

Winter woes - Spare a thought for the garden birds



As we are coming to the end of winter just remember that certain birds are still having problems with finding their favourite foods. The insect eaters and fruit eaters will have to wait a long time to get their beaks around a nice juicy beetle or a vrot pear.

We obtained a little metal hanging basket and have been filling it with fruit and bread every day for the last 6 weeks. You will be surprised at the number and types of birds we have had visiting over that period. Despite being here nearly 4 years, we had never seen a Crested Barbet, a Mouse Bird or Wood Hoopoes in our patch of Evergreen. Now they are here every day! Bulbuls are here as well eating the fruit 'cos they have not much choice of dudus or goggas.

So, give it a try and you will be pleasantly surprised by the increased variety and numbers of feathered friends that will visit you.

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN - HENNIE

Dear fellow Residents,

July started with RAM, the Residents Annual Meeting, where your ResCom portfolio leaders reported on their activities for the year. Questions were allowed after each speaker and a number of important issues were raised. Those will all be listed in the RAM minutes together with the action that has and will be taken.

The nominated Residents will be formally elected at the AGM on 6th August. Evergreen's senior management will be there and you'll have the opportunity to raise any questions you may have. I hope you'll be there; if you haven't RSVP'd to the reception desk yet, please do so soonest for catering purposes.

*Next was the start of site clearing work on one of the two vacant sites across from us in Frederick Road. Graham Brickett was the first to meet the developer and the news he came back with was encouraging. **Since then I've also met with Carl Marais, the developer's CEO, and I'm sure you'll be as pleased as I am about his plans.***

The developer is Lumal Construction, a privately-owned business with a number of successful developments in Waterfall. It plans to build 50 free-standing, 3 or 4 bedroomed, double storied homes as illustrated, priced in the range R2,5 – R3,5 million.

*Most importantly, **I was impressed with Carl's concern for the environment! Lumal's town-planner has been involved in the development of this area for many years and his vision for this entire wetland is that of green private open spaces running through all the developments, providing a home for birds and small animals. The wetland runs through the centre of Lumal's development and the intention is to make it a feature of the development.***

Lumal will be rehabilitating and transforming the area around the channel into a greenbelt area with walking paths, indigenous trees and rock features.



July ended on a high with the Christmas-in-July social. We had 115 residents attend a truly wonderful party! Judy and her team had done a wonderful job as usual with the table decorations and Evergreen surprised us by laying-on the singer 'Gypsy' to provide entertainment. And what a good choice that was. As Talfryn commented, they provided us with '*...the best music and atmosphere we have ever had at an Evergreen Social!*' **The music and songs were mostly from our era and soon had a great many residents out on the floor dancing!**

The Bistro excelled with a splendid meal: a tastefully prepared butternut soup followed by the choice of delicious lamb or pork and sweets all backed-up with excellent and un-obtrusive service. A note for those **who haven't** eaten in the Bistro recently: food quality has improved tremendously and the offering for this party was very much an indication of the quality we've been enjoying lately!

A big thank you to Judy, Roy and Hendra and their respective teams: you laid on a wonderful evening for us that was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all!

HOUSEKEEPING

Phase 3 Door Bells

With the winter cold comes dead batteries for the new door bells fixed in Phase 3. Just a hint, after changing the batteries, the unit needs to be reset by pressing the button at the back of the receiver. If you don't do this the bell will go back to its old habits of ringing in the middle of the night!!

Main WhatsApp Groups: -

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| INFO EVERGREEN GROUP | - (88 participants) Nearly 100! |
| WATERHOLE GROUP | - (65 participants) still growing, 8 more this month. |
| MOVIES EVERGREEN GROUP | - (66 participants) |
| CHAT EVERGREEN GROUP | - (42 participants) getting used more and more |

I would like to invite all new residents with iPhones and Android smart phones to join any group or groups. We try to limit 'chatter', so if your previous group experience had lots of it, rest assured we try to be a little more controlled.

WhatsApp is really a quick (make that **instant**) and easy way of passing on information between users and of course it is totally **free** (apart from any transport medium used i.e. Wi-Fi, Fibre etc.)

Just contact me (Chris on ext 1089 or 084 582 9129) and I can add you to any group of your choice or show you how to get WhatsApp.

New Residents

Welcome to the following new residents. We hope your stay at Evergreen will be as wonderful as the existing residents have experienced.

RAINFALL

Report for July 2019 below.

As was expected, another “no-rain” report. Apart from the odd shower not much can now be expected before October. Plans are in place for an improved implementation of the borehole irrigation system, which will hopefully be in place in the not too distant future. Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2018/2019:

Aug '18	Nil
Sep '18	3.6
Oct '18	54.7
Nov '18	29.6
Dec '18	84.3
Jan '19	47.5
Feb '19	17.0
Mar '19	4.8
Apr '19	08.9
May '19	3.0
Jun '19	0.0
Jul '19	0.0
12 Months	663.4

Rainfall for July by year

2013	0.0
2014	3.5
2015	6.0
2016	12.5
2017	1.0
2018	1.0

The average for July since 2013 is 3.4 mm.

Summary of ResCom expenses

Herewith the schedule for June 2019.

It is of necessity a month in arrears as the current month is still open by publication date.

For the record:

Summary of ResCom transactions for June 2019

	Income	Expens e	Balanc e
Cash on hand at 31 May 2019			18 223
Donation from Waterhole	2 000		
Social functions & decorations		222	
New residents Meal		110	
Admin & Library costs	31	345	
Total for the month	2 031	677	
Cash on hand at 30 June 2019			19 577
Reserved funds:			
Hospitality Portfolio Float	(2 000)		
Library Expenses Float	(200)		
Lyn Huddy Memorial Fund	(2 157)		
White Elephant Sale	(1 734)		
RAM Snack Platters	(4 070)		
Top Pond Pump Cost Recovery	1 668		
Donation from Waterhole	1 000		
Total Reserved	(7 494)		
Cash available at month end			12 083

By the way, I send 'Chatter' to over 30 people, local and overseas, just to make them jealous of what we get up to in Evergreen! If you want me to include any friends or relatives of yours, just drop me a line, and I can add them on to my email list.

A reminder regarding Thursday night movies:

We try to provide you with the latest films but please bear in mind that:

- 1) The majority of movies currently on circuit in cinemas usually have an embargo for at least a couple of months before private viewing can be accessed for copying.
- 2) Sometimes there is an absolute dearth of decent adult-- friendly films on circuit - witness school holidays! The same applies to availability our end.
- 3) In view of the points above, we'd be pleased to get suggestions of earlier movies - there are some super ones available.

Chris

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Here are some details of U3A (University of the 3rd Age) Johannesburg North

The new convenor for Social Interest Groups, Luanne Grant, is in the process of setting up two more groups, a choir, as well as a knitting/sewing group. Anyone who is interested, can contact her at 083-454-4206 or luannegrant@telkomsa.net

I give you some idea of the type of interests we have (a bit out of date but you can get more by contacting Luanne above).

Here are the details for the past meetings of FOOLS (Friends of the Olivedale Library). Meetings are held at the Olivedale Library at 09:30 for 10:00.

- 29 May 2019: Talk by Miriam Zwane on her experiences of being a teacher in Soweto
- 26 June 2019: Karen Ransom will be talking about her recent trip to Botswana, camping out in the bush, and on the Chobe River

- 31 July 2019: Midyear Library FOOLS members lunch. Limited places are available at the Bryanston Country Club.

Best regards,

Corlia Saayman

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Xmas in July or "Who needs an excuse for a party?" - 24th July 2019



Chris

still in a state of shock after his phone call from Makro (see article later)

Brennan -



Gypsy and his management



We welcome some new and newish faces



C & W music = Line dancing with Lynn



Santa and his Helper, just in from the cold (Dick you look frozen)



The launching of SAS Evergreen with it's fearless Captain Basil. We swapped one leaking hulk for a newer leaking rubber duck.
No Icebergs ahead Capt'n



Our new top dam residents not ducks this time but geese. Mum & Dad Egyptian Geese and little goslings

DO YOU WANT WHAT WE HAVE GOT or HAVE YOU GOT WHAT WE WANT? ADVERTISE HERE

Kiloran has asked if anybody is willing to sponsor some more plastic covers to hold the photos that she has set up on display in the library. Please contact her on Ext 163 or Whatsapp 082 959 2919.

I have had to change my printer, and have a full set (Black, Magenta, Yellow & Cyan) of new HP 932/933XL ink cartridges on offer (all with expiry date Dec 2020). Asking R800 – an absolute bargain!

Please contact Cecil Fann
Unit 76 (internal extension 176)

I have for sale an HP934XL (double volume) ink cartridge suitable for an HP OfficeJet Pro 6830. It was opened and used briefly for a short test print to see whether or not it was economical to repair the printhead which had packed up. I then bought a new different model printer.

Asking price: R300.00

Unit #123
Mobile Phone number.... 084 558 5854 CYRIL RABINOWITZ

JUST LIKE THAT (these are not attributed to anyone in particular but thank you so much, Corrie Cartwright, Graham L, Cyril (Not Ramaphosa), and Chairman Hennie)

BEST QUOTE OF ANY ERA

"The Budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled. Public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work

Instead of living on public assistance." - Cicero, 55 BC

So, evidently we've learned bugger all over the past 2,074 years!!

Stalking in the Suburbs or Poor Little Lost Suzie

It was Tuesday 23rd July and we were in Makro, as you do. We had finished shopping for the items we had come for.

Sue arranged for me to take the trolley and we would rendezvous at Mugg and Bean where I could partake of a medium cappuccino and a nibble. She went off to examine other shopping aisles where men were not welcome.

I duly placed my order and sat down on the bench seat as the nice man from Mugg and Bean said he would deliver it to the table.

Halfway into my munchie, I received a phone call.

"Chris, where are you ?"

"Mugg and Bean, as we arranged !"

"I can't see you"

I stood up and waved.

"Are you there? I have something terrible to tell you?"

I feared the worst: stolen purse, credit card declined, Makro run out of stock!
What could be that terrible?

" I looked up Chris on my phone and pressed the wrong button"

" OK..... who did you call?"

" Chris Brennan! At No 34"

OK... easy mistake ... Chris is from London and would have a similar accent to mine.

" What did you say to him that was so terrible?"

The conversation went something like this..

Chris Brennan "Hello?"

Sue "Where are you???"

Chris Brennan "I'm at home?"

Sue " WHAT? (Thinks.... Why would he drive home and leave me here?)

Chris Brennan "Who are you??"

Sue "Sue, your wife!!" (a stunned silence)

Chris Brennan: silence

Sue "You're not Chris Edwards are you?"

Chris Brennan "No"

Sue "Oh dear" (or something of a vaguely similar nature).

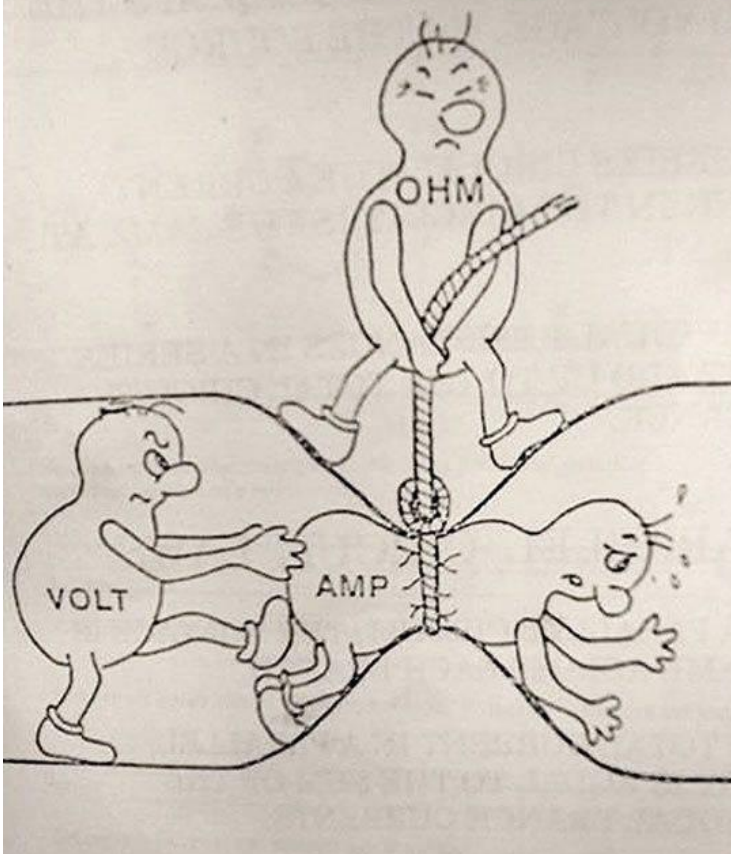
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Ever since healer Clara moved into our village all the women stopped having headaches.

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Electricity explained...





Nine Important Facts

- Number 9 - Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Number 8 - Life is sexually transmitted.
- Number 7 - Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Number 6 - Men have two emotions: hungry and horny, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- Number 5 - Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Number 4 - Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- Number 3 - All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- Number 2 - In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Number 1 - Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today might burn your ass tomorrow.



...and as someone recently said:

- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.



Happy Birthday To:

- 1st Hennie Du Preez
- 2nd Nora Quinn
- 5th James Goodwin
- 6th Sharyn Breval
- 8th Trevor Morgan
- 9th Moira Theron
- 13th Pat Duthoit
- 15th Dick Sheppard & John Branson
- 16th Daphné Larkin
- 17th Ron Mackie
- 18th Isabella Labuscagne
- 20th Pru Hall
- 22nd Sue Edwards
- 24th Cliff Preacher
- 27th George Privett
- 28th Ness Hills
- 29th Maureen Springorum, William Thom & Sandra De Villiers

Happy Anniversary To:

- 14th Chris & Linda Brennan
- 23rd Arthur & Ness Hills
- 26th Chris & Sue Edwards
- 31st Paul & Joyce Blandin De Chalain

Many thanks as always.

Keep those articles coming and e-mail to me at: -
chrisandsue291@gmail.com.

You know this is a team effort, not only from you, the team of contributors, but also my lovely assistant/sub editor Sue Edwards (who was not locked in Makro for the night), and then there is Rene and Roy who bash it around to get it into Adobe format for publishing and posting to you.

Thanks to all of you,

Cheers for now. Chris