



Dainfern Valley

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A Word from our Chairman

Dear Members and Residents

We recently held our annual EGM to discuss and approve the 2023/24 budget and levies. I want to thank those who attended the meeting and those who shared proxies for supporting the budget and levies. These were approved by an overwhelming majority despite a fairly significant increase. This was due to the CCTV camera project, which is already being installed and will transform our security infrastructure for many years to come. The various more significant capital projects planned for the current year were also discussed at the meeting. For example, we believe that our planned solar project will ensure that we can withstand the impact of loadshedding on key estate operations. It will also reduce our reliance on Eskom, reducing our high electricity cost.

Rest assured that significant effort is being expended by our maintenance and landscaping teams, over and above their daily tasks, to address the recent heavy rains' impact on the riverbanks. It is a mammoth task, but we are committed to cleaning it on a weekly basis.

Yours faithfully

Sebastian Carter



The Dainfern College Junior Prep Violin Ensemble and the Grade 7, Grade 8 and Grade 9 Marimba ensembles performing at the luxury car expo



Celebrating Culture and community

Dainfern College celebrated 25 years of excellence this year, having first opened its doors in 1997. Despite significant changes in the physical landscape on Broadacres Drive over the years, one thing has remained constant: the engagement of this world-class independent school with the surrounding communities.

The beautiful grounds of the Valley estate make any visit a treat and the younger students of the College in particular always delight in a walk in the estate and the chance to appreciate the changing seasons and the beauty of nature. Each year the Grade 4 classes enjoy a wonderful picnic on the riverbanks of the Valley estate as their end-of-year treat.

With culture being one of the pillars of a Dainfern College education, music is a popular choice of extramural and the many talented music ensembles are often asked to perform in public.

It was with much excitement and pride when the Junior Violin Ensemble and three of the Marimba ensembles were invited to perform at the recent luxury car expo held at the Valley.

The students performed beautifully and received many compliments from those attending. It was a lovely setting and the young musicians thoroughly enjoyed performing outdoors for a change. This was a perfect opportunity for the College to engage with the Dainfern Valley community, many of whom have children at the school.

For further information about Dainfern College, please contact Mrs Fiona Siebert enrol@dainferncollege.co.za or 011 469 0635.



ESTATE SPEEDING SURVEY *Results*

Dear Residents

We wrote to the DVHA members on Friday, 27 January 2023 with the recent speeding survey results.

We thought it necessary to advise all our residents accordingly:

The Board met on 26 January 2023. After considering the outcomes of the survey, they have decided to amend the penalty regime as follows:

As of 09h30 on 27 January 2023, speeding penalties will only be incurred from 40km/ph.

- The penalty for speeds between 40-44.9km/ph will be R500
- The penalty for speeding from 45km/ph and above will be R1 000

NB: As agreed at the information meeting on 8 December 2022, all penalties incurred before 09h30 on 27 January 2023 stand and must be settled in full.

Best Regards

Board of Trustees and Estate Management, Dainfern Residential Estate



UPDATE ON ESTATE

Projects

DVHA PROJECTS – CATEGORY 1

- Staff kitchen roof repaired, re-painted
- New access system for the admin building
- Dam on north-western boundary – redesigned, new PVC lining, waterfall
- Feral cats
- Solar floodlights installed
- Replaced booms
- Enclosed generator
- Installed Visitor Management System (My Estate Life)
- CCTV camera redesign, evaluated vendors, proposal accepted at EGM in September 2022
- Emergency plan developed and assembly point signage installed
- CoC for electric fence
- CoC from CSOS for DVHA constitution and rules
- Audit on fibre and power boxes for CCTV infrastructure
- Speed cameras installed

DVHA PROJECTS – CATEGORY 2

- Dam on Triscan emptied, cleaned, replaced pipes and pumps
- New irrigation pipes laid in Valley Boulevard
- Magnetic fridge stickers with emergency numbers provided
- Fever trees at admin building removed
- Damage to Estate trees due to age and rain
- Polaris vehicle sold and contract for use of Gator concluded with Servest
- Golf cart batteries replaced
- Estate entrance cleaned
- Winter and summer colour planted
- Servitudes clean up
- Cleaning of river

DVHA PROJECTS – CATEGORY 3

- Participated in pilot project for logging calls with Eskom and CoJ
- Investigated Hennops River project to try and control litter in the river
- Investigating solar for Admin building
- Investigating alternative energy solution for the Estate – BDA project

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Projects**
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**CATEGORY 3
Investigative
Projects**

VALENTINE'S DAY MORNING GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY YASSIR, AND COLÇACCHIO

EVERYONE DESERVES FLOWERS ON

Valentine's Day!

The Yassir Express delivery team rose to the occasion on Tuesday, 14 February, when they handed out 300 golden-yellow roses to all the early birds in Dainfern Valley Estate.

Dressed in red, two Yassir drivers put 'petals' to the metal to deliver this special order to our gate at 6am to ensure our residents' morning started with a bang.

Accompanying every flower was an information pamphlet, a coupon for R75 off, and free delivery for first online grocery purchases of R150 or more.

"It made our week to see so many faces light up that early in the morning. The ladies were cheerfully surprised, and the men exclaimed that their wives would love the gesture. Our hearts definitely melted when several people handed their roses directly to their children," says Greg Sellers from Yassir Express.

A few of our residents had some priceless reactions the moment a rose appeared through the window

"I didn't get anything yet! This just made my morning."

"I would have gotten dressed up if I knew I was going to get a gift!"

"Yellow is my favourite!"

"Aah, probably the only flowers I will be getting."

"This made my day. Thank you, Yassir!"

Yassir Express is the new, innovative grocery delivery service making waves in Gauteng. It aims to change the game and fundamentally improve the grocery delivery model, keeping customer experience, ease of use, and speed in mind.

Groceries are delivered to your doorstep or office in 30 minutes or less between 6am to 10pm every day. Yassir Express has a no-limit checkout and access to a wide range of your favourite brands at in-store prices to meet your weekly grocery needs.

Afterward, the one thing the Yassir team still wants to ask is:

"Will you still love us tomo-rose?"

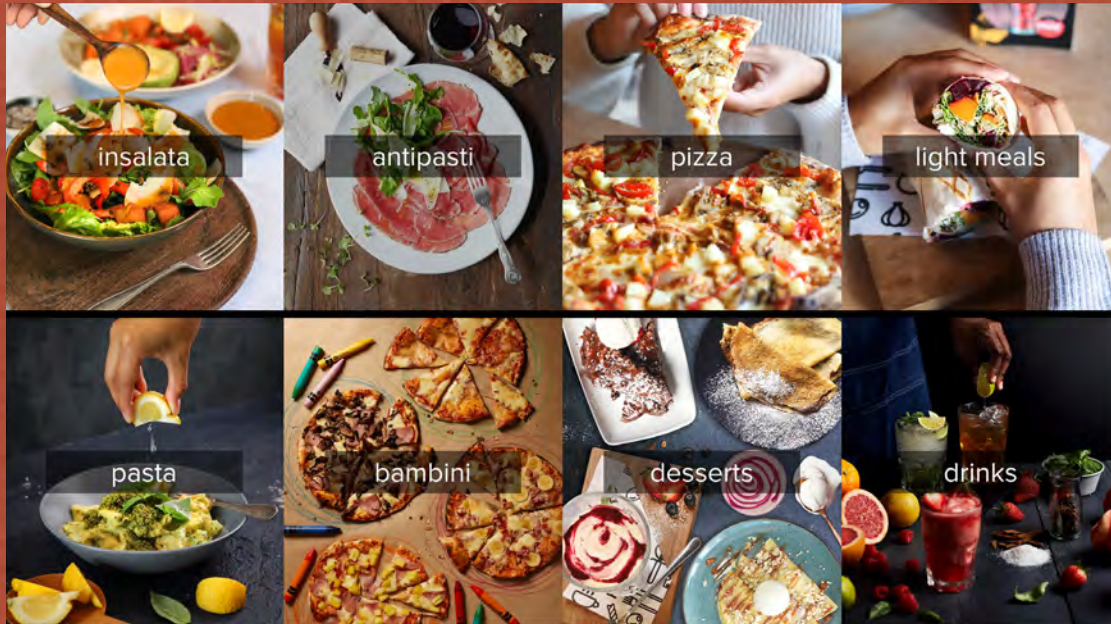
Don't forget to download the Yassir app today!



COL'CACCHIO

pizzeria

ColÇacchio also came to the party this Valentine's Day with a romantic take on a good, old-fashioned pizza classic. It was the perfect solution for those looking for a Valentine's Day dinner date idea. They gifted residents with a voucher for a heart-shaped Margherita that could be redeemed on a spend of R200 or more. I can just hear the accordion playing ala Lady and the Tramp as couples gazed into each other's eyes over a bowl of spaghetti and their sumptuous baked emoji.



COMPETITIONS

RESTAURANT COMPETITION



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

QUESTION:

Name one of our Christmas Lights
Display Sponsors?

Send your answer along with your name, cell number and stand number, with "Dainfern Valley Restaurant Competition" in the subject line, to: competitions@eiapublishing.co.za. The winner will be notified by email.



WHEN CHRISTMAS CAME TO THE

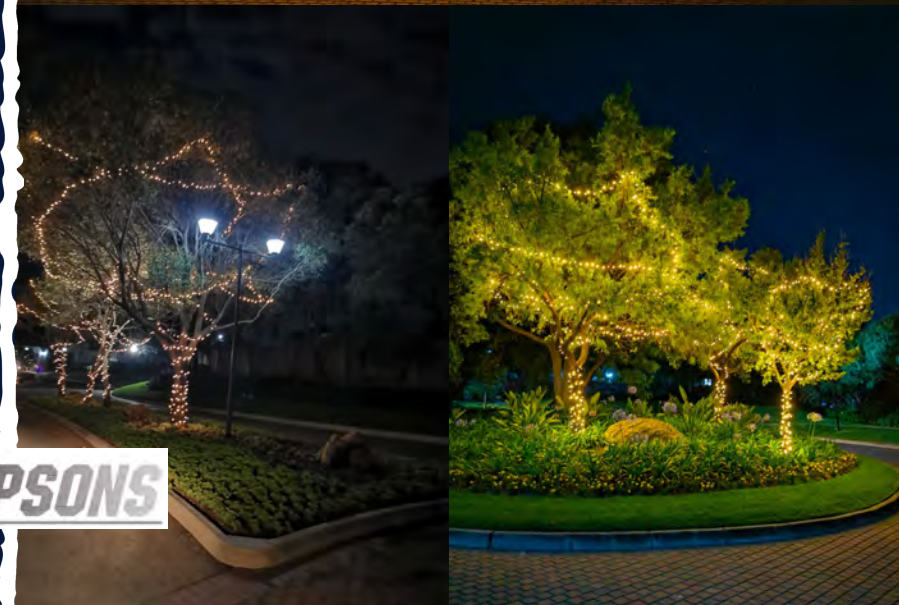
Valley



Christmas may seem like a distant memory; before we know it, we'll be counting down to the next one. But one aspect of Christmas 2022 will not quickly disappear from memory. I am, of course, referring to the magnificent Christmas lights that turned our Valley into a festive feast for the eyes.

Christmas is a special time of year. Those of us lucky enough to live in sunny South Africa not only enjoy the atmosphere of the holiday season, but it is also a time when many of us get some well-deserved rest and enjoy the glorious, long summer days.

We may not have a winter wonderland and spend our Yuletide by the poolside. But thanks to sponsors Ferreiras, Renovation Projects, Servest, and Thompsons, there was no shortage of the season's sentiment. The DVHA wishes to thank these awesome companies for making our haven even more remarkable than it is throughout the year.



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Taking YOUR DREAMS & transforming them into REALITY

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THOMPSONS



Summer GARDENENING

Whoosh! Summer has flown past, and we are well into the shortest month of the year – the “run-down” into autumn! Mornings are not light at 05h30 anymore, and leaves fall fast and furiously from our beautiful trees. Gardening, as we know, is usually seasonal. However, the recent weather has caused havoc with extreme temperatures ranging from heavy rainfall to incredibly high temperatures, from flooding to burnt gardens!

As we recover, and after clearing tons of refuse from the river floodings, we are planning our winter colour, including more indigenous and water-wise plants. It promises to be full of lovely bright colours to cheer us up through the cold.

Enjoy these photos taken from around our beautiful Estate!

After extensive research Owl Rescue Centre found no rodent poison on the market that is safe from causing secondary poisoning in owls and other non-target animals.

The chemicals used to control rodents are found in the livers of owls and other predators. They are causing the deaths of an alarming quantity of birds of prey, genets, snakes, cats, and dogs. All of these predate on rodents. The chemicals cause metabolic disruption and damage tiny blood vessels, resulting in internal bleeding and death.

Owl Rescue Centre realised that an alternative eco-friendly solution was required to convince the public not to use harmful chemicals. So they designed a humane owl-friendly rat trap that is

effective and safe for all species and has successfully managed this project since 2010.

The Owl-Friendly Rat Trap is designed to catch rats without killing or harming them. Non-poisonous food bait is placed inside the Rat Trap to lure the rodents. The rat or mouse enters the Rat Trap through a one-way trap door to get to the bait, and the rodent is caught alive and without injury. Instead, it is trapped with a supply of water, food, and bedding. Once a rodent is captured, you can notify Pied Piper Trapping to collect the rats which are used as food for the owls in the rehabilitation centre.

Pied Piper partnered up with Owl Rescue Centre in 2022 to curb society using rodenticides and to educate the public as we go.

Endorsed by:



The
Pied Piper



Rat and Mouse Trapping Solutions
piedpipetrapping@gmail.com
079 497 4492

ESTATE LIVING INTERNATIONAL ROADSHOW MARCH 2023

Our online International Conference was a huge success and has created a buzz. So, due to popular demand, Estate Living is pleased to announce that we will host in-person International Emigration and Investment events. The Johannesburg event will take place on 10 March at the Dainfern Golf Estate (17h30 – 19h30). You are invited to join us free of charge.

We have invited experts to discuss investment and emigration opportunities in Mauritius, Cyprus, Portugal, UAE, and the USA. In addition, the event will offer you a chance to learn more by engaging with the team. The topics covered will be residency permits and visas, financial processes, property investments, emigration processes, and lifestyle needs.

RSVP now for the event that you would like to attend by clicking the link below:

<https://www.estate-living.co.za/estate-living-events/estate-living-international-roadshow-march-2023/>



ESTATELIVING



STEMulator

Inspiring the next generation



The STEMulator is an interactive digital landscape that stimulates learner curiosity in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) world. It does so by providing a highly interactive knowledge portal and exploration environment, crammed with animated and visual educational content, which entices audience behaviour through curiosity and fun.

Our world is rapidly evolving; technological advancements we've never witnessed before have brought us into the Fourth Industrial Revolution. We can only guess what lies ahead for the workplace and the essential skills needed. Introducing STEM in the school syllabus from an early age is vital for equipping children with the skills to tackle the opportunities and challenges of the tech-driven future. Exposing children to simple STEM activities fosters creative problem-solving, critical thinking, logical reasoning, and more.

Explore.Discover.Learn

The STEMulator is designed to operate on several platforms and devices to reach even the most remote and sophisticated areas. The world consists of many exciting objects, but the inner workings are not immediately visible – including the human being!! Yet, everyone has a burning desire to look inside. This type of learning can revolutionise the education system, providing young minds with the technology and information they need to spark future brilliance in the STEM disciplines.

How the STEMulator works

The STEMulator landscape includes the built world (buildings, structures, and machines), living organisms (humans, animals, and plants), and complex systems (like the natural cycle of water). Each layer of the STEMulator dives a little deeper into the object or intricate system. It deconstructs it visually and provides learners a view of the hidden parts they could never have imagined.

The explorer enters the world through the master landscape, displaying a variety of clickable areas representing fields of interest. Click on one of the areas to see it unpack and reveal an overview of elements. For example, click the STEMulator car and watch it explode into its various parts. Next, click on the engine to discover its inner workings in action. Or click on the hospital, then the human being inside it, and on to the digestive system. Wander off in any direction your imagination leads you. Every page is rich with visual, animated, and labelled diagrams, videos, and informative text, including study paths and career options.

How can you help?

The STEMulator team is searching for contributors in the STEM environment; through word-of-mouth, friends-of-friends, and promotional campaigns. We want to expand our network to attract the best content to grow the STEMulator landscape. Contributing to the STEMulator will stimulate curiosity and encourage maths and science education/learning by creating awareness of fields of study leading to career options.

If you, your company, or your institution are knowledgeable in any of the STEM subjects and have useful visual material to offer, we will embed it into the architecture to match the STEMulator format. Big dreams need big support, and we've created multiple ways for contributors to help us grow the STEMulator world.

We are registered as a non-profit company and are applying for accreditation to satisfy tax-incentivised contributions for individuals and companies.

See our website for details.
<https://stemulator.org/>

Easy Easter RECIPE

If you want to know just how far the years fly, nothing paints an image of the calendar pages being torn off at speed than shop displays. As soon as the tinsel and baubles come down, the space is gobbled up by 'Back to School' deals. Then, a few days into the school year, those deals step aside, and the shelves are draped in pink, red and white, (not so) subtly reminding us that Valentine's Day is fast approaching. Come the 15th of February, you are reminded that Easter is around the corner. (Those limited edition, green-bowed Lindt bunnies are like chocolate sirens, hypnotically calling for me to pop one in the basket, and are usually successful.)

While the shops overflow with Easter treats, some of us still enjoy preparing a home-cooked spread. Much like Christmas, it is an essential part of the atmosphere.

Here is an easy recipe to make this Easter one for the books.

HOT CROSS BUN PUDDING

When Easter approaches, the tantalizing aroma of Hot Cross Buns fills the air. But for those of us who crave something extra special, why not transform these spiced treats into a decadent bun and butter pudding loaded with all the flavour of Easter goodies? It's an indulgent way to enjoy the classic treat!

Ingredients

- 6 hot cross buns
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 100 g butter
- 160 g castor sugar
- orange—zested
- 1/4 cup smooth apricot jam — or a handful of dried apricots, chopped
- 2 cup cream
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tbsp cognac —optional
- Handful of chocolate chips or mini Easter eggs

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180°C and grease a 20 x 20cm oven dish.

Cut each hot cross bun in half and lightly butter both sides.

Add the cream, milk, vanilla extract, and cinnamon in a medium saucepan, and cook over low heat until the mixture starts to simmer.

In the meantime, whisk the eggs and caster sugar in a bowl until pale, then whisk in the milk and cream mixture.

Dip each hot cross bun half into the custard mixture and place in the greased oven dish.

Sprinkle the orange zest and apricot pieces, or spoon out small bits of apricot jam and drop them around. Drizzle the optional cognac/run over the top.

Pour the rest of the custard mixture carefully over the hot cross buns and allow to stand for 30 minutes.

Sprinkle the optional choc chips/mini Easter eggs all around.

Place the pudding into the hot oven to cook for about 35 – 40 minutes, until golden on top and slightly set.

Remove and serve with a dust of icing sugar, vanilla ice cream, cream, or fresh berries on the side!

Enjoy!



The DVHA would like to welcome the following new residents to our beautiful valley. We wish them a long and happy stay.

- Mohale Nchaupa
- Nazareth Tekeste
- Ganpersad & Medesha Luckun

Security Emergency

079 060 5413

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.



NOISE DISTURBANCES

Please log all complaints through the Control Room on 011 469 0812 for record purposes and follow-up procedures.

PET AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

We care about you, your children, other residents, and your pets. Please ensure your pets cannot escape your property to avoid unfortunate incidents. A furry fugitive is not only a risk to other residents and dogs on leashes, but they are also at risk of being knocked over or hurt by other dogs. Please also ensure that anyone who walks your dogs carries a packet to dispose of droppings. We want to keep the estate clean for the enjoyment of others.



Residents are advised to keep checking their loadshedding schedules on the Eskom and their municipal website.

These schedules are available on the Eskom website www.loadshedding.eskom.co.za or download the loadshedding App: EskomSePush. You can also contact the Eskom customer service centre at 0860 037 566



THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT IS 35km/h



Speeding penalties will be incurred from 40km/h and upwards as per the results of the speeding survey.




MYESTATELIFE



PLEASE REMEMBER TO DOWNLOAD SOONEST!

If you need assistance, please pop into the Estate Office, where our staff will be willing to help you download the app.

The Broadacres Drive Association launched a Digital Directory Site, accessible on all devices. The Directory was created especially for the homeowners residing in the estates that make up the Broadacres Drive Precinct. This will become your number-one go-to supplier directory site as the search for reliable and trusted suppliers has already been done for you.

To view the Directory Site please click on this link: <https://www.bdadirectory.co.za/>

BDA *Directory*

Why would you want to use this site?

- 1) Only a maximum of 4 to 5 valued, reputable suppliers per category will be listed.
- 2) The monthly specials and easy-to-navigate category buttons are on the home page.
- 3) The site is fully functional on all devices and completely mobile-friendly.
- 4) You have a direct call and WhatsApp buttons on the site with the suppliers' direct contact details for a seamless user experience. No middleman.
- 5) It includes a full description and images of each service provider's offerings.
- 6) It also included direct buttons and links to their social media platforms and websites.
- 7) All suppliers on the site have signed up for a minimum of 6 months.
- 8) The site is maintained daily, and no downtime is needed for any amendments to be done.
- 9) There is even a shop page where you can sell your unwanted goods. A solution will be created to make uploading as easy as possible.

**THE DIRECTORY BELIEVES IN THE POWER OF COMMUNITY
AND AIMS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.
A DONATION WILL BE MADE TO THE CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE.**



CLASSIFIEDS

DAINFERN VALLEY CLASSIFIEDS DISCLAIMER:

Dainfern Valley makes no warranties or representations and bears no responsibility of any nature concerning goods, services or otherwise advertised here. All advertisements displayed are accepted for publication in good faith.

DOMESTIC

We are downscaling, and as a result, Mavis, our loyal and hardworking domestic of 27 years, is looking for work. She is available full-time (5 days per week) or part-time from 1 April 2023. Mavis is looking for a "live-out" position as she resides with her family in Diepsloot. She is a reliable, loyal asset to any family and has an impeccable work ethic. Mavis pays attention to detail in all her work. In addition to housekeeping, she is excellent with children and pets and is more than happy to walk your furry friends. Mavis does not cook. Please get in touch with Sharon on 083 660 1477 for references.

GARDENER

Witness, our gardener, has worked for us for 2 ½ years (before that his brother worked for us for 10 years) and is seeking garden work on Wednesdays and Saturdays. He is Zimbabwean and has a Permit to work in S.A. His phone number is 073 838 2927. For reference phone Mrs Martin 0824 614 814.

GEORGE'S LANDSCAPING

Weekly garden and pool maintenance, tree felling, once-off clean-ups, landscaping and irrigation. Contact Janet on 083 306 7174

JEANS GARDEN SERVICES

Est 1997 - Weekly garden and pool maintenance, tree felling, once-off clean-ups, landscaping, irrigation and house painting. Servicing the Dainfern area, 5 days a week. Contact Mike on 071 169 2886 or SMS Quote to 071 169 2886.

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 ridding to roofs. References are available. Please contact John on 082 513 5572.

PHASE 3 PUMPS AND ELECTRICAL

Boreholes, pumps, irrigation and electrical. Supply, repair, and installations. Call Orrin Naude on 072 606 4175, email: info@phase3pumps.co.za or visit: www.phase3pumps.co.za



"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

– Margaret J. Wheatley