

WILDERNESS NEWSBITE - FEBRUARY 2019

Smiles and kindness- Life is not made up of great sacrifices and duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness given habitually are what win and preserve the heart.

Sir Humphry Davy (1778 - 1829)

WILDERNESS RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (WRRRA) AGM

To be held at The Wilderness Hotel and Spa on WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 18h00.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Wilderness needs you! The **Environmental Portfolio** is still vacant. Please contact Neville on 044 877 0455 to chat about taking over this portfolio. Our Milkwood trees need a carer as well.

HOLISTIC FARMING ON THE GARDEN ROUTE

Peter Leppan reveals what it takes to achieve this. This is set to be another interesting WRRRA talk - Organic/natural is the way to go. All welcome on **Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 18h00** at the Wilderness Hotel and Spa. The usual R10 for members and R20 for visitors will be charged. See you there!!

Here's a talk not to be missed:
PETER LEPPAN reveals what it takes to achieve

*Holistic Farming
in the Garden Route*

DATE 27 FEBRUARY—6.00 for 6.30pm
Wilderness Hotel
WRRRA Members R 10—Non-members R20
Cash bar available

OPEN PARKING AREA IN VILLAGE

This area now falls under The Milkwood Village Body Corporate. Here's hoping it continues to stay open, as the value of it not only to Wilderness residents and our visitors, but also to our business community, cannot be underestimated.

RECYCLING

BLUE and **GREEN** bags are now being delivered and the recycling is once again up and running - Yay! Recycling is crucial for mother earth, so please play your part.

Titbit: A resident recently complained that his garbage was not collected. The next day the Municipality sent a truck out specially to collect his one bag. Kuddo's to them!!

FIRE MANAGEMENT UNITS

With the recent fires still being 'top of mind' with many of us, it is encouraging to know that the various FIRE MANAGEMENT UNITS in the greater Wilderness area are working tirelessly to establish solid

working relationships and communication channels with the various fire fighting authorities, as well as with the Southern Cape Fire Prevention Association.

However, making your property 'fire proof' is YOUR responsibility. We cannot stress the importance of residents knowing what this entails.

PLEASE also ensure that your ERF and/or STREET number is visible for emergency vehicles.

TUNNEL CLEANLINESS

The tunnel next to the Caltex garage on George Road, which serves as access to the beach and Sands Road, took a very bad beating during the holidays and has been looking pretty shabby lately. Our Village Monitors are working hard at keeping it spotless as it is frequently used by our tourists and gives a bad impression. There is a refuse box at the tunnel entrance – please, let's all lend a hand?

FAIRY KNOWE HOTEL

This historic landmark is being upgraded and is under new management - The Phangela Group. This special venue has been popular with holiday makers for decades and many a happy memory has been made there. The canoes are a huge draw factor and if you haven't had a row (as in boat) then best you go along and enjoy our beautiful Touws river.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Situated in The Milkwood Village. There are more than 75000 of these little libraries worldwide.

Anyone passing by can take a book to read, or leave one for someone else to find and read.

Titbit: A Librarian shows a youngster a book and says "instead of powering it up, you just turn the cover to get started and instead of clicking on next page, all you do is turn it. Pretty cool hey"

STREET NAMES

We need your help! We all know how frustrating it is when you cannot find, or make out a street name! WRRRA has been in contact with the Municipality who have undertaken to address this issue. However, we need to assist by compiling a list of the 'problem areas' and this is where your assistance is needed. Please could you advise the WRRRA secretariat should you notice that a street name is not clear or is missing. Clear signage is critical for emergency vehicles and fire services.

MEMBERSHIP

You asked and we responded! In response to numerous requests by WRRRA Members to be invoiced for their annual membership fee, we rose to the challenge and can happily inform you that the 2019 Membership Fee invoices have now been emailed. We look forward to welcoming you back for 2019 and PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD – the more members we can attract, the more we can do with the fees to maintain our beautiful village!

N2 UPGRADE

This upgrade is still on the table but as a result of an objection that is still being dealt with, work will more than likely only start start in the latter half of this year. Please check our website for more details.

HOEKWIL ROAD UPGRADE

The end is near and the road is almost complete – what will life be like without the 'stop/go' frustration!!

FINANCES

2018 has left WRRRA with a minor financial surplus, so PLEASE – your membership renewal enables us to keep serving the community. Please also encourage non-members to join! Every cent counts.

ADVERTISING SIGNAGE

Advertising and promotions are great for our business in and around Wilderness – we just need to keep the Village looking presentable! The weather is not always kind to banners and posters and if we don't keep an eye on them, our Village may well become very unsightly. If you see anything that looks tatty, please communicate it to us - Let's keep Wilderness neat and tidy.

TEMPORARY TOILETS ON BEACHES

Post the holiday season extra, temporary ablution facilities on the beach has been suggested. Beach goers have been asking some Guesthouses to access their facilities!! The issue will be addressed with the relevant authorities.

HIGH COURT RULES

The High Court has recently ruled that citizens can fix roads and then claim back from Government! This is welcome news and let's hope that 'civilian responsibility' will forge ahead constructively!