



A Note from your Rescom



HEADLINES FROM RESCOM MAY 2024

After a frantic time with the introduction of Voltano, things have settled down somewhat. We have a Townhall meeting with Garry on Thursday, 6th June and the Residents' Annual Caucus in July before the AGM in August.

1. **Voltano.** Thanks to a great deal of work by Neville Willemse, Laurraine Lötter, and several expert residents, and Wilma's support, the R117 charge has been finally sorted and will be dealt with in our levies and within the budget. As Wilma's recent communique has explained, the pre-paid meters must be reset before 24th November, and Voltano will be coming to make the changes during June.
2. **Alveo.** I am sure that with the recent water chaos in our area, we are grateful to no longer depend on Joburg Water. The matter of the intermittent pressure, which seems again to be noticed in the houses up the hill, is not yet understood and is being investigated. A new filter system is to be installed to help deal with the hardness of the water. It has to be specially designed, and they are waiting for a part. After the installation, we should see a new analysis of the water, which can be compared with those already taken before the changes.
3. **Budgeted Items.** We have pressed for many items on our previous wish lists, but it is unclear which may or may not be sanctioned. Amongst those are a better sound system and an upgrade of the refuse area, which has often smelt appalling. For all nonessential items, we are dependent on the largesse of the head office in Cape Town.
4. **Survey.** The ResCom has been intending to ask the residents to complete a survey for some time but decided to hold it back as there was so much going on with the Voltano matters. It is intended to send it around during the first week of June. For those with computers, it is hoped that it can be filled in on the Internet. For those without computers or who may feel ill-equipped, we will arrange to have the documents delivered by hand. The idea is to do this well before the Caucus meeting.
5. **Bistro.** Chef Neo has been welcomed, and everything seems to be going well. However, it has been decided that the Bistro will not be open at the weekends at this stage. We hope that will be considered again later.

6. **Marketing.** We agreed with the marketing department on an acceptable way to invite prospective new residents to some of our social events. It has been made clear that these events belong to the residents and that the marketing team should treat them respectfully in the future. A Family Festival has been organised for Saturday, 14th September. Market and entertainment events will feature. It is for the residents and our families and is also a way to advertise the village. Evergreen has decided to fund a bridge over the gully outside the main entrance of the clubhouse. That has been on our wish list for a long time, and we are very grateful.
7. **Traffic.** There remains much concern regarding speeding in the village. It is still hoped that speed cameras will be installed. Changes to the House Rules will be necessary to apply speeding fines. We are urged to be careful and ensure that those visiting us obey the 20kmph limit.
8. **Assisted Living.** Throughout the village, the feeling is that some mid-care arrangement is becoming increasingly necessary. The Evergreen plan is to eventually build something on the plot next door, which they own. We see that as the distant future. With the help of Sister Kate and Wilma, we have some ideas that could help, and we hope to present the matter to Garry at the next ManCom meeting.

Best

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Chairman