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A Word from our Chairman

Dear Residents

I trust you are all keeping well and I am sure that you like myself are all looking forward to the warmer weather and a greener and more colourful estate.

We have recently commenced with the implementation of the complete upgrade of our access control systems which includes both the hardware and software elements of the system. We are hoping that this upgrade will not only enhance our current security but will allow residents to more efficiently access and exit the estate. The timelines for the upgrade were detailed in a recent communication circulated by estate management and we request your patience during the implementation period which will be completed by the end of August. I would urge all residents to enrol onto the new system as soon as possible to ensure that you can start experiencing the benefits of the new system.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your families as the country makes every effort to control the pandemic with its vaccination and other programs.

Yours sincerely

Sebastian Carter

Chairman



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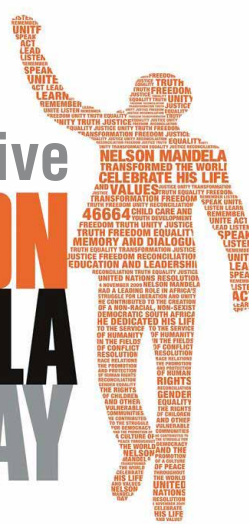
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Mandela Day Initiative

NELSON MANDELA DAY



Our Mandela Day initiative this year was to support the Thabo Mbeki Village Community, and help families in need. After the devastating shack fires, many families were left homeless, with no food or any of their belongings.

We thank our very special community for your overwhelming support and generous donations to this worthy charity. Dainfern Valley community is the best!

Next initiative - The residents of the Thabo Mbeki Village Community are using discarded plastic bottles to build their new Skills Development Centre. They will require 4 000 ecobricks for the construction of the new centre.

What is an ecobrick you may ask:
An ecobrick is a plastic bottle packed with used plastic to a set density. They serve

as reusable building blocks. Ecobricks can be used to produce various items, including furniture, garden walls and other structures.
If you would like to get involved you can make your own ecobricks, the Valley team will arrange they are delivered to the Thabo Mbeki Village Community to assist in building their Skills Development Centre.



‘It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it’ – Nelson Mandela



Our sincere gratitude to the Dainfern Valley residents for their generous donations to the Thabo Mbeki Community.

The Lifehouse volunteers sorted the goods into 69 bags. Each bag was allocated to a house number by the Thabo Mbeki team. These families were selected as the most vulnerable.

The response was so good and the people from the Thabo Mbeki Village were so surprised with the generosity.

This is how we build a better SA.

*Thank you
Lifehouse Church*





New Access Control Systems will be introduced to all residents during the next few months

We are excited to start the rollout plan of the new access control system. There will be teething issues during the first few months and we ask for patience while we address them quickly. We are committed to the process of continuous improvements and have every confidence that, over the next few months, we will better our position at the entrances and make the estate safer for all who reside here.

We will move from the fingerprint access system to the installation of the touchless wave scanners at our security gates. The Board has opted for the wave scanners after much research.

The touchless wave scanners have higher accuracy rates and have been more extensively tested. We have also been able to negotiate far better pricing on the wave scanners, which are significantly more expensive than the VisionPass facial readers, which has resulted in the overall project cost remaining unchanged.

The new residents' access system will verify access via the Idemia Morpho Wave contactless palm scanner with a Bluetooth cell phone application as a backup. Bluetooth access will only be available to residents.

We ask that residents ensure that all their domestic staff are

re-enrolled on the new system to ensure they can use the biometric readers on the pedestrian entrance and exit.

Please note that this is a complete re-enrolment process (except for E-tags) and all previous card and biometric information will no longer grant you access to the estate after 15 October 2021.

The estimated timeline is as follows:

Wednesday, 25 August 2021

- Commencement with the enrolment of Morpho Wave and Bluetooth processes
- Enrolment will take place on Monday to Fridays 7:00 – 16:30 and Saturdays 8:00 – 12:00

Monday, 6 September 2021

- New access system will go live and run parallel to old access control system

Friday, 15 October 2021

- Switch over to new access control system

We urge all residents to take the time to get enrolled as early as possible to assist us with the smooth implementation of the new access system.



ARBOR WEEK

1ST - 7TH SEPTEMBER

South Africa celebrates Arbor Week in the first week of September annually

Help to green our land by planting an indigenous tree in recognition of Arbor Week. If this year's chosen trees are not suitable, visit your local botanical garden or garden centre and select a tree suitable for your conditions.

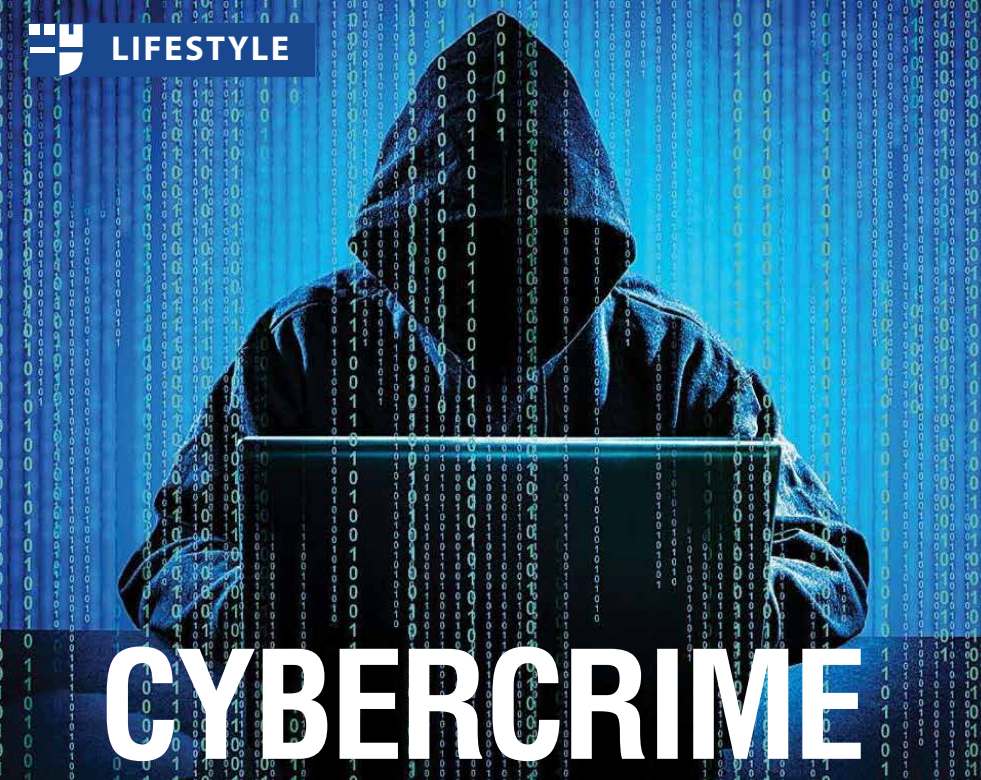
A suitable tree suggested from the Servest team is the Pom Pom tree. It is one of the best known and well-loved indigenous trees, tough enough to be used as a street tree and small enough to fit into most gardens. When in flower at Christmas, it looks like a giant candy floss, as the tree transforms into a cloud of soft pink balls. Its natural home is the eastern part of South Africa where it grows on the margins of forests, wooded hill slopes and in stony kloofs.

DESCRIPTION

Dais cotinifolia (the Pom Pom tree) is a small tree growing only to 6 metres, with a lovely rounded, leafy crown. It can be single - or multi-stemmed, with the brown stems covered in small speckles of whitish cork. The smooth, simple leaves are bright green, sometimes with a slight bluish tinge on the upper side. The veins of the leaves are a translucent yellow colour, forming very clear patterns as they run through the leaves. The leaves are usually scattered up the branches or crowded at the ends of the branches. In very cold areas the trees are deciduous, but in warmer climates like Cape Town they only lose their leaves for a short time at the end of winter.

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CYBERCRIME

AND HOW TO BE ALERT

ARTICLE BY SAPS

https://www.saps.gov.za/alert/cybercrime_prev_tips.php

Cybercrime is a fast-growing area of crime. More and more criminals are exploiting the speed, convenience and anonymity of the Internet to commit a diverse range of criminal activities that know no borders, either physical

or virtual.

These crimes can be divided into the following three broad areas:

- Attacks against computer hardware and software
- Financial crimes and corruption
- Abuse

TOP 10 CYBERCRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Use strong passwords
- Secure your computer
- Activate your firewall
- Use anti-virus/malware software
- Block spyware attacks
- **Be social media savvy** – Make sure your social networking profiles, for example, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and MSN, among others, are set to private.
- **Secure your mobile devices** – Download applications from trusted sources.
- **Install the latest operating system updates** – Keep your applications and operating systems up to date with the latest system updates. Turn on automatic updates to prevent potential attacks on older software.
- **Protect your data** – Use encryption for your most sensitive files, such as tax returns or financial records, back up all your important data regularly and store it in another location.
- **Secure your wireless network** – Wi-Fi networks at home are vulnerable, review and modify your default settings. Public Wi-Fi 'hotspots', are also vulnerable. Avoid performing financial or corporate transactions on these networks.
- **Protect your e-identity** – Be cautious when giving out your personal information on the Internet. Make sure that websites are secure, when making online purchases, or that you have enabled privacy settings for when accessing/using social networking sites.
- **Avoid being scammed** – Always think before you click on a link or file of unknown origin. Check the source of the message. Verify the source. Never reply to emails that ask you to verify your information or confirm your user ID or password.
- **Call the right person for help** – If you encounter illegal Internet content, report this at your local police station. If you need help with maintenance or software installation on your computer, contact your service provider or a certified computer technician.



COMPETITIONS

RESTAURANT COMPETITION



YOU COULD STAND A CHANCE OF
WINNING A **R500 VOUCHER**
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QUESTION:

Which tree is recommended by
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Heritage Day is coming up on the 24 September and it is a day that celebrates South Africa's roots, their rich, vibrant, and diverse cultures. South Africa is called the "Rainbow Nation" due to its colour and diversity, and this is why Heritage Day exists.

The day is usually celebrated with a cookout known as a braai and we suggest that you channel your inner South African and celebrate with a feast of your own. We have selected a few recipes for you to try. So, get the tongs out and heat the barbecue.

SHERRY BOERWORS SLIDERS

RECIPE BY MYKITCHEN

Makes 30

INGREDIENTS

- 1.2kg boerewors
- 500ml sherry
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp butter
- 3 onions, peeled and chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- 1 baguette
- Rocket leaves

METHOD

1. Cut the boerewors into 6cm pieces. Place in a bowl and pour the sherry over. Cover and place in the fridge to marinate for at least 2 hours.
2. Remove the boerewors from the sherry and place on skewers. Set the sherry aside.
3. Heat the oil and butter in a fireproof pan or potjie. Sauté the onions for 5 minutes. Add garlic and sauté for another minute.
4. Add the sherry and bring to the boil. Cook, stirring, until reduced by half.
5. Put the boerewors skewers in a hinged grid and braai over hot coals for 8 minutes, until cooked through. Make sure each side sees the heat at least twice.
6. Slice the baguette and arrange it on a platter. Drizzle a bit of the sherry sauce over each slice.
7. Remove the boerewors from the skewers and top each slice of baguette with a piece.
8. You can add some rocket leaves as your garnish.



SWEET POTATO CHIPS

RECIPE COURTESY OF CUPCAKE RICHARD

Serves 4

A healthier alternative to regular potato chips, sweet potatoes are both high in fibre and in flavour.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 tsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp salt
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp chilli powder
- ¼ tsp paprika
- 5 large sweet potatoes
- 3 tbsp olive oil

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 200°C.
- Mix together the sugar, salt, cumin, chilli powder and paprika.
- Slice the sweet potatoes into rustic wedges and toss with the olive oil until coated. Sprinkle the spice mix over the wedges.
- Scatter evenly in a roasting pan and roast for about 35 minutes or until golden brown and crispy. Serve immediately.



Spring IS IN THE AIR!

Our gardens contain an attractive mix of bunched indigenous and seasonal colour plants, surrounded by lawns overlooking the Jukskei river in our beautiful Valley.

Unfortunately, and very sadly, our gardens were badly smashed by frost this year, the worst I have seen in 8 years. They are totally damaged resulting in the necessity of removing or cutting back plants severely, nipping and replanting cuttings. Thank goodness for our mother beds created 3 years ago in Augustus and Benedict roads which help sustain our gardens without further expense!

Thus, our work schedule has doubled before spring. Preparations are underway and am happy to report that all dams have been cleaned and fish safely relocated in other dams away from the leguaans! All other normal winter maintenance has been completed

Lawns will be shaved soon (not scarified), fertilised and well-watered while we await the propagation of our summer colour.

Happy Gardening!



TIPS ON CARING FOR ORCHIDS

ARTICLE BY GARDEN AND HOME

THE BASICS

Most orchids available in shops are called *epiphytes*. In their natural habitat, you'd typically find them on trees in the rain forest. This includes the genera *Phalaenopsis*, *Cattleya*, *Oncidium*, *Dendrobium*, and *Miltonia*. It's easy to decide what an orchid need by considering its natural environment. They don't like soil, stagnant water and or too much fertiliser. This is similar to the conditions one would find on a tree.

WHAT THEY LIKE

Orchids like light

Not all of them can take direct sunlight though. A windowsill facing east or west is ideal.

Too much water is dangerous

Orchids are prone to root rot. Coming from the rainforest, most orchids love high humidity, but cannot bear stagnant water near their roots.

Fertilise correctly

Because of the long-lasting fertiliser contained in LECHUZA-PON, you don't need to fertilise your plant for up to one year. After that, a standard fertiliser can be added to the water.

Loss of blossoms

It is completely normal for orchids to drop their petals now and then. This has nothing to do with a lack of ability to care for your plants. When the orchid has lost its blossom on a stipe (stem) and no more blooms are on their way, cut the stipe back, before it starts to get yellow. You have two possibilities:

1 The fast way: Shorten about 1cm over the second or third dormant bud – this will cause a new sprout to grow quickly.

2 The gardener's way: Give your plant time to recover by cutting the sprout 1cm above the first latent bud – the latent bud will evolve into a new sprout. If you use the second method, it will take longer for a new blossom to grow (up to half a year), but your orchid will thank you with brighter colours and a stronger bloom.





APPROVAL OF PAINT COLOURS - VERY IMPORTANT!!

Please note that approval of paint colours for new paint or repainting of homes now requires all proposed colour swatches to be painted 1m X 1m on walls of the home concerned, in full sunshine and in full shade, before approval can be obtained by estate management in conjunction with our estate architect, Mr Kevin Els.

No small colour swatches will be accepted at the estate office for approval. This new process is required as the small swatches are often very deceiving. To avoid unnecessary expenses and as per our estate and architectural rules, please ensure your earthy colours and the process required are approved by the DVHA before painting commences.

RENOVATIONS BEFORE THE SUMMER RAINS

We remind residents to please submit plans to the estate office for approval by our estate architect before any renovations begin. The plan scrutiny fee is R2 250. Now is the ideal time to ensure renovations and repairs are completed before the summer rains.



WASHING OF PERIMETER WALLS

While we eagerly anticipate spring, we kindly ask all residents to ensure their perimeter walls are scrubbed to remove accumulated dirt deposited from trees during winter. This will make a huge difference in maintaining the premier appearance of our estate.



Kindly adhere to the speed limit of 35km/h, failure to do so will result in a speeding penalty of R500.



079 060 5413
Security Emergency Number

Please remember to call our Security Emergency number if you have any suspicion that you are being followed home and emergency vehicles will be sent to your location to escort you safely into our estate. We also remind residents to please ensure their doors and windows are locked at night and when away on business or vacations.

CLIMATE COMPARISON FOR JOHANNESBURG FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Average Weather in Johannesburg for September

Sunlight	11 hours a day
Coldest September temperature	-1°C
Coldest daily temperature	10°C
Warmest daily temperature	22°C
Warmest September temperature	33°C
Morning Humidity	43%
Evening Humidity	28%
Rain in September	27 mm
Wet days for September	4 days

Average Weather in Johannesburg for October

Sunlight	10 hours a day
Coldest October temperature	3°C
Coldest daily temperature	12°C
Warmest daily temperature	28°C
Warmest October temperature	34°C
Morning Humidity	61%
Evening Humidity	35%
Rain in October	56 mm
Wet days for October	12 days

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JOHN NGWENYA PAINTING CONTRACTORS

- John and his team Oscar, Prosper and Twoboy have done fantastic house painting in the estate, including all internal and external walls, all timber work, and steelwork, and reconditioning of ridging to roofs. References are available. Please contact John on 082 513 5572.

SHUTTLE SERVICE - We are offering a proposed shuttle service for residents, domestics and gardeners, in and out of the estate. Please contact Paul Parker if you are interested in this venture - Call Paul on 082 572 1795 or email: paul45parker@gmail.com

DOMESTIC WORKER/HOUSEKEEPER - AVAILABLE FROM OCTOBER 2021

We are relocating in September and our trusted housekeeper, Elsie, will be available from October. Elsie would prefer a live-in position, as her daughter (11 years old) lives with her and attends a private school in the area (which is paid for by her previous employers), but will consider all offers in the Fourways area. Elsie can cook, loves animals and is a trustworthy and loyal housekeeper. Please let me know should you be interested in interviewing Elsie. Contact Mariette on 083 659 3830 or email: mariette@revolutione.co.za if you would like me to forward her CV.

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