

INDUSTRY NEWS

BARTLETT ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR NEGRIL

Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett says his administration is moving to complete a number of development projects, and to pursue others, in the resort town Negril in coming months. Bartlett said the derelict Norman Manley Beach Park will be the first on the list to be completed. Bartlett, who was addressing the handing-over ceremony for a new ambulance to the Emergency Medical Services of the Negril Fire Station in Westmoreland, last Friday, said an artisan village will also be constructed in the resort town. "We are finishing the one in Falmouth. We are supposed to open it in another few days and [then] we will be doing Negril, we will be doing Ocho Rios, and we will be doing Montego Bay," he announced. "It is a new dimension that we are taking this element of our experience in order for our craft vendors to become entrepreneurs. So, the craft vendor... must be the merchandiser of Jamaican products that emphasize the specificity of our people and the indigenusness of the offering that we are providing." Bartlett also announced plans for the completion of the Whitehall Housing Development in Negril.

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MARLEY'S UK YEARS FOR DOCU-FILM

Bob Marley's influence on British culture will be focus of a one-hour documentary titled "When Bob Marley Came to Britain," slated for the BBC2 this month. According to British music journalism website *NME*, the film will investigate the Jamaican reggae singer's influence on the United Kingdom's music scene. Narrated by Obaro Ejimiwe, *When Bob Marley Came to Britain* will include rare archive footage and interviews with people who met and knew Marley across the UK. Most of the songs Marley wrote during his time in London made it on the epic *Exodus* album, released in June 1977. According to a BBC release, the documentary will "reveal how [Marley's] presence helped influence British politics, culture and identity, during a time of massive social and civil unrest in the UK – and how his universal message of One Love and unity helped inspire a generation of black British youth. This film also takes a revealing look at Marley's time in Britain: the houses he lived in, football kickabouts in Battersea Park and visits to the UK's growing Rastafarian community, including secret gigs in the North of England."

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WEDDINGBELLS VIRTUAL EVENT – PLANNING YOUR DESTINATION WEDDING

On Tuesday August 11th, Angella Bennet, Regional Director, Canada, Jamaica Tourist Board will join Weddingbells Editor-in-Chief Alison McGill for Weddingbells In Conversation virtual event on Zoom. With the impact that COVID-19 has had on wedding planning, Weddingbells aims to help Canadian couples continue to make wedding plan, understand the current event landscape and what it means for 2020 and 2021 weddings. During the "Planning Your Destination Wedding" session presented by the Jamaica Tourist Board, Bennett will be talking about how to move forward with planning a destination wedding in the current climate. She will be joined by a curated group of wedding industry expert lineup for the virtual session including Treasa Leigh Brown, Founder & Creative Director, Leigh Event Group. *(Wedding Bells)*

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