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NO DUMPING!

Recently dumping has become a major problem in Chartwell, and whilst most of it is coming from external dumpers from other areas, quite often it is identified as locals who have been dumping rubbish. Certain dumping hotspots within Chartwell have been identified, and are being monitored by ADT and CCTV cameras. We request that all residents refrain from dumping illegally. ADT have been instructed to monitor these hotspots and surrounding areas extremely vigilantly, any one caught dumping in the area will be named, shamed, reported to JMPD and fined. The CCE is in the process of putting up 'NO DUMPING' signs at various locations around the area that are known to be hotspot dumping areas. Dumping is a blight on our area, and the CCE is serious about stamping out illegal dumping and cleaning up our area.



**NO DUMPING
ALLOWED!**



Anyone caught dumping will be reported and prosecuted



**CCTV
You are being
watched**

Akukho ukulahlwa okuvunyelwe!

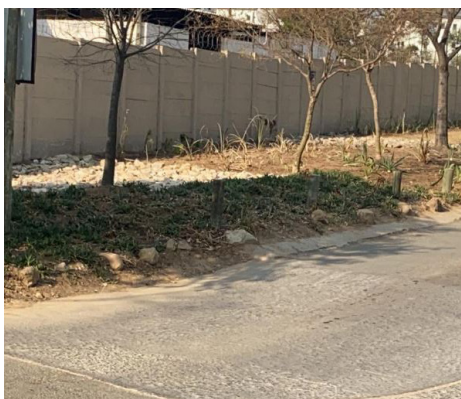
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PLANT REQUEST

If anyone has any succulent, indigenous or Aloe plants, and large brown pebbles or any loose 40x40 pavers, that they will be willing to donate to the Chartwell gardens, it would be greatly appreciated. We would love to keep our gardens and paths looking beautiful and full of life.

Any donations are welcome. Please contact Karen Cox on 076 380 1256

Pickups can be arranged.



LIGHT RAIL

On the 14th of September at a Lanseria Precinct Land Owners / Developer/ GMA meeting, hosted by Steyn City, at which GMA COO Mr Tshepo Kgobe presented the idea & benefits of a Light Rail Public Transport Network, as one of Gauteng's possible Rail Solutions, that could be adapted to the Lanseria Smart City Integrated Public Transportation Network.

Steyn City, through the GPDRT / GIFA PSC, have engaged with GMA, JHb Transportation, GGDA, GAPP, SMEC, WSP, MMQSMace & other Lanseria Stakeholders for some time now, on trying to find a solution that contributes towards the long term Integrated Public Transportation Network, and at the last Virtual meeting on the 4th September 2020 with the Agencies involved, it was resolved to call a "Forum" of Land Owners, Developers, & Professionals, to engage GMA & together explore the benefits of the alternative Light Rail Solution, & to find a way to move concept forward, which took place on the 14th of September.

The CCE will be participating in this forum, and having input on behalf of the whole Chartwell area. The CCE views the development of this rail, as a positive development for the area as a whole.

The Developers, Land Owners, Governmental Agency Reps & Professionals present on the 14th of September, were in total support of the idea of Light Rail being installed in the GPDRT's K-Route Network Corridors (existing and proposed future K Routes), instead of the proposed Bus Solution (BRT).

The Land Owners / Developers that were present on the 14th of September committed to continue engaging with GMA, GPDRT, Jhb Transportation, the GLMP Team &

Professionals, to assist in finding a Design Concept Solution that is bankable & can be taken through to Tender & Implementation stage.

We respectfully request OOP's Task Team assist with this process as we engage GMA, GPDRT, Jhb Transportation & the Professionals involved.

NOTE FROM SAPS

The CCE was glad to receive the following note from the SAPS ministry. Take note of the proposed changes to the act which will hopefully improve the community policing forum function and role, and also hold SAPS to better account. We will watch the space. Any residents that would like to comment, we would like to advise you to follow the link below and lodge your comments.

Issued by the Police Ministry
Media Statement
29 September 2020

POLICE MINISTRY IS HOPEFUL THE SAPS AMENDMENT BILL WILL FURTHER SHARPEN POLICING

The Police Ministry has welcomed the move by Cabinet to approve the South African Police Service Amendment Bill, 2020, to be published for public comments. The current South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995), predates the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Minister Cele says the amendments were long overdue. "While all officers are guided by Section 205 of the Constitution of the country, there was a need to bring this bill in line with the Constitution to ensure optimal policing within the current environment."

There were a number of imperatives that led to a full review of the Act which included the need to address shortcomings in the legal framework which governs the police service.

The amendments also seek to address matters of vetting and integrity testing of those employed within the SAPS under the SAPS Act, through lifestyle audits and conflict of interest.

Those joining the service will also need to be subjected to processes to ensure the integrity of the organization is maintained. Police recruits will be expected to also submit a buccal sample for DNA testing.

The Act will also empower the Minister of Police to make regulations for the roles, functions, duties and obligations, requirements for appointment and disciplinary matters of Deputy National and Divisional Commissioners.

The proposed changes also seek to enhance community policing and oversight of the Community Policing Forums over the police. The coordination between the police service and municipal police services needs to be improved in terms of the concept of a single police service.

It will enhance the framework for the establishment, powers, functions and control of municipal police services.

Regarding protests and other demonstrations, previous judgements found certain sections of the South African Police Service Act on this matter, unconstitutional. The reworked Act now proposes to address operational concerns raised in the non-notification of intended gatherings under the Regulations of Gatherings Act.

The amended Bill will also give effect to the Farlam Commission Recommendations. Including the assurance that no

automatic rifles may be used in crowd control, and that lethal force may not be used for protection of property only, however whenever life and property is endangered simultaneously, use of lethal force will be warranted.

The South African Police Service Amendment Bill, 2020, provides a way to improve relationships between the police service and the community by ensuring that police members deal with the public with dignity and respect the rights of the public, especially the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities.

Minister Cele remains encouraged by the proposed changes.

"These amendments make room for accountability and discipline within the police service and I believe they will go a long way in ensuring that the SAPS better serves the people of this country whilst at the same time, boost the trust between communities and the men and women in blue." – Cele concluded.

Members of the public are encouraged to add their voices to the South African Police Service Amendment Bill, 2020. It is published in the Government Gazette for public comment.

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Aunty Maureen tells:

THE 3rd ROAD BRIDGE
By Maureen Dalglish

Taken for granted these days – but the bridge wasn't always there ... the residents living in Farmall would exit past the "old gate" of the Lion Park near where the auction is held on Saturdays or meander along a track towards the north, eventually arriving on Rietvallei Road (now Cedar Road).

The Klein Jukskei River was the definite dividing line between Chartwell and Farmall and only in the dry season could it be crossed in certain places on horseback. Sometime in 1967/68 Dr Anthony Leonsins (father of Alex and Nicholas), a certain Mr Tucker and Mr Eftinck, the architect and original owner of the Castle, decided that a Drift should be built across the river. Alex Leonsins and some other young men from the area were called upon to do the manual labour whilst the elders apparently stood about and supervised.

The Drift was built of stone and concrete and was barely one metre above the normal water level. When it rained, of course, it was totally submerged. But it was never washed away or broken. Only one car was able to cross at a time and the road was gravel which made the approach from both sides rather precarious. In the early 1980s it was decided that this Drift needed to be replaced by a proper Bridge – consulting engineers came out from Johannesburg, drawings were done and measurements taken and finally a Bridge was built.

But in the first heavy rains, that Bridge was unfortunately washed away. In true Chartwell fashion everyone blamed everyone else for not foreseeing that the Klein Jukskei can be very treacherous and can change from a little stream into a

raging torrent in a couple of hours. The next attempt made adequate provision for our summer storms. The new bridge was built higher and stronger and only on a few occasions has the river actually washed over the road.

On one such occasion, however, a Farmall resident was tragically washed off the bridge and down the river while attempting to cross in her car.

After that incident, safety booms were installed and these are lowered whenever the river rises to prevent another tragic loss of life.

CHARTWELL ROAD SAFETY

We ask all residents to please adhere to the speed limits, stop signs and other road rules. The CCE would also like to encourage more residents to get out there and use our streets for walking, running and riding, but safety is paramount, so please join our Chartwell walking and running whatsapp groups. Contact Mark McClue on 081 262 9505 to be added.

Basic Chartwell road rules

RESPECT every road user
Most vulnerable road user has right of way.

SPEED LIMITS!

Tar roads- Max 60 km/hr
Dirt Roads- Max 40 km/hr
When passing a horse rider- 10 km/hr



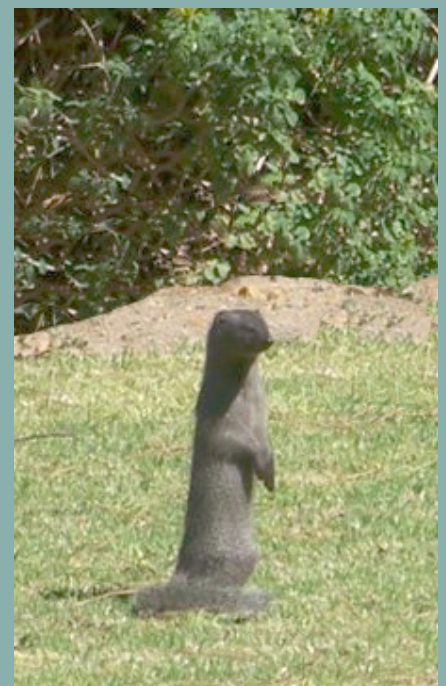
ONE MONGOOSE TWO MONGOOSES

By Warren Williams



Maybe it's the increase in the rabbit population in Chartwell that has provided enough food for the mongoose we have seen in our garden at dusk. Most probably a cape grey which is widespread in South Africa.

Apparently it mostly feeds on insects but we have discovered a few dismembered rabbit and wild hare carcasses in our cactus garden. A few bits of finely cleaned Dikkop (thick knee wader) also turned up. It seems to hide out in a deep hole that was previously excavated by hares but we haven't seen any young yet. Its possible that we are seeing members of a pair at different times.

Has anyone else spotted any on their plots and know if they do take larger prey as mentioned above?



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