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Official newsletter of the Overstrand Municipality

DEFENCE FRATERNITY FINDS TOUR OF OVERSTRAND MOST ENLIGHTENING

As part of their tour of national keypoints, attendees of the South African National Defence College (SANDC) recently paid a visit to Overstrand to gain an understanding of the operational elements and inner workings that underpin a municipality.

Stops on the group's itinerary included visits to the Hermanus transfer station and recycling plant, the Walker Bay substation and the Preekstoel bio-filtration water plant.

In addition, Executive Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie offered a comprehensive and informative overview of Overstrand's operational and service delivery programmes by focussing, in particular, on the application of national and provincial guidelines, the municipality's efforts to ensure socio-economic and political inclusivity, as well as the attempts that are being made to align expenditure with the community's priorities.

Accredited by the University of Stellenbosch, and offered in collaboration with the SA Military Academy, the SANDC offers a year-long study programme encompassing six academic modules that cover a broad range



of national security matters.

In response to a question posed by Col. Maria Make of the South African Defence Force on what Overstrand is doing to create jobs and to generate income, Botha-Guthrie stated, "While Overstrand cannot create jobs, we can create an enabling environment where opportunities do exist. We are doing our utmost to ensure viable employment

and community development opportunities by means of the Extended Public Works Programme and by offering workshops on matters like the interpretation of municipal by-laws, for instance. Furthermore, Overstrand is supporting several ongoing programmes aimed at enabling the youth take on including those with special needs".

Municipal Manager, Coenie Groenewald, added a lighter note to the event by inferring in his welcoming address that the order for "whales and good weather" did not go through because someone in supply chain management took his or her job too seriously.

Let Hermanus FynArts dispel the winter chills with a fine selection of art, music, food & wine



Following a French theme this year, Hermanus FynArts will kick off on Friday 10 June with a special opening concert by the inimitable Richard Cock and will, up until closing on the 19th, host no fewer than 20 exhibitions, 18 concerts, 20 talks and panel discussions, 20 workshops and 10 chefs' demonstrations, as well as a host of dinners and wine tastings.

Some of the artists and presenters to appear at this year's event include Louis Jansen van Vuuren, Hardy Olivier, Zapiro, David Kramer, John Kani, Amanda Strydom, Kamal Khan, Marilyn Martin and Christopher Hope. Given that Youth Day will be celebrated during the course of the festival, Peter and the Wolf with the Cape Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the popular TV presenter, Katlego Maboe, as the narrator also features on this year's programme.

Proceeds from tickets sales from a few of the events, and from FynArts wine sales, will go towards the FynArts Development Fund, which aims to stimulate the development of art in Greater Hermanus and along the Cape Whale Coast.

To view the full programme, visit www.hermanusfynarts.co.za. Tickets are available via webtickets.co.za or from Hermanus Tourism on 028 312 2629.

SUPERCARS AN IDEAL AVENUE TO INSPIRE THE YOUTH

Kaskar established Last Lion Lifestyle in 2015 to create a scalable global platform meant to connect other supercar owners - who host and plan events such as rallies, with the view to inspire, motivate and mentor the youth.

Last Lion Lifestyle has formed alliances with and is endorsed by a number of top brands in the automotive and aspirational lifestyle space. More importantly, though, the organisation has also developed an affiliation with municipalities in the Western Cape and plays an integral part in motivating children from previously disadvantaged communities through the facilitation of various life skills and development programmes.

On thanking Last Lion Lifestyle for its generous donation, the Mayor said it would go a long way towards funding those community-based youth expansion projects she endorses and is involved with:

"It's wonderful that your organisation uses the fundraising events you engage in to reach out to and encourage the youth of our country to aspire to greater things and to follow their dreams. Your efforts are laudable, and I applaud you."



Overstrand Mayor, Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, was recently the recipient of a donation from Ish Kaskar, a supercar owner.

REBATE ON PROPERTY RATES FOR ELDERLY CLIENTS

Elderly clients can now start applying for the pensioners' rebate on property rates, applicable from 01 July 2016.

Retired and disabled persons qualify for special rebates on property rates according to their total gross monthly household income. To qualify for the rebate:

- The owner/s must be a South African citizen/s
- The applicant/s must be the registered owner/s
- The owner/s must occupy the property as his/her/their primary residence
- The owner/s must be at least 60 years of age or in receipt of a disability pension from the State
- The gross monthly household income may not exceed R12 000
- The property may not consist of more than one residential unit
- The applicant/s may not be owner/s of more than one property

All applications must be received by the municipality before **15 July 2016**. As per the approved rates policy, we may allow late receipts, but not after 30 September 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL OPEN FOR INSPECTION

Overstrand Municipality's first supplementary valuation roll for the financial year 2015/16 is currently open for public inspection. The inspection period runs from 12 May 2016 till 28 June 2016.

During this time, any person who wishes to object to any matter reflected in or omitted from the roll may do so by filling in the prescribed objection form. This form is available on the municipal website (www.overstrand.gov.za) and at municipal offices.

Do take note of the following:

- Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that in terms of Section 50(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004), hereinafter referred to as the "Act", an objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the supplementary valuation roll as such.
- Objectors must comply with the timeframes regarding the inspection of the valuation roll and (if necessary) the lodging of objections.
- It must also be emphasised that in terms of Section 45(1) of the Act, physical inspection of the property to be valued is not obligatory. This reality is often overlooked by owners.
- After the inspection period has come to an end, all objections received will be forwarded to the Municipal Valuer, who must promptly decide and inform the objectors of the outcome of his/her decision.
- Objectors who are not satisfied with the outcome of their objections will then be able to lodge an appeal with the Valuations Appeal Board.
- It is important to note that the Act requires that the objector continues paying rates while his/her objections are being processed and finalised.

For any enquiries regarding valuations, please contact Johette Basson at 028 313 8133 or direct an e-mail to enquiries@overstrand.gov.za.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 MAYORAL AWARDS

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

This year the Mayor will present the awards on 23 August 2016. Nominations are awaited and must be handed in on or before Friday, 29 July 2016.

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

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

Achievers of excellence in communities can also be identified by

councillors. Well motivated nominations can be handed to any councillor or be sent to **Elize van Zyl** 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.



LIGHTEN YOUR FOOTPRINT: DITCH SINGLE-USE PLASTICS IN 10 EASY STEPS



1. **Bin your cigarette butt:** Filters contain plastic and, of course, many toxins that are harmful to creatures both on land and sea.
 2. **Say "no" to straws:** Next time you order a drink, be sure to tell the waiter you don't need a straw. Plastic straws are one of the most common types of litter found in beach clean-ups.
 3. **Buy local:** Almost all supermarkets package their fresh produce in plastic bags or Styrofoam containers. Go "local" by buying from your local fresh-produce market, or a farmer who neither has to package nor ship his goodies halfway across the world.
 4. **Keep those reusable shopping bags on hand:** In South Africa alone, around eight billion single-use plastic shopping bags are sold annually. Testimony to the fact that these bags are often consumed by birds, animals and fish is the finding that in the United Arab Emirates, 50% of all camels die because they ate plastic!
 5. **Stop using products that contain microbeads:** By now, it's second nature to check the label when you buy foodstuffs. All it takes is to do the same when next you buy toothpaste, a body wash, a facial scrub or even shampoo. Make sure no microbeads are contained in the ingredients list, because these easily pass through water filtration plants, end up in the sea and are mistaken for food by aquatic animals.
 6. **Do it yourself:** Many of the precooked meals we buy from supermarkets are made from inferior ingredients and are packaged in plastic for our convenience. From precooked meals to your breakfast muesli, why not rather make your own healthier, environmentally friendly version?
 7. **Ditch the bottled water:** Tap water costs only a few cents a litre compared to around R12 per litre for bottled water. Investing in a glass or stainless-steel water bottle is both a sustainable and cost-effective solution.
 8. **Go for glass:** Most shop fridges are packed to the brim with cool drinks, flavoured milks and fruit juices packaged in plastic bottles. If you must buy such things, try to choose glass bottles or, for other foodstuffs such as coffee, glass jars. At least these are easily recycled and can be reused to store things in at home.
 9. **Opt for reusable coffee cups:** Disposable cups may look like they're made of paper, but most are lined with plastic and the lids are made from plastic exclusively. In Australia alone, 1 billion disposable coffee cups end up in landfills annually, creating 7 000 tons of waste. Bring your own reusable mug; some outlets will even give you a discount for doing so!
 10. **Be prepared:** Get up 15 minutes earlier and make your own sandwich or snack for lunch. It's a win-win situation: You'll save money and avoid having to use plastic packaging materials.
- In this day and age, it's impossible and impractical to think we can avoid plastic completely. But by following the 10 practical steps outlined above, we can easily reduce the amount of plastic, particularly single-use plastics, we use.

Thus, reduce where you can, and recycle the rest.

VIOLINIST'S IRRESISTIBLE PANACHE SET TO ENTHRAL



overstrand arts + kulture

Violinist **RACHEL LEE PRIDAY** from the USA, acclaimed for her beauty of tone and riveting stage presence, can be heard in concert on Sunday afternoon, 26 June 2016. PRIDAY has performed as a soloist with several international orchestras and is bound to impress the audience with her style. She will be accompanied by concert pianist Bryan Wallick (ex-USA and now resident in SA). They will perform works by Brahms, Prokofiev and Beethoven, as well as Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen.



RACHEL LEE PRIDAY

The concert will commence at 15:30 in the Hermanus Civic Auditorium. Tickets are R120 (R60 for students). Book at BELLINI on 028 312 4988. For further enquiries, call OAK secretary Ren  du Plooy on 082 940 4238.