

# Venture News

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### TAREIG In the News

## CAMINO DEL RIO FEATURED IN INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE

Camino Del Rio has gone international! As part of the recent award for Best Development in Belize, Camino Del Rio is featured in the Luxury Collection of the International Homes Magazine Spring Edition, a quarterly publication which targets international travelers. The magazine is available in the

Business and First Class on several airlines.

The article describes its support for the conservation, preservation, enhancement, and management of Belize's natural resources and protected areas and how it has become an important country attribute. Camino Del Rio



**The Camino Del Rio article describes a natural way of living**



supports Belize's commitment by utilizing conservation and green building technologies



**Camino featured in a World-Wide Magazine**

and components. The preserving of the natural surroundings are important aspects of maintaining the beauty of the community. The ease of starting a new life and good reasons for living in Belize are also featured. Read the full article on the website at [www.International-homes.com](http://www.International-homes.com) on page 44 of the Volume 17 issue 2.

### Local/Country News

## NEW AIRPORT OPENS IN BELMOPAN

Now travel from the mainland to the islands has gotten easier and faster. The opening of the new Tropic Air hanger in Belize's capital Belmopan provides more rapid access to getting around the country, especially to the popular island locations of Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker.

Prior to the new airport opening, a 40 minute drive to Belize City to either Municipal or International Airports, or the ferry boat were the options to get to the islands to enjoy some of the country's best water

sports, such as snorkeling, diving, and sailing. This is a welcomed enhancement to getting around the countryside



**Tropic Air is now scheduling flights from Belmopan**

especially for residents in the most western part of the country such as San Ignacio, who have to travel over two hours to get back to the city. Travel to the Oceanside or northern and southern parts of the country is now more convenient when traveling by air. This new access from the central area of the country increases its access for more of the country to explore for vacationers and residents. The new airport location is a short ten mile drive from Camino Del Rio.

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**Project Spotlight****COHUNE PALM TREE - THE TREE OF MANY USES**

*The Cohune Tree has many uses for shelter and food*

**The Tree**

Cohune Palm trees grow wild all over the rainforest in Belize, and are plentiful in the recreation area of Camino Del Rio. Reaching heights of over 90 feet, their giant palms are used for thatching houses or building shelters. The nuts found in the giant grapes are used to produce oil which can be edible. The most delicious part of the tree is the heart of the palm found in the last four feet before the base of the branches. The bark around that part of the tree is used as feed to farm animals such as pigs and chicken. The Mayan people even have been known to make palm wine from the heart left on the base of the tree.



**Cohune Trees Flourish in the Camino Parks**

This popular tree has many uses.

**Harvesting the Nuts**

The trees producing nuts grow very high and are sometimes hard to reach. They are usually collected from the ground when they fall. The shell is very hard and can be broken by using a

rock. The nut seeds are set into a hole of a stone so that it doesn't fly away when you hit it. People also use the nuts to produce oil.

**Harvesting the Heart of the Tree**

The most delicious and prized part of the Cohune palm is its heart. It is usually collected from a 10 year old tree where the base of the branches starts six or seven feet off the ground. It is then cut four feet from the ground. The part between the first cut and the branches are soft and contain much food. After cutting this part off with an axe, the few layers of bark need to be removed. After removing two or three layers, the heart can be reached and the ends cut off (where a brown skin remains). In a survival situation, it is edible but much tougher than the heart itself. You can then cut pieces of the heart to eat them raw. It is surprisingly tender and sweet. It could be compared to the heart of an artichoke but sweeter. One tree will yield enough food to feed 15 to 20 people.

**Cohune Oil**

Cohune oil is pressed from the seeds of the cohune palm, which is native to Central and South America. Along with other byproducts of the palm, cohune oil is believed to have been used by cultures in southern Mesoamerica since the pre-Columbian era, in particular by the Maya. Uses of the oil include as a lubricant, for cooking, soap making and lamp oil. For this latter purpose the oil is placed in clay or soapstone lamps and lit with a wick, for cooking and illumination. The manufacture and usage of the oil continues among certain contemporary Maya communities in Belize, Guatemala and Honduras.

**CAMINO RECIPE OF THE MONTH****Bundiga (Garifuna Dish)****Ingredients:**

5-6 fillets (snappers)  
1 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp black pepper  
2-3 thyme leaves or 1/2 tsp thyme powder  
2 plugs garlic  
5-6 cups coconut milk (2 grated coconuts)  
1 medium onion 4-5 green bananas (grated)

**Directions:**

1. Scrape, clean and season fish. (Set aside)
2. Peel and grate bananas. (Cover and set aside)
3. Bring milk to boiling point stirring constantly. Add garlic, onion, thyme leaves etc. (Continue stirring)
4. When boiling point is reached, add grated bananas. (1 heaped tablespoon at a time)
5. Simmer for about 15 minutes. Stir to prevent sticking.
6. Add seasoned fish and continue simmering

for another 15-20 minutes or until fish is fork tender.

Serve over rice

Serves 4



**Bananas and Coconuts grow at Camino Del Rio**

**Adventure Activity Spotlight**  
**BUTTERFLY FARMS**

*The varied plant life attracts both birds and butterflies to the area*

Nature is almost everywhere in Belize. For a close-up of a varied number of winged species – get an upfront look at the natural beauty of Belizean butterflies in the many butterfly house and gardens. Flocks of butterflies, from brilliant blue to gorgeous orange, dazzling yellow to intriguing gray, fly freely in beautifully landscaped flight areas. The objective of many of the butterfly farms is to encourage learning about the environment and to have fun at the same time.

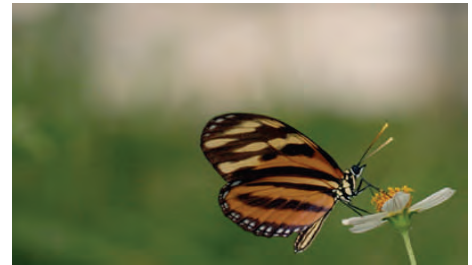
Outdoor rearing areas are available where butterflies are raised from eggs to pupae. The "Belizean Blue" a local species, can be observed during every stage of their life cycle. It begins its cycle as a pale green egg, which looks like a dewdrop, soon after it changes into a voraciously hungry caterpillar, then into the bizarre form of a dormant pupa, and finally into a dazzling beauty that delights the public in butterfly houses throughout the world. What better way than by illustrating the fascinating sights of an insect's life cycle to help us appreciate the rich diversity of our natural environment.

Informative displays teach visitors about tropical animals, plants, and their inter-connectivity. Other great features of most farms are eco-centers featuring interactive exhibits about ecology, biodiversity, birds, bats, ants, plants, and the Ancient Maya use of medicinal plant gardens featuring natural remedies.

The largest live butterfly display in Belize is located at Green Hills, where research is also conducted. The main flight area makes it

possible to study interactions between different butterfly species. A checklist to the butterflies of Belize was produced here and a field guide to the butterflies of Belize is in preparation. In addition, there is ongoing research in other known areas in Belize for their environmental and ecological studies. Much attention is also devoted to conservation activities. Dozens of local butterfly species are being reared with some that will be shipped to butterfly houses in the United States where they will delight thousands of visitors. Some of these butterflies are being retained in order to maintain a local breeding stock.

And where there are butterflies, expect to see several groups of plants. Either as nectar plant or caterpillar food plant. Special collections include Passionflowers, Bromeliads, Cycads, Heliconia's, Aristolochia's and Orchids. With the attraction of butterflies also come a great bird diversity. Over 230 bird species have been identified throughout the country.



**Butterflies grace the landscape**

**PHOTO GALLERY**  
**CAMINO'S FIRST FAMILY (see article on next page)**



**The Haggmann Family**



**Erick's favorite relaxation area**



**Meeting new friends at the zoo**





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TAREIG, LLC, The Adventure Real Estate Investment Group, is a Maryland based real estate development and management company created to pursue domestic and foreign real estate investment opportunities. The target for real estate development activities is on small to medium sized projects in emerging destinations that are in the early stages of development for tourism and residential community living. Projects include the building of resorts, single family, and multi-unit residential and vacation home communities that incorporate ecological-based designs to maintain and/or enhance the natural features of the property.

**OUR PROJECTS:**

- Utilize environmentally sound preservation practices,
- Emphasize local community involvement and community service support,
- Provide for a network of other TAREIG corporate owned and commercial developed projects.

**MISSION**

The mission of TAREIG, LLC is to develop unique and high quality real estate projects that are situated near outdoor adventure and tourist attractions in emerging travel destination areas.

**VISION**

Our vision is to create a network of TAREIG properties through land development and reciprocal arrangements with other similar high quality residential and vacation development communities and resorts throughout the world.

**CORPORATE PHILOSOPHY**

Offer quality products and a satisfying customer experience.

*Closing Note*

**MEET THE HAGMANN'S**

Camino's first family have arrived and are making Belize their new part-time homestead. Cheryl and Erick Hagmann from Cape Elizabeth, Maine first visited Belize in 2009 on an adventure tour and were convinced by their guide that Belize was a great place to live. As a retreat from the cold winters and snow in Maine, Belize was selected for its year-round warm weather climate and natural beauty with diverse cultures united by a common English language. The low population density, people, Mayan Temples, inland jungles, and variety of things to see and do, along with the ease of getting around are many of the reasons for their Belize consideration.

"We had thought about a vacation home situated on a lake in Maine, but we could only enjoy it in the summer, a few months out of the year".

After multiple visits to the country and with the help of Rain Forest Realty, the Hagmann's selected Camino Del Rio as their Belize vacation home destination. What they enjoy best about Camino Del Rio is its location in the jungle beside the river, but close to the centrally located capitol Belmopan, and of course Hilario, the property manager! As part-time residents, the fully secured gated community was also an important feature. Their favorite location onsite is the bird watching tower and the front porch of their home.

Over the next few years they are looking forward to meeting their new neighbors and for more people to discover this beautiful paradise and build their homes.

Erick is retired from LL Bean and loves the outdoors and enjoys hiking, camping, bird watching, woodworking, and

gardening. "I have enjoyed some of the best snorkeling and island life on the Cayes and tubing down the Caves Branch River here onsite" he claims. Cheryl, a Customer Service Manager at Maine Bank & Trust, enjoys reading, but ventures out with Erick on his nature quests. "We just spent three weeks at our new home in January and are quite sure we made the right decision to buy. We love Camino Del Rio!"



**Erick and Cheryl Hagmann on their front porch at Camino**