

Firstly a reminder to diarise our AGM to be held at 17h30 for 18h00 on Thursday 18th December at the Fairy Knowe Hotel. We invite members to join us for an informal cheese & wine after the meeting. We have noticed a number of new residents moving into Wilderness, and request members to spread word of the Association to their new neighbours to encourage them to join us. Not only will this give us a stronger voice in local affairs, but it is also an opportunity for newcomers to meet other Wilderness residents, and the AGM would be a good starting point.

With national elections coming up, we have been asked to provide our members with information regarding political events taking place in Wilderness. While we remain an apolitical Association, we believe that information such as the date, time, place and purpose of events can be provided to you, without bias or favour to the political party holding the event. It is then up to you to decide if any event is of interest. On this basis we offer the following information: **Date:** 18th December

Time: 15h00 **Place:** Wilderness Protea Hotel **Purpose:** Helen Zille will be speaking in Wilderness to relaunch the Democratic Alliance Party. A further date for Sands Road residents to note is

Wednesday 17th December at 17h30 at the Wilderness Protea Hotel in the village. Ninham Shand will be hosting a 2nd Public Liaison Meeting to present and discuss the construction of a municipal sewerage system for Sands Road, beginning in January 2009. Sanparks have reported a lack of interest by residents relating to the Neighbour Access Card. These cards, which allow for unlimited access to any of the Wilderness National Parks facilities, cost R75/person, R95/couple or R140/family per annum, and can be applied for at the Sanparks offices.

Dalene Strauss of the Wilderness Nursery behind the Milkwood Centre has received some support towards the upkeep of the tunnel garden between the village Caltex garage and Sands Road, but requires more. B&B owners in the vicinity and other interested and affected parties are urged to contact Dalene to find out how you can assist to keep this garden going.

During the festive season NSRI will be manned on a daily basis. In the event of an emergency, the contact number is **082 990 5955**. No dogs will be allowed on any of the beaches at this time and transgressors will be fined in the region of R500. If you are looking for recreational activity, the Wilderness Bowling Club, which is based next to the Wilderness Protea Hotel, is looking for new members for 2009. No experience necessary as coaching is provided, but only flat shoes allowed on the green. Contact Roy or Judy Chilton on 044-877-0343. In closing, Wilderness Ratepayers & Residents Association would like to take this opportunity to express our condolences to Ann Hadley on the passing of her husband, Councillor Ian Hadley.