

**FISH HOEK VALLEY
RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION
(FHVRRRA)**

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Newsletter for August 2012.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Venue: FISH HOEK CIVIC CENTRE.

Date: THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2012. Time: 19h30

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME, Introductions and Apologies.**
- 2. GUEST SPEAKERS: PAUL BOOTH and ANDREW RUSH**
TOPIC: MAIN ROAD REHABILITATION FROM KALK BAY TO CLOVELLY
- 3. MINUTES of the Quarterly General Meeting held on 24 May 2012 & matters arising**
- 4. COUNCILLOR's Report.**
- 5. TREASURER's Report**
- 6. CHAIRPERSON's Report**
- 7. GENERAL**

All are welcome and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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Our Guest Speakers – Main Road Rehabilitation from Kalk Bay to Clovelly:

The rehabilitation of the Main Road from Atlantic Road in Muizenberg to Clovelly Road has been underway since March 2008. Main Road should be open to two-way traffic up to Clairvaux Road by end August. Thereafter work will start on the section from Clairvaux Road to the Kalk Bay harbour entrance. The section from the Kalk Bay harbour to Clovelly still needs to be designed and put out on tender. In view of the critical nature of the works to be undertaken and the impact on traffic between Kalk Bay and Clovelly, we have invited the guest speakers to provide us with an insight of what lies ahead for the Far South Peninsula.

Mr Paul Booth is Head: Roads and Stormwater Design, City of Cape Town. He has a National Diploma in Civil Engineering and has 40 years of experience in municipal engineering. Over and above his normal duties he is responsible for the planning and implementation of the Main Road Rehabilitation project.

Mr Andrew Rush is Resident Engineer at Kayad Knight Piésold (Pty) Ltd (previously Kayad Consulting). He has a B.Sc. (Hons) in Civil Engineering and has over thirty years' experience on civil engineering infrastructure projects, predominantly in the roads and municipal services field.

Beautiful Fish Hoek beach

Visitors to our beach will notice many improvements that have taken place in the past few months. Missing handrails have now been replaced plus a few additional ones installed. Most of the graffiti has been covered by beach staff and the rest will be attended to by the City's graffiti unit.

Jager Walk is, unfortunately, still without lighting as the cables were stolen. These were replaced promptly but stolen AGAIN within 10 days! One Saturday night thieves cut the water pipes as they tried to steal the copper joints. The City's repair team was quick to respond to a call-out on the Sunday and disconnected the unused supply pipe. We are appealing for more regular law enforcement patrolling as by-laws are constantly ignored and security is still a problem. This is exacerbated by the fact that people who do not pay train fares use Jager Walk as their route to and from Sunnycove station.

Cleaning of the cloakrooms is being done on a more regular basis and those alongside the restaurant, used by most bathers, are usually in good order.

We are trying to get the cleansing department to be more efficient, especially on long weekends, about removing the kelp from the south end of the beach which is a demarcated kelp-cleansing area.

A journey to zero waste - What can households do?

Have you seen the mountain growing on the Cape Flats beyond Capricorn Park? It is the False Bay Coastal Park Landfill – a huge monument to society's inability to recycle resources and to avoid polluting our environment. Nature knows no waste and neither should we.

- *Become committed reducers, reusers and recyclers.* It is easy enough to make food packaging go away by putting it in your recycling bag on collection day. But note that not all packaging is recyclable & recyclers are not refuse collectors - so do not put dirty packaging into the recycling bags. False Bay Recycling collects: glass, plastic containers, bags and bottles, tetrapak juice & milk containers, paper and card. They do not collect cling wrap, soiled items, polystyrene, dog food bags, chip & washing powder packets or any organic waste. For a comprehensive list of what is recyclable go to:
<http://www.scenicsouth.co.za/environment/recyclers-re-users/>
- *Leave excess packaging and non-recyclable packaging where you purchase it.* If the retailers get enough 'plastic feedback' they are more likely to put pressure on the packaging industry to use recyclable or reusable packaging.
- *Pressurize big business to label recyclables by phoning their consumer hotlines.* We have been fed recycling education for years but a lot of packaging is still not labeled recyclable or not.
- *Find creative local reuse options.* Rogers' Fruiterers for example encourage people to bring in their own plastic bags, boxes and veggie punnets. So don't throw away the polystyrene trays – clean them and take them to Rogers' Fruiterers.
- *Lobby the City and the government to play a more active role in forcing the packaging industry to take responsibility for the life-cycle of packaging.* Curbside recycling can only work if the collectors can sell the packaging material they collect. Polystyrene is an example of where the city is paying for so-called

recyclables to be collected and then still having to dump polystyrene. Other parts of the world have a washing and pelletizing plant for polystyrene - cheaper in the long term than landfill.

- *Transport your organic waste to the Kommetjie Transfer Site.* It will be composted there - alternatively establish your own compost heaps and/or worm farms.
- *Place CFL (lights) in the specially designed bins at Pick n Pay.*

Electricity Prices for Cape Town

The City of Cape Town approved a domestic users' electricity price increase of between 5 and 18 % depending on your tariff bracket effective from 1 July 2012. High domestic consumers of electricity will be paying the biggest percentage price increase. Understanding the tariff structure is key to managing your electricity demand and to keeping costs within as low a tariff band as possible.

Note that households whose electricity consumption does not exceed 400 kWh per month will receive an additional free basic allocation of up to 50 kWh.

Where electricity consumption exceeds 450 kWh per month (on average, including any free portion), the free electricity portion will no longer be made available to the household. **In Rands this means that if you spend more than R413.75 per month you will not qualify for the 50kWh free units.**

Electricity Prices for Cape Town Note: base prices in table are VAT exclusive				
	2011/12 cents/kWh	2012/13 cents/kWh	% increase	Price incl VAT
Lifeline Block 1: 0 - 150kWh	61.6	64.93	5.41%	74.02
Lifeline Block 2: 150.1 - 350kWh	81.04	89.95	10.99%	102.54
Lifeline Block 3: 350.1 - 600kWh	107.43	118.11	9.94%	134.65
Lifeline Block 4: 600.1 + kWh	118.06	140.18	18.74%	159.81
Domestic Block 1: 0 - 150kWh	107.43	113.2	5.37%	129.05
Domestic Block 2: 150.1 - 350kWh	107.43	118.11	9.94%	134.65
Domestic Block 3: 350.1 - 600kWh	107.43	118.11	9.94%	134.65
Domestic Block 4: 600.1 + kWh	118.06	140.18	18.74%	159.81

To query your electricity account phone the City of Cape Town on **0800 220 440**.

For more information and energy saving tips go to: <http://www.scenicsouth.co.za/2012/06/cape-town-electricity-price-increase-of-5-to-18-from-july-2012/>

Rates Increase

The city is now preparing a new rates valuation roll for implementation in July 2013. The date established as the valuation date is July 2012. What you need to do as a ratepayer is to note sales in your area for a few months before and after July this year. This will enable you to have a good comparison for the value of your property and should you wish to dispute your new rates value you will have figures on which to base your argument. Be prepared as it is always more difficult to find out the information when you receive your new valuation in July 2013. It is unlikely you will receive a visit from valuation inspectors as all is now done on computer systems. Remember those with an income of less than R10 000 per month are eligible for a rates rebate. Please enquire at the municipal offices, Central Circle Fish Hoek.

Far South Peninsula Community Forum (FSPCF)

The FSPCF was formed to represent a common voice for the people of the area south of the Silvermine Mountains when interacting with the City of Cape Town about issues that affect all the citizens of the Far South. Organizations such as civic bodies, NGO's, CPF and groups concerned with things like health, sport, in fact anything that concerns all of us in the south, may join. The organization was formed as it was observed that issues concerning the Far South were not being addressed in the now very large City of Cape Town.

At present the main issues are the submission of motivation amendments for the Southern District Plan, which is informed by the approved Cape Town Spatial Development Framework. Special features like our history, scenic beauty, traditional amenities eg beaches, equestrian and agricultural heritage need to be protected. Furthermore no development should be considered before necessary improvements to infrastructure are carried out.

Another important issue is the need to improve communication between the citizens and the City officials. We are distant from the City centre and indeed many officials have never visited the south and are not aware of the impact their plans will have on us. We need to speak with a common voice and all pull together, point out how City policies will affect us and how these can be improved or adapted to our needs.

Baboons in Fish Hoek

Over the past few months raids on homes along the mountain side in Fish Hoek have intensified with baboons apparently invading us over Elsie's Peak from Glencairn with at least one foray reported to have penetrated down Main road beyond Town Square. Damage to some properties has been extensive leaving an estimated R30 000 in clean up and repair costs. By and large people in the affected area have been highly responsible in trying to chase the baboons away from their homes, but the imposition on them to protect their properties and chase the baboons away is becoming unacceptable. Not surprisingly more and more people are demanding the elimination of the animals.

Your Committee's representative on the Baboon Liaison Group has already brought the matter to the attention of the Group and the authorities responsible for baboon management, demanding prompt action as the situation will only worsen with prevarication, especially as the baboon population has been increasing at around 5% per year since 2006. Unfortunately both groups to whom we have appealed are in disarray although hopefully this will be remedied during August.

House numbers

This is a hardy annual but none the less important as we have many no name/number properties in the Fish Hoek valley. Please have the number of your house clearly visible from the pavement. As metal numbers often get stolen, paint the number on the wall or put up plastic or slate numbers which are not attractive to vandals. A visible number is so very important in an emergency and for your friends who visit for the first time.

False Bay Hospital calling all gardeners

The flower gardens at False Bay Hospital have been lovingly revived and maintained by volunteer hands over the past eight years. The current contingent of regular and dedicated gardeners comprises only two ladies, who are very keen to enlist the help of anyone with available time to work with them on this project.

No special skills are needed, just loads of enthusiasm – the benefits of gardening are myriad and well documented. Your participation will be met with grateful thanks and you will be ensuring that this wonderful effort continues to be sustained, giving much pleasure to all visitors to the Hospital as well as the patients and staff. Your offer of assistance would be welcomed by JANDY JAKUES on Telephone 021 782 7556.

Talk by extreme adventurer and activist Braam Malherbe

The Scenic South website team invites you to an inspiring illustrated talk by extreme adventurer, activist and conservationist of 50/50 fame, Braam Malherbe. He will speak on his and David Grier's epic 4 218 km run along the Great Wall of China as well as their other remarkable feats. All proceeds from the event will go to Operation Smile. Date: Monday 27 August at 7.30 pm at the Fish Hoek Civic Centre. Tickets R50. For more details see <http://www.scenicsouth.co.za/2012/07/braam-malherbe-to-speak-in-fish-hoek-in-aid-of-operation-smile>

**DIARY NOTE: Our next Quarterly General Meeting will be on
Thursday 22 November 2012.**

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