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SECURITY & AWARENESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Security remains a high priority for our area, and we urge all members to please remain vigilant, especially over the upcoming holiday period.

A decision was taken at the AGM in May 2023, to remove the day foot patrol guards. It was voted that the day shift foot patrol adds no value and has become redundant due to more members staying and/or working from home, WhatsApp groups and vigilance of members. It was agreed that the costs can be better utilised to upgrade our current security technology.

The upgrades are currently in process, with plans been put in place to install additional new camera's in the new year.

With the festive season here, and many members leaving the area for the holiday break - please ensure your home security systems are installed and up to date, as well as linked to a security company to ensure the best safety of your property.



BE SNAKE SAVY THIS SUMMER!

With the current summer heat coming fast and furiously - the local snakes are starting to come out and explore our area!

We encourage you to remain vigilant and be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking within the parks and local fields.

Should you come across a slithery friend - it is best to leave it alone and walk away if you can.

Snakes are generally shy and will not attack unless they are provoked. If you see a snake in your home, please get all people and pets out of the room as calmly and quickly as you can, and contact a professional to have the snake removed.

Recommended snake catcher for the Durbanville Area (As per African Snake Bite Institute):

Pierre De Jager: +27 84 777 3360

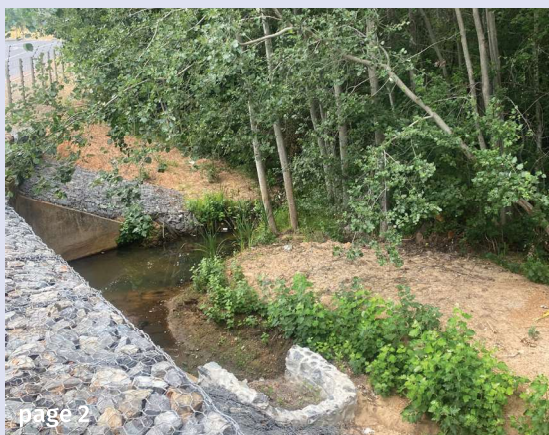
For snake bite emergencies:

Necare Ambulance 082911

ER24 Ambulance 084124

Poison Information Helpline 0861 555 777

African Snakebite Institute +27 82 494 2039



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STROMWATER CULVERT REPAIRS

In the month of September, the stormwater culvert in the Tygerberg Wetlands was repaired. The canal had deteriorated and there was a concern for the Van Riebeeckshof Road surface becoming compromised. The Stormwater Department has completed the repairs successful and the culvert is open and well supported again.



DIE NAG UIL OUDE WESTHOF

We have a new local restaurant in our area, which offers a lovely atmosphere for a delicious meal as well as great play area for our little one's to enjoy themselves!

We are aware that parking is an issue, and we ask for your patience as the restaurant is doing its best to make the necessary arrangements for expanding its parking space. During this time, we encourage one to rather walk down to the restaurant than bring your vehicle.



THE WIDFLOWER STEPPING STONES PROJECT & MAJIK FOREST GARDEN

The Wildflower Stepping Stones Project (WSSP) is a project that aims to restore and conserve critically endangered, locally indigenous vegetation by creating stepping stones and corridors for pollinators, birds and other animals. They have been hard at work throughout our area as well as within the Majik Forest Educational Garden. Volunteers are welcome anytime and you can reach them through their Instagram page here: <http://instagram.com/wildflowersteppingstones?igshid=MzMyNGUyNmU2YQ==>

They will be taking a small break over the festive season; however from the 10th January 2024, they will be back in the Majik Forest gardens every Wednesday from 08h30 - 12h30. What to bring - gloves, wedding tool, hat, sunscreen and water.



TYGERBERG WETLANDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The Tygerberg Wetlands Association (TWA) will begin work again in the new year with regards to further removal of the invasive trees and bushes. This project, as previously mentioned, will take place over a period of time, to safely restore the Vleiland to its

original beauty.

Please do not be alarmed when you see the tree removal taking place, as this is been done in a controlled manor and correctly by the professional Maruping Team who are contracted to complete the work.

COMMUNITY WHATSAPP GROUPS:

A friendly reminder regarding our WhatsApp communication platforms/groups for Oude Westhof:

OWH Residents Group: General community platform for sharing of general information.

Link to join group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KuD1nORGak8Lp5R1cpP5A>

OWH Security & Emergency Group: Community platform for sharing of information/asking for assistance in an emergency situation.

Link to join group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FmvN9VzrOy8CmUfLPMamqc>

NOTE - Both groups do require approval/acceptance by a trustee when requesting to join the group, so when clicking on the link, please be patient as it may take a few hours to be accepted.

We urge you to please use the above groups correctly and responsibly when posting, should this not be the case, the trustees do have the mandate to remove your post and/or you from the group.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE:

Remember to use our website (<https://oudewesthof.co.za/>) for the most current information regarding building regulations, security, regular rules and regulations of the Home Owners Association and the constitution. The website is linked to our Facebook page. Please also visit and like our Facebook page.

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION:

- ADT Control Room – EMERGENCIES ONLY – 086 12 12 608 (This is a direct line to our local WCID Control Room with dedicated officers available to assist)
- Welgemoed Control Room – 021 913 0641
- Durbanville Police – 021 970 3800/3812
- Oude Westhof Homeowners Association – 021 943 4340

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER:

Please contribute to our newsletter. Contributions and photos may be sent to Robyn Viljoen at wcrhythmic@gmail.com or 083 977 1275

