



CHARTWELL

COUNTRY ESTATES

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Chartwell Country Estates AGM

WEDNESDAY 19th
AUGUST 2020
AT 18H00
ON ZOOM

Its official, Chartwell will be having our first virtual AGM. Who would have thought that when we added provision for a virtual voting scenario in our new MOI just last year, that we would be needing to invoke it so soon. We encourage every Chartwell resident to please register on the <https://chartwellcountryestate.co.za/> website to be able to participate in the process. All AGM documents including the annual financial report will be available to all registered users. There will be a 14 day nomination period, after which all landowners will be able to vote online for the new CCE board. We would like to encourage every landowner & resident to consider getting involved with the CCE board to make a positive difference to our beautiful area. If you would like to put your name forward or nominate someone you feel would be prepared to get involved, please do so on the website Agm survey or email your nomination to admin@chartwellcountryestate.co.za.

NOTES:

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy should he/she be unable to attend. Proxy forms are attached and should be returned to the Administration office per email to jenni@chartwellcountryestate.co.za no later than the **12th August 2020**.

*Register online to be able to
join*

THE CCE AGM

REGISTER BEFORE THE 12th OF AUGUST



AGM AGENDA

The CCE Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes :

1. Welcome
2. Register and recording of apologies
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
4. To receive the Chairman's report
5. To receive and adopt the auditors report and audited annual financial statements for the year ended 29th February 2020
6. To appoint the auditors of the Company and to confirm their fees for February 2021
7. To elect Directors of the Company

General:

1. To discuss various updates impacting the area including security
2. Any other business as may be necessary

Jozi Clean Up

BY MARK McCLUE

Having seen 2 massive loads of rubbish dumped on either side of the 3rd road bridge, Ryan and Monika took it upon themselves to start a clean-up which led to over 30 bags being collected.

A few weeks later after seeing trash collecting in the river Ryan, Monika and Givi Woodley decided to do something about it with the help from another Chartwell residents. This second clean up resulted in about 10-15 bags of trash collected.

When asked why did they do this? Ryan replied "doing something positive for the environment and helping others makes me happy. By simply taking care of the environment we could inspire others to do the same and experience the same. There are so many positive spin offs like a healthier environment, property value increasing and even enhanced security since now more attention is on it and its actually being used!"

This has inspired them to form an organization called "Jozi Clean Up" and get it promoted on i Love Fourways. They intend to lead by example close to home and clean a further section of river from the 3rd bridge on 01 Aug from 14.00.

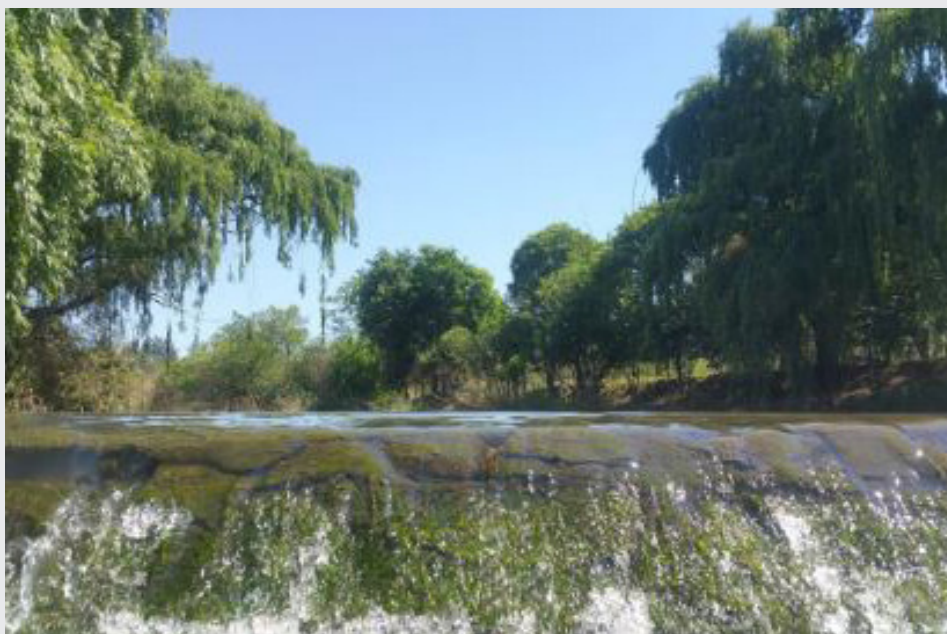
Further efforts started 18 months ago to clear some of the bush along the river fronts for security purposes, the two share a vision with a number of other Chartwell residents to establish a private Chartwell walkway along the river to enable people to experience the river areas. Ryan adds that through doing this perhaps people can appreciate more of what makes Chartwell special and encourage behavioural change towards reducing certain use or how they dispose of packaging.

Meeting with representatives from ARMOUR (Action for Responsible Management of OUR Rivers) steps are being taken to remove the large tree that has been stuck on the bridge since the last floods and before the spring rains arrive.

Why not bring along a bag, your sunscreen, water, gloves & of course a mask to lend a hand in cleaning up Chartwells part of Jozi. Join the Facebook

group called Jozi Clean Up. Scan the barcode to get in touch and get involved. iPhone users, just open your camera and point I at the code.

~ Contact Ryan or Monika on 082 561 9103 for further information or if there are ways you can assist.



Social (Distancing!)

Of course with all the COVID rules, regulations and guidelines, planning social events has become challenging!

However residents have been making an increased use of their free time and Chartwells space joining in with the walks and running groups.

Looking forward we would hope to have the 2020 Chartwell fun run later in the year. In the meantime we've been approached to enter a few teams in a 12 hour Dawn to Dusk relay race as part of a multiple venue virtual race for charity. If you'd like to hear more about this or enter in a Chartwell team please ask to join the walk and running group or speak to Marc de Chalain on +27721757745

Scan to connect and discover more

Jozi Clean Up

Ask an employee for details.

Community Matters

BY MARK McCLUE

0. The rising main sewer pipe that carries sewerage from the pump station (9) up to the main JHB sewer line has been completed and tested. It's now being 'tied' into the pump station and all being well will reduce the risk of spills into the river from a broken line.

1. The CCE, Conservancy & Farmall are represented at the Johannesburg Water Task Team (JWTT) formed with Cedar Lakes & Cedar Creek & other estates to collaborate with Joburg Water to resolve upgrading the main fresh water pipe across the area. Started in 2019 this project is continuing despite delays from local labour disruptions and now COVID. Once complete it will ensure a more reliable water supply to the area.

2. Mswawawa and local residents received several tonnes of maize and food packs during the lockdown period. Arranged through a mutual donation between CCE & Farmall and thereafter a qty of parcels donated by Steyn City and packed by local residents. Thank you to all.

3. The corner of first road & Sandringham has been under pressure from people using it for illegal dumping for years. (Even local residents during lockdown!) The route down to the river for vehicles has now been closed and preparations made for some gardens and trees to encourage pedestrians to take more respect for the area. The community CCTV system has been installed at this junction with surveillance being made to deter and catch illegal activities.

4. Working with the JW contractors & members of the blockwatch teams the fence line and gate along 216 has been replaced and the area has been cleared of rubbish and rehabilitated using the displaced material.

5. As part of the 2019 / 2020 Chartwell security initiatives a substantial security watch tower was successfully installed at the vantage point overlooking the vacant land along the river from 216 / 217 Seven Oaks. This was achieved through a community / CCE initiative with private landowners, residents and ADT all contributing resources and effort to clear up and secure this area by redefining boundaries. Flood lights and the CCTV camera system has been installed and can be remotely mon-

itored. This system can now be extended to other river residents and please contact Jenni for further information.

6. The river crossing for the new rising main sewerage pipeline has been completed as part of the JW upgrade. JW will be rehabilitating the banks as part of their contract obligations.

7. As part of CCE security upgrades to deal with trespassers an early warning sensor and alarm system has been installed along certain river points in cooperation with residents. Proven effective in deterring a number of intrusions more of these units have been requested at points in Chartwell and Farmall. If you would like a unit please contact Chris on 0730042228

8. A combined effort from residents have embarked on clearing alien vegetation and trees along significant stretches of the river bank to reclaim the areas that had been used by trespassers. Signage has been prepared for installation at key points to clarify illegal entry to private property and it is hoped that in due course use of the river for Chartwell walks can be arranged for residents to enjoy and appreciate what Chartwell has to offer whilst increasing visibility and yet with respect for landowners rights.

9. The Zandspruit Sewerage station upgrade has finally been awarded and site preparation is underway. Further to years of pressure from residents and organisations to JW this upgrade is critical to ensure volumes of sewerage increased from Cosmos city and the new developments in the area can be handled until the new lanseria pipeline and works has been built in the years to come. Residents may hear noise during the evening as sand is being removed from the works during the evening and JW apologises for the inconvenience.

10. The dams along the Klein Jukskei have been hit hard with the numerous sewerage spills during the past year. Bio remediation has take place by JW and pressure continues to be applied for to address this and other rehabilitation as the pipeline is completed.

11. The third road bridge supports have been kept clear over the year to reduce

build up of debris and flood water and the trees for security and CCTV footage is being provided to the bridge area to increase surveillance.

Private and community initiatives have been undertaken to clear litter from the banks and read the main article about the latest one undertaken by Ryan and Monika from Cladon road who wish to encourage residents to become more engaged in their local environment.

12. The wetland area has bedded in over the past years and will be tested with the spring rains to see where the vegetation planted will absorb the water flow. Plans are being reviewed to continue the project further.

13. The first phase of upgrading the entrance to Chartwell was addressed at the beginning of 2020. COVID threw a curve ball however Karen Cox has continued the upkeep & looks forward to implementing the next phases incorporating pavements when lock down allows.

14. The locals employed to collect litter remove about 10 bags a week in an aid to keep Chartwell litter free and this program is to be expanded along with 10 bins to be installed by COJ after lockdown to assist addressing people's behaviour.



Aunty Maureen tells:

ESTER'S SHEBEEN

By Maureen Dalglish

Some referred to Ester as a witch – and some said she was a “Hot Not” – I guess that was short for Hottentot! Whatever Ester was – she was very strange and rather terrifying to see.

Her face was plastered with a red mud clay on some days. Once in a while she was covered in white chalk. She lived in a mud and daub hut with a tin roof, weighted down with rocks and bricks, on the banks of the Klein Jukskei River somewhere between Plot 227 and 230 Seven Oaks Avenue as it is today.

Ester attracted a stream of visitors – mostly at the weekend. People would arrive sober and rock and roll their way home several hours later. Her “poosa” or “skakiaan” was apparently wonderful!

At that time, in the early 1970, there was no other entertainment in Chartwell – so Ester ran a very lucrative business – her shack was homely and was the centre of African social life, and she sold (at a fee) the Miracle Drink!

All would be well and happy until arguments flared up over wives, girlfriends or money...

Often people were stabbed with knives or even killed; and many a local resident would have to rush an employee to hospital with an axe wound.

In short – Ester was a real nuisance and problem in the area. And no one was brave enough to confront her... Then came the long awaited TV – not much at first – just a couple of hours in the evening and for the rest of the time, there was just a picture on the screen.

But... the residents slowly came to realise that TV was the way to keep employees at home and the TV could rather provide the entertainment that was missing ...

Ester's clients dropped as one by one they became addicted to TV instead. No longer were drunkards seen lying on the pavements or worse still wobbling from side to side in the middle of the road. The vacant stands were sold. Houses were built and Ester and her shack disappeared from Chartwell forever.

Reduced Joburg tariff increases take effect



City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality

From: Kgamanyane Maphologela
Director: Communications & Stakeholder Management

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The City of Johannesburg's new tariff increases which were reduced from the original proposed percentages to cushion residents from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent national lockdown are set to take effect from Tuesday, 14 July 2020.

The enforcement of the new tariffs comes after the Johannesburg Council recently approved the metropolitan's 2020/21 Budget, Tariffs and the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) following a delay in the approval of the budget.

The City took a decision to reduce the initially proposed property rate from 4.9% to 4%, the water tariff dropped from a proposed 8.6% to 6.6 and the proposed

8.10% increase for electricity has been reduced to 6.23%.

Meanwhile, the City also took a decision to withdraw the proposed fixed charges of R200 for residential pre-paid electricity and the R400 for commercial. The business rate ratio has been reduced from 1:2.6 to 1:2.5.

The recent budget approval delay resulted in the billing system being briefly suspended for rebooting to launch a new financial year with the updated tariffs. The delayed system transition into a new financial year, which falls within the ongoing Covid-19 lockdown, saw billing only commence two working days after the Johannesburg Council's approvals. Therefore, ratepayers are advised that billing for the month of July will subsequently be delayed, and no penalties will be imposed on ratepayers in this regard. The pre-termination of service notices that were issued since the beginning of the lockdown will also not be executed in-line with the Covid-19 regulations not to cut off municipal services during the period.

Residents are advised that there are currently no municipal agents assigned to their properties to disconnect water or electricity supply. Residents are also warned to immediately report to the police anyone arriving at their properties claiming to be either Johannesburg Water or City Power officials/agents assigned to cut off services during the lockdown period, and then request a bribe to immediately reconnect them.

The City further appeals to ratepayers who may be struggling to meet their financial obligations that may include payment of municipal accounts to contact the municipality's Credit Control Department for assistance with suitable relief measures to ensure their accounts remain up to date.

The City of Johannesburg Credit Control Department can be reached via email on: creditcontrol@joburg.org.za

Furthermore, the City introduced revenue-related email addresses to enhance convenience in how residents can safely and easily interact with the municipality during and post the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown.

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Urban Myths and Conspiracies: cautionary tales

By Brian Craig

Everybody loves a good conspiracy theory. It challenges the mind and exercises the common sense we are all presumed to possess, especially in the world of the world-wide web, social media and Google searches. However, the combination of social media and abundance of unproven theories can turbo charge the spread of selective facts and disinformation as objective truth.

Whilst the usual conspiracies linked to the Moon landings (filmed in a movie studio apparently), the Loch Ness monster, Alien life and UFOs (I wont rule this out completely myself), the death or secret life of Elvis Presley and a host of others are relatively harmless and almost nostalgic, there are the more recent ones doing the rounds that are more sinister and potentially harmful. These ones seem to cover the recent phenomenon of linking politicians, businessmen, medical authorities, secret societies and unproven “facts” to the ability of social media to spread information without the benefit of basic fact checking.

The Covid Pandemic seems to have bread a host of these conspiracies –

based on our SA experience and the global preoccupation with President Trump. No sane person in South Africa would object to valid criticism of our governments inability to root out corruption and incompetence. Some would also point to evidence that key politicians in SA are linked to shadowy individuals with interests in the Covid lockdown regulations – all well and good when the information is exposed. However, the valid attempts to expose this corruption also gets mixed in with vaguely racist comments about the current government as if the race of the individual predisposes them to corruption and incompetence. We should all be very careful when making these assumptions. The recent blow up in cricketing circles about Black Lives Matter is a case in point. In my view (and my own experience growing up in Cape Town and experiencing the very same comments from fellow white team mates) the ghost of presumed white privilege still is alive and well in certain circles, with people very keen to diminish the support for BLM by claiming that all lives matter as if the two are somehow mutually exclusive.

My personal favourite at the moment is the Covid/Trump/Deep State/ Communist/Satanworshipping combination doing the rounds. It sounds far-fetched until you do some detailed searching on various web sites. The phrase caveat emptor (let the buyer beware) should apply to all of these conspiracies although my own view would be that caveat venditor (let the seller beware and take care not to spread unproven falsehoods) should apply. I am all for free speech as a basic right – but that right is balanced by the obligation to be careful of spreading falsehoods and making defamatory and hurtful claims.

Let’s be respectful of each other when broadcasting these untested facts, and mindful of the harm that hurtful and alarmist comments could cause. After all, big brother and the aliens are watching...

CHARTWELL ROAD SAFETY

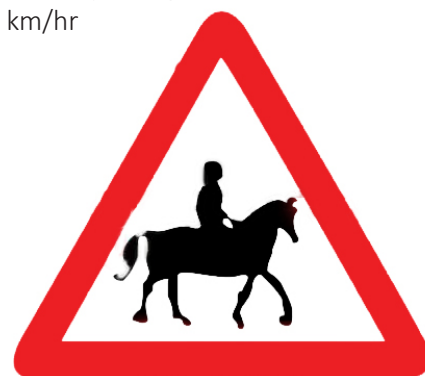
We ask all residents to please adhere to the speed limits, stop signs and other road rules. The CCE would also like to encourage more residents to get out there and use our streets for walking, running and riding, but safety is paramount, so please join our Chartwell walking and running whatsapp groups. Contact Mark McClue on 081 262 9505 to be added.

Basic Chartwell road rules

RESPECT every road user
Most vulnerable road user has right of way.

SPEED LIMITS!

Tar roads- Max 60 km/hr
Dirt Roads- Max 40 km/hr
When passing a horse rider- 10 km/hr



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