

First, a correction to the day of the month for the Neighbourhood Watch meeting, which is held at 5p.m. on the last MONDAY of each month at the Fairy Knowe Hotel, the next meeting being Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We have also learnt that although Eskom have mentioned solar heating panel subsidies, permission for the subsidies is still to be granted by the National Energy Regulator.

Whilst on the subject of electricity, a pilot project along Serpentine Road for a new type of low-wattage lighting is currently being installed. In the meantime, the municipality is proposing an increase in electricity pricing of 12 percent, subject to Eskom's own (still to be) approved tariff increase. The revaluation saga continues, with a significant number of anomalies remaining on the Interim Roll that require resolution. Several meetings have been held with the municipality, where we have offered a number of alternative solutions to the current impasse. We are presently awaiting a response to our latest submission, and understand that rates and rebates will be finalised by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We have followed all procedures open to us in this regard, both formal and informal, and further action is dependent upon the outcome on Wednesday. We will keep you advised of the situation as it unfolds. In the mean time, don't forget that the closing date for objections to the interim roll is **6<sup>th</sup> June**, so if you are still unhappy with your valuation please resubmit an objection.

The new rates tariff will be implemented on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008. You will be billed at the value presently on the roll, and will only receive a credit if, and when your valuation objection is upheld, which may be several weeks or months down the road.

Unfortunately there does not seem to be a legal means of withholding payment on excessive rates bills, so we will all have to bite the bullet until adjustments are processed. On the crime front 2 solar heating panels and 2 motor car batteries were recently stolen in Wilderness and a bakkie taken from Southside Road. On behalf of emergency services, our fire chief has noted that road markings on Waterside Road need urgent attention. A 60km/hr speed limit has been imposed on the Hoekwil Road past Kingfisher Close. Sands Road residents have received letters to remove all obstacles on the paving and enforcement will follow. We have requested the municipality to contract a land surveyor to reset boundary pegs along Sands Road to settle the question of encroachment once and for all. No trailers will be permitted on the grass at Leentjiesklip. Missing street names are to be replaced. Our thanks and appreciation go to Fire Chief Barend Nelson for regularly attending our committee meetings to give us feed-back on issues raised.