

# IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR A MONTH OF LOVE & ROMANCE

Dear Residents,

John Lennon said 'everything is clearer when you're in love' so after many, many months of not knowing where we were heading, maybe February, and Valentine's Day, is the perfect time to celebrate all kinds of love. Friendships, falling in love, or even re-kindling your existing relationship!

Luckily we've been afforded a little more freedom this year so I do hope that you will bring a friend or your significant other and join us for a special lunch on the 14th, or dinner on the 16th at the Bistro.

If you're single it certainly doesn't mean you can't celebrate too! Just make the most of being in 'JOY' instead. There is an abundance of joy to be found, even in the smallest actions so share a smile and a wave when passing fellow residents or make your way to the Lifestyle Centre and join an activity group, or just come and have a coffee in the lounge. You never know who you meet, who needs the comfort of a good chat or who will become a great new friend.

This week's 'joyful' additions to our regular pages include Green Fingers, Medical Matters, Good Reads and a Good To Know section showcasing My Grandpa's Workshop.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead.

Regards Riaan and the Evergreen Team

## 31 JAN - 6 FEB IN THIS ISSUE Weekly Activities Your weekly guide to sport & recreational activities in the Village What's On The Menu Delicious meals on offer this week! It's A Celebration Birthday's, Anniversaries & New Residents Green Fingers Summer fruits and being water-wise **Medical Matters** Cultivating a positive attitude Good Reads Escape with one of our recommended reads Good To Know Focus on 'MY GRANDPA'S WORKSHOP'

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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SUNDAY			12h00 SUNDAY LUNCH BISTRO		

ext. 2404

## WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

OPEN 08H00 - 16H30 | SIT DOWN | TAKE-AWAY | HOME DELIVERY | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

### **MEAT-FREE MONDAY**

Falafel Poke Bowl with Tzatziki Sauce

#### TUESDAY

Butter Chicken with Basmati Rice, Sambals & Roti

#### WEDNESDAY

Pork & Mushroom Pie, Homemade Gravy, Garlic Oven-Roasted Baby Potatoes & Pan Fried Vegetables

#### THURSDAY

Beef Lasagne with a Greek Salad & Garlic & Herb Bread

### FRIDAY

Lemon & Herb Fried or Grilled Hake with Tartar Sauce, Chips & a Garden Salad

## SATURDAY

Char Grilled Hickory Chicken & Coleslaw, a Portuguese Roll & Chips



## IT'S A CELEBRATION

WISHING YOU MANY HAPPY MOMENTS AND THE VERY BEST MEMORIES!

## **BIRTHDAYS**

## 31 JANUARY

PATRICIA VAN DER WALT - Noordhoek

### 1 FEBRUARY

DOUG SMITH - Noordhoek

## **3 FEBRUARY**

CLIVE LEON - Noordhoek

## **4 FEBRUARY**

TREVOR JONES - Noordhoek
GUY COUVREUR - Lake Michelle

### **6 FEBRUARY**

NORMA ROOS - Noordhoek VERONICA FRASER - Noordhoek

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

## **2 FEBRUARY**

FRED & MARION NELSEN - Noordhoek TREVOR & SUE DOUGLAS - Noordhoek

## **NEW RESIDENTS**

PAULINE HAYSE-GREGSON
House 71 Noordhoek



## **GREEN FINGERS**

ALL GARDENERS LIVE IN BEAUTIFUL PLACES, BECAUSE THEY MAKE THEM SO...



## **FALL IN LOVE WITH FRUIT**

The garden is a trove of juicy treasures this time of year with an abundance of deliciousness to be grown. There's something for even the fussiest of eaters and plenty of brag-worthy produce to harvest. Dash down to your local nursery for seed packets and seedlings trays and begin your nutritious, sweet summer gardening adventure!

Nurseries are stocked with a selection of fruit trees, seedlings, and seed packets for you to sow and plant now. Stay hydrated this summer by growing these water-rich, nutrient-dense fruits:

Tomatoes – 94% water and high in lycopene, which helps protect cells from damage.

Watermelon – 92% water and soaked with nutrients, antioxidants, and amino acids.

Strawberry – 92% water, sodium and cholesterol-free, packed with fibre and low on calories.

Spanspek – 90% water and 100% of the recommended daily vitamin C.

Papaya – 88% water, aids digestion, helps with weight loss and is loaded with vitamin A.









## BE A WATER-WISE ECO-WARRIOR

If you haven't realised that it's been hot as the proverbial Hell lately, you must've only just returned from an extended trip overseas! Thankfully Cape Town and the Deep South has eased water restrictions but it's always wise to remember to conserve water where you can - just follow these easy steps:

Our summers are hot and our water is precious. Growing water-wise doesn't mean your garden is destined to be boring. On the contrary, going water-wise highlights our local gems and gives our native birdlife and butterflies a time to shine.

- Grow plants that are indigenous and especially suited to your region's rainfall.
- Create different water usage zones by grouping plants with similar water needs together.
- Purchase water-retaining crystals from your nursery for beds and containers.
- Fill beds and gaps with hairy leaves (lamb's ear), grey leaves (lavender) and needle-like leaves (rosemary), which can all withstand wind, salt spray and drought.
- Remember to check your sprinkler system valves periodically for leaks and keep the sprinkler heads in good shape. Check all your taps and hosepipes for washer damage and replace those that need it
- When bathing pets, wash them outdoors in an area of your lawn that needs water.
- Use sprinklers that deliver big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller water drops and mist often evaporate before they reach the ground.
- Healthy plants are happy plants, so don't forget to fertilise with Bio Ocean this will strengthen plants' cell walls, which means that plants need less water and will withstand extreme temperatures.

## HEALTH MATTERS

HAPPINESS BEGINS WITH GOOD HEALTH



You probably don't give it a lot of thought, but your attitude is a crucial part of you, your personality, and your life. Sometimes we are ignorant of how we act and what we do. By definition, the word 'attitude' can be described as an "uncooperative behaviour" or a "determined way of thinking or feeling about something". Everyone is allowed bad days, but when this attitude becomes more serious and it starts affecting your personal and professional life, it's time to do something. Having a bad attitude is a choice, so make sure you make the right one and start improving yourself.



## HOW CAN YOU IMPROVE YOUR ATTITUDE?

Changing your attitude towards one that embraces growth and success instead of a destructive one, can be done by following some simple steps.

## 1. Keep a Positive Attitude

Despite the hardships in life, if you manage to keep a positive attitude you will be much happier, and you will be able to see all of the good things that surround you.

## 2. Be Grateful for the Things You Have and the People Around You

Your bad attitude can hurt the people you love and those who love you. Instead, show them that you care about your close ones and that you value everything that you have in your life.

## 3. Don't Compare Yourself to Others

You are your own person. Comparing yourself to others will make you feel like you are not good enough, which will contribute to your bad attitude.

## 4. Admit When You Are Wrong and Move On

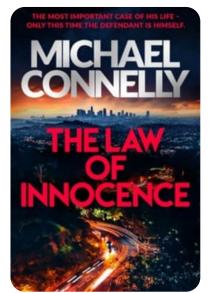
You can't always be right, and it's good to admit when you are wrong. That way people will have more respect for you, and even you will have more respect for yourself.

#### 5. Be Polite to Others

Politeness is contagious and it can change someone's day or life. Even if you are not having a good day, stay polite and you will notice an enormous change in people's perception and your own perception about you.

## **GOOD READS**

"THERE IS NO FRIEND AS LOYAL AS A BOOK" - ERNEST HEMINGWAY



## THE LAW OF INNOCENCE by Michael Connelly

THE MOST IMPORTANT CASE OF HIS LIFE. ONLY THIS TIME THE DEFENDANT IS HIMSELF.

Heading home after winning his latest case, defence attorney Mickey Haller – The Lincoln Lawyer – is pulled over by the police. They open the trunk of his car to find the body of a former client. Haller knows the law inside out. He will be charged with murder. He will have to build his case from behind bars. And the trial will be the trial of his life because Mickey Haller will defend himself in court.

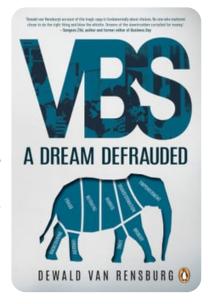
With watertight evidence stacked against him, Haller will need every trick in the book to prove he was framed. But a not-guilty verdict isn't enough. In order to truly walk free, Haller knows he must find the real killer - that is the law of innocence...

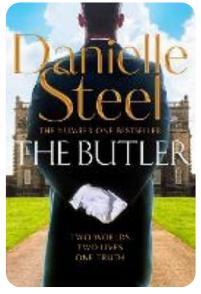
## VBS by Dewald van Rensburg

Originally the Venda Building Society, VBS Mutual Bank was a small, little-known lender in Limpopo before it rocketed from obscurity in 2016 by giving President Jacob Zuma a controversial home loan to repay the state for improvements to his Nkandla homestead. The bank was growing rapidly and sold itself as a fearless champion of black advancement.

Its owner, Vele Investments, was on a meteoritic trajectory towards becoming a financial conglomerate worthy of national attention. When the bank abruptly went into curatorship in March 2018, no one had any reason to doubt that it was just another unfortunate corporate failure. Then the astonishing truth emerged: the collapse of VBS was due to an epic R2-billion fraud that had created Vele's empire out of thin air and left the bank a hollow shell.

Written by one of the journalists who first broke the story, this is a compelling account of a bank heist whose shockwaves continue to haunt the politicians, businessmen and traditional leaders who enabled it.

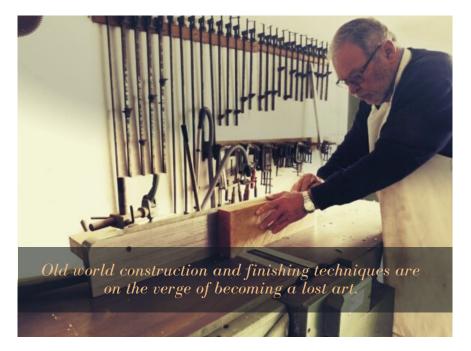




### THE BUTLER by Danielle Steel

Joachim von Hartmann is born into a wealthy Argentine banking family and spends his early years in Buenos Aires. Blonde-haired and blue-eyed, he has inherited the looks of his German ancestors, while his twin brother Javier could not be more different. Following the death of their father, and when details emerge about Joachim's maternal grandfather's wartime activity, both boys and their mother, Liese, are cast out from the family. After years of glamour and luxury, she must raise them alone with no financial support. Eventually, Liese meets and falls in love with a French art expert, and she and Joachim move to Paris without Javier, who refuses to leave his beloved Argentina. Rumours soon start to circulate that he's involved in the drugs trade. Joachim moves to England to train as a butler and discovers that he loves his role working for the aristocracy on their fine estates. On the death of his last employer, Joachim decides to move back to France and his mother. He finds that there's no call for butlers in Paris, but he does find a job putting his skills to good use acting as assistant and confidant to Olivia, an American who needed to escape her life in New York. Both Joachim and Olivia hold secrets about their past, and as reports come through that Javier's life in the Columbian underworld is spiralling out of control, they must, as brave and honourable people, make some difficult decisions.

## GOOD TO KNOW



## MY GRANDPA'S WORKSHOP

At My Grandpa's Workshop, we seek to ensure that the human expertise acquired over thousands of years of making things in wood and metal, is not lost to modern computerised technology.

My Grandpa's Workshop offers quality and professional metalworking, woodworking and training hosted by Dr John Cowlin.

### **ABOUT JOHN**

John Cowlin's grandfather was a craftsman, an exceptional woodworker and precision machinist and he taught John how to accurately shape wood and metals. From an early age John made furniture, boats, model aeroplanes, steam locomotives, tools and instruments. Today he continues the tradition and shares his knowledge through teaching others, or making things for their use.

John can help the home hobbyist learn woodworking skills or find help with a tricky bit of machining. Boat or model builders can have a specialised fitting made to complete their project and the antique car restorer can have an out of production part crafted anew.



