



CHARTWELL

COUNTRY ESTATES

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO 2020

A big welcome to what promises to be a good year. We all know the challenges that our country currently faces, we hear about and live them daily. I am of the firm belief that the largest part of the solution to our countries problems lies with the people, you and me, it's not the politicians, not Eskom, not the media, not America or the IMF that are going to solve our problems. 2020 is a year where every South African needs to draw a circle around themselves and ask some hard questions. Am I going to be a part of the of the solution, if not then do one of two things, either put your application in

for Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada or wherever else you may choose. (just remembering that every country has its challenges) or take a look at where you can start making a positive contribution to our country and more importantly your community. A prosperous country consists of many prosperous and healthy communities. Chartwell is the environment where you spend most of your time, so it would make sense to join hands with the CCE in making it a more secure and beautiful place to live. Contact Jenni or log onto www.chartwellcountryestate.co.za to sign up & make a positive contribution to your community.

**UP COMING
EVENTS**

FEBRUARY

**19
CCE BOARD
MEETING**

**20
COGS**
Senior Chartwellians meet for their monthly lunch if interested please contact
Howie Fitzwilliam
082 932 4778

**28
SWEEPSTAKES**
For more info contact
Maureen on
083 228 1753

LOOK OUT FOR

**CHARTWELL
VOLLY BALL
COMPITITION**

**CCE RUN &
WALK GROUP**

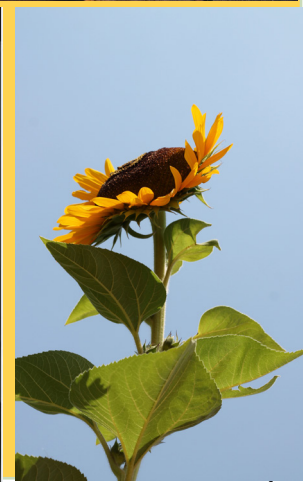
Contact Jenni
082 950 2335
to be added to
the group

CHARTWELL CAROLS BY BAKKIE LIGHT

After a week of heavy rain which was welcomed, the clear blue skies and the Chartwell community came out to join in a fun evening of 'Carols by Bakkie light'.

This marked the return of a popular event to celebrate the festive season together after the schools ended and holidays began. A number of game viewing landrovers and other modern sledge like vehicles set off around the community with children and adults joining in with carols and Christmas cheer.

The procession was well attended and led to Hoopoe Haven who hosted the evening celebrations with warm fires and a great bring and braai. Thanks goes to Chez, Laura, Ronnie & Tracey for arranging the evening and ADT for the lights! We look forward to more community events going into 2020.



CHANGING TIMES

By Hannah Warren

We constantly see them but we don't often bother to stop and engage, too roll down our window and acknowledge the people on the other side. In this case the saying "one man's trash is another man's treasure" is extremely apt. Throughout the day while most Chartwellians are working and consumed by our everyday lives, our bins wait outside to be picked up. As we know, during this period of waiting there is a group of local pickers, scrapers and recyclers who come around and collect specific items out of the bins.

We don't always see them but when we do, we often get irritated by their large trolleys that take up half the road, or the bits of rubbish that are discarded outside our bins when they have been past. I sometimes contemplate how a person came to the point in their lives where picking through trash was their best option. With 'The Global Crisis' going on, people have a new found interest and need to recycle. We as a community don't always appreciate the hard work of recycling that these pickers are doing in our community, or think of the physical toll their jobs take on their minds and bodies, or even just the fact that these are normal people, with emotions, just like us, who are trying to make a living for themselves and their families. If we pause to think about it for a minute, these pickers could be a bigger part of the solution to our countries many problems than we care to imagine.

To get to know more about someone, a great place to start is to say hi and just ask, so that's what I did. I met two pickers, firstly a humble, soft-spoken woman named Regina and then the humorous, honest Leonard. Regina is a 47 years old woman who has been a picker in the Fourways area for the past three year. She caught my eye with her bright red overall and ripped up black tommy takkies that she was sporting as she made her way up

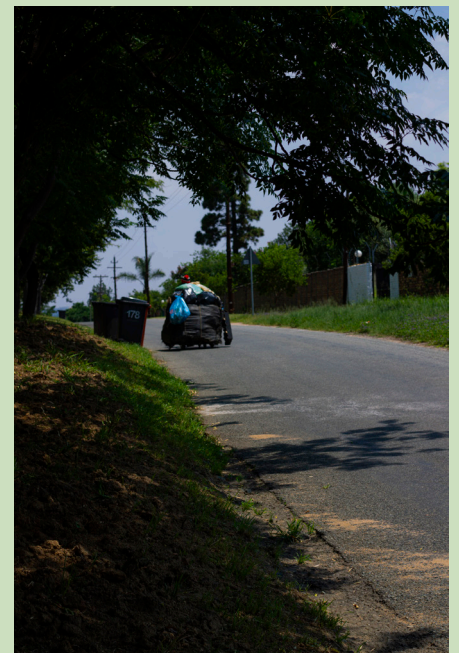
the road with her considerable sized trolley. When I stopped to speak to her she was open and welcoming to a stranger wanting to have a conversation about her and what she does. During our conversation that lasted only a few minutes, I discovered that she has a husband and children that she is providing school fees, food and the everyday essentials for, with the money that she receives from her recycling. Her trolley that she drags around, often contains a whole month's worth of hard labour, intensive work of walking around and collecting the desirable items that she needs to take to the scrap yard to earn her money, which she does at the end of every month.

With the combination of the global plastic epidemic and the current poverty levels in South Africa, it means that people are doing all they can to earn a living, and survive in a world with the odds stacked against them. As part of the 'anti-litter project', the CCE identified Leonard, who is a reliable and honest man. He goes about his business on a weekly basis picking his recycling. The CCE identified him and came to a mutually beneficial agreement. Whilst he is going around Chartwell picking up his recycling, he gets remunerated to pick up the litter that is dropped

around the area, he puts it in bags to be collected and thrown away, leaving Chartwell looking beautiful and not harmed by people's neglect.

Leonard is, as he calls it, "a scrapper" who goes and collects recycling around Chartwell on Mondays and Tuesdays. He moved to Johannesburg in 1984, when his wife fell pregnant with their first child, from a rural settlement where there was no work or opportunities to grow or start a life for his family. When he arrived in Joburg he was a beggar but was quickly hired in a restaurant as a barman when the owner discovered Leonard could speak english fluently. He came to the end of the job as a barman in 1995, he was left unemployed and unable to find another job. This lead him to become "a scrapper", but at the time there was no such thing as a picker and no one went through trash to earn money, but rather to salvage what they could for personal use. Only in 1998, three years after starting to collect and salvage things from other people's trash, did scrap yards start paying people to bring specific items in.

Leonard is now 56, he is the main breadwinner in this family, which consists of his wife, eight children,



with ages ranging from 5 to 35, and 5 grandchildren. His younger children still live back in his rural home town with his mother-in-law, but he tells me he is so happy that his wife lives in Msawawa with him. Every month, after many hours of walking around picking up his recycling, he takes it to the scrap yard where he gets commission on what he has collected. Some of the values he shared with me are R3.50 per kg of plastic bottles and R10 per kg for tin cans. He also mentioned that after the holiday season the prices that the “scrapers” get paid decreases dramatically, but that’s just the way it is. His monthly prayer is that he will earn enough money to send R1000 back home to his children, for school fees and food, and have something left to sustain himself and his wife for the next month.

It takes all different types of people to make this community we call Chartwell. These recyclers are definitely a large part of our community and are here to stay. I challenge every Chartwellian to not just shake your head and get irritated next time you pass one of these pickers, scrapers or recyclers on the road, but to rather roll your window down and wave, to maybe give them some water, food, clothes or a pair of shoes, it will warm their heart more than anyone could imagine, to not feel rejected and looked passed, but to feel included and appreciated.



THINGS TO RECYCLE



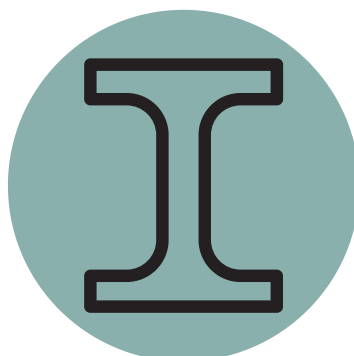
Aluminium tins & cans



Plastic bottles



White paper & cardboard



Metal

Aunty Maureen tells:

THE HISTORY OF OUR ROADS
by Maureen Dalglish

BLenheim ROAD

Blenheim Palace

Built 400 years ago it was the birthplace of Winston Churchill.

SANDRINGHAM AVENUE

Sandringham House

Queen Elizabeth II’s private home in Norfolk where the Royal Family traditionally spend Christmas.

LONGLEAT AVENUE

Longleat House

Built in 1568 and located in Wiltshire, it is regarded as one of the finest examples of Elizabethan architecture.

SEVEN OAKS AVENUE

Seven Oaks

A pretty town in Kent, just half an hour from London. It has the reputation of being one of the best places to live.

CLAYDON ROAD

Claydon

A village in Suffolk. The meaning of the name is “clay-on-the-hill”.

SPENCER ROAD

Spencer

An aristocratic family of which Winston Churchill and Diana, Princess of Wales were members.

RUNNYMEAD ROAD

Runnymede

A water-meadow in Surrey where the Magna Carta was signed by King John in 1215. The Magna Carta is widely accepted as the first constitutional document which formed the basis of modern democracy.



SECURITY ALERT: FOLLOW HOMES

As we start the beginning of a new year, motorists and residents in the Fourways, Douglasdale, Chartwell, Magaliessig and Midrand areas are advised to remain vigilant as reports of a dangerous gang committing violent crimes have been reported in the area.

In one instance a resident was shot in the shoulder in an attempted follow-home robbery. Details of the suspicious car have been forwarded to the local SAPS who are on high alert.

Danny Maringa, Fidelity ADT Community Development Manager says these days criminals are so professional at

what they do, you will probably not even realise that you are being followed. Suspects appear to be on the lookout for smart watches and jewellery and residents are once again reminded not to venture out where possible with any flashy jewellery or expensive watches.

“Spotters at restaurants, in shopping malls and parking areas are a real problem resulting in follow homes and robberies,” says Maringa. He says the problem is that this can escalate even further into a hijacking or house robbery.

CHARTWELL CCTV

CCTV: The first phase of the CCTV camera system is up and running. The licence plate recognition cameras were installed in August last year. The 14 overview cameras have been installed and are operational at the designated CCE entry exit points. We currently have camera poles at the following locations: Third Road/Runnymede Ave intersection, Blenheim/Valley Road intersection, First/Longleat/Seven Oaks Intersection and on Third Road just before the river. The CCTV signage will be installed in the first week of February. The cameras are monitored at ADT's sophisticated CCTV control room in Midrand. Should you experience any security incident or have any security concerns, and you feel that the CCTV footage would be helpful, please contact Jenni or log it on one of the CCE whatsapp groups. Non CCE members will be required to join the CCE before any information pertaining to CCTV footage will be released to them.

As part of our vision of making Chartwell one of the safest non-gated communities in the country, we would like to extend the CCTV system throughout the area. The plan is to create a CCTV net, with numerous

cameras on every street. In order to do this we request that any residents that would like to have a set of 4 cameras based on their street boundary please get in touch with Jenni from the CCE. The CCE will be subsidising 50% of the initial installation cost as well as paying the monthly monitoring cost for the first 10 residents that apply and fit the requirements for this initiative.



TIPS

- Keep expensive watches covered and avoid wearing flashy jewellery when out and about.
 - Always be aware and vigilant of your surroundings.
 - When leaving a restaurant or shopping centre be on the lookout for anyone that could possibly be following you.
 - If you believe you are being followed drive to the closest police station or security provider guard house if there is any doubt.
 - Try to keep as calm as possible and stay focused on getting to a safe place
 - Do not try and communicate with that vehicle in any way.
 - Slow down- it is harder to follow somebody that is driving slowly but just keep moving.
 - Turn your radio down so you are fully aware of your surroundings.
 - Put your headlights on bright and put your hazards on, day or night as you want to attract as much attention as possible and scare away the would be hijackers.
 - Do not go home – don't show them where you live.
 - Head for a busy place if possible like 24 hour garages, hospital, police station etc where it is more difficult to follow you in and where there may be surveillance cameras.
- “At the end of the day staying alert is probably the most important tip. Too often we are distracted which makes us vulnerable to criminal activity,” concludes Maringa.

OUR CHARTWELL GARDENS



Pavements and Verges

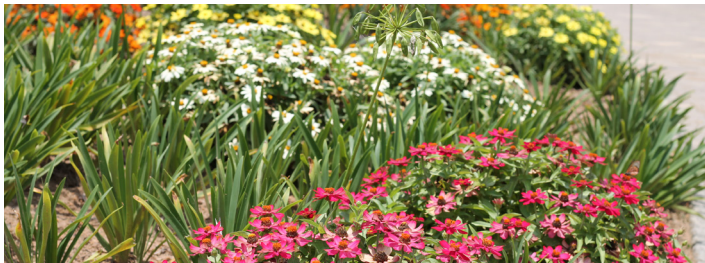
As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are in the process of obtaining the required way leaves and council permissions for the installation of paved walkways along certain high traffic streets in the area. We are hoping to get these approvals in the next two weeks after which we will commence with this project in earnestness. We ask that all walkers, joggers, cyclists and general pedestrians bear with us as we believe that this initiative will not only make life easier for all road users, but will also improve the aesthetic look of our area and make our pavements easier to maintain.

A huge THANK YOU to KC Landscaping and the rain for keeping our Chartwell verges and gardens looking beautiful.





And thanks to City of Johannesburg for putting new street lights up in the Chartwell area.





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