with retirees, families, young people, and first-time gardeners all eager to take the next step toward food security. Each recipient will continue to receive support and training from the Department to help ensure their gardens thrive.

This milestone reflects the community's strong commitment to sustainable living and household-level food security. The Ministry looks forward to seeing these new backyard gardens flourish across the Cayman Islands.

Those who were unable to apply or are not selected during this round are encouraged to stay informed with the Ministry's WhatsApp Channel and MPLAHI Cayman Quarterly Newsletter.

MPLAHI Celebrates YYYC Cayman Winners



Young Waiter Champion: Reyah Carrazana Young Chef Champion: Kristofer Mason Young Mixologist Champion: Kody Wright

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI) congratulates the winners of the 2025 Cayman Islands Young Chef, Young Waiter and Young Mixologist competition, a three-day showcase of local talent that highlighted the link between agriculture, tourism, and food security.

In supporting this initiative, the Ministry advances its <u>Food and Nutrition Security Policy</u> while empowering Caymanians from farm to fine dining. The winners will proudly represent the Cayman Islands at the 2026 World Finals in London, and the Ministry thanks all partners and participants for their role in this success.

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Staying informed on all things PLAHI just got easier! Our official WhatsApp Channel is now live — offering direct updates,

announcements, and stories straight from the Ministry to your phone.

Join now to receive timely information on key initiatives, public notices, and community programmes, all in one convenient place.





From the Chief Officer's Desk

"Over the past 100 days, we've been proud to welcome our new departments and SAGCs into the Ministry as we work together to deliver real results for the people of the Cayman Islands. From strengthening the National Road Safety Strategy and improving traffic flow to advancing the East-West Arterial, road safety has been a top priority. Simultaneously, we've continued to support progress in housing, agriculture, and infrastructure—helping to keep Cayman safer, stronger, and more connected."

— Eric Bush, JP Chief Officer, Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure

NHDT Delivers Four Homes in Flamingo Point

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI) is proud to announce the handover of four affordable homes at Flamingo Point in North Side — the first completed under the new administration. This important milestone reflects our commitment to expanding access to homeownership and ensuring Caymanian families have a safe, secure place to call home.

More than just houses, these keys represent stability, opportunity, and brighter futures. The Ministry remains dedicated to advancing the next phases of construction, delivering more affordable homes across the Islands, and strengthening communities one family at a time.



Nationwide Campaign

MPLAHI Leads Ongoing National Road Safety Campaign

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI), is proud to lead the National Road Safety Campaign through the National Road Safety Committee (NRSC), chaired by Chief Officer Eric Bush. This government-driven initiative calls on all Caymanians and residents to work together to reduce accidents and save lives.

Under the leadership of the NRSC, the campaign emphasises key risks such as speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving, and failure to wear seatbelts. Each of these is preventable, and by making safer choices behind the wheel, we can protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our community.

The Ministry of PLAHI encourages all road users to do their part: obey speed limits, wear seatbelts, never drive under the influence, avoid distractions like mobile phones, and be patient with fellow drivers. Just as importantly, if you witness reckless behaviour, choose to speak up or report it—silence can cost lives.

Learn more and get involved at gov.ky/roadsafety.



Shelters Feature Bus Route Maps

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI), in partnership with the Public Transport Unit (PTU), has introduced a new bus route map installed at 25 bus shelters across Grand Cayman in ongoing efforts to improve the ease and accessibility of public transport.



QR codes add instant trip info from PTU

The maps highlight route numbers, major stops, PTU contact details, and include QR codes for instant digital access, helping raise awareness of existing routes, encourage operator compliance, and promote buses as a reliable, affordable travel option. Explore the new bus maps today by visiting www.caymantransport.ky.

GTRI Revives the City for Local Retailers

The George Town Revitalisation Initiative (GTRI), spearheaded by the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI), has reached a major milestone with the completion of above ground

GEORGE TOWN

and underground works, transforming the city into a more vibrant and welcoming space.

These enhancements, now visible and accessible to the public, are creating an environment where both new and established businesses can thrive, while offering customers an improved experience in the heart of Cayman's capital.



CEO Albert Anderson, Adam Altman, Minister Johany "Jay" Ebanks and Chief Officer Eric Bush

Advanced Scanners at ORIA

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI), in partnership with the Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA), has successfully rolled out the first of three new baggage scanning machines at Owen Roberts International Airport. This advanced technology will streamline security by eliminating the need for passengers to remove laptops and other items from their bags, reducing wait times and enhancing the travel experience.

With all staff undergoing hands-on training, the remaining two scanners are expected to be operational by the end of October, marking an important step toward safer, more efficient, and passenger-friendly airport services.

For more information, visit:

https://www.caymanairports.com/customer-service/securityoverview/what-to-expect-at-passenger-screening/

Upcoming Deadline: DVDL



Plates can be replaced at the DVDL's Crewe Road Location Mondays to Fridays, 8:30am to 4:00pm



PLAHI in the News

Planning

Minister Jay Ebanks Welcomes Newly Appointed CPA Board, Focuses on Plan Cayman and New Planning Regulations - PlanCayman updates coming soon

DoP Inspires Future Generations with Interactive Career Fair Displays | Compass TV Feature

Lands

High-end real estate market surges amidst lower overall sales

Gov. Launches CI Residential Property Price Index (RPPI)

Agriculture

Securing Cayman's food future: Inside the agriculture push

Minister Ebanks Attends Handover of Hatched Chicks Compass TV Feature

Honouring Agricultural Leadership

Winners Announced for the 2025 Young Chef, Young Waiter & Young Mixologist Cayman Islands | Compass TV Feature

First Seven Awardees Announced for High Rock Agro Park Land Use License | Compass TV Feature

New Egg Facility Opens at Department of Agriculture to Support Local Production

Introducing the Backyard Garden Program: Empowering Cayman to Grow From Home | Compass TV Feature

Caymanian Wilbur Welcome Appointed as New Director of the Department of Agriculture | Compass TV Feature

Housing

Since May 1st, 2025, the National Housing and Development Trust (NHDT) has successfully handed over a total of four (4) homes to clients.

NHDT.GOV.KY Flamingo Point Housing Development Phase I Build Your Own Property Programme

Infrastructure

Government Moves Forward with Subsea Cable Modernisation

Phase One of Advanced Baggage Scanners Now Operational at ORIA

Launch of New, Easy-to-Read Bus Route Maps Take Effect

<u>Deadline Approaches for Replacement of Decommissioned Vehicle Plates</u>

Compass TV Feature

Construction Begins on New East End Heritage Dock

Four Caymanian Women Appointed as Licensing & Customer Care Officers at DVDL

Substantial Completion for Phase 2 of George Town Revitalisation Initiative

38th Annual Hurricane Preparedness Exercise Demonstrates Readiness and Commitment to Public Safety





Citizen Spotlight & Staff Feature

Honouring Caymanians Who Make a Difference

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (MPLAHI) is excited to launch two new sections in the Cayman Quarterly — Citizen Spotlight and Staff Feature — shining a light on the remarkable individuals helping to build a stronger, more connected Cayman Islands.

Citizen Spotlight

Everyday Caymanians are doing extraordinary things — growing our food, improving our communities, and inspiring others through their resilience and innovation.

If you know a citizen, community group, or organisation whose story deserves to be told — whether through agriculture, housing, infrastructure, or transport — we want to feature them.

Nominate someone who embodies our shared mission: empowering Caymanians for today, tomorrow, and future generations.

Staff Feature

Behind every successful project, there's a dedicated team member making it happen.

Our Staff Feature celebrates the people within the Ministry who go above and beyond — the engineers, planners, administrators, and officers who work tirelessly to keep Cayman moving forward. If you or a colleague have a story that exemplifies commitment, creativity, or community spirit — we want to hear it.

Send your nominations to:

PublicRelations.PLAHl@gov.ky

Please include:

Full name and contact details of the nominee A short summary (100-150 words) describing their contribution A photo (optional, but encouraged)

Together, let's celebrate the people who shape Cayman's progress — one story, one project, one community at a time.



PLAHI What's Next - 2025

October 7 | Farmer's Workshop - Well Water Survey Presentation

October 10 | World Egg Day

October 16 | Seasonal Livestock Harvest (GCM & CYB)

October 16 | World Food Day

November 10 | Remembrance Day

December 7 | Cayman Thanksgiving (Observed)

December 25 | Christmas Day

December 26 | Boxing Day

December 31 | New Year's Eve

January 1 | New Year's Day

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