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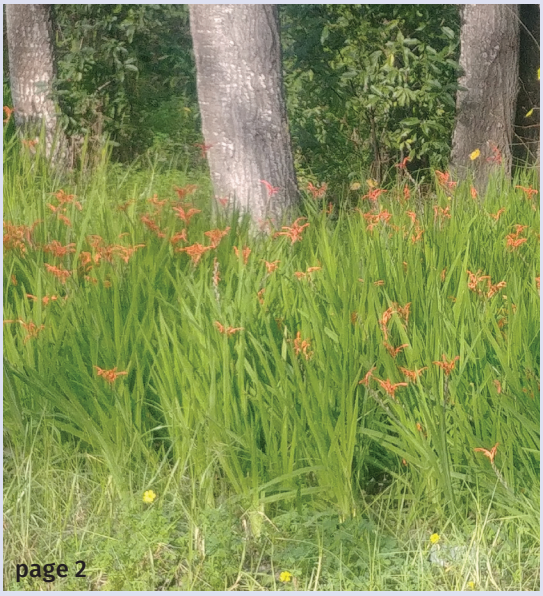
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Van Riebeeckshof
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION



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SECURITY

The VRHOA and Oude Westhof Homeowners Association (OWHOA) are busy with a project enhancing security measures at the northern boundary (Upper gate in Uiterwyk Street). This project is implemented in association with and assistance from the City of Cape Town.

We are always looking at opportunities to enhance our safety & security, as it has always been a priority.



THE TYGERBERG WETLANDS

Riebeeckshof Road and borders the Oude Westhof Retirement Village and De Uitkijk Estate. See the map below.





In previous years, this area was used as ploughed agricultural land, and is currently overgrown by kikuyu grass and poplar trees. When the area was initially developed, the area also became a builder`s dumping site. Fortunately, the management and concerned residents of the Oude Westhof Retirement Village became involved. With the assistance of the City of Cape Town, the area was enclosed, and steps were taken to start preserving the natural beauty of the area. Critically endangered renosterveld vegetation is to be found in the area that need to be conserved. The area forms a natural wetland as part of the Tygerberg aquafer. Water flows from the Tygerberg, through the wetlands and feeds into the dams in the Majik Forest.

In previous years the Van Riebeeckshof Wetlands Nature Conservation Association was formed to assist in preserving the natural environment. Since the “vleiland” area forms an integral part of the wider community, a proposal has been made to rename the area “Tygerberg Wetlands”. This describes the area well, and the Association that has been registered to manage the area is named accordingly – The Tygerberg Wetlands Association.

The purpose of the Tygerberg Wetlands Association is set out in its Constitution as follows:

- To protect and development of the Tygerberg Wetlands;
- To provide access to the boundary fence to view the fauna and flora; and
- To maintain and manage the wetlands in partnership with the City of Cape Town.

The Tygerberg Wetlands is currently managed by representatives from the all the neighboring HOA`s and individuals who are dedicated to the preservation of the Wetlands. At a General Meeting a Board of Trustees were appointed and consist of the following:

Mr Emil Scheepers (VRH MHOA) – Chairperson

- Ms Anel Botha (Protea Valley) – Secretary
- Mr Chris Heyns (Oude Westhof Retirement Village)
- Mr Andre Venter (Private member)
- Ms Rene Hodgson (De Uitkijk)
- Mr Stephan Pretorius (Oude Westhof)
- Ms Ronel Viljoen (Private member)
- Ms Ronel Retief (Kanonberg)
- Ms Chrystal Zietsman (Welgedacht)
- Adv Louise Ferreira (Private member)

Private membership of the Tygerberg Wetlands Association is welcomed. Please contact Anel Botha (Secretary) at e-mail (aneld.botha@googlemail.com) should you wish to become a member.

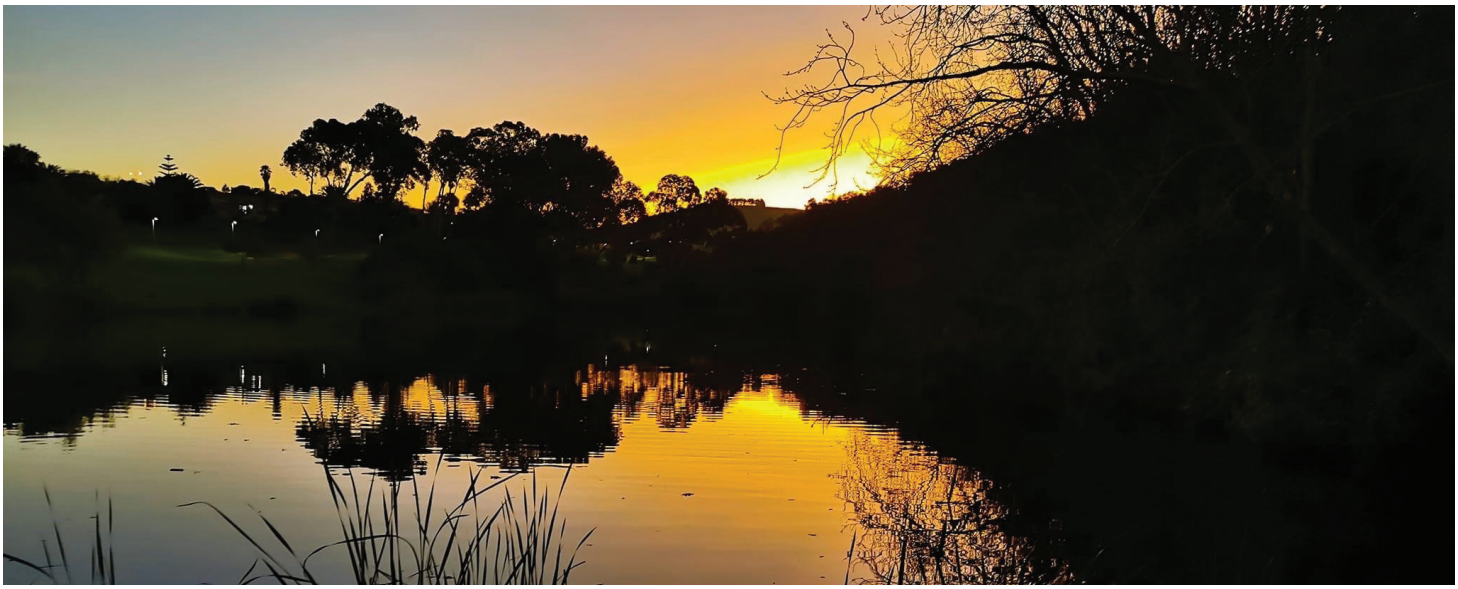




ENVIRONMENT

Beautifying the environment that we live in has always been (and remains) a focus of the MHOA. To ensure that the greenbelts, traffic circles and traffic islands add to the natural beauty of our area, the Trustees have the following to report:

- An ongoing service level agreement has been concluded with Eden Garden Services to maintain the green belts and common areas. This agreement is managed by the Trustee responsible for the Environment. (Talana Crous). Please contact her should you have any suggestions on developments that you would recommend.
- Previously it was reported that the traffic circle in Middelvlei Road has been beautified by planting hardy plants. It was however identified that the water irrigation system that the COCT had installed many years ago, was not working. After negotiations with the COCT, the waterflow has been restored.
- A small traffic island in Koelenhof Street was beautified by planting drought resistant plants.
- A concerted effort is made to maintain the integrity of the patch of Rhenoster veld in Middelvlei street. Eden Garden Services have been contracted to clear this area. Sadly, it has been identified that some residents use this area to dump garden refuse. Members are requested to please assist the MHOA`s efforts to preserve this important endangered biosphere.
- In and effort to enhance the growth of endangered plant species found in the green belts, “no-mow” areas have been identified and have been so identified. The COCT`s teams mowing the grass on the greenbelts, have been requested to refrain from mowing these areas. The temporary measure allows the flowers to be pollinated and distribute their seeds. Once the flowering season has passed, the grass will again be mowed as usual.



CITY OF CAPE TOWN – REGISTER FOR E-BILLING

Make your life easier and receive your municipal account via e-mail PLUS is saves money and lower your carbon footprint.

Step 1: Visit the e-Billing registration portal (link to https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wd/zeid#)

Step 2: Follow the instruction wizard and fill in all your information

What will you need?
1. your ID or passport number
2. a copy of your ID or passport to upload
3. your business partner number (found on the top right-hand side of your municipal account statement)
4. a valid email address

Step 3: Once you have registered, you will receive your municipal bills via email



VAN RIEBEECKSHOF RESIDENTS WHATSAPP | GROUP CHATS

We would like to encourage all those members who are not yet part of the groups, to click on the relevant links below and join:

• VRH Community Forum (General Communication & Sharing of Information)
https://chat.whatsapp.com/JcOEmmMzap56wXCWcLorzw

• VRH Security Info (Security Concerns)
https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hmy8ncEGJ0BFxxMcWpvtHM



CITY OF CAPE TOWN: CUSTOMER RELATIONS FOR WATER & SANITATION

The City of Cape Town has launched a new customer relations WhatsApp channel number, making it easier for one to report water and sanitation problems.

You can save the following number:
060 018 1505 or scan the QR code below to easily add the number to your contacts.



USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

- Van Riebeeckshof Homeowners Association – 021 943 4340
- ADT Dedicated Security Vehicle – EMERGENCIES ONLY – 078 802 2250
- ADT Control Room – EMERGENCIES ONLY – 086 12 12 608
- Bellville Police – 021-918 3000

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Please contribute to our newsletter. Contributions and photos may be sent to Erina Veldsman at erinaveldsman4@gmail.com or 083 306 8661

