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Bulletin

Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

Hawston learners kept safe and sound during mid-year break

During the mid-year holidays, youngsters from Hawston yet again had the opportunity to explore an enthralling programme offered courtesy of Hawston Library, Hawston Primary and Safe Schools Education from 6-17 July at the Thusong Centre.

This programme satisfied their craving for knowledge and their desire to broaden their horizons - in other words, they learned how to become "smart" in a safe space.

Targeting primary and secondary school learners ranging in ages from 6 to 17, the objective of this programme was to keep children safe, entertained and off the streets during the holidays by rechanneling their youthful vibe and energy in a constructive manner.

Through an array of instructive talks on environmental issues, values, standards and safety, the intention was to transfer life skills whilst simultaneously building young Overstranders' sense of self-confidence, self-actualisation, achievement and trust. To accommodate the little ones, similar life-skill messages were reinforced by way of puppet shows and storytelling, interspersed with talent shows where budding artists could strut their stuff.

Being offered for the tenth year running, this year's programme accommodated around 50 - 200 kids from 09:00 till 13:00 daily.

Some 15 Expanded Public Work Programme workers volunteered their services to help supervise the kids, whilst activities offered from 6 to 10 July fell under the auspices of the VCSV (Verenigde Christelike Studentevereniging). From the 13th till the 17th of July, several other stakeholders such as Child Welfare, Working for Fire and the Department of Social Development also introduced additional programmes.

Attendance was free, and the children were also served breakfast and lunch daily, whilst Overstrand Municipality offered each attendee a goodie bag.

Any organisation or individual who would like to make a contribution for next year's programme or who would like more information can contact the programme organiser, Ms Belinda May, on 028 315 1126 or direct an email to bmayer@overstrand.gov.za.

AMENDMENTS TO THE FINE PRINT ON YOUR MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT

ELECTRICITY

- Electricity deposits for credit meters will be adjusted by 7.39% on 1 July 2015.
- Electricity deposits for prepaid meters will be adjusted to R424.00 on 1 July 2015.

WATER

- Please ensure that the mains have been turned off when not at home to prevent unnecessary water losses due to leakages in your absence.
- Please ensure that you are covered by your insurance in the event of leakages and burst pipes on your property.
- Water consumption is calculated in accordance with a sliding scale. The number of days between readings should be taken into account. The formula can be obtained from your nearest administration office.
- Please do not interfere or tamper with water limiting meters, as this will cause all water supply to the premises to be summarily terminated.

REFUSE

- Household refuse bin or bags must be placed on the pavement at 07:00 on the day of removal only.

SEWERAGE

- The cut-off time for tanker-service delivery on the same day is 15:00. Any requests for tanker services received after 15:00 will be charged at the after-hours tariff or, alternatively, will stand over until the following working day.

ACCOUNTS

- Accounts are payable on or before the 20th of the following month.
- Please pay your account timeously to avoid collection fees, interest, increased deposits and the termination and/or limitation of services.

CORRESPONDENCE

- To ensure a timeous response to your account queries, please direct all email enquiries to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za. We promise to respond within 10 days.
- Overstrand's monthly newsletter is available on www.overstrand.gov.za.

A HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION WITH A DIFFERENCE INDULGE IN OUR FLORAL LEGACY

The beauty of Hermanus, which keeps the visitors coming, depends hugely upon our wonderful fynbos. From the 24th till the 27th of September, Fernkloof Nature Reserve will indulge all who appreciate the spectacular beauty of our proteas and ericas with a breathtaking display hosted by the Hermanus Botanical Society.

And seeing that we are all in favour of "inclusivity", those creatures we share our unique environment with have been invited to the party too! Come meet them face-to-face amongst the fynbos!

The four-day festival will also offer guided walks, wildlife displays,

crafts and home-baked food in the marquee as well as a fun programme for kids. And, as is custom, delicious teas and lunches will be served throughout the festival.

Entry fees R20 (R10 for pensioners on Friday).

No charge for kids.

More info Call 028 313 0819

or visit botsochermanus@telkomsa.net

www.facebook.com/hermanusbotanicalsociety



NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 MAYORAL AWARDS

At the Annual Night of Excellence, recognition is given to achievers who make a difference in Overstrand by awarding the Mayoral Trophy for Environmental Conservation, the Woman/Women of the Year Award and the Award for Achievers of Excellence.

This year, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie will present the awards on 25 August 2015. Nominations are awaited and must be handed in on or before Friday, 7 August 2015.

Nominations for the prestigious Mayoral Trophy for Environmental Conservation can be submitted to Liezl Bezuidenhout at lbezuidenhout@overstrand.gov.za.

Nominations of Overstrand women who have made a difference in their area and who ought to be considered for a Woman of the Year Award can be submitted to Elize Verrij at everrij@overstrand.gov.za.

Achievers of excellence in communities are also identified by councillors. Well-motivated nominations can be handed to any councillor or sent to Elize Verrij at everrij@overstrand.gov.za.

Nominations can also be delivered to the Office of the Mayor or faxed to 028 313 8067.

Please note that all nominations must be accompanied by full contact details of the nominator and the nominee.



Elderly or disabled? Perhaps you are entitled to a rebate on property rates.

If you are a retiree or a disabled person with a gross monthly household income that does not exceed R11 280, you might qualify for a special rebate on property rates.

To qualify for this special rebate, you must be:

- a South African citizen and the registered owner of the property;
- at least 60 years of age or the recipient of a disability grant from the State; and
- occupy the property as your primary residence.

Note, too, that the property in question may not consist of more than one residential unit and that you, as the applicant, should not own more than one property.

For more information on special rebates offered to pensioners and disabled people, contact your nearest Overstrand administration office.

Funky Fynbos Festival Promises Loads of Fun for the Whole Family

Designed to introduce visitors to Gansbaai and all its attractions, this town will be hosting the Funky Fynbos Festival for the second year running over the weekend of 18-20 September 2015.

On the cards are mountain bike races, trail runs and even a competitive event for 4x4 enthusiasts. In addition to one or two cash prizes, winners of these events will be rewarded with vouchers entitling them to a shark dive, a whale-watching cruise or free accommodation in Gansbaai.

Entrance to the festival and stalls area is free of charge, but a fee will be charged for entering any of the official events.

For more information, visit www.funkyfynbosfestival.co.za, www.xplorio.com/gansbaai or www.gansbaaiinfo.com.

STRAY ANIMALS TO BE CONTAINED, HUMANELY

On 24 June 2015, the Draft By-law on the Impounding of Animals was tabled in Council. The intention with this by-law is to ensure that Overstrand citizens, property owners and road users alike are safeguarded against the potential hazard straying animals the likes of horses, cattle, sheep, goats and pigs may cause.

At the same time, though, the by-law stipulates in no uncertain terms how animals found to be straying should be cared for, treated and be disposed of once impounded.

Currently, the by-law stipulates that stray animals can be impounded for up to seven days before being disposed of, following due notification to the owner where such owner is contactable. As per the recommendation of the Hermanus Animal Welfare Society, the rate to be levied per impounded animal will amount to R59.95 per day. This rate is, however, still being negotiated with Overstrand's Finance Department.

Anyone with an interest in the proposed by-law and, in particular, the fines imposed with respect to impounded animals, should please contact Overstrand's Chief of Law Enforcement, Lester Smith, on 028 313 5041 or direct an email to lsmith@overstrand.gov.za. Copies of the proposed by-law are available from your nearest municipal office and on Overstrand's official website: www.overstrand.gov.za



HELP KEEP OUR WADDLING FRIENDS SAFE

On behalf of the African Penguin and Seabird Sanctuary in Gansbaai, Bulletin kindly alerts all readers to the following request:

Should you whilst walking along the beach or coast encounter a penguin or seabird which has clearly strayed from its colony, please do the following:

- Call the APSS rescue line on 072 598 7117 without delay.
- Attempt to keep over-keen people and dogs well away till the APSS rescuers arrive.

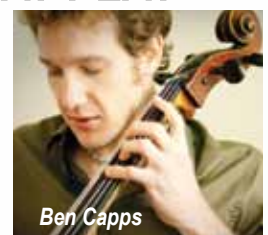
Meanwhile, do not attempt to feed the bird or to return it to the water.

VIRTUOSIC AND IMPASSIONED - WITNESS A PHENOMENAL CELLIST AT PLAY

OAK will be hosting the young cello phenomenon **Ben Capps** from New York in concert on Sunday afternoon, 16 August, in the Hermanus Civic Auditorium. Capps will play works by Britten, Debussy, Chopin and Mendelssohn. The concert starts at 15:30.

Be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are R120 (R60 for students) and bookings can be made at BELLINI GALLERY on 028 312 4988. For further enquiries, please contact René du Plooy on 082 940 4238.



Ben Capps

