

'THE OLIVE CRESTER'

NEWSLETTER NO. 21

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INTRODUCTION:

Hi all, hope you are enjoying the winter so far. To date we haven't had any frost this year, but that's probably due to the sunny dispositions of all the residents keeping us warm and happy here on the Estate. Apparently every time you smile the temperature around your body goes up by half a degree. (This information derived from a Chappies wrapper, so it must be true.)

Afraid the Olive Creater team has gone into hibernation over the past couple of months, well, one of them anyway, but isn't that what is supposed to happen in an Eco-Estate?! Anyway here is a catch-up of information from various residents

SOCIAL NEWS:

We live on a young estate, where us geriatrics are a minority, and so the following are the happy consequences of our demographics:

- ☺ Congratulations to **Donovan and Kim White #13** on the birth of their beautiful little boy, Daniel who was born on 01 June and weighed in at 3.2kg. His sister, Rachel, is just delighted with her new brother.



- ☺ Also a warm welcome to **Andrew and Tanya Curruthers #29** and baby **Sienna** (10 months) who moved into OC at the end of May. Hope all going well so far.
- ☺ **Albert and Nadine Nel #89** – Congratulations to you both on the birth of baby **David** on 02 May and he weighed in at 3.78kg. What a team we are going to have in a few years!

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS:

- ☺ From Natalie to all Northriding AH Residents (Natalie@maplanga.co.za)

Last night at approx 02h30, we heard the cry of jackal, not just the one solitary jackal, we heard at least three! This mean that our beloved Jackals are making a come back after most were allegedly poisoned by "someone" in our area. I appeal to all residents to please allow our jackals to proliferate and if one or two chickens, rabbits or ducks are sacrificed then so be it. We apparently once had the honour of having the closest breeding jackals near a major city tag, having a good population can only but enhance our unique area.



Someone managed to take a photo of one of them, above. Great news, it sounds like the Black Backed Jackals are now back into the Nature Conservancy next to the Estate, which is welcome news for our lucky residents along the Quorn Drive wall. All we can ask is that if one of them does come into the Estate, only stop him if he is not wearing his visitor's tag. Otherwise, just lie awake at night listening to their melodious? howling, and pretend you are in Kruger.

☺ Aren't the aloes on the Estate really fantastic this year? Every year they flower more and more, so please keep planting them. Although planting indigenous gardens is great, the colours of our SA indigenous flora are generally a bit subdued, particularly for shade loving plants. But aloes set the winter on fire.

The two easiest species of aloes to recognize in our Estate gardens are the **Aloe Marlothi** and the **Aloe Arborescens**



Aloe Marlothi (Mountain Aloe or Berg Aalwyn)
Krantzaalwyn)



Aloe Arborescens (Krantz Aloe or

There are many other types of aloes on the Estate, (a lot of them being nursery hybrids), but just try to remember these two types as a start, so you can impress/bore your friends. But plant lots of them!

Recycling News:

- ✦ The Kerbside Paper Pick-Up run by Mpack Recycling is appealing to all those residents that have not participated to please join the programme. It is your social responsibility to recycle. Recycling creates jobs, saves the environment and saves on costs. This service is FREE and collections are made every week (excluding Public Holidays).

Simply place all your unwanted paper, magazines, old books, office paper and pamphlets (anything that is paper based) into your **“Ronnie Bag”** and put it outside your gate on the pavement **before 07h30 on a Thursday**. The bag will be emptied and returned to your yard. If your bag has gone missing you can use other means such as a refuse bag or box, Please put a note on it “PAPER” or “MPACT” and a **“Ronnie Bag”** will be placed in your yard. We request that you please break down and flatten the big cardboard boxes as these load easier and save space on the vehicle. Please secure the paper and boxes so that they do not blow around on windy days. Contact No. 011 538 8600 or www.paperpickup.co.za

- ✦ Our **glass recycling** bin at the entrance to the Estate is being well used and we thank all who deposit their glass there. After every Friday Happy Hour there seems to be a better response! But why weren't YOU there?
- ✦ For **plastic/polystyrene/tin foil/tins/etc.** there is a company called ECOmonkey Recycling and they will collect every second Wednesday for R79 per month. They can be contacted through info@ecomonkey.co.za. (Last year ECOmonkey managed to recover 402 488kg of recyclable materials.) So help making a difference to our environment, please.

UPDATE FROM GERRY & SUZANNE

- ❖ The pathway along the Northumberland Avenue wall has been paved – not sure if all residents have had chance to notice this, so please take a scenic walk along this route.
- ❖ Painting of the boundary walls has been completed and is looking great.
- ❖ Plans for additions to clubhouse are being drawn up. These include a new storeroom off the kitchen, showers for the garden staff, outside toilets for both male and female (catering for disabled). And a braai for Happy Hour, where you weren't last Friday. Toilets have long been a necessity for times when the clubhouse is locked.
- ❖ Speaking of which, the sewer station is still having blockages caused by things such as Lego blocks, lappies, carpet off cuts, mop heads, (brooms, not kids), cutlery, cement bags, half bricks, rubber gloves, tangled wire etc. These blockages are costly to rectify.
- ❖ Streetlights within the Estate don't seem to be causing any major problems, however, please report to the office should you notice any not working – take a torch.
- ❖ Congratulations to Pam Koopal and Councillor Maureen Schleeman for eventually getting the lights along Quorn Drive operational. They have been out for 3 years! Well done!
- ❖ Construction Work – 8 houses currently under construction
 - 1 new addition to an existing house
 - 2 houses in the process of starting construction
- ❖ Please try and keep dogs behind gates/fences as they hinder residents going for walks with prams and tend to eat kids on bikes.


SPECIAL REQUESTS

- Save tabs from beer or cooldrink cans, for recycling aluminium for Guide Dogs for the Blind People. Pass them on to Pam who collects these for this important charity.
- Also pass on used stamps to Pam for ZUMAT – Zululand Air Transport which flies doctors to see people in outlying areas who have no access to clinics or doctors.
- Magazines, books, etc for New Beginnings Church. 500 Olivenhout Road, Northriding. Phone 082-399-0130
- And bread tags for a church.

ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE GIVEN TO PAM KOOPAL #102 AND THEY WILL GET TO THEIR CARING COLLECTOR.

ADVERTS

Cherie Daws – Décor Stylist (083 288 7332)
 cherie@fmcg1.co.za If furniture is purchased through Cherie “free decorating advice service” is applicable



- Customised headboards
- Customised furniture
- Designer & personalised linen
- Interior decor
- Bathroom and kitchen design
- Curtains & Blinds
- Children bedrooms
- Advice on latest trends
- Picture framing
- Upholstery
- Up cycling of furniture
- Retail window dressing

<p><u>BABY SITTING SERVICE</u> Samantha (aged 13) from Stand 81 would like to offer baby sitting services to residents in the Estate. Anyone interested call Nicky (Mom) on 082 77 33 417. We will arrange a meeting before she starts looking after the children.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">😊😊😊😊😊</p>	<p><u>PUREGLAZE WINDOW CLEANING SERVICES –</u></p> <p>using high reach telescopic water fed poles and pure water only to ensure that your windows are left spot-free and sparkling clean!</p> <p>Call us now for a FREE quotation on 011 768 1100 – or email quote@pureglaze.co.za</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>	<p><u>DOMESTIC/CAREGIVER</u></p> <p>Thembi has been employed by Charlene van der Westhuizen and is a reliable, wonderful, quick and efficient worker who is terrific with children and pets.</p> <p>As Charlene is now a stay-at-home mom, Thembi has become available to work elsewhere in O C Estate.</p> <p><u>Contact: Charlene 082 389 6739</u> <u>or Thembi 076295 6968</u> Email for ref Charlene@ejxauto.co.za</p>
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TWO QUOTES OF THE MONTH (WHAT A BARGAIN)

“It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile. And one nut to scatter it all over the road “– Anon
 At that hotel the towels were so thick that I could hardly close my suitcase” – Groucho Marx

