

## Island Holiday Party AKA "the Prom" Set for December 10 at Mongoose

*St. John Tradewinds*

The 16th Annual All Island Holiday Party will take place at Mongoose Junction on Saturday, December 10, starting at 8 p.m.

The event is hosted by The Mongoose Merchants Association and the restaurants of Mongoose Junction and all adult island residents are welcomed.

Ocean Grill, The Tap Room, La Plancha del Mar, Sun Dog Cafe and Gecko Gazebo Bar are sponsors and each will be doing their part to provide a fantastic evening of holiday celebration for the wide mix of people expected to attend.

The All Island Holiday Party (aka "the prom") has its roots in trying to rebuild the community after Hurricane Marilyn in 1995, and through the years has become a social highlight for many full time St. John residents and a homecoming for many seasonal residents. It's an opportunity to dress up and celebrate the holidays and life together on St. John.

Music will be performed by Love City's own "Ah We Band," and other entertainment will be provided throughout the beautiful courtyards of Mongoose Junction.

A special champagne bar will be sponsored by Ocean Grill. La Plancha del Mar will present an oyster and champagne bar and Sun Dog Cafe will provide an hors d'oeuvres table. Tap Room will host a late night DJ party.

Mongoose Junction will be full of festive decorations for the season, as always. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and cash bars will be available. Adults only and island fancy attire, please.

## Sax and Strings Christmas Concert Will Be December 11 in Cruz Bay

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The musical group Sax and Strings will be hosting a Christmas concert in downtown Cruz Bay on Sunday, December 11, at 3:30 p.m. The public is invited to join in the celebration of the season.



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Celebrate 45 years of VIERS on December 4 with tours of the facility and its solar panel system, at left.

## VIERS Celebrates 45th Anniversary with Open House, Luncheon on Dec. 4

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The Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station (VIERS) will be celebrating its 45th anniversary by offering tours of the historic facility (including its recently installed expanded solar energy system) and the Tektite Underwater Habitat Museum on Sunday, December 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature brief remarks provided by representatives of the University of the Virgin Islands, V.I. National Park, St. John Historical Society and Clean Islands International prior to the cutting of a commemorative "45th Anniversary" cake.

VIERS will also be providing (at no charge to visitors) refreshments and a vegetarian lunch. The VIERS' 45th Anniversary event and luncheon is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at Lameshur Bay. The public is invited to

attend, however transportation is not provided.

"Since 1966, VIERS has been available as a community resource for environmental education and scientific research," said Randy Brown, VIERS Administrator. "We are glad to share this monumental achievement with our community. While not the most accessible location on St. John, VIERS has a long history in offering unique environmental learning experiences directly in nature."

"What a wonderful place to be," he said.

For more information about the event or VIERS, please contact Brown at 410-647-2500. VIERS is a facility of UVI located in VINP on the south side of St. John. Since 1997, VIERS has been operated by Clean Islands International, a U.S. IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organized exclusively for educational, scientific and charitable purposes.



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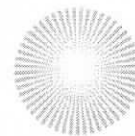
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