NEWSLETTER

Evergreen Proadacres January 2024

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From The Village Manager Wilma Swart

The new year has certainly started off with a bang of thunder, lightning and lots of rain.

The Village gardens are loving it and are gorgeously lush and ever **GREEN**.

It is hard to believe that we already have had the piper and kilts and are now preparing for the Valentine's dinner and music evening.

We are all working hard on the February 2024 financial year-end budget.

We continue to change the water treatment plant to eliminate the Johannesburg water outages.

The past month's rain has caused many potholes around Fourways. Be mindful of this when driving.

Residents who want to separate their recyclable and non-recyclable waste can place them into Pikitup recycle bags. The marked bags are left by Pikitup when they collect our recycling waste on a Monday or Tuesday at the waste area. You are welcome to take one of these bags where you can place your weekly tins, bottles and paper. You can then put this bag out with your dustbin on a Monday, and the staff will collect these bags and keep them separate for Pikitip to collect and take away to be sorted. This only applies to residents living in houses. Apartment residents have different coloured bins in their basements where they can place their recycling. Residents who prefer to bring their recycling down to the waste area and place it in the relevant bins are welcome to continue doing so

Please refrain from using the recycling bags for your general waste as this will mean that your general waste will end up between the recyclable waste.

I wish you all a February filled with love, laughter, and joy.

Till next month.



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Village Rainfall



by Cecil Fann

Rainfall in January was a noticeable improvement over the past few years, and exceeding the long term average.

Hopefully the situation will continue in February. We are told that we can expect a dry winter.

Please note that monthly totals reported are measured up to the 25th of each month.

Dam levels across the country show a slight decrease from 94% this time last year to 92% now. As usual, the current situation varies widely, from 97% for Mpumulanga to 76% for the Western Cape.

Our own Vaal Dam stands at 71.3% full, an increase of 4.3% in the month. This data is at 23 January 2024.

For this and much more weather-related information visit the websites: https://www.sawx.co.za/stae-of-dams or dws.gov.za or Time and Date.com

Rainfall b	
for the p	ast year
Feb '23	200.0
Mar '23	38.6
Apr '23	48.0
May '23	60.5
Jun '23	2.0
Jul '23	5.0
Aug '23	0.0
Sep '23	1.0
Oct '23	53.0
Nov '23	77.0
Dec '23	82.5
Jan '24	128.5
Total	696.1

January rain	nfall over
the ye	ars
2013	84.2
2014	47.3
2015	94.9
2016	135.0
2017	173.4
2018	60.2
2019	147.5
2020	79.5
2021	153.5
2022	119.5
2023	62.7
2024	128.5
Average	107.2



Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon
1	05:42	19:00	
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3	05:43	18:59	Last Qt
4	05:44	18:58	
5	05:45	18:57	1
6	05:45	18:57	1
7	05:46	18:56	
8	05:47	18:56	1
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24	05:58	18:43	Full
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27	05:59	18:40	
28	06:00	18:39	
29	06:01	18:38	



ResCom Funds

by Cecil Fann

ResCom Finance & Treasury Portfolio



As mentioned last month but worth repeating, a call for donations to the annual Staff Christmas Appeal was launched, and a record-breaking amount of R55 675 was received. This was handed over to 83 appreciative recipients on 19 December. Well done, and many thanks again to all!

The 43rd 100 Club draw is scheduled for 14 February, and ticket numbers are sold. Have a Valentine's Day fling, and pay your ticket numbers to Heather Morgan. (Unit 69) or by EFT to the ResCom bank account.

Transactions in the fund will be willingly discussed if required.

SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2023

		INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE			
Funds on hand at 30	0/11/2023			42 324.75			
Craft Market Food/D	rink Sales	228.00					
2023 Staff Christmas	Appeal (Residents)	34 550.00					
2023 Staff Christmas	Appeal (Waterhole)	1 000.00	1 000.00				
2023 Staff Christmas	Appeal (ResCom)	105.00	105.00				
2023 Staff Christmas	Appeal Paid		55 675.00				
Bingo Mystery Prizes			90.00				
Condolence Cards			259.60				
Social Function Supp	lies		835.54				
Office & Administration Costs 84.00							
Bank Charges (R506.	00 for EFTs)		591.00				
Interest Received	10	6.51					
Funds on hand at 31	/12/2023	35 889.51	58 640.14	19 574.12			
Bingo "Mystery Prize Waterhole funds hel Balance of Burn's Nig Catering Service Fee New Residents Welc	our Day Contributions es" d for future purchases ght Piper Fee (December) ome (Estimate)			(1 164.00) (1 662.35) (100.00) (11 915.88) (1 170.00) (569.25) (550.00)			
TOTAL RESERVED FU	INDS			(18 746.38)			
Funds available after reserves							
Memo: Funds on ha	nd made up as:						
Bank accounts:	Business Account	8 086.21					
	Savings (Call) Account	1 226.06		9 312.27			
Cash				10 261.85			
				19 574.12			



Security



by Dave Nesbitt

Seven cars that hijackers are targeting

According to Fidelity SecureDrive's latest data, the seven most high-risk models, in no specific order, are

- Toyota Fortuner (GD6 and D4D)
- Toyota Hilux (GD6 and D4D)
- Toyota Corolla Cross
- Toyota RAV 4
- VW Polo (especially hatchbacks)
- Nissan NP200
- Ford Ranger (both double and single cab)

Wahl Bartmann, CEO of Fidelity Services Group, reminded South Africans that most hijackers target victims at, or close to, their residences and places of work.

He also confirmed that approximately 30% of all stolen and hijacked vehicles last year were taken across the border into neighbouring countries.

In addition to these seven models, Bartmann noted hijackers are increasingly targeting utility vehicles and trucks for the cargo - particularly the Hyundai H100s



- 4 January 2010 The worlds tallest building Burj Khalifa 2.716ft high with 160 floors opens in Dubai.
- 5 January 1933 Work started on The Golden Gate Bridge across the SanFrancisco Bay.



- 8 January 1656 The world's oldest newspaper, the Opregte Haarlemsche Courant. first appears.
- 8 January 1912 The ANC is founded in Bloemfontein.
- 8 January 1806 As part of the Napoleonic Wars, the Battle of Blaquwberg takes place when British forces attack the Batavian Republic near Cape Town in a small but significant military engagement. After the British victory, peace is made under the Treaty Tree in Woodstock, Cape Town. It establishes British rule in South Africa, whish was to have huge ramification.
 - 14 January 1934 Loch Ness Monster spotted.
 - 15 January 1991 Operation Desert Storm Begins against Iraq occupation of Kuwait.
 - 17 January 1949 The first Volkswagen Beetle arrives in the US from Germany.
 - 19 January 1983 The butcher of Lyon) is arrested in Bolivia and extradited to France.
 - 19 January 1983 Apple announces 'The Apple Lisa', the first commercial personal computer to have a graphical user interface GIJI and a computer mouse.
 - 22 January 1901 Queen Victoria passed away in the Osborne House on the Isle of Wight
 - 22 January 1984 New Apple Macintosh computer was first displayed during the Super Bowl.
 - 23 January 19 22- Insulin first used.
- 26 January 1945 Soviet troops enter Auschwitz. Poland.
- 26 January 1905 The worlds largest diamond is found in SA by Fredric Wells in the Premier Mine 40km east of Pretoria. The diamond. 3.106-carat was named after Sir Thomas Cullinan. After the Anglo-Boer War. the Transvaal government bought the diamond for R2.4 million and gifted it to King Edward VII in 1907. It was divided and the two largest pieces (Cullinan 1 & Cullinan II). Today, Cullinan I, known as The Star of Africa is set in the Royal Scepter and Cullinan II is in the band of the Imperial State Crown.

https://www.historyplace.com

30 January 1948 - Mahatma Gandhi assassinated in New Delhi.







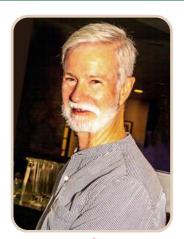




If you look very carefully around 5ish in the afternoon you will find Deneise watering the flowers infront of Acacia.

Deneise rescued the plant on your left from certain death and has made it her mission to be the caretaker of Acacia's plants.





Dave Nesbitt

Recipes from our Residents

This month's recipe is for our furry friends

Dog Liver Bread

- 1Egg
- 250g Fresh Liver
- 1/cup Self raising flour
- Blend all together
- Spray n Cook a loaf tin
- Cook on 180C for plus minus 15 min.



Pets Corner

Featuring Residents & their furry friends



Hugh & Diana Russell moved into apartment 8. Acacia.
in October 2023 with their two beautiful Siamese cats.

Coco and Suki.

They are indoor cats, and you won't see them wandering around the village.

After not eating for five days - which we can only imagine had to be nerve-racking, they settled down.

They mostly sleep during the day but can be seen having a merry time at night when they should be sleeping.



Sisters

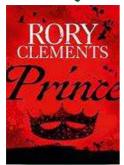
- Coco is a Seal Point (Lindt 80% Cocoa chocolate coloured markings
- Suki is a Blue Point



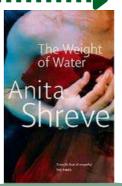


From the Library





Pook Reviews





submitted by Libby

Prince Rory Clements

Rory Clements is a superb historical novelist who weaves his plots around true historical mysteries and gives intriguing insights into their probable causes. In this book, set in Elizabethan times, the story involves the unexplained death of Christopher Marlowe and the influx of Dutch immigrants religious fleeing persecution.

His main character, John Shakespeare, working for Robert Cecil, is tasked with discovering how gunpowder is being stolen and used to blow up and insight violence against the Dutch immigrants.

Clements paints a vivid picture of England at that time - an England of glory but also of squalor, crime, passion, and rage.

The story is fast-moving and engaging.

Book Morning 10h00

The Weight of Water Anita Shreve

During the night in March 1873 women Norwegian immigrants, murdered on a small bleak island of Smuttynose off the rich fishing coast of New Hampshire. A third woman survived hiding in a sea cave until dawn.

Anita Shreve weaves her novel around these historical facts, even the court room testimonies are taken from the original records. Although the matter of who killed the two women was settled by the court, the mystery surrounding their deaths continued to be debated for more than a century.

In her novel set more than a century later, Jean a photojournalist, is sent on an assignment to compile a photo-essay about the legendary crime. During her investigations she unearths letters written by Maren, the sole survivor of the murder spree.

In this novel Anita Shreve slowly builds up the tension, deftly juxtaposing a strained modern marriage and the century-old murder. This book was adapted for a film 20 February in the Clubhouse of the same name which was released in 2000.

Nature & Birding Group

There is no charge to join the group, anyone can come to the meetings.

Our first meeting for 2024 will be held on **Tuesday, 6th February, from 9 am for 9.30 am.** Note this is an hour earlier than normal to accommodate our speaker, the **Bee Lady Natasha Lyon.** We will start at 9 am with tea/coffee and eats, followed by a talk and presentation by Natasha and question time afterwards. She will also have a showcase of the work she does with bees; there will be some items on sale.

One of the many bees on the wild basil plant between Dick and Libby's houses



Our second meeting for 2024 will be on **Tuesday, 7th May,** when we go to **Random Harvest in memory of Andre Marx.** We will walk down to the Bench put at the dam in his honour and reflect on him. We will then go back to the tea garden for tea, counting what birds we can see on our walk. Tea will be for your account. We can take our own transport and share lifts.

For more information on the Nature and Birding Group please contact: Heather Mutch on 1080; 083 7897 311

Or Lisa Nuttall on 11020; 071 007 4658



Heather Mutch



Lisa Nuttall

January Events

Rabbie Burns Night

The Village celebrated Burn's Night with all the traditional trappings such as piper, kilts, tam o' shanter caps, whisky and Scotland's national dish, IIAGGIS! Charles was at his best regaling numerous tales of Rabbie's life, including his notorious philandering.





Proud Scotsman Charles Carroll

The traditional haggis was piped in and after saying the Selkirk Grace, it was stabbed with determination by Jimmy.







Thank you Brenda for arranging the amazing evening

Lee Pearson who made the evening special with his piping

Jimmy for tinkling the keys, Kiloran for photography

Chef Andrew and team for the menu - and -

Charles Carroll for bringing Robbie Burns to life with his wonderful stories.





Wendy Alexander Thabang Mawaseni Dennis Allen Ross Hooper

Submitted by Patrick Atkinson Laurraine & Dennis







WHAT IS THE MULTI- PARTY CHARTER FOR SOUTH AFRICA?

On 17 July 2023, seven parties currently serving in the National Assembly signed a preelection agreement called the Multi-Party Charter for South Africa. Together, these parties currently hold 108 of the 400 seats. This number was recently increased to 112 seats, with additional parties joining by December 2023. The list of signatory parties now comprises the following:

ActionSA, African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP), Democratic Alliance (DA), Ekhetu Party, Freedom Front Plus (FF Plus), Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), Independent South African National Civic Organisation (ISANCO), Spectrum National Party and United Christian Democratic Party (UCDP) United Independent Movement (UIM). This list may increase further before the election.

The multi-party charter states that the signatory parties will contest elections as individual parties working together to win a collective majority in the 2024 elections. The challenges facing South Africans cannot be resolved from the opposition benches. The charter urges South Africans to unite, knowing we are "Better Together."

The charter records the following priority issues for a new government to address

- Growing the economy and creating jobs;
- Ending load shedding and achieving energy security;
- Achieving law and order that combats crime, corruption and drugs;
- Ensuring quality education that delivers opportunities for all:
- Delivering essential services to all through high-quality infrastructure;
- Building a professional public service that delivers to all and ending cadre deployment;
- Ensuring quality healthcare for all within a caring healthcare system;
- Building a social relief framework for South African households living in poverty.

All signatory parties have undertaken to govern in accordance with a shared set of governing principles.



The parties are clear that they will **not entertain any working arrangements or co- governing agreements with the ANC, EFF or any rival formations, and they will not vote** for any office bearers of the ANC and the EFF at any inaugural meetings of the national or provincial government structures.

The multi-party charter is a pre-election agreement on which a multi-party coalition agreement will be negotiated after the election. Coalitions will be established at the national and provincial levels, with the number of votes cast for the multi-party charter members amounting to at least 50% + 1 of the votes cast. This approach means that every vote counts.

Current polling data shows a decline in ANC support and an increase in support for an alternative government.

In 1994, a high voter turnout resulted in a massive change in our country and set it on a path of increased prosperity for all South Africans. Unfortunately, the current ruling party has deviated from a path that should have consolidated and built on the promise of 1994. As citizens, we need to take heart and regain that promise by voting for the multi-party charter's alternative.

We realise that this article may not have answered all your questions, but we are willing to source answers for any questions you may have on this topic. These will be published in the Newsletters leading up to the election date.

LAST CHANCE!

Dennis has achieved almost 100% registration of eligible residents to vote in the Village.

Voter registration will close on 4 February 2024, so please encourage your family and friends to register by then. Only voters registered by that time will be added to the Voter's Roll, which will be used for the 2024 elections.









Houses

- House 16 Colin & Alex Napier
- House 65 Carl & Dawn Figge
- House 67 Mike & Aldean Prior

Acacia

A 204 Nick Isaakidis



Bushwillow

• B19 Malcolm Taylor

• B 202 Myrtle de Jong

• B 203 Lorraine Stewart



The next welcome tea for new residents will be held on 22 February 2024

What's Happening in



Christian Fellowship Group 14 Feb @2:30pm in the Boardroom



Valentines Social Dinner with Ruby Tuesday

14 February 6pm +100 Club Draw







Pingo 16 February @ 2h30



Movie Night 1,8,15,22 & 29 February Titles to be announced by Chris Edwards



Birthdays February 2024

Stewart Phillips 6th

Jane MacConachie 7th

Barbara Black 12th

Philippe d' Abbadie 12th

Charles Clarkson 13th

Heather Allan 15th

Laurance Squair 15th

Val Hutton-Wilson 18th

David Presbury 18th

Bev Jackson 20th

Milly Haestier 21st

Hans van Wijk 24th

Henning Brandt 25th

Atholie Preacher

26th

Graeme Pollock

27th



Anniversaries

Harold & Barbara Black

3rd

Basil & Marlies Bold

5th

Charles & Irene Carroll

26th







FEBRUARY 2024 - LUNCH MENUS

Unit number: _____

		Week 1			week 2			week 3			week 4			week 5	
			WE LONG SECOND	05-Feb	Pork schnitzel, parsley mash, cheese sauce, spinach and roast butternut	editation at down	12-Feb	Chicken chow mein and vegetable stir- fry	ery collectum at down	19-Feb	Curry mince, cocktail roti and rice, tomato and onion salad, glazed sweet carrots	weny calibration at down	26-Feb	Beef lasagne with Italian salad and roasted med style veg	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TO PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN T
	R72,00	Italian meat balls,	Deliver	06-Feb	25	doen	13-Feb		duw.	20-Feb	Chicken burger and	down Date	27-Feb		
	R72,00	tomato and basil sauce, spaghetti and roasted veg and green salad	Delwer collect st	R72,00	Cottage pie with baby marrow in cheese sauce and glazed carrots	Dallwary collectors an	R72,00	Spaghetti bolognaise with Italian salad and roast vegetables	Dalwary catterion at	R72,00	chicken burger and chips served with grilled pineapple, sweet chilli glaze, cole slaw	Daliney collection at	R72,00	Chicken schnitzel with mash, cheese sauce, glaced carrots and peas	
R72,00		Pork Schintzel with parsley mash, cheese sauce, butternut and cream spinach	estlect sit down	07-Feb	Pork bangers, mash and onion gravy, cauliflower and	collect	14-Feb	Mild chicken curry and rice. Pawpaw salsa and banana	the country and country	21-Feb	Slow braised beef bolo with cheese mash, cream style	cellect st-down	28-Feb	Peppered pork fillet, apple sauce, cream of leek sauce, potato wedges,	
	R72,00		Detve	R72,00	peas	Deliver	R72,00	salad	Deliver	R72,00	carrots and sweetcorn	Detroer	R72,00	spinach and pumpkin	
	CL-Feb	Chicken a la king with steamed rice, minted peas and carrots	apilier: sitt down	08-Feb	Chicken myo health roll with potato and beetroot salad	collect at down	15-Feb	Cold meats and salads, carrot, beet and potato	edifest strdown	22-Feb	Ox Liver mash and onion gravy with fried cabbage and peas	cofeet at down	29-Feb	BBQ chicken pieces with fried rice and vegetable stir-fry	
R72,00	R72,00	2	Deliver	R72,00		Deliver	R72,00		Deliver	R72,00	32755911	Deliver	R72,00		
02-Feb	02-Feb	Grilled or deep- fried Hake, with chips, tartar sauce, mushy	colect st.dum	09-Feb	Grilled or deep-fried Hake with chips, tartar sauce, carrot	collect st down	16-Feb	Griffed or deep- fried Hake with chips, tartar sauce, pea and sweetcorn	colect st down	23-Feb	Grilled or deep- fried Hake with chips, tartar sauce,	colect st down			100000
	R92,00	minted peas and garden salad	Detver	R92,00	and pineapple salad and garden salad	Desiver	R92,00	salad and garden salad	Deliver	R92,00	coleslaw and garden salad	Desiver			
		tandard me			2.5		75 E	.00 per meal 00 per meal							

Resident name:_

<u>Terms and Conditions</u>.

Delivery meals will be charged an additional R12.00 for packaging.

Collection with own plates or can be done but plates need to be handed in at the Bistro at 10:00 and be clearly marked with unit number.



VALENTINES' DAY SOCIAL EVENING

14 FEBRUARY 2024 17H30

PLATED STARTER

SMOKED SALMON PATE EN CROUTE, WITH CAESAR SALAD

MAIN COURSE

MOROCCAN BRAISED LAMB SHOULDER WITH DATES, HONEY AND ALMONDS CHICKEN CHERMOULA'IN CORIANDER, LEMON AND CAPER BUTTER SAUCE PENNE PASTA IN CREAM TOMATO AND BASIL SAUCE, OLIVES AND FETA BABY VEGETABLES IN ROCKET PESTO BUTTER ROAST BUTTERNUT IN CINNAMON AND ORANGE MOROCCAN COUSCOUS SAUTE BABY POTATOES IN ROSEMARY, CUMIN, AND ONION

PLATED DESSERT

ROSEWATER MERINGUE SHELL FILLED WITH PASTRY CREAM, WILD BERRY COMPOTE, FRESH STRAWBERRIES AND VANILLA ICE CREAM.

R195.00PP