



The right Direction

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **SMHDF Collaboration**
- **St. Maarten Landfill**
- **VROMI Cabinet Team**
- **VROMI Yard**
- **Hindrance Permit**

Building a Fruitful Relationship



The Minister of VROMI Angel Meyers and the members of the St. Maarten Housing Development Foundation (SMHDF) management and board are working diligently on realizing the need for affordable and social housing on St. Maarten.

For the year of 2016 the foundation under the management of Mrs. Helen Salomons, has plans to commence the process of construction of senior homes in Lower Princess Quarter and the Development of the Foga project.

The SMHDF has a sales program with the objective to increase revenue which aims to enhance housing opportunities for the section of society that are in a low income bracket. Residents will have

the opportunity to acquire affordable and safe housing at a low cost. The existing tenants have first preference in all the sale programs thereby allowing others on the waiting list the opportunity to acquire home ownership at a low cost.

Honorable Angel C. Meyers paid a courtesy visit to the SMHDF offices and was given a tour of projects currently in their finalization phase. Minister Meyers and the ministry of VROMI is looking forward to building a trustworthy relationship with the

SMHDF and their new management.

VROMI is responsible for advising on policy matters related to public housing. The SMHDF was founded with the assistance of government to realize the objectives in the area of social housing. VROMI assists the foundation by granting them a yearly subsidy which help lower the rent for tenants who qualify for such. They also assist by giving the SMHDF lease land with the objective to realize the need for affordable social housing.



Tour of the Landfill



In November the government of St. Maarten held the Public Tender for the management of the Sanitary Landfill and this tender was won by the locally owned company

Robelto & Son B.V. for a contractual period of 2 years with a possibility of a one year extension.

The company has started operations since December 30th 2015.

At present the contractor Robelto & Son B.V. is exploring together with the department of Infrastructure Management the possibility to start recycling at a more greater scale on the landfill that is presently ongoing.

The government has made recycling of various waste stream a part of the new garbage contracts and is also looking at the waste of the Cruise Industry when it comes to recycling of some specific streams to enhance the program to be started on the landfill. It's the intention to use all existing partners in the field to get an end product that suits everyone's needs and fulfills the goals of government which is to reduce the incoming waste on the landfill as much as possible. Presently 300 trucks with garbage are brought to the landfill every day. Also the recycling will work well in preparations for the Waste to Energy processing plant as it will be sorting the garbage (fuel for the plant)

ahead of production start.

On February 7th 2016 the Minister of VROMI, Mr. Angel Meyers took a tour of the landfill and was accompanied by Mr. Claudius Buncamper; Department of Infrastructure Management, Mr. Leroy La Paix; Operations Manager at the Sanitary landfill and his executive staff Ms. Chantale Groeneveldt and Ms. Kimberly Meyers.

The minister received a complete tour of the landfill and also was shown an aerial view of the total landfill.

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VROMI Cabinet Team Completed



The Minister of VROMI Cabinet has been officially completed. The cabinet consists of the Chef de Cabinet Mr. Sandro Garcia, the Executive Assistant Ms. Chantale Groeneveldt, Project Consultant Ms. Adelia Gumbs (Infinite Possibilities Consulting), Public

Relations Officer Ms. Kimberly Meyers and the Courier Mr. Roland Bryson. The VROMI cabinet executive staff and the Honorable Minister Meyers are looking forward to a prosperous term.

The VROMI Yard

The VROMI yard is a part of the department of Maintenance within the Ministry that is in charge of public works, maintenance of cemeteries, maintenance of government vehicles and the maintenance of government facilities. The yard is managed by Mr. David Lejuez, and assisted by a foreman for Traffic signs, the garage, air conditioning, the cemeteries, electrical work and carpentry for most ministries.

There are plans in motion to have the yard upgraded.

Firstly, when it rains significantly the VROMI yard gets flooded. Due to this, they are in the process of raising the land and installing a proper drainage system that would direct the water to the pond.

The Yard is also looking into purchasing three steel pre fab buildings which will be for the purpose of a carpentry shop, garage, and other operations that they conduct. Additionally, they would like to construct a shed for washing government vehicles so that their



employees can be protected by the sun.

At the moment, the yard is understaffed. They are looking into acquiring employees for the garage, the carpentry shop and an administrator for the main office. Presently the yard takes on young men who

are conducting community service and interns from the St. Maarten vocational school.

The Minister of VROMI, Minister Meyers, is looking forward to assisting the yard with having these initiatives realized.

Need To Know!

Establishments requiring a Hindrance Permit

PART 1

- Pottery Factories
- Garages (generic car repair)
- Bakeries
- Cinemas
- Gasoline Stations (petrol pump stations)
- Cement plants
- Storage places / areas for butane, propane and other lightly flammable gasses
- Construction workplaces
- Crematoriums
- Distilleries
- Electricity plants and electricity generating installations
- Establishments that store and or process scrap metal and liquid waste
- Establishments where gasoline, gas or diesel motors are used
- Establishments where electromotors are used with a combined capacity greater than (>) 2HP not taking into account fridges /freezers
- Bowling allies
- Establishments where large cooling/refrigeration takes place
- Establishments where water is distilled
- Establishments where laundry, ironing and pressing activities are carried out
- Ice production plants
- Dairy factories
- Coffee roast houses
- Establishments with welding activities
- Machine workshops
- Oil refineries
- Storage places/areas for oils and lightly flammable substances
- Pump installations
- Shipyards
- Shooting ranges
- Slaughterhouses/ small abattoirs and butchers
- Establishments where spray painting is conducted
- Waste disposal sites
- Establishments that carry out vulcanization processes
- Fireworks-and ammunition factories and storage places