

The Southern Cape Fire Protection Association has expressed concern that no active Fire Management Unit exists in our area, particularly in Wilderness Heights where many of the properties will be at risk in the event of a fire. WRRRA will investigate and attempt to find a solution, particularly in the light of the recent devastating fire at Peter Pharoah's Art Gallery off the N2 near Wilderness Village. Peter's father, Hugh Pharoah, has told us that in the midst of this disaster, our local SAPS were excellent - "

They met us on site whilst the fire was still in progress and then came home and stayed taking statements until the early hours. We had a case number and a contact person by 08.30 and forensics came down from P E that morning, with its arson dog unit, and gave us the all clear stating that it was not arson". Although we always hope that their services are not needed, it is good to recognize and acknowledge the efficient service the SAPS provide to our community.

The VG International Resort in the village is no more, and has been taken back by its previous owners. It is disappointing that no business seems to have resulted from the World Cup in Wilderness, with Sanparks figures also down in its parks compared to previous years.

With the World Cup drawing to an end, thoughts of next year's elections are coming to the fore. WRRRA will ask all political parties to arrange for their prospective candidates to address us and present their vision and plans for Ward 4, which consists of Wilderness, Wilderness Heights, Touwsrante, Hoekwil, Kleinkrantz, Kraaibosch, Glenwood, Victoria Heights and Victoria Bay.

A section of the road reserve along Sands Road near Leentjiesklip is to be sold by the municipality, resulting in the loss of two parking bays. WRRRA has insisted that the municipality sell this land at full market value.

SAPS have requested all home owners, particularly holiday home owners, to ensure that alarm systems are in working order. Regular three monthly tests should be conducted with your security company. The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held at the Fairy Knowe Hotel on Monday 26th July at 17h00.

WaLEAF Environmental group will be holding a very short AGM at the Fairy Knowe Hotel on Tuesday 13th July 2010, at 5p.m., after which Kobus Munro of Setplan will give a broad outline of how the public participation process for the Structure Plan will work. He will also briefly outline ten key themes that have been identified to control the way forward for our area. We encourage you to attend this very important meeting as it will give you an opportunity to influence the way we want to see Wilderness develop.