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It has become custom since 1990, when the old County Council system transitioned to the Regional Corporation system, that Municipal Corporations develop and maintain recreational areas within private residential developments which have not necessarily been formally vested with the Corporations. With strict regard to the law, private developers should be the ones making this infrastructural investment in the areas which they commercialise.

However, in the interest of the common good, successive Governments have made significant investments in recreational grounds across the country, whether through the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts or the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government.

As such, the highly publicised situation involving the Chaguanas Borough Corporation, the Residents Association of Penco Lodge and the M12 Football Revolution is of national interest.

While recreational grounds may be located within specific communities and may be considered community assets, they are open to use by all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government supports the use of recreational facilities by all citizens, and particularly children, as a means of boosting community spirit, creating friendly linkages with neighbouring communities through competitive sporting and cultural events, maintaining a healthy lifestyle and maintaining a culture of peace.

The children of our nation have every right to be children and pursue their childhood dreams. The elite athletes who represent Trinidad and Tobago on the world stage are a proud reflection of the best that this nation has to offer: talent, diversity, discipline, desire for excellence and determination. More often than not, the journey to gold begins with a dream.

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