



COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

NEW PROVIDENCE

GRAND BAHAMA

FAMILY ISLANDS

&

OVERSEAS MISSIONS / EMBASSIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IN COMMEMORATION

OF

**THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF INDEPENDENCE**

1973 - 2013



JANUARY 2013

- January 9th, 2013 - Pre Majority Rule Day Ecumenical Church Service
Bethel Baptist Church,
Meeting Street
Nassau, New Providence
- January 10th, 2013 - Special Assembly at all Schools Throughout
The Commonwealth of The Bahamas
Message by H.E. Arthur Foulkes to be read
- January 10, 2013 - 46th Anniversary of Majority Rule Exhibition
Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre
College of The Bahamas
Oakes Field Campus
- * January 26th, - 41st Annual Red Cross Ball
Crystal Ballroom
Wyndham, Nassau Resort
Theme: Celebrating 40 years of Bahamas Independence
with Glitz & Glamour

* **Endorsed by National Independence Committee**

FEBRUARY 2013

* Monday 4th February – Bahamas Cricket Association will host International Cricket Council (ICC) Americas Division 2 International Cricket Tournament Haynes Oval, West Bay St.

Visiting Teams: Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Panama, Turks Island

* Saturday 23rd February - One Bahamas “Walk for Unity”
Co. Chaired by: Sir Orville Turnquest & Sir Durward Knowles

* Saturday 23rd February - Unveiling Ceremony
The Jose’ Marti Memorial
Matthew Town, Inagua

* **Endorsed by National Independence Committee**

MARCH 2013

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| 4th – 8 th March | - | E. Clement Bethel National Art Festival – Dance Competition (Nassau) |
| 5th –15 th March | - | E. Clement Bethel National Art Festival – Dance Competition (Grand Bahama) |
| Thursday 7 th – 9 th March | - | Bahamas National Agricultural, Agro-Business & Marine Resources Expo |
| * Sunday 10 th March | - | Inspirational night of music – with Canon Harry Ward |
| Tuesday 12 th March, 2013 | - | National Independence Committee
Official launch
Rawson Square |
| Friday 22 nd March | - | Cultural Ion Awards |
| Saturday 23 rd March | - | Culture in the Square |
| Friday 29 th March
(1 st April, 2013) | - | 42 nd Edition of Carifta Games
Thomas A Robinson Sports Centre |
| Sunday 31 st March | - | Official Opening – Annual Carifta Games
Thomas A. Robinson Centre |
| | - | Kingdom Come Exhibition (National Art Gallery) |

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APRIL 2013

- 2nd – 7th April - National Youth Choir Concert
- Sunday 7th April - Urban Renewal Musical Band Concert
National Center for the Performing Arts,
6:30pm
- Saturday 6th April - Papalo's Bahamian Music Festival
- 9th – 12th April - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
(Music Competition)
- * Saturday 13th April - The Islands of The Bahamas
Chris Brown Invitational Meet
Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
Opening Ceremonies at 6:00pm
- Saturday 13th April - Theatre in the Park (Montague Constituency)
(see Ministry of Youth)
- Saturday 13th April - Nassau Village – Urban Band Performance
- Tuesday 16th April - Education Patrons Day Assembly (All Schools)
- Sunday 21st April - Royal Bahamas Defence Force Beat Retreat
33rd Anniversary
Down Town, Nassau, Bahamas
- 22nd – 26th April - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
(Eleuthera / Harbour Island)
- 23rd – 27th - National Family Island Regatta & Junkanoo
(Exuma)
- Saturday 27th April - Fox Hill – Urban Band Performance
- Monday 29th April - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Ragged Island)
- Tuesday 30th April - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Mangrove Cay, Andros)

Endorsed by National Independence Committee

MAY 2013

- Wednesday 1st May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Moore's island, Abaco)
- Tuesday 2nd May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (South Andros)
- Friday 3rd May - Heroes Ownership Summit – Women (Debbie Bartlett)
- 3rd – 5th May - 9th Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival (Green Turtle Cay, Abaco)
- Monday 6th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Black Point)
- Tuesday 7th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Berry Island)
- Friday 10th May - 33rd Anniversary to commemorate the Sinking of HMBS Flamingo, Rawson Square
- Friday 10th May - Grand Bahama Amateur Softball Association Event
- Saturday 11th May - Urban Renewal Band Performance
Kemp Road Community Park
- Wednesday 15th May - RBPF Band - Launching of 120 Anniversary Commemorative Stamp
- Wednesday 15th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Bimini)
- Thursday 16th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (San Salvador)
- Friday 17th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Competition (Cat Island)
- Friday 17th May - Honoree Luncheon East Grand Bahama
- 18th – 20th May - Mangrove Cay Andros Regatta & Home Coming Celebration

- Saturday 18th May - Culture in the Square,
Rawson Square
10:00am – 7:00pm
- 18th – 20th May - Barretarre Festival & Regatta
Barretarre, Exuma
- Monday 20th May - Bahamas National Gospel Excellence Awards,
7:30pm
Wyndham Resort & Crystal Palace, Cable Beach
- 21st – 22nd May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (North & Central Andros)
- 23rd - 24th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Exuma)
- Thursday 23rd May - Goombay Festival (Elbow Cay, Abaco)
- Friday 24th May - All Grand Bahama Pride Day & Cultural Explosion
- Saturday 25th May - Parliamentarian Luncheon, Grand Bahama
- Saturday 25th May - Downtown 40 Fun Cultural Evening Festival
Grand Bahama
- Saturday 25th May - Urban Band Performance
Fort Charlotte Community
- Sunday 26th May - Church Service, St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church
West End, Grand Bahama
- Monday 27th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Rum Cay)
- Tuesday 28th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Crooked Island)
- Wednesday 29th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Acklins)
- 29th – 30th May - Showing of Documentary Film Womanish Ways
“Woman’s Suffrage Movement”,
Galleria Cinemas, JFK at 7:00pm
- Thursday 30th May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival

Competition (Mayaguana)

- Friday 31st May - 40 Day Count Down to Independence Launch
Rawson Square, 6:00pm
- Friday 31st May - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival
Competition (Inagua)
- 31st May - Showing of Documentary Film Womanish Ways
"Woman Suffrage Movement", Regency Theatre,
Grand Bahama, 7:30pm
- Starting May - Tell the Story – Ongoing Media Profiles of
Outstanding Grand Bahamians

JUNE 2013

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| Saturday 1 st June | - | Junkanoo Corporation Awards Banquet,
Super Club Breezes, 7:00pm |
| Wednesday 5 th June | - | Official launch - Save the Water Tower Campaign,
10:00am, Water Tower, Ft. Fincastle |
| 6 th -9 th June | - | Cat Island Rake & Scrape Festival |
| Friday 7 th June | - | 37 th Annual Miami / Bahamas
Goombay Festival
Coconut Grove, Florida, U.S.A. |
| Friday 7 th June | - | National Flag / Colours Day |
| 7 th – 8 th June | - | Long Island Regatta and Junkanoo Festival |
| 7 th – 8 th June | - | Rush for Peace Junkanoo Parade
Freeport, Grand Bahama |
| 7 th -9 th June | - | South Andros Homecoming/Regatta |
| Saturday 8 th June | - | Gregory Town Eleuthera Pineapple Fest |
| Saturday 8 th June | - | Urban Band Performance
Englerston Community Park |
| Saturday 8 th June | - | Rush to Independence – II
East & Bay Street to Navy Lion Rd. 8:00pm |
| Monday 10 th June | - | Launching of the Sir Lynden Pindling Website |
| 12 th – 14 th June | - | The Bahamas at 40: Reflecting on the past,
Envisioning the Future
College of The Bahamas Special Forum |
| 13 th – 14 th June | - | Eleuthera Cultural Heritage Festival |
| 14 th – 16 th June | - | North Andros Crab Fest, Fresh Creek, Andros |
| Friday 14 th June | - | Rush to Independence – III
East & Bay St. to Navy Lion Road, 8:00pm |
| Friday 14 th June | - | National Flag / Colours Day |

- Saturday 15th June - "A Celebration of Bahamian Composers"
JoAnn Callender In Concert
- Friday 14th June - Mt. Tabor Full Gospel Church
Honouring 40 Fathers, Sheraton, Cable Beach,
7:00pm
- 20th – 23rd June - Ultimate Gospel Music Experience: BFM
7:00pm, Mrs. Patricia Bazard
- Friday 14th June - National Flag / Colours Day
- Friday 21st June - Rush to Independence – IV
East & Bay St. to Navy Lion Road, 8:00pm
- 21st – 23rd June - Grand Bahama Regatta, Taino Beach
- Saturday 22nd June - Urban Band Performance
Bain Town
- Saturday 22nd June - Theatre in the Park (Centerville Park)
- Saturday 22nd June - Culture in the Square
Rawson Square, Nassau
- Saturday 22nd June - Bahamas Salsa Social Network, 7:00pm
A Dance for Life Masquerade Gala Ball, Atlantis
- Sunday 23rd June - Patronal Festival of The Anglican Diocese &
Prayers for the Nation on the 40th Anniversary of
Independence
- 27th 30th June - Nassau Festival of Arts & Crafts, Music, Drama
National Art Gallery
- Friday 28th June - Heroes Ownership Summit - Men
- Friday 28th June - Command Performance Dion Cunningham
- Friday 28th June - Rush to Independence – V
East & Bay St. to Navy Lion Road, 8:00pm
- Saturday 29th June - Bahamas National Symphony Orchestra (BNSO)
In Concert, College of The Bahamas

- Saturday 29th June - Bahamian Festival, Botanical Gardens
- 29th & 30th June - National Fun Run Walk, (Various locations)
- Sunday 30th June - Renewal – Marriage Vows
(Rawson Square 6:00pm) Pastor Rex Major & Grace
Community Church

JULY 2013

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| Monday 1 st July | - | Prison Officers Pop Band Performance
Rawson Square, 1:00pm |
| Tuesday 2 nd July | - | Presentation of Coat of Arms by Junkanoo
Development Association, 7:00pm |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | - | Combined Dress Rehearsal (Police/Defence Force
Officers, 7:00pm |
| Thursday 4 th July | - | Rush to Independence – VI
East & Bay St. to Navy Lion Road, 8:00pm |
| Thursday 4 th July | - | United States Salute to The Bahamas
Fireworks at Sir Sidney Poitier Bridge |
| Friday 5 th July | - | National Pride Day, Rawson Square 10:00am –
3:00pm (National Tee Shirt Day) |
| Friday 5 th July | - | National Cultural Concert, 5:00pm until...
Thomas A. Robinson Stadium |
| Friday 5 th July | - | Variety Concert – Anglican Chorale, 8:00pm
Celebrating Bahamian Composes & Musicians |
| Saturday 6 th July | - | Centreville - Urban Band Performance |
| Saturday 6 th July | - | Sir Lynden Pindling Legacy Ball
Sheraton, Cable Beach, 7:00pm |
| Sunday 7 th July | - | Police Band Beat Retreat (Police/Prison/Defence) |
| Sunday 7 th July | - | Region Bells in Concert, Evangelistic Temple, 7:00pm |
| Sunday 7 th July | - | National Independence Cycling Championships,
8:00am |
| Monday 8 th July | - | Display of National Symbols Day |
| 8 th – 12 th July | - | Display – Constitutional Documents
Central Bank of The Bahamas |
| Tuesday 9 th July | - | Launch of “From Dat Time” Oral & Public History
Institute, University of The Bahamas, 10:00am |

- Tuesday 9th July - 40th Anniversary Celebrations
- Wednesday 10th July - People's Junkanoo Love & Unity Rush – 3:00am
- Wednesday 10th July - Culture Rama – St. Gregory's Church 10:00am until
- Wednesday 10th July - National Float Parade – 3:00pm (Clifford Park)
- Wednesday 10th July - Independence Reception – Government House
6:00pm – 9:00pm (By invitation)
- Thursday 11th July - National Art Gallery of The Bahamas (NAGB)
Unveiling of 60 portraits of the collection by Governor-
General
- Friday 12th July - Independence Music Concert (Botanical Gardens)
- Friday 12th July - Luncheon – Sheraton, Cable Beach, 12:30pm
Honoring High Achievers under 40 years of age
- Friday 12th July - People to People Tea Party – Government House
(by invitation only) 3:00pm – 4:30pm
- Saturday 13th July - Bahamas Icon Awards Ceremony
- Friday 19th July - Rotary Club of Nassau Cocktail Reception & Art
Exhibition (Government House), 7:00pm
- 19th – 21st July - North Abaco Summer Festival & Power Boat Race
- Saturday 20th July - Cultural Explosion Show – featuring top local bands
- Friday 26th July - 40th Anniversary Gospel Celebration (Min. Kevin
Harris) Diplomat Centre
- Friday 26th July - Youth in Parliament – House of Assembly
Parliament Square
- Saturday 27th July - Battle of The Bands – Clifford Park

AUGUST 2013

- 2nd – 4th August - Rolleville Regatta (Exuma)
- Black Point Regatta (Exuma)
- Regatta (Cat Island)
- August Monday weekend - National Song Contest
- Saturday 17th August - Theatre in the Park (Fort Charlotte Constituency)
- Saturday 24th August - Culture in the Square
- 30th – 31st August - Indigenous Music Festival

SEPTEMBER 2013

- *Saturday 14th September- Prayer Breakfast (Sister, Sister Breast Cancer)
Sheraton, Cable Beach
- 16th – 27th September - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Art Exhibition
- Saturday 21st September - Culture in the Square
- 27th – 28th September - National Rake N Scrape & Quadrille festival
- Saturday 28th September - E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival Awards
Presentation

OCTOBER 2013

- 4th – 14th October - Shakespeare in Paradise Festival
- 11th – 14th October - North Eleuthera Regatta (Harbour Island)
- Saturday 12th October - Theatre in the Park (Yamacraw Constituency)
- Saturday 12th October - Coconut Fest
- Saturday 12th October - Old Fashion Gospel Concert
Thomas A. Robinson Centre
- Saturday 19th October - Culture in the Square
- National Heroes Month (JoAnn Callender)

NOVEMBER 2013

- Saturday 2nd November - Annual Guy Fawkes & Bonfire Celebrations
- Saturday 9th November - Culture in the Square
- 22nd – 23rd November - International Dance Festival
- Thursday 28th November - National Tree Lighting Ceremony (Rawson Square)
- Junkanoo Show Down – Category A Groups)
- TBD - NCAA's Women's Annual Junkanoo Basketball Jam
- 15th Annual Arts / Crafts Festival
- Nassau City Opera Company Remembrance Day Concert
- * - Global Fashion – Tribute to The Bahamas (Owen Bethell)

DECEMBER 2013

- Sunday 1st December - 12 Days of Junkanoo

- 6th or 7th December - Junkanoo Showdown – Category B Groups

- Thursday 19th December - Jr. Junkanoo Parade (New Providence)

- Wednesday 25th December - Sr. Junkanoo Parade (New Providence)

- Sr. Junkanoo Parade (Eleuthera)

- Thursday 26th December - 40th Anniversary National Junkanoo Parade

GRAND

BAHAMA

ACTIVITIES

GRAND BAHAMA
WEST END, FREEPORT & EAST GRAND BAHAMA

- International Food Festival
- Church Service
- Visit of Governor-General
- Luncheon
- Construction of Cenotaph (Naming of Independence Square)
- Flag Raising & Military Parade
- Ceremony – unveiling of statue
- Independence day activities
- Classical Concert & Formal Reception hosted by Prime Minister

FAMILY

ISLAND

ACTIVITIES

ABACO DISTRICT

- 1st – 9th July - Best Decorated Business Competition
- 1st – 9th July - Best Art Display (All Abaco Schools)
- 2nd July - Prayer Breakfast
- 7th July - Independence Ball / Banquet
- 7th July - Youth Parade
- 8th July - Ecumenical Service
- 10th July - Flag Raising Ceremony / Fireworks

ACKLINS DISTRICT

- Artifacts Exhibition
- Old fashion Gospel Concert
- Fashion & Talent Show
- Ecumenical Service
- Flag raising Ceremony & Fireworks
- Volleyball & Basketball Tournament
- Banquet & Presentation of Awards

NORTH ANDROS DISTRICT

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| 22 nd February | - | Non Denominational Crusade |
| 23 rd February | - | One Bahamas Unity Walk |
| 9 th March | - | Nicoll's Town Music & Arts Festival |
| 29 th March | - | Mastic Point Home Coming celebrations |
| 27 th April | - | 1 st Annual North Andros United Choir Gala Banquet
(under distinguished Patronage of Prime Minister &
Lady Christie) |
| 11 th May | - | Theatre in the park (Featuring Miss Daisy) |
| 3 rd – 4 th May | - | Snapper Fest red Bays, Andros |
| 1 st June | - | Exhibition |
| 14 th June | - | Documentary "The road to Independence |
| 3 rd July | - | Miss North Andros regatta Pageant |
| 4 th – 6 th July | - | All Andros Independence Regatta |
| 7 th July | - | Independence Cultural Show, Police March Pass &
Fireworks |
| 9 th July | - | Independence Family Fun Day Morgan's Bluff |
| 9 th – 12 th | - | Coppice Fest – Nicoll's Town |
| October | - | Youth Month debate & Essay Competition |
| October | - | Youth Month March & Rally |
| 31 st December | - | Rushin Church of God of Prophecy Conch Sound |

SOUTH ANDROS DISTRICT

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| 21 st March | - | Parenting Seminar – South Andros High School |
| 20 th May | - | Independence Fishing Tournament |
| 7 th – 8 th June | - | South Andros Homecoming & Regatta |
| June | - | Beginning of Community Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Tournaments, Dominoes, Checkers, backgammon Tournaments |
| June | - | Re-naming of Long Bay Cays Pre School and the Deep Creek Pre & Primary Schools |
| 21 st – 22 nd June | - | Dedication of Fire Shed & Police Band Presentation |
| June | - | Culturama – The Journey 1973-2013 (Dramatization) |
| 25 th June | - | Official Opening of Exhibition 1973 – 2013 Marion Forbes Center |
| 29 th June | - | Service of Thanksgiving (organized by Adventist) |
| 4 th July | - | Junkanoo Parade (3 groups from South Andros along with Colours Junkanoo group from Nassau) |
| 7 th July | - | Service of Thanksgiving (organized by Christian Council) |
| 9 th – 10 th July | - | Ecumenical Service & Flag Raising Ceremony |
| 10 th July | - | Float Parade |
| 13 th July | - | Tea Party & Fashion Show |

CENTRAL ANDROS

- Unity Walk
- Church Service
- Day of Prayer
- Community Awareness (Radio Trivia Program)
- Youth Rally (Sports, Junkanoo Fashion Show Concert)
- Essay & Art competitions

- Banquet

- Church Service

MANGROVE CAY - ANDROS

- ❖ Unity Walk
- ❖ Ecumenical Service
- ❖ Motorcade & Fun Day
- ❖ Junior Regatta
- ❖ Basketball Tournament
- ❖ Fishing Tournament
- ❖ T-Shirt Day
- ❖ Cultural Event
- ❖ Recognition Award Ceremony
- ❖ Crab Catching Contest
- ❖ Flag Raising & Junkanoo Rush Out
- ❖ Fireworks

BIMINI

- Float Parade / Motorcade
- Clean up Campaign
- Gospel Concert
- Fun / Run / Walk
- Ecumenical Service
- Flag Raising and Fireworks
- Family Fun Day / Sports
- Cultural Extravaganza

CAT ISLAND DISTRICT

- ❖ Ecumenical Church Service (Interdenominational Participation)

- ❖ Flag Raising / March Pass & Cultural Show

- ❖ Exhibition (Photo / Art – Journey to Independence Display)
Celebration of Iconic Figures

- ❖ Demonstration
 - Music Rake n' Scrape
 - Indigenous Craft , plaiting
 - Fishing
 - Food – conch, fish & farm produce

- ❖ Presentations
 - Schools – teaching students about the road to Independence
 - Community - teaching Community members

- ❖ Youth & Family Activities
 - Contest Essay, Art, fly fishing
 - Family Day
 - Field Trips
 - Debates

- ❖ Sporting Activities
 - Basketball, Soccer & Volleyball

- ❖ Entertainment
 - Live Music Entertainment & Performances

CROOKED ISLAND

- 28th February - Police Jamboree
- 28th February - Band performances
- 24th march - Cultural Show
- 14th April - Ecumenical Service (11:00am open air)
- 19th May - Ecumenical Service (7:00pm)
- 20th May - Walk-A-Thon / Beach Social (6:00am)
- 7th June - Historical Tour & Beach Social (10:00am)
- 10th June - Open House school Exhibition (10:00am)
- 27th June - School debate
- 9th July - Independence Service Parade (10:00pm)
- 10th July - Band Performances (9:30am)
- 10th July - Independence Celebrations

HARBOUR ISLAND

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| Wednesday 3 rd July | - | Cultural Night / Art Exhibition |
| Thursday 4 th July | - | Award Ceremony |
| Friday 5 th July | - | Educational Presentation of the 'way we were' |
| 5 th – 7 th July | - | Sports (Basketball Tournament) |
| Sunday 7 th July | - | Ecumenical Service |
| Monday 8 th July | - | Drama / Story telling, Skits |
| Tuesday 9 th July | - | Parade performance (Harbour Island Marching Band)
Flag Raising |
| Wednesday 10 th July | - | All Day Fun Day |

NORTH ELEUTHERA DISTRICT

- Thursday 13TH June - Poster & Banner Competition (3rd – 6th graders)
- Thursday 6th June - Speech Competition (10th – 12th Graders)
- Monday 8th July - Church Service (Charles Wesley Methodist Church
Lower Bogue, 7:00pm)
- Tuesday 9th July - Independence Day Celebrations and Fireworks
(Home coming site, Lower Bogue
9:00pm – 12 midnight)

SPANISH WELLS ELEUTHERA DISTRICT

- Slippery pole event (prizes and snacks for kids)
- Fashion show
- Junkanoo rush out
- Plaques / Awards
- Fireworks
- Bands
- School kids depicting transmission from 1973 to now

CENTRAL ELEUTHERA DISTRICT

- Fashion Shows
- Exhibits in Post office & court Room
- Independence day events (stalls, games)
- Rock oven
- Students crafts depicting the event
- Students drama events
- Junkanoo (peoples rush)
- Road traffic display license plates for then and now
- Post office display of stamps for then and now
- BTC display phones and telephone directories
- Banks to display pence shilling to dollars
- Crafters straw bags then and now
- Boat building from dingy to speed boat
- Bush medicine (local teas)
- Business office competition for best patriot
- May pole plating, ring play, marble, jump rope, hola hoop

EXUMA DISTRICT
MAIN LAND

- Church Service
- Band performance
- Sporting Events
- Fireworks
- Cultural program
- Tattoo & Flag raising, marching band
- Motorcade / Parade
- Walk-A-Thon
- Junkanoo
- National Family Island Regatta

EXUMA DISTRICT
RAGGIED ISLAND

- Church Service
- Fun Run Walk
- Community beach party and volleyball event
- Flag Raising ceremony
- Evening Fireworks and party

BLACK POINT

- 9TH July - Church service
- 10th July - Walk-a-thon
- 10th July - Luncheon
- 10th July - Fireworks

FARMERS CAY

- 9th July - Church service
- 10th July - Walk-a-thon
- 10th July - Luncheon
- 10th July - Fireworks

STANIEL CAY

- 9th July - Church service
- 9th July - Plaque Awards
- 10th July - Parade (with Golf Carts)
- 10th July - Luncheon
- 10th July - Fireworks

INAGUA DISTRICT

- Ecumenical Service
- Fireworks
- Entertainment & Catering Services
- Cultural Show
- Gospel Concert (bring in gospel artist)
- Fun, Run, Walk

LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

9th July - Ecumenical Church service

- (i) Flag raising
- (ii) Fire Works
- (iii) Live Band

10th July - Independence Family Fun Day

- (i) Native Fair (featuring stalls, selling local crafts, Bahamian foods) 12 noon - until
- (ii) Live Musical Entertainment - 8:00pm - until

MAYAGUANA DISTRICT

- Ecumenical service
- Cultural show, Police drill, Flag raising
- Fireworks
- Fun sports day

SAN SALVADOR DISTRICT

- Ecumenical Service
- Naming of Parks officially honoring local heroes
- Historical Exhibition of Columbus Landfall
- Talent Shows
- History Drama plays
- Speech Competition
- Sporting Events (Tournaments)
- Fashion Show
- Bush Tea Tasting Party
- Island Picnic
- Youth March, Float Parade

OVERSEAS

MISSIONS /

EMBASSIES

ATLANTA GEORGIA, USA

- Family & Friends of The Bahamas Fun Day
- Junkanoo
- Live performances - limbo dancing, chorale group etc.
- Bahamian food - switcha, vita malts bush teas, conch dishes, etc.
- Games – plating the may pole, marble, hop scotch, etc.
- Service of Praise & Thanksgiving

HAVANA CUBA

- Bahamian Films i.e. featuring Bahamian actors and directors
- Reception
- Bahamas Bazaar Bahamian food, arts and crafts with live band
- Relations between Bahamas and Cuba (artwork, book Guanahani
- Visual Arts – Exhibition
- Church Service
- Dance / Music & Junkanoo
- Investment forum

BEIJING CHINA

- National Day Reception
- Exhibitoion

OTTAWA CANADA

- Media appearance on CTV & Rogers TV
- Prince Edward Career / Cultural Fair (Bahamian students)
- Dinner by Bahamian chef
- Ecumenical service
- Diplomatic reception
- Boat Cruise
- Book Fair with Bahamian artist
- Choir or musical group from The Bahamas
- Vernissage Bahamian artists
- Bahamas night at the races
- The Bahamas in the movies
- Bahama Gala

WASHINGTON. USA

- National Day Reception (200 – 300 persons), Bahamians, Diplomatic Corp etc.
RBDF Pop Band to provide entertainment
- Mounting of Art and Craft work
- Church Service followed by luncheon
- Open House Fun Day / Picnic