



Dainfern Valley

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A Word from our Chairman

Dear Residents,

It is certainly warming up quickly and it's wonderful to see our estate looking green again after the recent rains.

It is great to again be able to hold estate events and, in this regard, the recent Heritage Day family event was a huge success with lots of fun had by the almost 300 people and children that attended. Judy has shared information regarding the Halloween event to be held on Friday, 29 October 2021, which has been enjoyed by so many over the years.

The upgrade of the estate's access control infrastructure to biometric wave readers and the blue tooth application has proceeded without issues and is operating as expected. We had huge success with the new system and enrollments, which are now closed, the existing biometric readers and access cards have been discontinued.

I wish you all well in the run-up to the end of the year.

Yours sincerely,

Sebastian Carter





CHOOSING A HIGH SCHOOL

Choosing a high school for your child can be a daunting task. Here is a list of points to consider when making this crucial decision.



To find out more about Dainfern College, visit www.dainferncollege.co.za or contact enrol@dainferncollege.co.za to arrange a tour.

ETHOS, CULTURE AND VALUES

Ensure that the school's culture and values are aligned with those of your family. In this way, your child will feel comfortable in the new environment and will make friends with peers who respect or share the same ethos and outlook.

Established in 1997, Dainfern College is a standalone independent school that celebrates diversity and welcomes families of all faiths, nationalities and cultures. The school has a Christian ethos based on the traditional core values of Fortitude, Integrity, Self-discipline, Humanity, Accountability and Respect.

The College believes in a holistic approach to education, built on the pillars of Academics, Sport, Culture, Leadership and Service, supported by the key drivers of internationalism, innovation and transformational leadership. The school's mission is to develop the skills for life required to unlock unique personal potential and to nurture creative thinkers who will have the confidence to become leaders – through the provision of an innovative, relevant and quality education.

SIZE

The size of a school and of the classes should be considered. Some students cope better in a smaller, more supportive environment, while others revel in the opportunities of a bigger school.

Dainfern College offers three classes per grade with an average class size of 25 in Grades 8 and 9. Once students

select their subjects for Grades 10 - 12, classes are often smaller, ensuring that every student is well supported throughout their educational journey.

ACADEMIC OFFERING

Establish what curriculum and exit exams are in place and consider whether these will give your child access to tertiary studies both in South Africa and internationally.

Dainfern College has an outstanding 20-year record of 100% pass rate for Matric. The College follows the IEB Matric syllabus, which is well recognised both within South Africa as well as overseas. In addition, the College introduced the Cambridge A Level curriculum three years ago as an alternative school exit exam. Students select the curriculum of their choice from Grade 11.

TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCES

The COVID-19 pandemic and hard lockdown have highlighted the importance of technological resources at schools.

Dainfern College prides itself on its technological systems and expertise and is one of only two Google Reference schools in Africa - (<https://edudirectory.withgoogle.com/search?expertTypes=schoolOrDistrict>). The systems already in place ensured a seamless transition to online learning during Level 5 lockdown last year to ensure the continued delivery of lessons across the College.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A holistic education includes physical and cultural activities in addition

to the academic programme.

Be sure to enquire about the range of activities on offer and whether these are included in the school fees or are billed separately.

Dainfern College offers a comprehensive list of extracurricular activities, all included in the fees: **Sport:** Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Equestrian, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis and Water Polo. **Culture:** A Cappella, Art Club, Bands, Chess, Debating, Drama, Marimbas, Music Ensembles and Public Speaking. **Service:** Audio-visual Services, First Aid, Cheerleading, Outreach and Photography.

PASTORAL CARE

Research suggests that teens have been the most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Find out what systems are in place to look after your child's emotional well-being as well as their academic progress. Establish whether these are included in fees or are charged separately.

A comprehensive academic and student support system is in place at Dainfern College. Extra academic support lessons every afternoon are included in the fees and the school counsellor is available to students at no extra cost. In addition, an experienced team of therapists and an educational psychologist are available at an additional cost. The College has a well-established mentor and tutor system in place to ensure that every student is supported and cared for throughout High School.

Enrolling for 2022: Join our world



Dainfern College has proudly served the Fourways community since 1997, offering students from Grades 0000-12 a world-class holistic education.

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An education for the world.

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DAINFERN VALLEY HERITAGE DAY PICNIC 24 SEPTEMBER 2021

*Generously co-sponsored by
Gaye Cawood Realty*

A laid-back picnic on the August Way West Riverbank was held on Heritage Day, Friday 24th September 2021 with almost 300 residents and friends attending. It was a gloriously hot spring day with temperatures in excess of 26° fahrenheit! Everyone was bursting to get out from home during Covid and be together again with their favourite community!

SA flag tattoos were handed out upon registration where temperatures were checked as per Covid regulations, and as parents settled into their picnic spots, the children launched themselves onto the supa-dupa waterslide with a pool while others opted for the soccer game by 111 Sports Management.

Slone Meat Market were busy braaiing the most delicious chicken prego's and boerewors rolls accompanied with salad and sauces, and to help cool down on the hot summer day, Dairybelle were selling ice-creams.

Bongi the musician and children's entertainer came to the fore with great music, interviewing the winning soccer team and identifying Captain King Red, our latest rapper!

It was a fabulous family day, the kids played in the mud in their cozzies while enjoying ice creams! Singing and dancing with Bongi, parents and children thoroughly enjoyed the Heritage Day picnic!



Hi Judy -
Before turning in for the day, just wanted to congratulate you and your team for the picnic today! It was amazing, great effort and we really appreciate it a lot. The turnout was good and I think the Dainfern Valley community really looked forward to and needed it. More to come in the future, I hope! Thank you, from Jesus and Gen Ferreira



Dear Judy
Thanks for a wonderful day!
Kindest, Gaye



Dear Judy, I am sure you are exhausted but just wanted to let you know the people are raving about the picnic today! Well done once again and rest well, you are amazing! Xx
Thanks, Debs





DAINFERN VALLEY HAPPY HALLOWEEN PICNIC

Yesssssss! Once again, it's that time of year!!! Calling all creatures scary and magical, wizards, witches, cats and bats to dress up and make us tremble with fear!!!

Our estate events bring families, friends and neighbouring estates together and instils a sense of community pride, thus increasing our family lifestyle for which we are becoming well known!

Bring your family and friends to gather in another great Halloween Estate

Event, at Augustus Way West on the riverbank at 16h00, to show off your amazing costumes and enjoy some face painting. And not be missed Darin the Magician Show.

Delicious chicken prego's and boerewors rolls will be on sale by Sloane Meat Market as well as Dairybelle ice-creams.

You are also welcome to bring your picnic baskets and refreshments before we depart for "Trick or Treating" through the estate from 18h15 – 20h00.



• Please register your attendance with number of adults and ages of children for catering purposes to judy@dainfernvalleyhoa.co.za by Tuesday, 26 October 2021.

• Please register homes for 'trick or treating' to judy@dainfernvalleyhoa.co.za by Tuesday, 26 October 2021.

• ONLY registered homes may be visited by 'Trick and Treaters'. These homes will be clearly identified by a Halloween poster (which will be delivered and displayed outside the home on Friday, 29 October 2021).

• This event is for pre-high scholars with an age limit of 12 years or younger.

• All Trick or Treaters need to be accompanied by an adult.

• A map of registered homes will be available at the event and at the gates on Friday morning, 29 October 2021. These will assist Trick or Treaters to plan their routes accordingly.

• Limited parking will be available on the bridge for those not strolling down to the riverbank.

• Face painting will take place from 16h00 until 17h15 and Darin the Magician Show from 17h30 to 18h15 so come and join in the party spirit.

• Trick and Treating starts at 18h15 and will end at 20h00.

• Please take as many photos of each other, your friends and your homes and mail to judy@dainfernvalleyhoa.co.za for inclusion on the TV screens and next newsletter!

We thank residents in advance for helping in making this event successful by dressing up yourselves, your children and your homes! And please don't forget the sweets and treats! Please remember this is a family event and kindly treat it as such by walking the streets with your family and friends. Most importantly, have fun and fabulous family time!!



FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2021 AT 16H00 ON AUGUSTUS WAY WEST RIVERBANK
GENEROUSLY CO-SPONSORED WITH AUPAIR EXTRAORDINAIRE



HOW TO SPOT A BAD TENANT BEFORE THEY MOVE IN

15 tips to help you avoid undesirable tenants...

ARTICLE BY LEA JACOBS

<https://www.privateproperty.co.za/advice/property/articles/how-to-spot-a-bad-tenant-before-they-move-in/5778>

1 Ensure every prospective tenant (including family members and friends) fills in a questionnaire to determine their employment history, credit commitments and who they have rented from in the past. Be wary of those who are reluctant to do so, regardless of how well you think you know them.

2 Don't allow yourself to be rushed into making a decision. Check all references, do a credit check and speak to previous landlords before handing over the keys. Listen to what previous landlords have to say and avoid a tenant if the landlord hesitates when asked if they would lease a property to that particular person again.

3 Don't be fooled by those who are willing to pay a substantial amount up front because this in no way guarantees that you will receive payment once the rent becomes due. Bank statements should always be checked to ensure the tenant can afford to rent the home and will be able to pay the rent going forward.

4 Unscrupulous tenants will often go all out to impress a potential landlord and may well offer to pay the deposit before all the relevant checks have been done. Be careful of those who flash the cash and certainly don't forgo any checks simply because the tenant seemingly has enough money for the rent.

5 Trust your gut instinct and don't rent to someone who makes you feel uncomfortable or intimidated.

6 Avoid those who question or attempt to flout your rules before they even move in. No pets means no pets, regardless of how well behaved the animal appears to be.

7 Be alert to signs of drug or alcohol abuse. This is often easier said than done, but don't rent to someone who appears intoxicated or under the influence of drugs every time you meet.

8 Be careful about renting to a person who has a history of moving frequently. Tenants tend to move far more than homeowners, but a person who regularly changes addresses should be investigated further to ascertain why.

9 Check the employment history carefully and avoid those who seemingly flit from job to job.

10 Avoid a tenant who attempts to negotiate the rental or has a past history of paying late.

11 Consider renting your home to someone else if the prospective tenant starts finding fault with the property from the moment they walk through the door.

12 Be careful if they want to pay the deposit after they've moved in, or offer to pay the deposit off over a period of time.

13 Be cautious when renting to the self-employed, particularly if they have only recently started working for themselves. Cash flow can be a very real problem in a new business venture.

14 Be wary of those who only provide family members as references or those who are unable to provide contact details for their references. Do not accept written references at face value, call and speak to the listed person.

15 While there's no doubt that some landlords have the ability to make a tenant's life miserable, it's unlikely that every landlord who has ever rented property to your prospective tenant has been unreasonable. There's generally good reason why a landlord has booted a tenant out of their property and it's advisable to avoid these tenants like the plague.

For more information and for background screening visit <https://www.crimcheck.co.za/>

RESTAURANT COMPETITION



YOU COULD STAND A CHANCE OF
WINNING A **R500 VOUCHER**
FROM COL'CACCHIO DAINFERN

QUESTION:

Who will be the co-sponsor for this
year's Estate Halloween event?

Please send your answer, along with your name, email
address, contact number and stand number.

LAST MONTH'S WINNER:
Sandy Beekhuisen
YOU WILL BE RECEIVING YOUR
PRIZE SOON!

CLICK
HERE
TO ENTER

LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS

We had a successful Mandela Day Charity Initiative with generous donations to The Tiitseto Project at Thabo Mbeki Village. Their skills centre is almost complete and the purpose of the centre is to train people with essential skills. They have built a classroom for computer training and a small library which they would like to expand.

Please could we ask residents to donate any books to their library, you can kindly drop off books you would like to donate to Judy at the Estate Office. Thank you for your support for this initiative.



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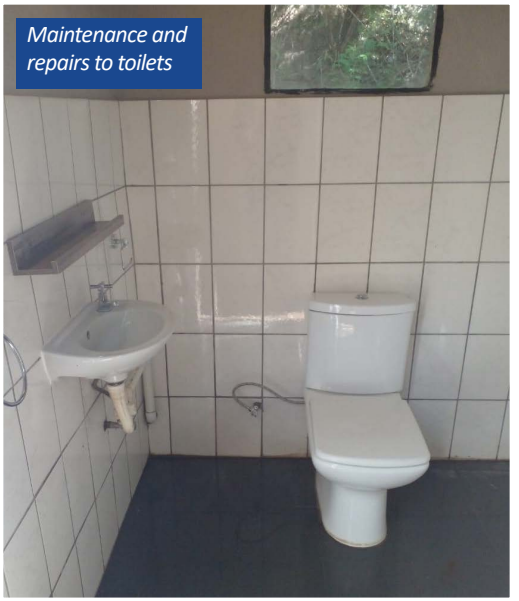
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Maintenance and repairs on the main entrance side walls



BEFORE



Maintenance and repairs to toilets

Our dedicated maintenance team continues to attend to repairs and maintenance around our estate.



AFTER



Gardens

IN OCTOBER

*Make your Spring garden blush!
Experience October bliss to the fullest with the best plants and lawn maintenance*

We are very grateful for the perennial summer rains which bring some kind of magic to the gardens, have a look around the estate and witness the mystical ethereal green of spring! Enjoy all your beautiful gardens at this special time before the high summer temperatures!

Whilst we are appreciative of the perennial rain, it does cause some havoc with cleaning of the river – we do have to take the team off the gardens for a whole day once a week, to clean the river, which is a mammoth, monstrous task. However, that is working with mother nature and we thank you all for your understanding and patience in this regard.

PLANT AND SOW NOW

For instant colour, go for calibrachoas with masses of miniature petunia-like flowers.

Go-getter perennials for all regions

are: Agapanthus, gauras, nemesias, osteospermums and geraniums of all kinds. Also go for gypsophila and masses of pretty but tough angelonias. Star jasmine, penstemons, columbines and echinaceas are lovely too.

Top seedling tip: Give your seedlings the best head start in life by planting them in compost-enriched soil. When transplanting, avoid pulling them out by their stems and rather push them out from the bottom of the punnet. Pinch out their growth tips as they mature for a bushier plant.

Top sowing tip: To prevent small seeds from sticking to your fingers and clumping together, mix them with some dry sand, then sprinkle over moist soil.



• **Lawns:** Fix hollows and bumps by cutting out the turf in the affected area. Add or reduce soil as needed and gently replace the turf, in shady areas with barren patches. Spray weedkiller to get rid of broadleaf weeds. Before treatment, fertilise your lawn and water well, wait two weeks before applying spray.

• **Weed alert:** Weeds compete with healthy crops for space, water, sunlight and nutrients, ultimately reducing your crop yield. They grow quickly and reproduce in large numbers. Seeds are easily dispersed by wind and animals, especially whilst mowing the lawn. Weeds are also hosts for pests and plant diseases.

• **Succulents:** Tidy up succulents like echeverias and Kalanchoe thyrsiflora, which have stopped flowering. Divide and replant into other parts of the garden.

• **Pests:** Put out snail traps and cutworm bait to protect all new seedlings.

• **Anti-fungal:** Encourage strong root systems and combat fungal disease by watering your garden early in the morning.



Welcome to the following new residents to our beautiful Valley and trust your stay will be a long and happy one!

Sameh Said & Samah Elbanna
Candice Jansen & Frans Jean De Waal
David & Onkabetse Lestsoalo
Alicia & Daniel Crichton
Andries Mostert
Phili Frost
Ntombingi & Bhekuyise Khumalo

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.

VERY IMPORTANT!! APPROVAL OF PAINT COLOURS

Please note that approval of paint colours 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.

Thank you to all residents who have completed painting of homes this winter, they look stunning and in keeping with the high standard required in the Valley.

RENOVATIONS

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.

Residents are advised to keep checking their load shedding schedules on the Eskom and their municipal website. These schedules are available on the Eskom website www.loadshedding.eskom.co.za or download the load-shedding App: EskomSePush. You can also contact the Eskom customer service centre at 0860 037 566



Please note that the speed limit on the estate is 35km per hour. Kindly adhere to the limit, or necessary action will be taken with regard to offenders.

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PICK IT UP

Estate residents and staff, please ensure all dog defecation is picked-up or removed from common areas while walking dogs on leashes.

CLIMATE COMPARISON FOR JOHANNESBURG FOR OCTOBER 2021

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

Average Weather in Johannesburg for November

Sunlight	11 hours a day
Coldest November temperature	5°C
Coldest daily temperature	12°C
Warmest daily temperature	26°C
Warmest November temperature	34°C
Morning Humidity	63%
Evening Humidity	41%
Rain in November	99 mm
Wet days for November	15 days

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FOURWAYS MANOR OFFICE PARK - OFFICE RENTAL OF UP TO 700sqm

- Close to Fourways Gardens/Fourways Mall. Good security, covered and open parking as well as lock-up garage/ storage. Power back-up system. Attractive rental. Please contact Janet on 082 896 3395 or email: janet.jamesza@gmail.com.

GEORGE LANDSCAPING SERVICES - The personal touch with daily on-site supervision. With over 25 years of landscaping expertise and knowledge we would love to assist in providing you with a beautiful garden. We specialise in garden up-grades, clean-ups, installation of new gardens, irrigation installation and repairs. Please give us a call for your gardening requirements. Contact Janet on 083 306 7174.

JOHN NGWENYA PAINTING CONTRACTORS

- John and his team of 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 available. Please contact John on 082 513 5572.

MOBILE PET GROOMERS: SOAPY SMOOCHES

- We conveniently come to your home to pamper (wash, dry, clip, teeth and ear cleaning, nail clipping) your pets in our fully equipped, with animal loving, professionally trained and caring staff. Collect your loyalty smooches every time, the 10th wash is free. Special winter pricing, all we require is a connection point and a booking! Call us on 061 087 8247.

RENOVATING YOUR DREAM HOME SHOULDN'T BE A NIGHTMARE

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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.

GARDENER - My gardener Joseph is looking for additional work on Tuesdays. Joseph has worked for us for the past 5 years and is reliable, cheerful, resourceful and takes great care of our garden equipment. He also walks our dogs and looks after the pool. For a reference call Caryn on 082 460 4074 or Joseph on 063 824 7511.

"Everyone has inside of her a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be, how much you can love, what you can accomplish, and what your potential is."

-Anne Frank