



FROM THE CHAIR

Hello All

Well Halloween is behind us and we have the festive season to look forward to. As always, that means a quieter Village, but a possible rise in crime.

In the Constantia Village we are fortunate that our crime stats are lower than other areas in the Honeydew precinct. The reason for this is that we have an ACTIVE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. The CVRA regularly takes a stand against crime to make the neighbourhood a safer place to stay.

Aqua Security has increased their monthly fee as from 1 October and as you will see from further in the newsletter we have increased the fee from January 2008. It would be foolish to have to cease operation of the 24/7 patrolling vehicle. Please, we need your monetary support to keep these cars in the area! Should you have complaints about the increase, please contact me in this regard.

I know there is no guarantee in the fight against crime. The SAPS cannot do it all and most security companies arrive after the event. We attend many meetings with amongst others, the SAPS they preach the need for community involvement in the crime fight. It is sad to see the recent statistic that only about 3 percent of people in the country actually do something about crime.

Going into the New Year we are saying goodbye to two committee members. Penny, thanks for all your work in planning the events this year. Best of luck in the UK! Please speak to me if there are volunteers to fill Penny's role of "social coordinator" on the committee. And to Kathy who is leaving the village, thanks for taking on the treasurer duties this past year. Josie Robertson has kindly agreed to take on the duties for 2008.

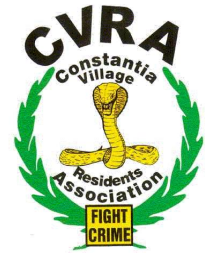
A reminder that the annual Aqua party for underprivileged children will take place in the Noel McDonald Park on Saturday, 8 December. Especially at that time of year there is so much that many of us have to be thankful for. Please spare a thought for those less fortunate and start collecting old clothes, toys etc which can be donated. Zelda from Aqua Security will willingly collect donations. She may be reached on 011 673-3131. In addition, Aqua Security is selling raffle tickets for a sheep. Tickets cost R10 and all proceeds will go to the Aqua Christmas Party.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, that just leaves me to wish each and every one of you a blessed festive season. Rest well and travel safe and where ever you may be ensure that return home safely!

Season's Greeting's

Sharon

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**To place an advert in
the CVRA newsletter,
please contact Karen
Poole on 082 851-5918**



CVRA KIDDIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party will be held on Saturday 8, December after the Aqua Orphans Party. Please RSVP to Karen Poole by Monday 3 December. Parents are to send a wrapped gift with a maximum value of R100 to Sharon Kibur.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTS

FOR SALE

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15 500km for
R56 000-00**

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or 011 475 4519**



A huge thanks to Penny and her team for an excellent "trick or treat" evening on 3 November.

Over 50 "little monsters" and their parents joined in the fun. A special thanks to those residents who were involved in the hand over of sweets.

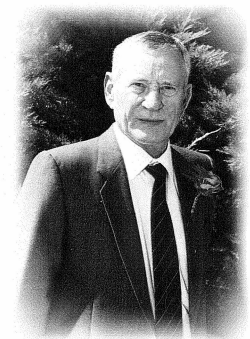
In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we mourn the passing of Albert Pretorius of Bokspoor Return. Albert passed away peacefully on 18 October 2007, aged 70, after a long illness, bravely borne. Albert is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sally, two daughters and a grand-daughter.

Not only was "Oom Albert" a great family man, with a special love for his grand daughter, but he was also a good friend and neighbour to any who needed his help and advice - especially the ladies in the Village who live on their own. He was also highly respected at his Church.

Albert was "an old school gentleman". He will be greatly missed by his family, neighbours and friends in CVRA.

The CVRA have made a donation to Hospice in his memory.



Albert Pretorius

1937 ~ 2007

Community Notices

- Farewell to the Alterskye family who are immigrating to London
- Farewell to the Paolini family who are leaving the village
- Welcome to the following new members: Ernest & Malerato Sekha and Pieter and Rina Smit
- Dog owners: Please be considerate of your neighbours and the greater community and don't allow your dogs to defecate on outside lawns and in the park without picking up after them
- Please ensure that your animals are cared for over the festive season should you be going away on holiday. Aqua provide a feeding programme for a nominal fee

RATES BILL UPDATE

- In a recent newspaper article Mayor Amos Masondo said that the new rating system would be based on 2 pillars: The rates policy and general valuation roll. This will be implemented in July 2008.
- Masondo said that it is not possible to give rands and cents values to the new rating system because it had not been finalized.
- Land valuations are currently being under taken by the council. Log on at www.joburg.org.za and click on the yellow house to view the valuation of your property.
- As per the website, please note that it is a draft valuation and is open for public comment.
- You can comment on your draft property value by phoning 011 375 5555 or e-mail valuationenquiries@joburg.org.za
- Frequently asked questions:
 - 1. What is the date of the current general valuation roll?**

The date of valuation of the current general valuation roll for the City of Johannesburg, is 02 January 2001. This means that all property values were determined as at that date. The date of valuation for the next general valuation roll will be 01 July 2007.
 - 2. What is the significance of the date of valuation?**

The date of valuation is determined and fixed in terms of legislation. This date is used for all future calculations for the purposes of supplementary valuations or other required calculations, until a new general valuation roll replaces the current roll.
 - 3. When is the next general valuation roll due?**

The Valuation Services directorate is currently busy with the preparation of the next general valuation roll, which is due for implementation on 01 July 2008
 - 4. How can I assist the City of Johannesburg to ensure that my property value and relevant information is correct?**

The City's Valuation Services directorate conducts ongoing property inspections, but is finding it progressively difficult due to limited access to properties. They have developed questionnaires for completion by property owners and/or tenants to submit updated and correct information to Valuation Services, which will assist the directorate to ensure quality valuations to the benefit of the City and its ratepayers. You will find electronic versions of the questionnaires on this website.
 - 5. I am not happy with the rates that I have to pay. What can I do?**

The Valuation Services directorate does not determine rates. They are responsible for the determination of property values, which are used as the City's rates base by the Rates & Taxes directorate to calculate your rates.

DONATION OF PLANTS FOR VILLAGE PAVEMENTS

Josie Robertson, who does a sterling job of keeping the pavements in the Village clean and tidy, would appreciate donations of water wise plants like agapanthus. Now that the rains have come – in great abundance – planting has begun again in earnest.



Having attractive pavements certainly improves the value of our properties and lifts the spirit!

If you can help, please contact Josie on 082 849 4527

A special thanks to Dick King for planting numerous new shrubs in the park.



Birthday Wishes

October

Liz Machetto, Kathy Rameswald, Wayne Seegers, Geoff Walkden, Brian McDonald, Stella Balabanoff and Joan Saunders

November

Margaret Greef, Rian (Aqua)

December

Kathy Paolini, Sharon Kibur,

Jeetan Rameswald, Lindi vd Merwe, Fran Pritchard, Peter Johnson, Dick King and John Saunders

Wishing each and every one of you a wonderful day!



Operation
Divine
Intervention



Carols by Candlelight, Clearwater Mall, 30 Nov, 7pm

IMPORTANT : AQUA AND CVRA UPDATE

- ✓ Due to the increase in the number of suspicious vehicles in the area, a decision was made to bring in an additional Aqua patrol vehicle effective 1 November 2007. The vehicle will run until January and will run a 12 hour shift during daylight hours as this is when the area is most at risk.
- ✓ It is requested that residents who can afford to, make an additional voluntary **ONCE OFF** payment to help cover the costs.
- ✓ At a CVRA committee meeting it was decided to combine Aqua Patrol Vehicle and CVRA subscriptions from 2008.
- ✓ The new fee will be **R 120 per month** for working households and **R 85 per month** for pensioners and single income households.
- ✓ Residents will no longer pay the R 150 annual CVRA subscription fee.
- ✓ The CVRA subscription covers the following: printing of newsletters, garden services for the park and pavements, general running expenses (telephone, book keeper salary, 10% to CPF, Aqua bonuses, donations to SAPS Christmas fund, donation to Aqua orphans party, Villager's get well and condolence gifts, cost for gardeners to clear rubbish around the village etc).
- ✓ In the New Year Aqua will be updating member boards outside properties. Contact Aqua if your board is damaged.

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A SPECIALIST WHO HAS BEEN LIVING AND
SUCCESSFULLY SELLING IN
YOUR AREA FOR 27 YEARS.**

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