



Voortrekker Park

Huiseienaarsvereniging | Home Owners Association

HOFMEYER ST, STRAND, 7140

Tel: 072 686 0076 | E-pos: vphv123@gmail.com | www.vphomeowners.com

General letter from the HOA Executive Committee

March 2022

All Residents

1. **FINES** – Fines are only issued when repeated requests for compliance or repetitive notices are ignored. Recently a few fines were issued to residents of Voortrekker Park complex. The Executive Council (EC) gets no satisfaction or pleasure from issuing these fines. It is against our goal to promote a unified and happy community here. Fines are only issued when residents ignore repetitive pleas, some outstanding for a number of years, or excuses are “manufactured” not to comply with requests. All residents, please adhere to the rules and fair requests from the EC. **Please** ensure that it will not be necessary for the EC to issue any fines.
2. **CITY OF CAPE TOWN** – The City of Cape Town is, unilaterally, removing more and more of our powers, previously negotiated **jointly** with the VP HOA Executive Committee. The EC can understand that residents are getting tired that certain works or improvements are not allowed, But the EC are busy with sensitive negotiations with CoCT in this regard. These are time consuming and frustrating. The EC even involved the Ward Councillor, Ward 85, in this matter. Please do not carry out any external building works or improvements of your own. It causes friction with the City and causes problems for all and the complex as a whole!
3. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)** – To serve on the EC is a thankless and time consuming task. The EC strive to protect the interests of all residents in the complex. We were lucky in previous years to elect ECs that always place the residents first. Very few residents are prepared to serve on the EC. Commentary was received that the Chairman, Leon Mostert, does not reside in the complex, but for the other EC members this is beneficial as he can then concentrate on his financial portfolio and dealings with TenCents. Previous chair persons apparently had tea with residents! Our current Chairman has another life also! The same is also applicable to our Secretary, Natasha van Schoor, that conducts her work from Prince Albert. If we are not in a position to elect an EC, the City will gladly take over this role!
4. **INFRASTRUCTURE** – The EC can understand if residents get upset about water and power interruptions. It affects us as well. Our infrastructure is under stress! It is old and problematic. All underground services belong to the City and only they can work on it. The EC do everything in its power to expedite repairs. It is not “if” the next crisis will come, but “when”? The winter is on its way and only 25 Ampere is allowed per unit! During the previous winter our main incoming electrical cable burned because of overloading! Please see our policy on infrastructure in this regard.
5. **CONFLICT BETWEEN RESIDENTS** – Recently, disturbing incidents of conflict reared its ugly head in the complex, namely swearing and calling of names between residents! The EC warned against this in previous newsletters and stated the policy applicable. The most cases of conflict is because of “no tolerance” and not “creating space” for the other person! A little bit of patience and “providing space” for the other person goes a long way! Come on residents, we live in a pleasant and affordable complex and let’s keep it like that! The EC is definitely not going to get involved in inter personal conflict.
6. **SELLING AND RENTING OF PROPERTIES** – The City recently introduced new procedures for the selling and renting of properties in the complex. Please obtain the new procedures from the responsible member, Shirley Boom (unit 43). If you plan to sell or to rent out your property, please advise the EC so that the correct documentation and procedures can be issued to you.
7. **WEB SITE** – We would like to appeal to all residents to read through the documentation applicable to the management of our complex. This will give you a proper insight into the Agreements, Rules and policies governing the management of our complex. (www.vphomeowners.com).

It is really the Executive Council’s dream and wishes that everyone in the complex will endeavour to achieve **our goals for 2022:**

1. **To create a spirit of community and caring in the complex.**

2. To focus this year again on the aesthetics and appearance of the complex. (This makes it pleasant for everyone who lives here).

Let us be positive, caring and compassionate residents and remove all negativity from our human nature.

The Executive Committee and their portfolios for 2022 are as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Leon Mostert (external) | - | Chairman (Finances) |
| Shirley Boom (43) | - | Vice Chairperson (Buying, Selling, Leasing of units) |
| Frans Nel (69) | - | Member (Safety, Technical and Aesthetics) |
| Alun Palm (70) | - | Member (Safety, Technical and Aesthetics) |
| Helene le Roux (99) | - | Member (General discipline in the complex, Hall\Functions) |
| Natasha van Schoor (external) | - | Secretary |

We wish you all a beautiful and blessed year ahead.

Kind regards

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VP HOA