



FROM THE TRUSTEES

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<p><u>GARDENS:</u> In an effort to attract more bird life to the estate, the Trustee for Gardens has instructed that the trees on the golf course and common areas will not be pruned as much as before. We will endeavour to find a balance between golfers' comfort, security concerns and the wild life. Do not hesitate to call the office for any assistance in this regard.</p>	<p>The Trustee for Gardens has also issued an instruction to control the kikuyu grass on the dunes more aggressively. Kikuyu is quite an invasive grass and is endangering the rather sensitive indigenous plants on the dunes. We will systematically remove the kikuyu and spray a dedicated herbicide to prevent regrowth.</p>
<p><u>IRRIGATION:</u> The municipality has repaired the road damage opposite the Ocean View hotel, but unfortunately not the pipe feeding our estate with water from the Macassar Waste Water Treatment Works. As we do not irrigate with potable water, we are totally reliant on the Soet River (and the welcome rains). We regularly test the water quality from the Soet River to ensure that it is suitable for irrigation purposes.</p>	<p><u>VILLAGE GREEN ROAD DAMAGE:</u> Following the damage caused by a municipal refuse removal truck in Village Green Close, we have (out of dire need) repaired the damage ourselves. The municipality resolutely refused to repair the damage, claiming that it is a private road. We have had several meetings with Council regarding this matter and are in the process of taking legal advice.</p>
<p><u>STORM WATER MAINTENANCE:</u> After 18 years of our existence as a gated community, the municipality has now indicated that they will not maintain and service the storm water reticulation system in Greenways (pending a legal opinion). This will obviously have far reaching consequences on our maintenance and financial resources, and we are fully prepared to battle with Council on this score. The Trustees have appointed a sub-committee to look into this matter and to find sustainable solutions.</p>	<p><u>SECURITY UPGRADE:</u> Residents will have noticed that we are in the process of raising the existing electric fence on our perimeter wall from 5-strands to 8-strands. We have recently upgraded the old energizers and GUI to the latest technology, and the actual wire upgrade is the final phase in this particular upgrade programme. Works are performed under close security supervision without affecting our current security protocols in any way.</p>
<p><u>SECURITY UPGRADE (continue):</u> The recent upgrade that we have made to scan visitors to the estate is progressing well. The Impro finger scanning system is however aged and we are currently investigating upgrading to the latest technology involving facial recognition facilities. We had several meetings with experts in the field, and are currently awaiting final cost</p>	<p><u>SECURITY UPGRADE (continue):</u> We are also investigating the option of upgrading the aged infrared alarm system on the beach front to new wireless technology, as the copper network is starting to deteriorate and would require replacement soon. Instead of replacing the old copper, which is very labour intensive and costly (and also prone to corrosion again so close</p>

<p>proposals. It is our aim to fund this possible upgrade project from our existing budget, without the need for special levies. Further details in this regard will be communicated in future newsletters.</p>	<p>to the sea), a wireless solution promises better long-term sustainability and cost effectiveness. The upgraded IR system will still function as an added security barrier to the existing CCTV monitoring network.</p>
<p><u>ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES:</u> The Trustees have accepted a proposal to formally prescribe the colours to be used on external walls and roofs in Village Green Close. The existing Architectural Guidelines will be amended and posted to the Greenways website soon. Owners are advised to consult the Architectural Guidelines or to contact the office before they consider repainting their homes in Village Green Close.</p>	<p><u>FTTH:</u> Following quite a delay in the continuation of the FTTH (fibre to the home) project – due to contractual and supply challenges – the technical teams from Open Serve are presently on site and actively continuing with the project. Should residents have any enquiries regarding billing or service requirements, they are reminded to contact the Call Centre at 0800111250 (use the pin code 16743 when prompted).</p>
<p><u>INTERCOM SYSTEM:</u> Linked to the FTTH project, is the intercom system for Greenways Estate. This is, in fact, the primary reason why the estate made the move towards fibre technology. With the ever increasing popularity of cell phones over fixed landline phones, a resident could potentially be in America and give permission for a non-resident to enter the estate – obviously not being able to control or take responsibility for the activities or movement of such a person whilst in the estate.</p>	<p>Telkom will provide one handset to be used for the intercom and will allocate a four digit contact number. Please note that the intercom devices installed will NOT be active until the entire estate has been linked. The timeline supplied by Telkom is for the end of November 2018. We will communicate further in this regard as the installations progress.</p>