



TOGETHERNESS

43rd Annual Celebration of Bermuda Day

BERMUDA DAY PARADE: FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
Department of Culture

BERMUDA DAY 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MORNING

- 8:20 AM** Sinclair Packwood Memorial Youth Cycle Race
Start: Somerset Road by Esso Station
Finish: Cedar Avenue
- 8:20 AM** Sinclair Packwood Memorial Cycle Race
Start: Somerset
Finish: Cedar Avenue
- 8:30 AM** Bermuda Day Half Marathon Derby
Start: Somerset
Finish: Bernard Park
- 8:50 AM** Heritage Junior Classic Race
Start: Docksiders, 121 Front Street
Finish: Bernard Park

AFTERNOON

- 1:30 PM** Bermuda Day Parade
Start: Front Street
Finish: Marsh Folly Road/Dutton Avenue

Parade coverage will be streaming live on **CITV** and The Government of Bermuda Facebook page from 1:30 PM.





MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

Bermuda Day is time for us to celebrate our unique culture, our proud history and most importantly all of the things that unify us as Bermudians.

This year's theme, 'Togetherness', is extremely fitting. Not only due to a long period of being forced apart but also because throughout the recent times when we could not celebrate as a community we showed our togetherness and the best of what it means to be Bermudian by supporting one another from afar.

I am grateful that after all of our hard work and sacrifice, we can again return to celebrating this special day in person one again. We can gather together on Cedar Avenue to enjoy the Sinclair Packwood Memorial cycle race, we can cheer the runners on at Bernard's Park for the Half-Day Marathon, and we can finally line the streets of Hamilton again to watch the Bermuda Day parade, dance with the Gombeyes, gaze at the incredible floats, and enjoy our day as Bermudians.

We must also take this as an opportunity to remind ourselves that there is more that unites us than separates us. We hold a shared history, a shared heritage and shared experiences that bind us and are the foundation of what Bermuda Day is all about.

I would like to thank the Minister of Youth, Culture, and Sport Dr. The Hon. Ernest Peets and his teams at the ministry and the Department of Culture, for all that they have done to ensure that Heritage Month and Bermuda Day can be enjoyed again by all of us.

On behalf of the Government, I wish all of you a Happy Bermuda Day!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Burt'.

The Hon. E. David G. Burt, JP, MP
Premier



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Happy Bermuda Day everyone!

I am so excited to extend my heartfelt greetings to you as we return for the first Bermuda Day Parade in two years.

Certainly, one of the hardest things about the pandemic has been the distance it has created between us. It has been difficult not being able to celebrate our traditions, shared experiences and vibrant culture together on occasions like today.

For this reason, we felt it was important to have a theme that invites us to remember the importance of what binds us as a people.

This year's Heritage Month theme of "Togetherness" provides us with a chance to reflect on the value of our shared experiences, and being able to come together to support and appreciate each other as members of this small island in which we all live.

The past two years have taught us the importance of having a community to rely on; not only during tough times but also in moments of joy and celebration.

As you enjoy today's festivities, I hope you are reminded that we are all neighbors from east to west. We are all in this together, so let us share our joy, our hope, and our love for this amazing island we call home!

Thank you for supporting your fellow Bermudians participating in the parade; I know they have all worked so hard preparing for today.

If you are relaxing at home this Bermuda Day, or spending the holiday at the beach, on the water, or with friends and family, please take some time to pause and consider what the theme of "Togetherness" means to you.

Please continue to stay safe this holiday weekend, and on behalf of the Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport, I wish you all a beautiful and memorable Bermuda Day!

Sincerely,

Sen. The Hon. Dr. Ernest Peets, JP
Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport



MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Bermuda Day 2022

On behalf of the One Bermuda Alliance, it is my pleasure to extend best wishes to everyone on this Bermuda Day – a day established to celebrate our rich and diverse heritage and one another.

After a two-year absence of fighting through the global pandemic and all the challenges that came with it, we gratefully embrace the opportunity to celebrate Bermuda Day 2022. Now, more than ever before, we have more reasons to come together on this special day to commemorate what makes us uniquely Bermudian. As a people, we know that we are at our best when we are all moving towards a common goal.

Indeed, over the past two years, we proved to ourselves and the world that on this twenty-one square mile island in the middle of the Atlantic, we are a tenacious group of people, resilient and determined to move through the storm of the pandemic together as a community. Regardless of ethnicity, I have heard from people from all walks of life, who echo the same sentiment, which is- we know we are not perfect; we have many social, economic, and political challenges to overcome, but as history has proven, we meet those challenges, find solutions to overcome them and as a people, we keep moving forward-together, because we are all striving for a better Bermuda.

We all want to get back to seeing one another, to having family celebrations, enjoying the beauty of the island and our culture- going on picnics, going to the parade, swimming, relaxing with family at home or travelling.

So, on this special Bermuda Day – a day earmarked to celebrate who we are, our deepest hope is that you celebrate Bermuda's heritage, you celebrate one another and that you have a safe and fun filled Bermuda Day – you deserve it!

The Hon. N. H. Cole Simons JP,MP
Leader of the Opposition



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Warm holiday wishes to you on the 43rd annual celebration of Bermuda Day.

After two years of absence, of missed holidays, and lost loved ones, it feels apt for us to come back to this special holiday in celebration of Togetherness. We mark not only the physical return of large-scale gatherings, but also the people that we have been missing, the element that makes us a whole: our community.

The Bermuda Day Parade was designed to bring the entire Bermudian community together out of recommendations from the Pitt Report, to address the inequities and structural, systemic issues of our society. While this is a tall order for any celebration, it is important to reflect on how these topics continue to be a factor. And though we chase a utopian ideal of togetherness within our community, may we do so with understanding and respect of our history, and boundaries on the expressions therein.

In saying that, I mean that nobody but a Gombey is a Gombey, though we love to see them take back our streets. And though the brightly-sequined dancers return, we must not take for granted the hours of rehearsal that they put in to unite us back in rhythm. Those walking in the parade today represent many of the non-profits that have worked so hard to provide for the community, particularly when times are tough. Many thanks go to the participants that invest more money, time, and energy to Bermuda Day than most realize. Thanks also to my colleagues at the Department of Culture, the Department of Communication, the Royal Bermuda Regiment, and the City of Hamilton.

When we couldn't be together – when physical distancing, and sheltering at home was keeping us safe – the things that we turned to for comfort were culture. We listened to music, watched our favourite DJ's live streams, caught up on TV shows and movies, read books, danced on TikTok, and explored Bermuda's natural heritage. My mentor, indeed I dare say one of the most important cultural figures Bermuda has had, Miss. Ruth E. Thomas told me once most simply, "Bermuda's culture is her people."

Together, we are culture. Together, let us celebrate Bermuda Day.

Happy Bermuda Day to each of you – I wish you abundant inspiration, limitless national pride, and boasty vibes.

Carlita Lodge
Cultural Affairs Programme Manager

THE ORIGINS OF HERITAGE MONTH AND BERMUDA DAY

Civil unrest in the 1960s and 1970s prompted the Bermuda Government to commission a report examining the social conditions in Bermuda and make recommendations to promote a more unified and peaceful social atmosphere. The Pitt Report of 1978 gave an accurate representation of the social and racially tense atmosphere at the time, and included feedback from many Bermudians that suggested an event should be organised to bring Bermudians together in harmony and to build a sense of civic pride.

It was decided that a parade would provide an opportunity for camaraderie and celebration, similar to the Easter Parade that ran from the 1930s through to the 1960s. During that time, many farmers grew flowers so that they could be in full bloom for the Easter period. It was also suggested in the Pitt Report that the proposed event capture the unifying spirit of the existing May 24 half-marathon. These events both served as inspiration for the Bermuda Day Heritage Parade which replaced Empire Day, the annual public holiday recognising Queen Victoria's birthday. The first Bermuda Day Parade took place in 1979. It was historically celebrated on May 24th or the weekday nearest May 24th if that date fell on a

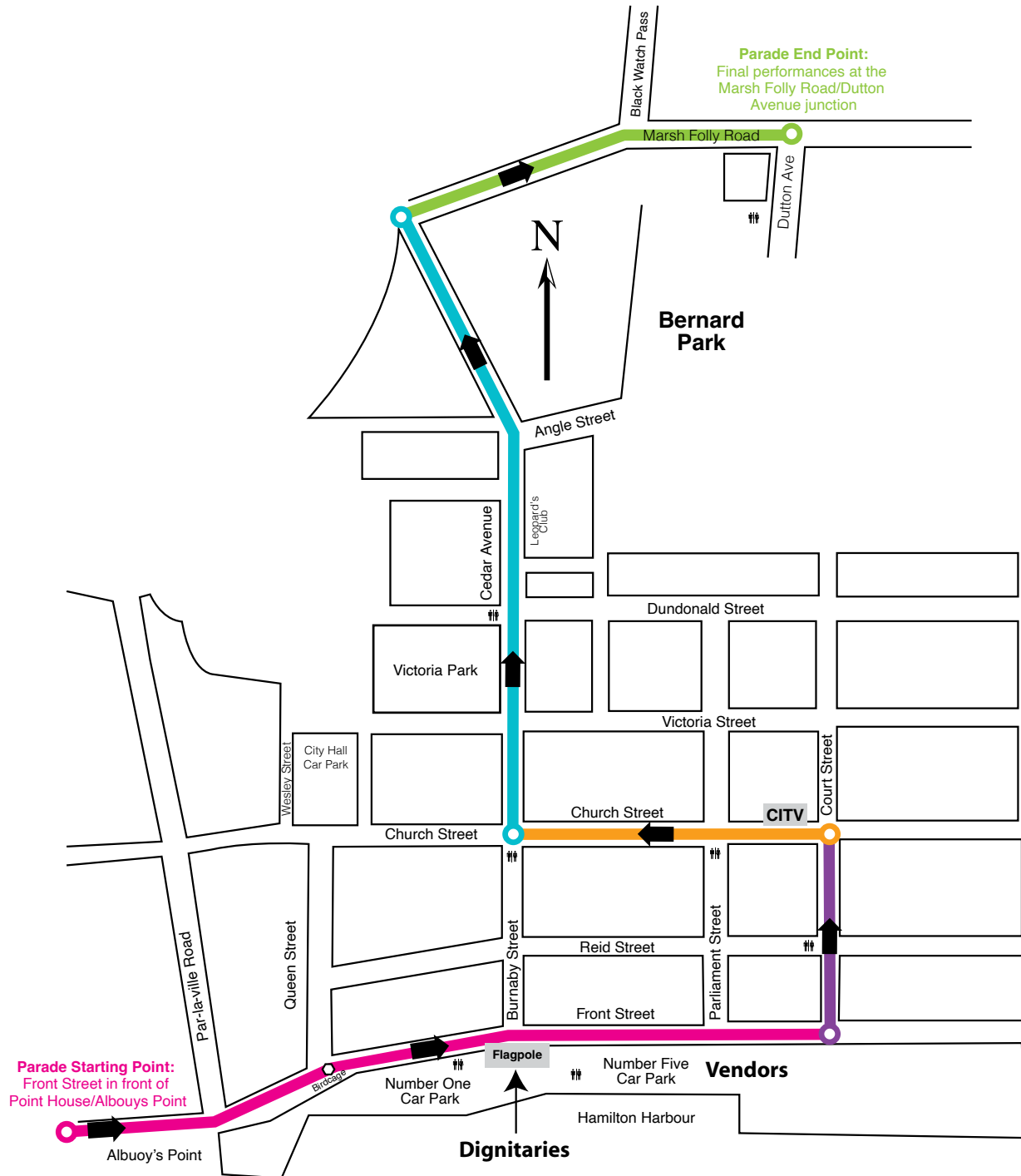
weekend, in 2018 adjusted to the last Friday in May, and in 2019 onward it will be on the fourth Friday in May. The Bermuda Day Parade in 2022 is on Friday, May 27, 2022.

Bermuda quickly realised that one day of celebration was not enough time to recognise the broad spectrum of Bermudian heritage and traditions. Heritage Week was born, celebrated in the last week in May. By the mid-1980's, this was expanded further into Heritage Month with a calendar full of events through May that celebrates Bermudian culture, heritage, and traditions.

Bermuda Day has become the culminating point of Heritage Month and one of the most beloved cultural holidays alongside Cup Match (Emancipation Day & Somers Day). On Bermuda Day, Bermudians showcase their pride in the beauty and diverse culture of our island – whether they participate in the parade, the half-marathon, go for their first swim of the year, attend the season's first fitted dinghy boat races, or follow the Gombeyes through the streets crying, "Ay-oh!"



BERMUDA DAY 2022 PARADE ROUTE



The **2022 Bermuda Day Parade** will begin **1:30 PM**. Parade will begin on Front Street in front of Point House/Albouys Point area and continue along Front Street. The parade then turns left onto Court Street, takes a left onto Church Street, a right along Cedar Avenue, and ends at Marsh Folly Road/Dutton Avenue junction.

BERMUDA DAY 2022

PARADE ORDER

1. St. John's Ambulance
2. Royal Bermuda Regiment Band
3. Bermuda Long Riders Motorcycle Club and Association
4. Seniors of Bermuda in partnership with The Department of Culture and BUEI
5. Bermuda Squad Entertainers
6. **Grand Marshal:** St. Clair Brinkworth "Brinky" Tucker
7. Tee-L's Pre-Emancipation Day Seniors Tea Party: Ms. Cup Match
8. One Body In Christ Movement For God's Purpose
9. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda: Big Brother of the Year
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11. Rated E! Dance Crew
12. Project Action
13. **Grand Marshal:** Crenstant Williams
14. Bermuda Gymnastics Association
15. Phoenix
16. **Grand Marshal:** Linda Bogle-Mienzer
17. The Wisdom of Togetherness
18. Bermuda Motocross Association
19. Vision School of Dance
20. Bermuda Nurse's Association Nurse of the Year: Irena Ashton
21. Sui Generis Dance Team
22. Bermuda Tuk Tuk Tours
23. PHC Majorettes & Drum Corps
24. Vasco da Gama Club
25. United Dance Productions
26. Epic Entertainment
27. **Grand Marshal:** Darren Woods
28. John A.B. Woods Sr.- Togetherness Classic Car Experience
29. Inspire Bermuda
30. St. George's Original Dancerettes
31. Whip Rideshare
32. Department of Culture designed by Cirque Circus
33. Gombey Warriors
34. Warwick Gombey Troupe
35. HnH Gombey Troupe
36. Gombey Evolution
37. Place's New Generation Gombeys

Grand Marshals not able to be present:
Glenn Fubler, Patrina O'Connor-Paynter



GLENN FUBLER

Glenn Fubler counts himself lucky to have been a teen in the 1960's: a transformative period globally. Through his extended family and news sources, he learned about social movements, including those of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. His mother, Lorraine Fubler, led by example, fostering in him a sense of responsibility to the wider community. After studying at Elliott Primary, Bermuda Technical Institute and Berkeley Institute, he attended the Sixth Form Center pursuing A levels, before entering University of Miami with the initial goal of becoming a Marine Biologist. While there, he served as President of the school's United Black Student organisation. During summer vacations in Bermuda, Mr. Fubler joined the Black Beret Cadre – a local group promoting social justice. He later transferred to Howard University, maintaining his activism; and after two years of graduate school, he returned home to teach biology at Berkeley. He also started a Defense Fund for "Buck" Burrows and Larry Tacklyn and subsequently helped initiate the campaign, attempting to prevent their hangings. While teaching he became a union activist, playing a role during the historic Labour Crisis of 1981 which brought together an unprecedented cross-section of community stakeholders, effecting a peaceful resolution, despite the challenging circumstances. Following that, he served as President of the Bermuda Union of Teachers, followed by a term as the BUT's Executive Officer. During the 1980's he also co-founded the local anti-Apartheid movement which brought together unions and other sectors of the Island in solidarity with the people of South Africa. Mr. Fubler went on to teach briefly at Warwick Academy and then at the Bermuda College, before joining Government's Labour Department as Labour Relations Officer. From the 1990's onward, he continued his activism through entities such as Imagine Bermuda; and, in 1999, he encouraged members of the Progressive Group to 'step forward', fostering wider appreciation of our shared legacy. Since his retirement in 2013, Mr. Fubler has maintained his activism in the community, focused on fostering collaboration across the various sectors. More recently, he's been involved with a team of volunteers at Westgate, in an initiative called the Personal Empowerment Circle, which looks to promote a transformative spirit in those incarcerated. This is in keeping with a passion to promote an Island-wide conversation, seeking a shared vision for a better Bermuda.

Note: Ever the activist, Mr. Fubler has chosen to share Bermudian and history with the Bermuda Day Parade presenters in lieu of being a parade participant..



PATRINA O'CONNOR PAYNTER

If we're all doing our small part, we can make Bermuda a better place - that's the philosophy of **Patrina O'Connor-Paynter**. Since 2008, she's served as Managing Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bermuda, a local youth mentoring charity that aims to help young people reach their full potential. Her commitment to the community extends beyond that, however. Mrs. O'Connor-Paynter can often be found participating in local events and fundraisers or sharing a word of encouragement to uplift friends and followers on her popular social media platforms. Formerly the host of her own radio show on Power 95 FM, Mrs. O'Connor-Paynter, aka 'Power Girl', has been the face of numerous television programs in Bermuda. Over the years, she has also emceed popular events like the Bermuda Day Parade, End to End charity walk, and special presentations by Arianna Huffington, the co-founder of The Huffington Post, and Deepak Chopra, a world-renowned author and alternative-medicine advocate. In 2016, Mrs. O'Connor-Paynter was named the Most Fascinating Person of Bermuda and honored during a special televised interview. The following year, she was a recipient of the Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honour for her work with local youth; while in 2020, she was named 'Philanthropist of the Year' at the Premier's Awards, hosted by the Bermuda Construction Safety Council. In addition to being a devoted mother, wife, and woman of faith, Mrs. O'Connor-Paynter is a member of the Bermuda Media Council Appointments Committee and a Board Member of the IAC. She is also a Founding Executive Member of the Pig's Field Family Connection (PFFC), a member of the Berkeley Educational Society Management Committee, a member of the International Women's Day Committee and a WeSpeak Coach.

Note: Mrs. O'Connor-Paynter will not appear in the Bermuda Day Parade as she is hosting on Front Street! Please stop by and wave hello!



ST. CLAIR BRINKWORTH "BRINKY" TUCKER

St. Clair Brinkworth "Brinky" Tucker enjoyed a distinguished career with the Bermuda Police Service that lasted for nearly three decades. He made history as the first Bermudian to be named Head of Police Prosecutions and also served as the officer in charge of the St. George's and Airport Police Stations, a Supreme Court Officer, and the Supervisory Officer/Officer in Charge of Hamilton Police Station, before his retirement in 1991. One of the highlights of his illustrious career was the seven years he served as aide-de-camp to Premier Sir John Swan. A former West Pembroke Primary, East End Primary, and Berkeley Institute student, Mr. Tucker received two Governor's medals and three Commissioner's Commendations for his diligent service. An avid sportsman, he excelled in table tennis, football and cricket - and has the unique distinction of having played in all three Counties (Western, Central, and Eastern), as well as one Cup Match Classic in 1973. Not one to neglect community service, Mr. Tucker served on the Human Rights Commission and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Committee to celebrate Bermuda's Heritage Day. In September 2007, he was honored by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs as an Outstanding Tradition Bearer of the Family and Community. From a young age, his St. David's Island mother instilled in him a strong sense of pride in family, culture, and heritage. Determined to keep those traditions alive, Mr. Tucker played a major role in the formation of the St. David's Island Reconnection Indian Committee in 2002, a group responsible for reconnecting the Pequot Indians in the various U.S. States with those in St. David's and the rest of Bermuda who had Native American ancestry. This reconnection resulted in dozens of Native Americans visiting Bermuda to join the Committee and put on unforgettable Pow Wows. His endearment for his beloved St. David's Island also led him to publish *St. David's Island, Bermuda - Its People, History and Culture* in 2009, a book written to chronicle the journey and highlight a few of the prominent people of St. David's Island. Due to the far-reaching impact of the book, Mr. Tucker was this year (2022) awarded the Daniel Literary Award from Atlantic Publishing House at a special ceremony. He has been married to his wife, Lyn, for 56 years and together they have two sons and three grandchildren. In his retirement, he enjoys spending precious time with family and friends.



CRENSTANT WILLIAMS

Crenstant Williams always dreamed of becoming a lawyer and went on to obtain a law degree from the University of Buckingham in the U.K., However, it was after hearing a statement that "young males are a menace to society", he decided to change course. Mr. Williams figured if he could reach young men at an earlier age through education he could make a noticeable impact in their lives. Today, he does just that through the many hats he wears - as Acting Math Officer for the Ministry of Education and Head of Referees for the Bermuda Football Association (BFA). After receiving his teaching certification, Mr. Williams started work at Elliot Primary school where he taught various year levels. In September 2005, he transferred to Harrington Sound Primary as the P6 teacher and was appointed Math Teacher Leader. While there, he launched the Math Mastery program, which is modeled after the Singapore style of teaching, helping children to 'learn through modeling, representation, justifying and convincing their peers' rather than just memorizing information. The last academic checkpoint results from 2018 showed the school's students were excelling in math above the rest of their public school peers. Mr. Williams went on to teach at West End Primary, where he was promoted to Deputy Principal. His Math Mastery program was implemented in the Western Zone schools and later, due to the positive response from teachers and students, it was adopted by the MOED and implemented in all of Bermuda's Public Schools. Outside of the classroom, Mr. Williams is an avid sportsman. He sees sport as a positive outlet for young people - to test their endurance and sharpen their character. He is the Second Vice President and Head of Referees for the BFA and was instrumental in getting four Bermudians appointed to the FIFA list as Assistant Referees in the last five years. In 2022, Bermuda made history, with the appointment of its first ever female to the FIFA list. Mr. Williams also implemented a Youth Referee Program via the BFA and currently has officials as young as 10, who referee Under-7 games. He constantly seeks to improve the knowledge base of the local officials with a view raising the standard of officiating on the Island. Mr. Williams recently launched an online referee platform for aspiring referees, which is the first of its kind in the Caribbean. Whether it's on the field or off, he finds it extremely rewarding to see former students achieving their goals, attaining scholarships, and excelling in their chosen careers. He firmly believes that all children can learn and achieve, but it's up to parents and educators to awaken that hunger and curiosity for knowledge.



LINDA BOGLE-MIENZER

Today, **Linda Bogle-Mienzer** wears her many hats proudly as a Black Bermudian gay unionist, however, this wasn't always the case. As a child, Mrs. Bogle-Mienzer admits she was a major introvert and a "bit of a nerd" who struggled with opening up to people. Part of that came from her early experiences of being bullied and ostracised by her peers because of her differences. Those traumas shaped many of her insecurities and caused her to wear a mask throughout most of her teens and 20s. By the time she reached age 30, however, she was tired and overwhelmed with the double life she was living. Mrs. Bogle-Mienzer decided to be true to herself and gradually began using her voice and social media platforms to speak up about injustices in our community. In June 1996, she joined the Bermuda Police Service (BPS) as a Station Duty Officer (SDO). Outside of her policing duties, which included mentoring, coaching and training other SDOs, she was actively involved in holding the BPS accountable for its policies around diversity. When her best friend and colleagues were killed during Hurricane Fabian in 2001, she ensured they would never be forgotten by hosting an annual memorial event. Mrs Bogle-Mienzer began her union career with the Bermuda Public Service Union as a shop steward in 2004. In 2015, she was elected as 2nd Vice President; and in June 2021, she stepped into a new full-time role as Labour Relations Organizer. She currently holds several key roles and responsibilities at the BPSU including the title of Rapid Response Officer, tasked with handling bullying and sexual harassment cases in the workplace - a role she's extremely passionate about. A fervent leader for social change, Mrs. Bogle-Mienzer has served as a long-standing member of local community awareness groups CURB and Restorative Justice. She has been most vocal about marriage equality and fearlessly challenges the country's leaders and citizens when it comes to this important human rights issue. Her well-known social media platform, 'Morning Beautiful People', aims to be a refreshing, honest and safe space for all who feel unheard or voiceless. She believes her greatest accomplishment to date is marrying her beautiful wife, Christine, and raising their fur babies RayLove and Harmonii O.



DARREN WOODS

Over the last ten years, **Darren Woods** has dedicated his life to service to the community. From his day job as the Youth and Outreach Manager for the Ministry of National Security's Gang Violence Reduction Team (GVRT) to his role as an event organizer and experience curator, Mr. Woods desires to see young Bermudians uniting together positively and peacefully. The 35-year-old got his start working in the non-profit sector in 2012, a year after losing his close family-friend Jason Smith to gun violence, in what is widely understood to be a case of mistaken identity. The tragedy impacted Mr. Woods' life significantly, causing him to leave the finance and accounting industry to begin work at the Family Centre, a charity providing critical intervention services to children suffering from emotional, social, behavioral, and trauma-based challenges. While there, Darren explored his passion for community development, positive youth engagement, and youth empowerment. He specifically enjoyed working with young men who experienced being marginalized, overlooked or excluded from society. During his seven years as a Community Support Worker, Mr. Woods supported the strategic planning, program design, fund development and delivery of various different programs including: Beyond Rugby, Youth Leadership Academy, Building My Future and Youth Police Initiative. In 2019, Mr. Woods made another transition - this time to the GVRT, a group which aims to tackle gang violence and anti-social behavior through a series of strategically designed prevention, intervention and rehabilitation programs and initiatives. Today, he works closely with various GVRT programs such as Redemption Farm, Work Placement and Mentoring Initiative, Hype Kings Program, Excellence Program, Restorative Justice Sessions and the Coordinated Crisis Response Team. Through the role he provides individual case management and also leads small group sessions, personal development/ life skills training and job coaching/ employment support. According to Mr. Woods, success looks different for each young person he works with, however, any growth is considered a small win. In his spare time, Mr. Woods is a passionate tennis player and entertainment enthusiast. He loves bringing people together and creating unique experiences for people to have a good time through the groups he's a part of, including: Party People Entertainment, Off Level BDA, Lotus, and Afro Sommelier.







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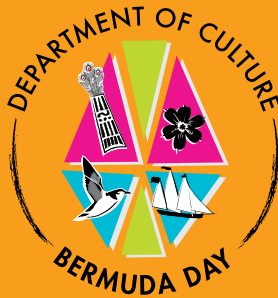
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