

## Newsletter 2009 November

With the whole of Eden District Municipality being declared a disaster area due to severe drought conditions, water conservation measures, including the charging of punitive water tariffs, will be dictated district-wide. All residential properties are to be initially restricted to 15,000 litres of water per month. However, additional disaster funding will become available to expedite new water harvesting facilities such as a waste-water treatment plant at Pacaltsdorp.

WRRA is attending meetings relating to the demarcation of the George Municipal boundaries for the 2011 Municipal elections. Proposals include the incorporation of villages such as Uniondale within George Municipality. This, together with other proposals, will result in George expanding from 20 electoral wards to 25 wards. We are opposed to this, as not only will George then require an additional 10 councillors to be paid, but also the costs involved in operating such an extended municipality far outweigh any benefits. George Municipality is currently short of funds and struggling to meet budgets as it is.

We received no reports of illegal fireworks being set off in Wilderness, so thank you all for your co-operation in this regard. However, many complaints have been received over the dumping of garden refuse on vacant stands, or in surrounding bushes. For some years now the Association has tried to have a Municipal garden refuse site established for Wilderness/Kleinkrantz, so far without success. We therefore once again appeal to all residents to use the full 7-bag refuse allowance to dispose of garden refuse. Recycling should reduce your household garbage to approx. 3 bags per week, leaving the balance of the 7 bags for garden refuse. It is also permissible to bundle garden refuse where bagging is inappropriate, with a bundle being considered the equivalent of a bag.

Traffic Police are now on 24 hour duty instead of the previous 18 hours. The 24 hour contact number is 044-801-6300. New speed cameras to be installed are supposedly able to read licence discs as a deterrent to all those who conveniently "lose" their number plates. A reminder also that the **Wilderness SAPS emergency mobile number is: 082-444-4326.**

There is much speculation over the launch of Destiny Africa, adjacent to the Garden Route Mall and Rademachers, which will be a massive R28billion ecosphere development taking place over the next 18 years, and said to create 50 000 jobs. With the expected influx of job seekers, all residents should be alert to the possibility of illegal shacks being erected, and to immediately report even one such appearance to the authorities. Your Municipal contact is Thys de Beer on 044-801-9470. Although work is not expected to commence for a further 18 months, please keep his details to hand. The Association will also be keeping a close eye on the development, and we will do our very best to mitigate the impact on Wilderness.

The Oakhurst Food & Craft Christmas Market will take place on this historic farm from 09h00 to 15h00 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Part of the profit will be used to erect goal posts and netball hoops on the local farm school premises. If you have soccer boots, socks, soccer balls or sports clothing lying around, please take them along. For more info contact Claire on 044 850 1173 or 082 461 7669, or [oakhurst@pixie.co.za](mailto:oakhurst@pixie.co.za).

With only one more committee meeting ahead of us this year, and the AGM at the Fairy Knowe Hotel on Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> December, this newsletter is our penultimate for 2009. We look forward to a full house once more on 17<sup>th</sup>.

