

## Nov. 1, 2019- Events & Community

- Halloween Party held at On Da Beach last Thursday was a success. Pumpkins, costumes and decorations were brought in to support this event.
- A refreshments cart is being sourced with coolers on the back to drive around the island and hand out cold drinks and snacks to work crews to keep everyone hydrated and motivated
  - Will need volunteers to man this cart
- 300 reusable water bottles will be coming in next Friday, November 8th to be handed out and cut down on plastic water bottle waste
- Community movie nights in the Ball Field have been proposed. Large speakers, projector and screen have been donated and are available.
- “Hope Town All-Stars” open mic night
  - Possible donation of musical instruments for locals who lost theirs in the storm may be arriving in Abaco Dec. 1st.
- Potential upcoming community events:
  - Box Cart Derby (Nov 24):
    - Food/Drink Vendors
    - Category for “Debris Carts”
  - Thanks Giving (Nov 28):
    - Line up tables in the street and have a community dinner/celebration
  - Christmas Village
    - Plan around the time when families and children may be returning to the island
    - Smaller scale than previous years
    - Food/Drink Vendor
    - Live music/DJ
    - Need to come up with material/supplies list
    - Volunteer labour from Samaritan’s Purse
- Sub Committees need to be formed for each event that can work together on planning and coordination
- Materials to repair the library have been donated. This area will act as a temporary community information & event center.
  - Samaritan’s Purse plans to hire local staff to work in this location for the next 3-6 months
  - Plan to have community BBQs, Game Nights, Ice Cream parties etc.

- Will have public computers/wifi access
  - Will also act as a welcome center with an information board for people visiting or returning to the island
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- All events will have to be scaled back to reduce planning and labour hours due to the circumstances. It is important to have these events to keep the spirit of Hope Town alive, without taking away from our resources and focus on relief efforts