



*April 2008*

*To all Residents*

### **General**

*You might have noticed excavation and building in the green belt above Van Riebeeckshof. This is a new water main pipeline installed for our area to cope with the growing demand.*

### **Security**

*Because of all the security challenges in our area, the trustees decided to form a good working relationship with the Durbanville Police Precinct. Superintendent Rademeyer attends our trustee meetings, and we get informal feedback regarding incidents in The Valley.*

*The police are not allowed to give out stats, but our area is regarded as a quiet area (despite a few incidents) by the police, compared to other suburbs. This has been the case for a couple of months.*

*Since Halt Security has also been active in the area, crime has decreased. Halt has also assisted at various times in removing the huge numbers of loiterers causing a disturbance below Spar. Things turned ugly at times, and the help of the police had to be called in. The trustees have negotiated with Halt to offer a fee of R100 per month to new clients.*

*ADT has reduced their fee to R114 per month to Van Riebeeckshof Subscribers, which shows their commitment to the area. ADT has some good advice regarding security in our 'power-challenged' times. Visit their website on [www.adt.co.za](http://www.adt.co.za), click on 'residential, electricity failures'.*

*A recent article in the Tyger Burger highlighted the number of squatters in the Magic Forest. The trustees are busy working on a long term solution with Council, other Home Owner Associations in the Valley, and a private company.*

*The Police have advised us that a very effective way of keeping crime at bay is to establish a Neighbourhood Watch. We are investigating this.*

*Very important – please report **attempted** break-ins to the Durbanville Police station on 975 3811, even if no crime was committed. Van Riebeeckshof falls under Durbanville, and not Bellville Police.*

*The reporting helps to build a database of incidents, which will make them more focussed on our area. Also, please inform Chris Brothers.*

*Chris has been appointed to the Durbanville Community Police Forum. All major role players (police, Municipality, Council) attend these meetings. Visit the website [www.durbanvillepoliceforum.co.za](http://www.durbanvillepoliceforum.co.za)*

### **Communication**

*If you have received this newsletter by e-mail you are obviously on our database, but if you have received it only in your post box, please let us have all your details, especially an e-mail address.*

**We urge you to get to know your neighbours, and exchange contact numbers. Put these numbers on your cell phone, and you see something suspicious, rather act, than assume everything is fine. A good neighbour will appreciate your interest and concern. This really assists in crime prevention.**

### **Building**

**We are experiencing ongoing dumping by building offenders. Because of this, the trustees are increasing the building deposits for new homes to R10 000, and alterations to R5 000 with immediate effect. The fine for illegal dumping has also been increased. If an owner/builder refuses to remove rubble, his money will be used to do so. We will utilise levy money in a more constructive way than to remove illegal rubble.**

**Be a proud Van Riebeeckshof resident and report any dumping on open spaces to Cornell, John or Koos immediately. Please take down registration details, or even take pictures! It is very difficult to pinpoint culprits if not caught red-handed.**

**Commercial signage is another problem. This makes our suburb look grubby. All illegal advertising material (ie commercial signage without a Municipal Stamp) will be removed.**

### **Environment**

**The trustees have involved the Municipality (Parks Board) on a bigger scale with our plans for the area, and we are happy to report that the co-operation is excellent! Henk Pepler from Landscape Garden Company (Tel: 945 1544) will uplift and beautify the area at the traffic lights at the entrance to Van Riebeeckshof as a first project. You will see them working there at the moment. Parks Board has donated some beautiful rocks and huge aloes for that area.**

**Alien Vegetation - The Port Jackson trees above the Spar have been removed, after a meeting with the Municipality. The Wattles and Rooikrans will be tackled after the first winter rain.**

**Rubble has been removed from above the Spar, and in Middelvlei road, on 10 March after consultation with the Municipality.**

**Water points have been identified and the Municipality will service the pipes so that we can switch it on when necessary.**

**The Municipality is not in favour of removing any trees, and this has put a slight hold on the plans to remove some of the troublesome pine trees. But, we are working on a solution.**

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