

# **FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, FISH HOEK ON THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2008 AT 7.30pm.**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**
- 2. GUEST SPEAKERS:**  
**The issue of Cellphone reception and Cellphone masts - location, health and environment - will be addressed.**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2008**  
The full minutes are available at the Fish Hoek Library. Micro-minutes are enclosed herewith.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING**
- 5. COUNCILLORS' REPORT**
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**
- 8. GENERAL**

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We appeal to members in arrears for 2007 to pay these outstanding subs together with the 2008 subs. Members unable to afford the 2008 subscription fees are kindly invited to contact the chairperson (021 785 1328) in full confidence for a reduced fee. Subscriptions for new members are R20 for the 2008 half-year.

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## NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2008

### Cellphone mast plans at SAPS

Vodacom wants to replace its small mast at the Fish Hoek police station with a more substantial one. The land is owned by the department of public works and the police were not informed about the installation of the original mast. This Association has submitted its comments, saying we are not against cellphone masts per se but, in view of the many health concerns, object to one being sited in a densely populated area and in a place where many people work. We realise the jury is still out on the debate about the health implications so it seems wise to follow the precepts of the “precautionary principal”. Also aesthetically cellphone masts are not the most attractive things at the entrance to the town.

### Planning office to close

Yet another service will be disappearing from our area although apparently not a permanent disappearance. The planning office is to be regionally situated in Plumstead, but the plans for the Far South will remain stored in Fish Hoek. The rather whittled down planning office operating from the civic centre – where plans could be inspected or building inspectors consulted at certain hours – is to move to Plumstead on 25 August, with the office itself closing on 22 August. The council has promised that, at an unnamed date, a satellite planning office will again be operating from the Fish Hoek civic centre, offering more services than are currently offered.

### Drivers’ licence renewal centre

After concerted opposition from Noordhoek residents, the plan to have the drivers’ licence renewal centre in the old clinic on Noordhoek main road has been abandoned. The sub-council is now eyeing other municipal properties, including the one at the seaside end of Clovelly Road, which had been used as a base for an overland travel business and a yoga studio. When the current leaseholder’s lease expired, a new tender was not accepted and it has been vacant from the beginning of this month.

### Protection of pump stations

There has been quite a lot of comment about the new concrete palisade and razor wire erected round the pump station at the bottom of Clovelly Road. The council maintains that all its pump stations are at risk of having copper stolen, regardless of the area in which they are situated. They say they want to avoid the risk of sewerage spills should the pump station not be working. The comment that it is ugly is valid and the residents of Clovelly, those maintaining the wetlands and residents of the houses on the other side of Silvermine, are particularly upset. Cllr Purchase has asked that the razor wire be pushed inward so that it doesn’t catch every passing piece of plastic. Maybe green round the outside would soften it. Gardening in the teeth of the South-Easter is a thankless job but greening with succulents and other hardy plants has been done alongside the railway line opposite Francois Restaurant.

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**Note: Mr JR Barrett and Mr Clinton du Plessis are paid up members. We do not have their address details. We kindly request any member who knows these address details to please advise us at 021 782 4279.**

### **Refuse removal changes**

By now you will have noticed that we (except for Clovelly) have a new contractor removing our refuse after the previous scheme with a recycling component collapsed. The council is advertising for a new tender, to start at the beginning of January, which would include recycling. We have asked the council if the waste/recycling depot behind Compass Bakery could accommodate more items for recycling. At the moment they take glass, hard plastics (numbers 1 to 4), soft plastics and garden rubbish but do not specifically take tins, paper or cardboard. Tins and paper can be dropped off at some schools and cardboard can be dropped off at the recycling container centre on Main Road, Kalk Bay (bottom of Clairveaux Road). Tears is always happy to receive newspaper as well as any other cast-offs it can sell in their shops, from old clothing to books to general household bric-a-brac.

### **Land sale abutting Silvermine River**

The council has said it has approved the sale of some of its land right next to the Silvermine River to a developer who was previously trying to develop a triangle of land between Carlton Road and the river. It says this decision is final. This is related to a previous development proposal to which this Association objected as it consisted of high-density double-storey buildings. We are trying to find out the facts, as neither we, nor environmental groups, SANP and our councillors, seem to have been consulted.

### **Refugees at Soetwater**

About 800 displaced foreign nationals are still in the camp at Soetwater living in very difficult conditions. It has been reported that the food supplied is dreadful with little or no vegetables or fruit. It is totally unsuitable for children and babies and our councillors and volunteers have been sourcing donations to improve the food for children and babies. The latest word from the city council is that the people will be relocated by the end of August. The camp is, in any event, accepting bookings for the summer season and the camp will need substantial repairing. If you would like to donate anything for the refugees, you may leave your donation at the Fish Hoek civic centre, marking it for Soetwater.

### **Fire ravaged Masiphumelele also in need**

Alderman Nicki Holderness is appealing for help for the 200 families who lost almost everything in the last fire in Masiphumelele. She would be grateful for any sort of donation, whether it be kitchen goods, clothing or food. The mountain of donations that came in for the victims of the Redhill fire has been used up. If you would like to assist, drop your donation at the civic centre, marking it for Masiphumelele.

### **Do you qualify for a rates rebate?**

The council has called on the poor, aged and disabled to register for indigent benefits and rates rebates. Ratepayers who own a single home in which they live and whose total household income is R2880 a month or less (or is a minor managing a household registered in the name of his or her deceased parents), qualify for a 100% rates rebate once they have registered with the council. The council also has a sliding scale of reductions for those – aged 60 or more or recipient of a disability grant/pension - whose total household income is more than R2880 but not more than R7000 a month. You can find out more at the civic centre or by phoning 0860 103 089.

### **Traffic Fines**

New traffic fines became operational on 1 June. In any speed zone, going up to 15km/hour over the limit earns a fine of R200; thereafter for each additional 5km/hour over the limit, the fine goes up in leaps to R500, R750, R1000, R1500 and R2500. If you do over 100km/hr in a 60km/hr zone, there is no fine - only a compulsory court appearance. Similarly with going over 110km/hr in a 70km/hr zone, over 120km/hr in a 80km/hr zone, over 140km/hr in a 100km/hr zone and over 160km/hr in a 120km/hr zone.

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<b>DEPARTMENT (Location)</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON (where applicable)</b>	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>
<b>Amenities</b> (Muizenberg)	Jan Fourie	021 788 1929 / 084 210 2122
<b>Beach Management/Caravan Park</b>	Harold Ross	021 782 5503 / 084 211 2117
<b>Call Centre (general) - City wide</b>		0860 765 423
<b>Catchment Management</b>		0860 103 054
<b>Cleansing/Refuse Removal</b> (Lakeside)	Frank Johnson	021 788 1361 / 084 704 6171
<b>Electricity Call Centre - City wide</b>		0860 125 002
<b>Electricity</b> (Muizenberg)	Ashley Warelane	021 788 8961 ext 208
<b>Electricity (24 hour)</b>		0800 220 440
<b>Emergencies</b>		107 (from landline) 112 (from cell)
<b>Emergency</b> (Fish Hoek - General Line)		021 782 2222
<b>Disaster Management</b> (Head Office)		021 597 5000
<b>Disaster Management</b> (Fish Hoek)	Warren Dawson	021 782 4163
<b>Fire Services</b>	Mr Nel	021 784 2032
<b>Fire Station</b> (Fish Hoek)		021 784 2032
<b>General Enquiries</b>		0860 103 089
<b>Health - General</b>	Jackie Ross	021 710 9365 / 082 927 7766
<b>Health - Environmental</b>	John Mathyse	021 788 9350
<b>Housing</b> (Ottery)		021 704 1206
<b>Law Enforcement</b> (Fish Hoek)	Leon McDuling	021 784 2033 / 072 863 2860
<b>Metro Police</b>		021 596 1999
<b>Parks</b> (Noordhoek)	Chris Bonthuys	021 789 1154 / 084 603 1856
<b>Plumstead Offices - General</b>		021 710 8000
<b>Roads</b> (General enquiries)		0860 103 054
<b>Roads</b> (Fish Hoek)	Neil Lotter	021 785 5467 / 084 629 6983
<b>Sewerage</b>	Suleiman Achmat	021 713 9529 / 083 588 2700
<b>Squatter Control</b> (Ottery)	Johan van Rensburg	021 704 1950 / 082 655 3263
<b>Subcouncil (19) - General Office</b> (Fish Hoek)		021 784 2002
<b>Subcouncil (19) - Area Manager</b> (Fish Hoek)	Desiree Mentor	021 784 2010 / 073 186 1328
<b>Traffic Services</b> (Hillstar - Ottery)		021 799 5100
<b>Traffic Signals</b>		0860 765 423
<b>Transport Information Centre</b>		0800 656 463
<b>Water</b> (Fish Hoek)		021 785 2370
<b>Water Services</b> (after hours) - All areas including Flooding & Oil Spills		021 957 4726 / 0860 103 054

**Note: Above information has been supplied by Sub-council 19 in response to our request. We have not tested all the numbers!**