

'THE OLIVE CREST'

NEWSLETTER NO. 25

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INTRODUCTION:

Well, after the dearth of Newsletters and info on the Happenings in Olive Crest over the past few months, we wouldn't blame you if you thought the Newsletter had fallen off the planet! Ian retired at the end of July. I suppose that is a bit like falling off the planet - maybe even on to his head - but who would have thought that retirement was going to be so seriously hectic!!

But at last the rains have come and the gardens are starting to look indigenously green and oliverously colourful. (New word, just invented).

So now we are all looking forward to a wonderful summer and joyously counting down to a festive season of office parties, road blocks, green pools and traffic jams!

Roll on summer!!!!

SOCIAL NEWS:

There are many new residents to welcome, and we hope that moving in to Olive Crest went smoothly for them all:



#8 Nishel and Dhanshree Bramdav.



#19 Sue Matthew and Tashie Fourie and their daughters.



#41 Elmine and Morne Durandt recently returned from Switzerland with their sons **Mark** (12) and **Liam** (9).



#60 has been bought by **Warren Holfeld** and **Bayley Watson**.



#80 Musa and Rosinah Manyathi have completed their construction and have moved in with their son **Mpho**.



#82 Sands and Kamanie Naicker.

#90 Melinda and Iggy Olivier

Hope we haven't forgotten anyone but, if so, please send us an email via Suzanne, with your details, and we'll put your name up in lights. Wishing all newcomers a very happy time here and please enjoy the unique and wonderful eco system on the Estate. We are all truly privileged to have all this bush and granite around us.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Neil and Terrilee Buckley #12** on the birth of a precious baby boy, Dylan on the 5th of August. He is a real little smiler and sure he's going to bring you loads of love. Well done and good fortune into the future!



A very happy event took place at John Sayer's house on Saturday, 21 September when **Mara** and **Alex Zanella** tied the knot in their beautiful garden. Here to share with you is a picture of the stunning bride, Mara, with John and Tessa.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS:

On **FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER**, all Olive Crest residents are invited to the OC Halloween celebration, (yes, we know Halloween is 31 October, but pretend it's the correct date, and go for it).

The idea is for all the children on the Estate (dressed up and acting suitably scary, or just being their normal scary self, or whatever), to meet at the Clubhouse **at 17h30 sharp** next Friday. The kids, plus any brave parents, will then go around the Estate doing the 'trick or treat' thing. This requires you, as the door opener, to please be suitably scared, hear their demands, admire their costumes and bribe them with sweets to go away. They get such a kick out of it.

Residents wanting to take part can get **an orange ribbon** from the guard house or direct from Suzanne, any time through this week.

On the evening of the 1st November, tie your orange ribbon around the old oak tree (or on your front door if you haven't got any old oaks hanging around the house), so the that the monsters and ghouls know which doors may be knocked on. Please stock up with lots of sweets so the kids can build up a goodly 'sugar high', in order to drive their parents suitably mad.

After the 'trick or treat' thing, please meet at the Clubhouse, for our normal monthly informal get together. Please bring your own snacks and drinks and socialize with your fellow residents while the kids play in the Clubhouse gardens – bring torches for them.

Even if you don't have kids, come take part in the festivities at the Clubhouse. Bring torches for yourselves to find your kids, or even find your way home afterwards.

Any queries contact Nicky Bacon at nickybacon@vodamail.co.za, or Veronica Ferraz at veronica@citylodge.co.za.

A hearty thanks to these two for organizing this event!!!!!!! PLEASE SUPPORT!!!!!!!

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS:

Guinea Fowl: The Helmeted Guinea Fowl have survived the winter, keeping themselves in one or two groups down in the far corner of the Estate, eating Pam's handouts. But from early October they have now started to expand their horizons over our full environs. They are also starting to feel the seasonal stirring in their loins and are now pairing off for nesting.

Our Owls: Our resident breeding pair of Spotted Eagle Owls are still around and will be laying eggs any time now. Keep an eye out for the juveniles in the next few weeks. The parent owls will be frequenting the south west corner of the Estate, in the common area, for the next few months.



Cuckoos Returning: A special prize will be awarded to the first person who hears the Piet-My-Vrou cuckoo on the Estate. And who knows, we may even get the Black Cuckoo back this year.

Other Prizes Up For Grabs: Also to the first person who can tell Mike Rodd how to stop the Reed Cormorants and Green Backed Herons from nailing all the fish in his pond

SPECIAL REQUESTS

- Save tabs from beer or cool drink cans for the Guide Dogs Association.
- Used stamps for ZUMAT – Zululand Air Transport which flies doctors to see people in outlying areas who have no access to clinics or doctors.
- Bread tags for a church.

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

A MESSAGE FROM KIRSTY SAYERS

“Dear Olive Crest Residents

Thank you for your patience and understanding on Friday the 18th October. (The wake of the pilot, Glen Dell). The beautiful photograph below is of the ‘missing man formation’ which is a traditional send off for aviation friends and colleagues.

Glen’s family, friends and colleagues all agree that we couldn’t have had a better venue for his send off.”

(I also think the Gate Guards did a sterling job with organizing the parking of all the cars – which seemed to go very smoothly. Well done to them too.)



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Landscaping Services: Contact Jan Swanepoel, at Exquisite Gardens, for any garden landscaping services you need, at 083 652 5969.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

When you are gardening, and you're not sure whether a plant is a weed or a flower, pull it out. If it comes up again, it was a weed.