

SHELLEY POINT NEWS

A community newsletter
dedicated to fostering a sense of
community and the free flow of
information at Shelley Point



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FROM THE EDITOR:

Hi All,

Hard to believe that the first quarter of the year has already gone! However, one good thing about the passing time is that we can now finally say goodbye to the biting pests that have plagued our Shelley Point residents over the past couple of months. Thankfully, these blighters usually leave in early April and then don't return until February/March the following year. I look forward to the days when I am no longer covered in itchy red welts all over my body.



As usual, please feel free to send your feedback, queries, comments, suggestions and news to us here at shelleypointnews@gmail.com. Criticism and complaints are also welcome provided they are constructive. Last month after Martin resent the Afrikaans edition with a covering note in which he apologized (in Afrikaans) for inadvertently sending out the incorrect edition, I was inundated with a barrage of irate homeowners lambasting our news team for writing a letter in Afrikaans. Some of these letters were abusive in the extreme and completely off-sides. Please remember that all the members of our team put out this newsletter as a service to the community. They are all volunteers who do not receive payment for their time and efforts and as such, do not expect or deserve the abuse that sometimes come their way.

But on a positive note and with school holidays around the corner, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all an awesome April and a very happy Easter. If you will be traveling during this time, take care, have a wonderful trip and arrive back home safely.

Until next month....

Terry - shelleypointnews@gmail.com

HOMEOWNERS HAVE THEIR SAY:

We received no letters from homeowners this month (other than the above-mentioned letters of complaint regarding an Afrikaans letter which was attached to the Afrikaans newsletter). We hope that this indicates that everyone is happy with the flow of information and have no queries or problems.

UPDATE FROM THE SHELLEY POINT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Regular feedback has been provided in respect of the “dispute” that currently exists between the developer and the elected trustees and this will not be covered in the newsletter, since hopefully a resolution will have been achieved by the time this letter is published.

- **Desalination project:** Feedback has been received from the consulting engineer as well as the Municipality’s Project Manager that the project is progressing steadily. Final designs are currently being prepared and the necessary servitudes and zonings are being registered. An agreement has been signed by SBM with Oceania Fishing whereby the brine from the Shelley Point reverse osmosis plant will be discharged several kilometers out to sea utilizing the Oceania pipeline. The municipality remains enthusiastic about this project (as are we) since significant benefits accrue to all parties because of the collaboration. Progress is a bit slow but there is clear progress evident and a solid relationship has been built up between the parties which is a very welcome development given the adversarial relationship that existed in the past.
- **Prospecting license application:** Shelley Point has joined with several other entities from our area and has submitted an objection to the granting of a prospecting license. In the meantime, we received a notification from the environmental consultant for the applicant to the effect that the process has been put on hold until further notice. We don’t believe that the application was placed on hold because of the letter of objection and assume that the application will proceed at some time in the future. We will, in the meantime, prepare for this eventuality and will fight it to its logical conclusion.
- **Clubhouse:** Some interesting initial work has been done on the design of an appropriate facility that may be built in phases over time. With the issue between the developer and the trustees currently front of mind however, a decision was taken to put any further work on hold until such time as stability has once again been achieved.

SECURITY REPORT (Daniel Plaatjies):

Continuous efforts are ongoing to minimize any security risks in the estate. Our guards are ever vigilant to ensure that the rules are followed and that all visitors, contractors, domestics, deliveries, hotel/ restaurant guests and workers follow the correct procedures for entering the estate. We kindly request that homeowners and residents do not drive workers into the estate without prior registration or clearance at the security office.

The following incidents occurred since the last report:

- **Violent Behavior of a visitor** - A case of violent behavior towards a resident occurred at Fountains Crescent by a person under the influence of alcohol. The conduct of the person in question was dealt with and the incident was reported to the Estate Manager.
- **Dog Handlers** - The routine walk of two dogs and their owner turned into a horrifying experience when they were attacked by another large dog when the dog handler failed to control the dog. One of the dogs was killed and the other severely injured. Homeowners/residents making use of pet handlers are kindly requested to ensure that the person engaged can manage the animals properly and that they comply with all relevant legislation.

- **Parties and Events** - Homeowners arranging events or parties that will consist of more than four vehicles entering the premises, are kindly requested to inform the Estate Manager beforehand as well as provide him with the guest list at least 24 hours prior to the event. This will enable Security to arrange for pre-clearance access and to streamline the process for all vehicles entering. Parking arrangements must also be discussed with the Security Manager prior to the event.

LEAPFROG PROPERTIES PHOTO OF THE MONTH:

Our winning photo for April is by Jennifer and is entitled *Morning Charm*. As usual, this photo will automatically be included as an entrant in the Photo of the Year Competition for which cash prizes courtesy of *Leapfrog Properties* are up for grabs. Winning photos in the yearly competition are chosen based on the number of votes they receive from our homeowners and permanent residents with R500 going to the photo receiving the highest number of votes and R250 and R150 to the photos with the second and third highest votes respectively. So, get clicking and send in your photo entries. The only rules are that the photos must be original and must depict some aspect of life at Shelley Point – scenery, people, animals, birds, homes etc.



Regarding the winners of the 2018 competition, a big thanks to lucky-draw winner Sue, who donated her cash prize to the Stompneus Dogs Feeding Scheme and to Johan Blaauw, the subject of the third-place photo, who requested that his cash prize be donated to Eiland Huis.

SPORT AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Sundowners Get-Together: The next Sundowners will be held on Friday 26 April at the Sports and Social Club. Hope to see you there.

Golf: No report was received. Please consult the directory on the last page for contact details of the captain.

Bowls: Membership now stands at twenty-nine and we are getting fairly active participation with 10-15 players present on Tuesdays and Fridays. There has been a suggestion for a Fun Day involving dressing up so watch this space for further details. As days are getting shorter and cooler, with effect from 1 April, *bowls will start at 10 am and NOT 9am* on both Tuesdays and Fridays. Hope to see you soon on the green. Please consult the directory on the last page for contact information. Till next month.... keep rolling.

Tennis: No report was received. Please consult the directory on the last page for details.

Bridge News: Social Duplicate Bridge continues each Wednesday afternoon at the social club in addition to the more competitive monthly competition which is held on the first Wednesday of each month. This is proving to be very popular with bridge players from all over the region who make the trip from Langebaan, Saldanha Bay, Port Owen, Langebaan, Darling and even sometimes from as far afield as Cape Town. If you would like to play, please consult the directory on the back page for more details. Beginners welcome!

LIFE AT SHELLEY POINT:

Rainfall statistics at Shelley Point: Those of us that live in Shelley Point were overjoyed when a massive (for us) downpour occurred on 10 March. Gardens were flooded and roofs leaked but nobody minded! According to Henri Roux, our monthly total from mid-February to mid-March was a wonderful 32mm. And, according to a long-term Shelley Point resident, the downpour on the morning of 10 March was the largest amount of rain he has ever measured in the twenty years that he has lived here!

This gives us a total of 37.5mm so far this year which compares very favourably to last years total of only 11.5mm by the same time last year. Let's hope this is a sign of good (and wet) months to come.

TV Film Crew at Shelley Point: Shelley Point was very pleased to welcome Media Club Productions, a TV company that produces numerous shows for SABC as well as VIA (DSTV channel 147). They are presently busy filming the second season of *Kom Ons Kamp* which is a reality programme featuring three teams of campers who must complete multiple challenges to win the grand prize. They were stationed at Kuifkopvisvanger near Velddrif and requested permission for their film crew to access Shelley Point on 14 March to use it as one of the 'Destination Stops' during the day's challenge. Naturally, we were pleased for our Estate and beautiful beaches to be showcased on TV so permission was happily granted.

One of the clues led the contestants to the Shelley Point Lighthouse to where the next set of clues were placed under three stones (see overpage), each one colour-coded for the three competing teams. The camera crew and the three teams duly arrived at around midday on the 14th where they were met by security. The teams then ran along the beach towards the lighthouse to locate their clues before speeding off again, somewhat out to breath, towards their next destination.



So, be sure to look out for *Kom Ons Kamp* when the programme is eventually screened!

Feral Cat Project

Good news! We have finally managed to purchase a cat trap so that our wilder and more aggressive feral cats can now be caught, taken to Wesland Animal Clinic for sterilization and returned. The cost of the trap including courier fees came to a total of R1150. The cost of this has been taken care of using the remaining R550 from the Feral Cat Fund and the balance of R600 has been paid by Yvonne Collett and Ian Mackintosh – big thank you both!

The trap is now available for use but will be strictly controlled by Security and Yvonne Collett to prevent people trapping cats and then forgetting about them or trapping cats with the objective of killing them. Once a cat has been trapped, the onus is on the person requesting the trap to ensure that the cat is taken to Wesland for sterilization and then collected and returned. We have negotiated special discounted fees with Wesland so be sure to mention that the cat is a feral from Shelley Point. Prior to transporting the cat, it will be checked first to ensure that it is not someone's house pet or that it is not a cat that has already been sterilized. To assist us with this, please ensure that domestic cats are fitted with a collar or a ribbon around their neck.

If everyone can take responsibility for the trapping, transport and payment of only ONE feral cat, our problem will soon be a thing of the past. Bird populations can once again thrive if we can control the population by restricting the birth of yet more kittens! Please also ensure that you phone Wesland prior to trapping the cat so that they can schedule its sterilization for the next morning.

Restaurant review: Our Restaurant Reviewers, Cheese Mouse and Wine Fly, were off to *De See Kat* in Paternoster last month to check out their fare. This is what they had to say...

To all aristocats, alley cats, puss in boots and all other cats with or without catsuits, we are glad that you followed our catwalk to the entrance of de See Kat. When the cat is away the mouse do play- so come and enjoy a pleasant meal which is specially prepared for the cat-ch of the day."

With an invitation like that how could the Mouse resist and the Fly is never far behind when a good meal is on offer.



De See Kat Restaurant is on the main road through Paternoster a little way away from the busy centre, but it is easily spotted thanks to the giant mosaic cat on the pavement. Enjoying a meal here is a must and if you are a sushi-lover then this is the place for you. It is a little on the pricey side but then the quality (and when it is sushi it must be the best) and the presentation are outstanding. The Fly thinks even Chef Nobu would be impressed.

There is ample parking, lots of comfortable seating with a view of the sea so what better way to study the comprehensive menu than with a craft gin and tonic or a glass of wine. It is a relatively small wine list, but it has some interesting, slightly different wines from the usual West Coast varietals. *Leeuwenkuil Chenin Blanc* is R105 a bottle while for the connoisseur, *Springfield's Life from Stone Sauvignon Blanc* is R220. If you are going to forego the fish and have steak then there is *Kleine Zalze Merlot* at R105 a bottle or *Springfield's Work of Time Bordeaux* style red at R250.

But it is the delicious food that is their trademark. There is a selection of starters – peri-peri chicken livers (R69) and mussels (R60) – for example. There are light meals including hake and chips or a steak burger for R108. If you are hungry you can indulge in Tiger Prawns (R225) or a Tuna steak (R210). But their signature dishes are their sushi and they are top notch. Each dish is an artwork and the colours are so vibrant. The bright green wasabi, pale pink ginger, dark soy and cucumber noodles make the backdrop for lovingly prepared California rolls (an average of R50 for 4), tuna roses (R58 for 3), tuna or prawn hand rolls (R58 each) or salmon sashimi (R64).



They say sharing is caring so why not order a selection and then everyone dive in with those chop sticks to get the full sushi experience. The very attentive staff will also advise if you are not sure what to try. And, don't be disappointed if something is not available because they only source the freshest ingredients and certain seafoods are not always readily available.

The mouse and fly have all paws and wings crossed but they would just like to wish you a *Oishi sushi no shokuji* - **The Cheese Mouse and the Wine Fly**

VASCO SAYS:



Many environmentally conscious residents are engaged in local projects to collect trash and clean up St Helena Bay. Let's do the same at Shelley Point. Every time you take your dogs for a walk or go for a stroll along the beach, take a small packet with you to pick up any trash along the way.

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