

THE OLIVE CREST'

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INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to this summer edition of the Olive Crest newsletter. Apologies for the lateness of this epistle, but life is just so hectic and there never seems to be enough time for everything. And of course, being lazy doesn't help much either.

We have had super rains in the first few months of this season and the trimmed gardens of winter are now rampant Tarzan-like jungles. But don't despair, switch off the TV, gird your loins, fire up the lawn mower, fix bayonets and silence the nagging.

The giant Coral Tree (*Erythrina Lysistemon*) up at the Clubhouse has been magnificent this year, with a scarlet blanket of flowers preceding the new green leaves. And the sea of blue at the Clubhouse from the Agapanthus! Go up and have a look some time. We are very fortunate to have so much indigenous flora in the common areas, as this really elevates the density of wild birds, goggas and insects.

To all our newcomer residents, enjoy and respect the privilege of living in a very special Eco estate!

SOCIAL NEWS:

Congratulations to Helen and Chris Gavrielides #63 on the birth of Andriana on the 19 November.

There is a lot of building going on around the Estate, and a hearty welcome to the following new residents of Olive Crest ...



Alexia and Tshupo Sheunyane moved into **#106** at the beginning of October.

Yosheen Padayachee and Sam Moodley moved into **#68** during September.

Linda and Alvin Govender with daughters **Nikhara** and **Shiriya** recently completed **#43** and moved in during October



John and Veronica Ferraz #59 also moved in during October.

Bernie and Debbie Ray moved into **#97** with their teenagers **Michael** and **Janice**.

Rob Mathews and **Jackie Caine** will be moving into **#65** soon.

Steven Lane and son **Conan** and **Rita Eblen** have been tenants in #101 since June.

Unfortunately we had some friends leaving the Olive Crest community – just moving on for various reasons, and we wish them well in their new ventures.



Adriaan Teubes #106

Rob and Joanne Hutchinson #68

Anri and Etienne van der Linde #59

May we just say a very sad 'goodbye' to a dear neighbour, Adriaan Koen #69 who passed away recently after a brave battle against cancer. Betsie, Jaco and Grethe you are always in our thoughts and we are here for you whenever you need some company and support.



AND then we are very proud of our young achievers from #49 OC: Jon-Jon (15) and Cameron Jenks (11), who both achieved gold medals in the National Karate Kumite Championship in Durban recently. For the next year, they are the SA Champs in their respective age groups. Well done guys and holding thumbs for the next competition!

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Resident Spotted Eagle Owls on the Estate

Yay, our resident Spotted Eagle Owls are still around, and Kirsty Sayers very kindly sent us some pictures she took of the new off-spring (three owlets) in their garden at #16. (See next page). As we hadn't heard the owls calling for some time, we were afraid that something had happened to them. So this is really good news! From the silhouettes you can see how fluffy and cuddly they are! Thanks, Kirsty.

Yellow Mongoose

We also have a Yellow Mongoose that seems to thrive around the water fall area. He is very shy so you have to be quick to spot him. Mongooses are very brave, very inquisitive, and eat insects, rodents and snakes. So next time you spot a mamba, call in Old Yeller to sort it out.

Cuckoos

Two of our cuckoo species, (the Diederik and Red Chested Cuckoo. or Piet My Vrou), are back from their winter migration, but so far this summer we haven't yet heard the third one, the mournful Black Cuckoo, who usually summers at Olive Crest over the last two seasons.

For those of you who know trees, the Diederik Cuckoo loves to pig out on the worms on the Wild Peach (*Kigellera Africana*) tree. You can see Diederik Cuckoos eating these worms along the path behind the Clubhouse most afternoons. Should any worms survive the feast, they will grow into the Garden Achrea, a pretty brown butterfly currently pollinating the olive trees on the Estate. And at the same time these butterflies provide food for the robins who need the energy to rear the Diederik Cuckoo's kids.

So don't poison the worms, or you'll sterilize the cuckoos, starve the robins, and snap the chain!



Mom – ever so proud!



one fluffy cherub.....



two fluffy cherubs.....



and then all three fluffy cherubs.....

And then we got these wonderful pictures of the owls visiting at #43. Alvin thanks for the photos and we are very jealous because some of us have been here for 3 or more years and haven't had the privilege!



two of three.....



then all three of three...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HAPPY HOUR:

Friday 30 November from 18:00 onwards. For all our newcomers, we try to hold a get together at the Clubhouse on the last Friday of the month. It is extremely informal, so don't dress up, bring your kids and prams, and just meet your fellow residents for an hour or so. Hopefully the weather will play along. Who knows, you may even become friends with the people with the noisy kids next door.

Bring along some refreshments and snacks and, for this November Happy Hour, help decorate the Christmas Tree. A good time to get some Christmas cheer going – and the kids will love getting together with their buddies.



KIDS CHRISTMAS TREE : THIS SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER AT THE CLUBHOUSE from 09:00 to 11:00 (By now you would have had a notice from Magali Malherbe with all the details.) Any queries regarding the event can be sent to renem@icon.co.za COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

POINT TO PONDER.....

During the last water outage at OC from 10h00 until 22h30 when at last the water came on again (and we could put away the deodorant), the thermostat of the geyser at #70 had blown. According to the electrician, this could have been as a result of the water being off. As a warning to all - it seems a good idea that when we have future water cuts, that the geysers should be switched off. Interested to hear if this happened to any other residents or if it was just a coincidence? What do you think?

ADVERTS

Security Installations: Gareth Stevens would like to thank OC Estate for giving him the opportunity of installing the electric fence. If any residents need advice, installations, repairs to alarms, gate motors, garage doors, security gates, any steelwork or security cameras, please get in touch with Gareth at 083 320 8819 or at sizanani@webafrica.org.za

Seeking Employment: Mature lady looking for full time, live-in position. Currently working at a play group that will be closing down in December. Excellent with children. Very good references. Please contact Sandra Leiter (#91) at 076 696 0447

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY....

Behind every successful man stands a totally dumbfounded mother-in-law!

**WISHING YOU ALL A SPECIAL SEASON WITH
FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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