



RESCOM CHATTER

"Together let's make EVERGREEN the village of our dreams"

31 August 2016

Well fellow Evergreen Broadacres Residents,

Here we are again. Time sure flies and now the beauty of Spring is upon us. You will all recall when Jo'burg had snow it was early September. But I am confident this time we have Spring here. How do I know...well in my advertising days at VZ, our Creative Director Nic Theroux was a farmer in the Magaliesburg. Coming from Durban, I was excited to see the peach blossoms and he corrected me and told me to wait for the willow!!! Ever since then he has been correct ☺ Which is one of the good reasons why I asked Hennie and Dick S for a willow planting on the estate. But none the less we can all say that famous poem...

Spring has sprung, the grass is ris,
I wonder where the boidies is
The boid is on the wing,
But that's absoid
From what I hoid
The wing is on the boid!

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Thank goodness we now have all of the annual formalities gone by (Residents Annual Meeting and Evergreen AGM). Thank you one and all for your attendance and for your support. Much appreciated by all involved. Now we can look forward to the construction of the permanent clubhouse also to our annual Arbor Day on Saturday 10th September 2016.

Dear Graham; Re the table top book commissioned by ResCom...covering the first 4 years.

I have more or less finalised the photographs I have selected for inclusion in the album and hope to start the layout this week but a few things are missing.

I did ask you to put into the ResCom Chatter a request for any interesting photos others may have, but I don't seem to remember reading anything but I suspect we haven't had a Chatter since my request. I do reserve the right to decide whether they are suitable for inclusion or not. A big part of this is resolution and quality. I will acknowledge anyone whose photos I have used at the end of the book.

I expect the layout will take me about two to three weeks, but it is my aim to have the book ready by the 1st October THIS YEAR.

Here's hoping for some really nice contribution to the collection...Kiloran

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Talking of books, here is a message from Jill Blignaut, our previous Village manager...

Dear Graham and All Broadacres Evergreeners,
I have received my gift book you sent for me from Derek Drew. It brings back so many happy memories. What a treasure! Graham, I appreciate the copy of your speech at my farewell in the back. It is very touching. I will be on leave in Fourways from 16th September 2016 for two weeks and would love to come and visit you all and see how the gardens and trees have grown and how the wetland is developing. I hear the clubhouse is about to begin. Please let me know when I can come.

I really appreciate your kindness and the gesture of including me in the book, and giving me one to treasure. I hope to see as many of you as possible when I'm there.

Kind regards, Jill Blignaut 0832257531 Bjblig@global.co.za.

➤ **SOCIAL MATTERS**

Evergreen Broadacres Book and Coffee morning, 16 August 2016

There was a full programme for the book morning on Tuesday, 16 August 2016. Coffee and tea were served with crisp biscuits baked by Ruth Fidler and wholesome sandwiches made by Isabella Labuscagne. Many thanks to you both, the eats were thoroughly enjoyed.



Libby Baker welcomed everyone and acknowledged with gratitude the generous donation made by the family of Lyn Huddy to our library. The fund now totals R5000.00 and will be kept in abeyance until the new clubhouse with its library room has been completed. However, suggestions on how this money should be spent are most welcome.

Isabella Labuscagne spoke about the alphabetical cataloguing of fiction books by author. She stated that this index would enable readers to search for books by a particular author. She also offered to do a computer search for a specific title if the author is unknown.

Books new to our library will be displayed for a short period in a box on the pool table before being shelved. Advice was sought from the group regarding some older books. Those deemed unsuitable for our library will be donated to charity.

Pat Bailey then highlighted the catalogue for non-fiction books which are classified into different categories, such as Biographies, Travel, Gardening, and South African interest. She then discussed several non-fiction books which are well written, easy to read and of wide interest to many people.

Thereafter it was over to members of the group who gave us their thoughts, impressions and opinions of the books they had been reading recently. This exercise was extremely interesting and informative, as apart from the interest shown in the particular books, it enabled us to take decisions about the number and quality of books on our shelves. A list of the books discussed will be pinned on the board in the library area.

Thanks to all who participated in making this a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

Best wishes, Libby

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Dear Graham,
Armed with snacks and copious amounts of gluhwein kindly made by Sue, we turned out to christen the new fire pit.



It wasn't too long before nature took over the job with an almighty gust of wind, hence the boarding's demise and we had our usual 90 and a half drops of rain. With danger of fire spreading, the security guards drowned the flames. Not to be done out of any excuse for a party, we all headed for the clubhouse so the marshmallows and bananas will have to be saved for another attempt after our Arbor Day efforts. Fortunately no vehicles or people were in the vicinity of the boarding so no one was hurt. Lets hope that the clubhouse is constructed with more exacting standards!!!



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From Ivar and Pat....Results 100+ Club draw no.13 on 17th August 2016

R100 each – Lyn Turner, Keith Coombe, Pat Bayley, Chris Sleigh, Patricia Bromfield, Ossi Kauzil, Libby Baker,
 Rosemary Baird, Sue Jackson, Bev Jackson
 R200 each – Pat Skanke, Rosemary Baird
 R300 each – Heather Mutch, Pat Duthoit
 R500 each – Maureen Slogrove, Royston Knowles
 R1000 – Dave Nesbitt

A total of R4000 was paid to Residents in prize money and the remaining R4000 was given to The ResCom Committee to be used for the benefit of Residents.

The 14th draw will be held in November.

➤ ENVIROMENT



Chirps & Tweets

Nature & Birding Group.

Evergreen “Bird-Walkers” visit to Random Harvest Bird Walk – 20th August 2016

5 Evergreen “Birders” met at the “Pitstop” at 6.30am on a clear and slightly warmer morning than our July outing. Arriving at Random Harvest well in time for our 7am walk, we were first welcomed with tea / coffee and rusks. At 7am, again proudly showing off our Evergreen T-Shirts, we assembled for the bird walk with Andre Brink, our guide for the morning, together with Jeffrey from the nursery who is very knowledgeable on birds and trees.

Before setting off, Andre asked us to identify the birds at the “Feeding Station”, also encouraging us to listen for bird calls in and around the entrance, as well as encouraging us to learn bird calls. Learning bird calls will lead to finding and identifying birds.

On the way to the dam we set off through the nursery first, reversing our walk from previous outings. Our first exciting sight was the Brown Hooded Kingfisher which Andre heard before spotting it, encouraging us again to listen for calls. This was followed by Isabella’s spot of a Silver Winged Something, flying overhead, in the direction of OR Tambo.

In the shrubs and trees, we saw many little birds flitting around enjoying the morning sun and warming themselves including the Red-faced Mousebird. Andre explained that unlike most birds when perching on a branch the Red-faced Mousebird warms its belly by perching in an upright position, with legs apart and belly facing the sun. Another interesting fact was that the dreaded Pied Crow (shame) is indigenous.

With urbanisation sprawling food is readily available with crows scavenging in rubbish dumps thus resulting in a population explosion which in turn is affecting the balance of other birds that they prey on. An unusual sighting was the Pied Starling flying past which is uncommon in the area. At the dam we saw a fleeting glimpse of the beautiful Malachite Kingfisher and the shy Common Moorhen. We then made our way back to the tea garden seeing amongst other birds a beautiful pair of Ground Scraper Thrush. Going between the nursery and one of the homes on site in the wooded gardens was the shy Black-backed Puffback.

The visit ended with a scrumptious breakfast of egg, bacon and sausage or muesli, fruit, yoghurt and muffin. We talked about what we had seen and tallied up our score of 47 birds for this walk with the Black-backed Puffback being the top bird for the morning.



1. Evergreen Bird-Walkers Brigade with Jeffrey
2. Red-faced Mousebird, legs apart on separate stalks, sunning its belly
3. Brown-hooded Kingfisher

Happy bird watching this spring....Heather Mutch Unit #80

And from Hennie du Preez... As you would have noticed, work on the pavement has continued through August, and will continue into September.

The funds requested from AMDEC were approved and the soil and grass have been delivered. By the time you read this, it would all have been levelled and planted. Why has soil the been raised well above pavement level? The answer is to provide a barrier to prevent flood waters spilling over the pavement into our village, and in the process washing away the pavement garden as happened earlier this year. Kikuyu lawn will be planted on the slope on the pavement side of the berm. That will act as 'armour plating' to prevent the storm water – that will still flood across the pavement – from eroding the berm. The roses will be planted on top of the berm and a suitable ground cover that will require minimal maintenance will be planted on the village side of the berm.

All efforts are now being directed at getting everything ready for Arbor Day. The 115 Iceberg Roses we'll be planting have already been collected (thank you Trevor Morgan) and can be seen against the wall next to the recycle station. Most of the holes for the trees have been dug, and the rest will be dug before Arbor Day. Compost would also have been delivered to all the holes. The trees will be collected in the week before so everything will be ready for the big day. Sue Jackson will shortly issue a programme for the day.

So all that remains is to remind all those who would like to make a contribution toward Arbor Day, to do so before 05 September so that we may be able to pay for the 115 roses, 14 trees, compost and fertiliser that will be required! (See the last page below Communique for more detail)

In addition to the 14 trees that we'll be buying, we'll also be transplanting the 5 fever trees from the pavement plus 4 weeping willow trees that have been propagated by Dick Sheppard. The willow trees will be planted at the special request of our chairman!

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The Origin and History of Arbour Day.

It was in the Spanish village of Mondonedo that the mayor organised the first documented arbour day planting and festival in 1594. The event is recorded on a humble brass plate fixed to a granite marker in the village.

Then, while Napoleon was ravaging Europe, in 1805 in the village of Villanueva de la Sierra the local priest, convinced of the importance of trees for health, hygiene, decoration, nature, environment and customs, and with enthusiastic support from the clergy, teachers and the entire population, held a three day tree planting festival with bell ringing in the church and dancing in the village. After the Mass, and adorned with church ornaments, the priest and clergy planted the first tree, a poplar. Following this event and encouraged by the support from the populace, his love and respect for nature prompted him to send a manifesto to surrounding towns encouraging the planting of trees.

The first 'modern' Arbour Day took place in Nebraska City, USA, organised by J. Sterling Morton who wrote:
Other holidays repose upon the past;
Arbour Day proposes the future.

And to add a mischievous note, these few lines from Song of the Open Road by Ogden Nash seem to fit a recent occurrence in the Village:

*I think I shall never see
A billboard as lovely as a tree.
Indeed, unless the billboards fall
I'll never see a tree at all.*

Cheers, Dick. S

Hello Graham, rainfall report for August 2016:

There is a wonderful breath of Spring in the air, hopefully signalling the end of our Highveld winter. Hopefully the Spring rains won't be too long in coming. Please still use water carefully. For comparison, the previous year's readings for August are:

Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2015/16:

Aug '15	0.0	Sep '15	41.0	Oct '15	13.7
Nov '15	77.0	Dec '15	66.1	Jan '16	135.0
Feb '16	64.6	Mar '16	251.4	Apr '16	3.8
May '16	67.8	Jun '16	13.0	Jul '16	12.5

For comparison, the previous year's readings for August are:

Aug '16:	3.9	Aug '13:	7.0	Aug '14:	20.5	Aug '15:	0.0
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Regards, Cecil

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➤ **OUT AND ABOUT**



Hi Graham...I took the grandkids to feed the guinea fowl and ended in the construction area. When Gerd saw Hannah he said:

"Nice to see construction on Clubhouse has started"

Thought the pic of both girls with "Construction on Clubhouse has started" was quite cute. I was out all day yesterday and didn't get to the computer at all.

Kind regards Heather #80

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And now to Dick Shepherd's 90th birthday....memorable occasion!!!



*May you be blessed with many more to come.
You are a special one in the life of all in the village.*

HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

These are the villagers who enjoy and celebrate Birthdays in September

- 2nd Kathy Möhlig
- 5th Henrietta Dobrowolski
- 9th Penelope Rabinowitz
- 11th Pat Skanke
- 11th Linda Brennan
- 15th Heather Mutch
- 21st Helen Knowles
- 21st Mavis Power
- 24th Wendy Chemaly
- 25th Truus Van't Hof
- 26th Judith Stuart



May each of you enjoy a wonderful day and a Blessed personal year ahead.

These couples enjoy an Anniversary in September...

- 4th Graham & Aileen Langmead
- 6th Jay & Erika Barton
- 11th Henry & Henrietta Dobrowolski
- 27th Pieter & Pat Moolman
- 28th William & Janet Thom



Congratulations folks may the joys of the past be the norms of a blessed future.

▶ LAST WORDS



Laugh, and the world laughs with you;



Weep, and you weep alone.....

Firstly from Barry Forbes...

Do you remember Bob Hope? You'll enjoy this. On his death bed they asked him where he wanted to be buried.

His answer was, "Surprise me!!!!"

I had forgotten that he lived to be 100, and also didn't realize it has been over 10 years since he died. Always enjoyed him, his movies, and his show. He touched a lot of lives during his life.



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PHYLLIS DILLER SAYS... *"As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight."*
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Many thanks as ever to all the contributors this month.....

And I ask...have you got something to share? E-mail to graleen@icon.co.za

Cheers for now.

Best wishes and warm regards to you all.

Graham Langmead

P.S. Please read the next page on Arbor Day....



COMMUNIQUE

Being a communication to residents on an important issue

Good day to all fellow residents

20th August, 2016

Spring is just around the corner which of course means our traditional.....



ARBOR DAY ACTIVITY



This year it takes place on Saturday 10th September 2016! DIARISE IT NOW!!!

This year the plan is to plant 100 iceberg roses in 2 rows on the Fredrick Road pavement area adjacent to the picket fenced boundary. This is the culmination of all of the replanting of the pavement all the way up from the guardhouse and we are sure you will all agree that Hennie with Ivar and the team of advisers who helped with the strategy and design have done a marvelous job. To date all has been provided by the AMDEC/Evergreen Management. In addition to the Icebergs, we plan to replace 8 trees that have died, plant 6 additional ones making a total of 14 trees. On Arbor Day we'll also transfer the 4 Acacia xanthophloea (Fever trees) from the pavement into our village.



However the icebergs are well above budget so once again as we have in the past Arbor Day's, started a voluntary ARBOR DAY CONTRIBUTION FUND.

Our ResCom treasurer Cecil Fann in unit 76 will readily accept your voluntary contributions and I am delighted to say that Evergreen Management has offered to match our contributions over and above the budgeted amount.

There will be a full ARBOR DAY programme coming to you soon which will include muffins and hot beverage to start the day, a briefing on what to do for those who want to join in the gardening activities, and we are planning an afternoon BYO braai to end the day. So please diarise it now and make your voluntary contribution by Monday 5th September.

Let's work together once again to make it another memorable Arbor Day...and take another major step in to making Evergreen Broadacres

"The Village of our dreams"

Warm salutations and cheers, Evergreen Broadacres ResCom

PS On the day.... Don't forget to sun tan and hats are mandatory!