

A COMMUNITY IN ACTION **LOCKDOWN!**



Attempting to quash the Covid 19 threat as quickly as possible, beginning at midnight on March 26 this nation will be on lockdown.

Provided we abide by the rules, we should all emerge after April 16th healthy and well rested! Our gardens should look spectacular and the books we never had time to read would have been enjoyed at last.

But please spare a thought for those living five to a room with limited entertainment and even less resources. Many do not have the funds to shop weekly, no refrigeration and some have no running water!

Obviously our garden and home helpers will need to be paid.

Expect changes in the Wilderness village. Our much appreciated WRRRA monitors will not be on duty; sweeping, clearing up litter, discouraging drunks and druggies from pestering visitors and keeping our village a clean safer place. But they will still be paid, so your membership of WRRRA is much appreciated!

Let's support local businesses and our community as much as we can.

AND ABOVE ALL, STAY SAFE!

DID YOU MISS "CRIME SCENE TO CONVICTION" ?

Belinda Speed held an audience of some 170 people absolutely riveted. She explained how the various fields of expertise are connected and went into detail on her field...forensic anthropology. She showed how a single bone can reveal the sex, age and stature of the deceased, and how bones can help establish the cause of death. Did you know that severe anaemia, for example, creates bony nodules in the eye sockets of a skull, which could indicate a natural death? One of the most fascinating cases was that of massive panga damage that had split a skull and created a gaping hole... yet the bone had begun to heal, proving the victim had lived for perhaps eight weeks after the attack which would have helped SAPS establish a time-line!

ALL WRRRA TALKS & POLICE FORUM POSTPONED FOR NOW

Corona Virus... excerpts from a letter by a Chinese pastor

The hustle and bustle of China finally quieted down, and the restless Chinese people gradually calmed down.

The Wild Animals that were once held by humans in cages finally managed to keep humans in "Cages".

Humans finally lowered their proud head and begun to think quietly: Are we still the king of the earth? In the face of the threat of death, human beings have begun to reflect seriously, only to realize that a lack of awe-inspiring social atmosphere will lead to more harm and more risks.

The greedy heart is being purified by the virus. There are fewer and fewer people and cars on the streets. The air is getting fresher, the haze is gone, the sky is getting bluer, the sun is getting brighter. Family lives are getting warmer, and people's hearts have become more and more calm.

People who haven't read for Years have picked up books at home. Parents and children who had no communication with their children, couples who couldn't speak few words a year are now talking.

The virus taught human beings a vivid and profound lesson. It also let us know what is called "Good Times". We really should be grateful for this "enemy", we need such an "enemy" to give us a reminder of what is precious.



Kevin Jones Wheelchair Fundraising Please read!

Kevin Jones is a remarkable man

crippled with motoneuron disease. He can not use his hands or feet and relies completely on a motorized wheelchair which is giving up.

The remarkableness of this 40 year old is that he founded the Kleinkrantz neighbourhood watch and does patrols in his wheelchair! He is also a community care giver, a committed Christian, inspiration to the youth and all round go-to guy.

The wheelchair he needs costs R37 000. The Kleinkrantz community has raised some R10 000 which speaks volumes for the respect they have for Kevin. If you can help him get a new wheelchair, (urgently), send your donation to Felicia Pietersen who has kindly undertaken this fundraising drive...

To donate: Mrs Felicia FD Pietersen
Standard Bank, Johannesburg, Code 205
Acc: 10 11432 793 7

HERO!



Marius Boshoff sent this report about WRRRA Monitor, Bennett Baardman.

"Bennett came to the rescue after a vehicle parked at the Spar suddenly started to roll back. Bennett ran to the back of the car and stopped it moments before it run into other parked vehicles. It is understood that the owner left his child inside the vehicle and somehow the child managed to take the car out if gear or released the park brake. Well done Bennet !"

Part of WRRRA's ACTION roles is that of community 'watchdog'.

Heading the Development Diligence Portfolio, John Miller looks at all aspects of Development, Roads and Services. As an interested and affected party, the WRRRA receives applications from the George Town Planning Department and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for land use changes, environmental authorizations, development permits, and other planning matters.



In the **WRRRA Development Diligence Portfolio Guidance**, the WRRRA's first aim and objective is *to protect and further the interests of the Ratepayers and Residents of Wilderness.* It goes on to say: *"We seek to support the preservation of what people have invested in (peace, quiet, forests, rivers, coastline, and more), but we are well aware that we cannot prevent progress. Indeed, the WRRRA understands the rights of land owners to propose new developments and changes to existing uses and buildings. We are, however, concerned that some proposals by themselves, and certainly all proposals taken together, might have the potential to change the distinctive appeal of Wilderness..."*

But what if the authorities are so under staffed and municipal budgets so stretched that they cannot deliver on what is legal or required? Our requests for road repairs are answered with explanations of budget limitations. Many of our comments on development applications are simply not answered.

John perseveres! Subjects of recent applications, correspondence, and meetings included: Erf 270 Whites Road, Erf 1066 Heights Road, Erf 372 Limberlost, Erf 2105 Constantia Kloof, Erf 708 Heights Road and Erf 493. Unfortunately, the Heights Village project has been delayed by infrastructure issues for all WC housing and the N2 upgrade (planned for 2019) has not begun. **We are seeking updates.**

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