

# Venture News

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### TAREIG/Local Country News

## CAMINO DEL RIO SURVIVES HURRICANE RICHARD

Belize is tucked away and usually protected from most hurricane paths based on its geographical location being nestled under the Yucatan Peninsula, but on October 25, 2010, Hurricane Richard made landfall in the small country as one of the few major tropical storms in over 20 years. Its path originated and intensified in the Caribbean from a tropical storm into a Category 1 hurricane as maximum sustained winds increased to 90 miles per hour as reported by the National Hurricane Center. The eye of the hurricane hit land around 7:45PM, 15 miles south-southwest of Belize City.



**Strong winds blew the front palapa top off it's poles**

Onsite at Camino Del Rio, preparations were made to secure the property, animals, and local staff. The community has a comprehensive Severe Weather program with documented procedures for residents and staff and the appropriate elements of the program were imple-



**A number of fallen trees**

mented to protect the safety of the community. Camino's Security Manager, Jose Valasque remained onsite during the four hour period and fortunately no residents were in town at the time. Property Manager Hilario Mess was able to quickly reach the site to assess any damage. A number of large trees were uprooted, the entrance palapa was sliced off its poles, and the trails were cluttered with tree branches. Smaller palapas on the property had a loss of leaves, but the primary damage was the many downed trees. There was no damage to any of the homes, which all are concrete and hurricane level 5 proof. It will take at least a month to restore the grounds to its original beauty and the efforts have already begun underway.

Throughout Belize, Hurricane Richard caused roughly \$25 million (USD) in

damage of most of which was agriculture related, including crops (the entire grapefruit harvest) and large trees. In Belize City and other parts of the country that were along the path, the hurricane battered rickety homes off stilts, blew off roofs, and knocked out power. An estimated 10,000 people countrywide took refuge at storm shelters in schools and churches. Locally in Franks Eddy village, many families sought refuge from the gusty winds at the primary school which serves as the hurricane shelter for the area. Only two fatalities have been blamed on the storm, both of which took place when a ship sank amidst rough seas during the hurricane.

For a copy of the Camino Del Rio Severe Weather plan, send an email request to [info@tareig.com](mailto:info@tareig.com).



**River bridge tree was uprooted**

**Project Spotlight**  
**THE CAVES BRANCH RIVER AT CAMINO**

*Great tubing along the river in your back yard*

Camino Del Rio is the Spanish translation for 'river walk' and along the grounds of the Camino community lies one of the most played-in rivers of the country. Flowing west of the Sibun, the Caves Branch River cuts its way through limestone once deposited by ancient reefs to form massive cave systems throughout the area. The river drains a major portion of the northeastern section of the Mayan Mountains and ducks in and out of these caves along its winding route.

Inside these caves and along the banks of Caves Branch, paddlers can find some of the most productive Mayan archaeological sites in Belize. Many caves, such as the legendary Jaguar



**Path to the Caves Branch River Beach area**



**Overlooking the Caves Branch River**

Paw caves, are open to the public and can be explored in canoes or tubes through guided tours. Caves Branch is rated a Class I-II waterway-perfect for a meandering, exploratory travel.

There are several hundred feet of the Caves Branch river frontage at Camino Del Rio. With a new beach recently finished, you can fish, swim, or river tube uninterrupted any time of the day. The water is crystal clear and offers beautiful views up and down the river.

On your next Camino visit, have Hilario take you on a tube expedition to acquaint yourself with the river. Be sure to bring a camera to shoot the numerous birds and butterflies that hang out along the river.

**CAMINO RECIPE**

**Pineapple and Habanero Salsa**

**Ingredients:**

- 4 cups fresh tomatoes
- 1 cup fresh habanero peppers, de-stemmed
- 1 cup onion, roughly chopped
- 2 tbsp fresh lime
- 1/2 cup chopped pineapple

**Directions:**

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and stir well. Refrigerate for at least one hour.

Great as a side relish or sauce for meats, fish, and poultry.



**Fresh Pineapple are available during the summer months**



**Bright and colorful Habanero grow abundantly at Camino Del rio**

The Habanero is one of the hottest chiles on earth, both in terms of capsaicin heat and popularity. The chile's wonderful fruity flavor and aroma has led to an explosion of recipes and processed hot sauces and salsas in the past few years. Some have called it a designer chile. Several new cultivars have been developed recently including the hottest of the hot, Red Savina.

Other cultivars and first cousins to the Habanero include Chocolate Habanero, Yellow Habanero, Habanero Rojo, Rica Red, Congo, and Scotch Bonnet. They are most commonly grown in the Yucatan, Costa Rica, Belize, California, Texas, and the Caribbean. The name Habanero means "from Havana". The most common uses of the habanero is in sauces, salsas, seasoning rubs and jerk marinades. They may be purchased fresh, dried, powdered, and pickled.

The Belize habanero, sprouts to an array of colors from deep purple peppers, ripening yellow, orange and then scarlet.

**Adventure Activity Spotlight**

**A WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AT CROOKED TREE**

*The Crooked Tree Sanctuary offers a large array of bird congregations during the dry season*

If you are an avid bird-watcher, then a trip to Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary, home to the Jabaru Stork, largest bird in the Western Hemisphere, should be listed as a 'must see' when traveling in Belize. Crooked Tree is a small village located about 30 minutes north of the Belize International Airport and lies within a wildlife sanctuary consisting of tropical forest and a vast wetland of lagoons and interconnecting waterways. Crooked Tree Lagoon Water-birds are the main attraction for visitors.

Bird-watchers bring your binoculars and telephoto lens and get ready to snap away at the hundreds of birds at the site. Herons, ducks, kites, egrets, ospreys, kingfishers and hawks are just a smattering of the 275 bird species seen here, including the Jabaru stork, with a wingspan of up to 10-12 feet, making it the largest flying bird in the western hemisphere.

Literally thousands of birds congregate within the sanctuary during the dry season, taking advantage of shallow water and easy food resources. The best time to see them is between February and May. Most migratory birds arrive in November, and leave before the rainy season starts in July. Black Howler Monkeys, Morelet's Crocodiles, Green Iguanas and freshwater turtles can also be found.

The Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 1984 for the protection of resident and migrant birds. The sanctuary consists of a network of over 12,800 acres of inland lagoons, marshes and waterways and provides a good resting area for thousands of migrating birds. The wetland is approximately a mile wide and more than 20 miles long. The reserve features a number of trails.

A pleasant way to explore the sanctuary is by boat. Many water birds congregate along the lakeshore and the banks are lined with interesting plants. Some of the birds you can expect to

find here include the Black-Collared Hawk, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, several species of herons and egrets, limpkins, the elusive Sungrebe, and the even more elusive Agami Herons, Northern Jacanas, Least Grebes, Pygmy Kingfishers, Rufus-tailed Jacamars, and several species of parrots and the unique Snail Kite. All can be found here and are frequently photographed up close.

"The Birdwalk" is about three quarters of a mile in length.

The elevated walkway passes through wetlands and gives viewers on foot an opportunity to see the indigenous plant and wildlife.

The Crooked Tree Village lies within the Sanctuary while a three and a half mile causeway connects the Village with the Northern Highway. This sleepy Creole village of narrow sandy lanes, lined with cashew trees, is home to 900 residents.

While bird-watching is by far the most popular activity, the village is also famous for its cashews. Cashew trees grow in abundance, yielding cashew nuts, cashew wine, and stewed cashew fruit. The village celebrates with an annual Cashew Festival in May. There is food, music, lots of dancing, and of course, lots of cashew. No matter the time of year, a trip to Crooked Tree yields a pleasant experience with friendly people and natural beauty.



**Snail Kite**

**PHOTO GALLERY  
CAMINO AFTER THE STORM**



**Ryan attempts a sideways walk**



**Banana Trees—Lost a few but they grow back quickly**



**The cleanup effort**



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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

### M-BUSINESS SOLUTIONS—THE TAREIG SUPPORT TEAM

When you send correspondence, payments or have any type of interaction with TAREIG, LLC, you'll more than likely interface with one of the members of M-Business Solutions in Belize City.

M-Business Solutions provides a good portion of the administrative and financial support for the Camino Del Rio project in the Cayo district of Belize and TAREIG, LLC located in Maryland. The company was founded by Linda Munoz in 2000 and has been providing virtual business services and



**Linda Munoz—Owner of  
M-Business Solutions**

ant prior to establishing her own company. She supports other Tourism, Real Estate, and Financial Services organizations with offices in Belize, United States, and Canada.



**Janice handles most of the  
financial matters**

support to many U. S. and local organizations for over ten years.

Ms. Munoz is a resident of Belize and has worked in the business industry with large and small firms as a CPA and business consult-