



RESCOM CHATTER

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**Leap Year 2020** - Have you ever wondered why 29th Feb and not 32nd March?

I don't know either, I was hoping somebody would know??

Cheers, Chris

#### FROM CHAIRMAN HENNIE

Dear fellow residents,

You would surely have noticed that the top pond's spillway is being lowered.

The explanation is in the pictures of the pond overflowing onto Wagtail Walk and flooding down to Unit 1. Clearly the berm wall along section had settled over the years and was now lower than the spillway. The flood happened the morning that it rained, and rained!



Basil and I proposed that the simple solution would be to raise the berm wall along there by 300 - 350 mm, but management decided to lower the spillway instead.

On Wednesday afternoon at the mid-year report back meeting your ResCom portfolio leaders told you what they'd been doing since August last year, and what they plan to do for the rest of their terms.

Did you find that meeting interesting and informative, or was it a waste of your time? Could we have done it in any better way?

Please let me know by e-mail ([hennie@leobeck.co.za](mailto:hennie@leobeck.co.za)), WhatsApp message (083 325 7302) or via the Dear Mr Chairman box so that your ResCom may take note for the future.

## [19 new bank branches where you can get your South African smart ID and passport in 2020](#)

The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) will roll out Smart ID and Passport facilities to several more bank branches in 2020.

The DHA launched Smart ID cards in 2013. These cards are a modern alternative to green ID books - which will eventually be phased out - and offer automated identity verification.

The process saves citizens the trouble of waiting in long queues at a Home Affairs office, where this type of task can be more time-consuming.

Currently, the E-Home Affairs branches are available at 16 bank locations across the country, most of which are in Gauteng. Now they have confirmed that 19 new locations will be added in the coming months.

The branches where the service will be rolled out are Rosebank Mall, Menlyn Maine, Key West, Claremont, Stellenbosch, Waterfall Mall, Woodlands, Pinetown, Fourways Mall, and Randburg.

FNB Points of Presence CEO Lee-Anne van Zyl confirmed that the bank was expanding the service to more branches across the country in 2020.

Nedbank said it will extend E-Home Affairs services to another four branches in 2020

Standard Bank spokesperson Ross Linstrom said the bank will open five more branches which offer SmartID and Passport services.

Below are the confirmed upcoming bank branches, as well as the bank branches that currently offer Smart ID card and Passport services.

(I have shown only Johannesburg Branches)

Upcoming - ABSA - Fourways, Randburg and Rosebank

Existing - ABSA - Sandton, ABSA Towers (in Town)

FNB - Johannesburg Head Office, Merchant Place

Nedbank - Lakeview (Roodepoort), Sandown (Nedbank Complex Rivonia Road)

Standard - Killarney, Simmonds St

## Grey domes on street poles across Joburg - The latest crime-fighting tools



If you have driven around our area and Johannesburg recently, you might have noticed a significant number of grey domes mounted on poles around the city.

These fixtures are security installations deployed by Vumacam, which aims to crack down on crime in Johannesburg by effectively tracking vehicles and helping security companies to facilitate arrests.

"The cameras have most often been commissioned on request by a security company and placed in locations determined, in conjunction with the security company, to provide optimal camera coverage," the company said.

"LPR (Licence Plate Recognition) and overview cameras are installed in various configurations on our poles which are connected to our dome structures," Vumacam said.

These LPR cameras capture each licence plate it sees and references it against the vehicle of interest database, checking if it has been involved in any criminal activity.

If the camera algorithms pick up something strange, such as a licence plate linked to a crime, the security companies that rent the data will receive an alert in their control room and can react in real-time

"480 car registrations per minute can be scanned and matched to the police database for stolen vehicles," Vumacam said.

In some areas, Vumacam has planted poles which are not yet camera-ready due to the lack of a fibre or power connection.

"Cameras are only installed once a vetted entity has subscribed to that particular pole location," Vumacam said.

"A pole and dome with cameras attached means that the pole is live and footage is being monitored."

Vumacam said its clients have noted a sharp decrease in crime since the cameras became operational.

"In the City of Joburg, one of our clients, a security company, is monitoring only 150 Vumacams and over the course of only one month they responded to 20 Licence Plate Recognition alerts," Vumacam said.

"These resulted in 33 arrests by the SAPS; 12 stolen vehicles recovered; the drivers of nine of these vehicles linked to various other crimes were apprehended."

It added that since the cameras were implemented in the Doornfontein area, crime has dropped by more than 40% and multiple arrests have been made.

## Housekeeping and Healthkeeping

### WHITE ELEPHANT DONATION TO WOODROCK ANIMAL RESCUE

This non-profit organization that rescues, rehabilitates and rehomes dogs, cats and other animals, is one dear to my heart - My Buggy was adopted from Woodrock, and both Cheryl and Fiona, pictured below, are long-time friends who are dedicated and passionate about giving these dogs a better chance in life - Libby



R2520.00 donated

with grateful thanks to all the Residents and Staff at Evergreen who donated and/or bought items thus enabling this donation.

The quiet man of Broadacres.

Easter Saturday 11th April 2020 is  
a special day for one of our residents.

Bob Haselum from No 79, ran the Two Oceans Marathon on 6th April in 1996. He was 60 years old and his time was 3 hours 58 minutes and 31 seconds. His time was a Grand Master (60 to 69 years old) record.

To date this record still stands, that's 26 years!!!  
Bob ran for the Rand Athletic Club (home of lots of famous marathon runners )

He trained hard for 3 months for the event  
(January to March ) and ran 170km per week.

The mens overall record is held by Thompson Magawana in 1988 and that is 3 hours 3 minutes and 44 seconds.

## February 2020 - Rainfall Report

Our Summer rains continue, although much reduced since December but about the average for February. March may yet surprise us!

Work on the implementation of the borehole irrigation system is yielding the expected results. We await with interest to see the impact on our Municipal water usage.

Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

### Rainfall in mm for 2019/2020

Mar 2019	14.8
Apr 2019	108.9
May 2019	3.0
Jun 2019	0.0
Jul 2019	0.0
Aug 2019	0.0
Sep 2019	3.5
Oct 2019	4.0
Nov 2019	153.7
Dec 2019	230.5
Jan 2020	79.5
Feb 2020	145.2

**12 Months**

**743.1**

### Rainfall in February over the years

2013	115.2
2014	251.9
2015	91.0
2016	64.6
2017	205.6
2018	58.0
2019	217.0

Average for February since 2013 is 143.6mm



## Summary of ResCom transactions for January 2020

	Income	Expense	Funds on Hand
Fund balance on hand at 31st December 2019			19944
<u>January 2020 Transactions</u>			
Waterhole donation	1000		
Burns Night Expenses		2083	
Bank Interest paid	22		
Totals for the month	1022	2083	
Fund Balance on hand at 31st January 2020			18883

Have we got what you want??

?????

This feature is obviously so successful  
that nobody has got anything to sell



They are very quiet but very enthusiastic, and every now and then, they let their collective hair down and have a party!

I give you the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Duplicate Bridge Massive.

# WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2020

## Wine Tasting and Valentines Social

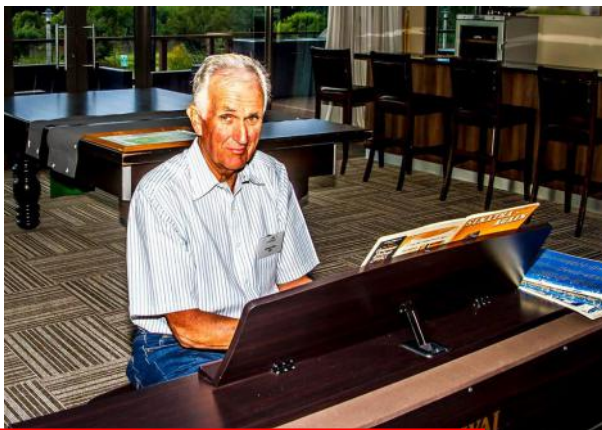
### AT BROADACRES

What a combination .....Wine and Valentines.  
You will have guessed that Broadacres Residents  
are not shy when it comes to celebrating anything.

So here was an opportunity to do it in style, and in Red and double the enjoyment!



Thanks to Barni from Liquor City and also Nico from Cape Exclusive Wines for putting on our Wine Tasting Festival.



Maestro Jim Allen  
gave us a melodic interlude



Thanks to Kate and Heather  
who organised it all







Thanks to Kiloran for most of the photos in this Chatter. Here she is with our newest Evergreeners, Beryl and Nello Vercelotti, Ciao! both of you.

# Cooking Demo by the 5 Chefs



**TIPSY GIN PANCAKES**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- FLOUR
- MILK
- EGGS
- GIN

**METHOD:**

1. PUT THE FLOUR MILK AND EGGS TO ONE SIDE
2. DRINK THE GIN



Could I offer the above suggestion for your next demo? Whatever happened to Pancake Day?

On the 22nd February, our ever enthusiastic craft ladies decided to demonstrate their skills with a cooking feast.

Well done Lynne, Marilyn, Caroline, Elske and Gloria what a spread of delicious food!

# Just Like That.....



Dane on a Train

(London Tube)

(What do think Ivar??)  
(I know he's not Norwegian, but  
that doesn't rhyme)



How is your Vertigo. I have seen them sitting eating up there  
But sleeping??



Vikram; विक्रम; विक्रम ; - وکرم  
@gvicks

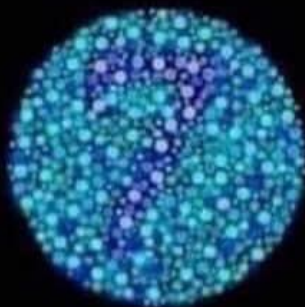
Interviewer: How do you explain this 4  
year gap on your resume?

Me: That's when I went to Yale.

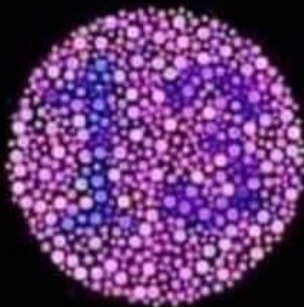
Interviewer: That's impressive. You are  
hired.

Me: Thanks. I really need this Yob.

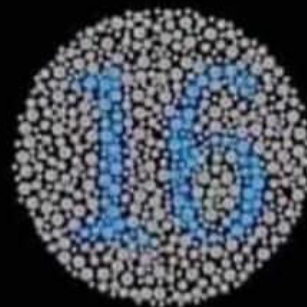
If you can't see the number, you:



Have  
Depression



Are  
Bipolar



Have  
Anxiety



Have  
ADD/ADHD



need another  
BIKE



Are  
Paranoid

**IF I REFUSE TO NAP...**



**IS THAT RESISTING A REST?**

Events in Pahrump, Nevada :

Diamond D's brothel began construction on an expansion of their building to increase their ever-growing business.

In response, the local Baptist Church started a campaign to block the business from expanding -- with morning, afternoon, and evening prayer sessions at their church.

Work on Diamond D's progressed right up until the week before the grand re-opening when lightning struck the whorehouse and burned it to the ground!

After the brothel burned to the ground by the lightning strike, the church folks were rather smug in their outlook, bragging about "the power of prayer."

But late last week 'Big Jugs' Jill Diamond, the owner/madam, sued the church, the preacher and the entire congregation on the grounds that the church..... "was ultimately responsible for the demise of her building and her business -- either through direct or indirect divine actions or means."

In its reply to the court, the church vehemently and vociferously denied any and all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise.

The crusty old judge read through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply, and at the opening hearing he commented, "I don't know how the hell I'm going to decide this case, but it appears from the paperwork, that we now have a whorehouse owner who staunchly believes in the power of prayer.... and an entire church congregation that thinks it's all bullshit."

The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Lutheran church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.

But the Catholic church came up with a very creative strategy! They baptised all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since. (Apologies to our Squirrel, who claims he has heard this before but he has been very circumspect about it)



# SOUTH AFRICAN LANGUAGE

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EXPLAINED

**Ja = Yes**

**No = No**

**Ja No = Maybe**

**No Ja = Maybe**

**Ja No For Sure = Maybe**

**Maybe = No**

**GOODTHINGSGUY**



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR MARCH 2020



## Happy Birthday March 2020

5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Peter McMurray &amp; Pauline Green</i>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dennis O'Connor &amp; Derek Heard</i>
7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Aileen Langmead</i>
10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Cynthia Lamb</i>
11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Charmaine Hall</i>
13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Esmé Paul &amp; Dave Campbell</i>
14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Patti Bromfield</i>
15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Judy Stowell</i>
17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Kevin Morgan</i>
18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ivar Skanke</i>
19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Angela McMurray</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Glynis Webb-Murfin</i>
24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Paul Blandin De Chalain</i>
26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Andrew Johnston</i>

## Happy Anniversary March 2020



17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Jerd Pontow &amp; Gunnar Svensson</i>
26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Eric &amp; Pauline Sampson</i>
30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ivar &amp; Pat Skanke</i>