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Grand Opening Saturday September 19th from 7 am until

Come out and Celebrate with Us in Reinventing Cruise St. Maarten.

Entertainment all day, food and drinks on sale. Front Street next to Sea Palace



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Walter "Plantz" Williams 1915 - 2010

Walter "Plantz" Williams was a fishing legend. He was also a long-time resident of Down Street. The tender jetty in front of the square is named in his honour. In 2010, a bust was erected and unveiled as part of honouring pioneers in the community.

Walter Williams was nicknamed "Plantz." Walter used to go to the Plantz Plantation in Belvedere where he would go out hunting with members of the Plantz family. His friends in Down Street gave him the name "Plantz" after he spent so much time up at the plantation.

Walter "Plantz" Williams' passion was fishing. He supplied residents throughout the community with freshly caught fish, jacks and shrimps from the Fresh Pond. He would cook these delights and share them out during evening get-togethers with members of the community.

"Plantz" as he was affectionately called, also built fish pots, sewed nets and constructed race model sailing boats in Great Bay for youngsters and adults. Walter "Plantz" Williams (95) was an all-rounder, a champion domino player, a barber, and an artisan of local culture.

The Walter Plantz Square at Down Street will generate a new spirit of life into the Down Street area for locals and visitors alike. It will be an anchor project to stimulate economic development in this unique part of town. The downtown neighbourhood still has many original monuments. The square comprising of seven colourful buildings, surrounding a large playful fountain, and shaded with palm trees, creates the feeling of an outdoor living room. These gingerbread buildings mimic the historical St. Maarten homes. They are constructed according to the original St. Maarten architecture, but have the most modern and outstanding interiors. The square will offer visitors various cuisine along with soft St. Maarten and Caribbean music from an integrated sound system during the day, evenings and on holidays, and is open for residents and visitors. It has been designed to reflect the national cultural heritage of the destination which is part and parcel of Port St. Maarten's reinventing cruise tourism.

Each gingerbread building has been adorned with the name of one of the country's bays.



Simpson Bay - Well known for fishing and maritime heritage and a cornerstone of the island.





Oyster Bay - Represents two nations living together, French and Dutch; sharing the inland waterway.



Great Bay - Capital city of Philipsburg and representing the seat of Government and Commerce including the historical salt pans.



Little Bay – Fort Amsterdam played a key role in the defence of the island – Pieter Stuyvesant's attack of 1644.

Guana Bay - Is a traditional sea turtle nesting area.



Cole Bay - The village was the historical settlement of early times and meets our energy needs of today.



Back Bay - Rough cliffs and scenic views of the neighbouring islands of St. Barths, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Eustatius and Saba.



Mullet Bay - Represents the crystal blue open Caribbean Sea and inland pond where the sharing of experiences of recreation and nature preservation take place.