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## PROJECT KICKS OFF IN GANSBAAI GAP HOUSING BREAKTHROUGH

Planning and pre-arrangements for the Gansbaai GAP Housing project progressed so well recently that the Overstrand Municipality's housing implementation agent, Motlekar, could start with the project already early in March.

GAP projects are designed to serve the market segment of first time home buyers who do not qualify for low cost housing, but are not earning enough to enter the open market.

The last hurdles were removed and the green light given at a meeting with the Mayor, Cllr Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee for Planning and Infrastructure, Ald Pieter Scholtz, the Municipal Manager, Mr Coenie Groenewald, and several other role-players on Wednesday 6 March 2013.

This meeting was preceded with a meeting on Tuesday 26 February 2013 where the financial model and other principles were cleared out with the Western Cape Department of Human

Settlements.

With this model housing subsidy funds are used as a bridging mechanism to make the project affordable for all without placing ANY financial burden on the municipality. The cost of the land that belongs to the municipality, will be recovered at market value from the end-user and bulk services will be carried by the developer and recovered from the end-user via the municipality's operational account.

Mayor Botha-Guthrie pointed out that the project was included in the Municipality's Eight Year Housing Plan and as such forms part of the Integrated Development Plan. "I am glad that we are now ready to launch the first GAP Housing project in Overstrand. The need for this was already identified years ago, but we first needed to complete several processes before it could be realised."

The project will be tackled in three phases of

about 50 units each.

The selling price of the units has not been finalized yet, but it is expected that the house will be marketed at a cost of between R350 000 and R480 000 depending on size. The marketing risk will be carried by the developer and under the current economic conditions it can be expected that the cost will be as low as possible. If the units are not sold, the developer, who will pay back the full cost of services and the land to the municipality if the houses are not sold after 36 months.

The municipality invited interested parties and potential buyers to register for the project by means of public notices last year. These applicants were registered in the GAP Housing Data Base and applicants will be dealt with in order of the date the applications were submitted.

## STREET COMMITTEES TRAINED

A pilot project to establish street committees in Zwelihle to help promote the protection and security of people is astonishing successful and could be rolled out to other communities soon. There are already 41 of these committees active and more to follow soon.

A need for training was identified at a joint street committee meeting recently. On Monday 11 March the first course of this training programme was launched by the Mayor, Cllr Nicolette Botha-Guthrie at a gathering of street committee co-ordinators in Hermanus.

The course is about the contents and application of municipal by-laws and will be presented by Snr Inspector Zingani Tshetu of the Law Enforcement Department to groups of 20 over weekends in the Zwelihle library. In total 120 people will receive instruction.

Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie said this initiative is the way to build our new society - a disciplined one where we all work together for the common good.

"We do not say: you may not enjoy yourself. We say:

always take others into consideration. If someone is planning a party, go to the street committee and discuss and arrange until what time it may continue. If there are naughty children messing up streets or vandalising public or private property, report them to the street committee so that they, in turn, can speak to the parents.

"That is why it is important for the members of the street committees to know the law, and to be able to communicate well with all the citizens and gain everybody's trust."

She pointed out that Overstrand society soon will have 120 more community guards

on the streets who know what is and is not allowed. Overstrand and

Zwelihle will be a better place, thanks to them!



At the launch of the Street Committee Training Programme were (in front from left) Cllr Vuyani Macotha, Chief Inspector Zingani Tshetu, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, Chief of Traffic and Law Enforcement Rudi Fraser and Cllr Elzette Nell, and in the back row second from right Warrant Officer Renier du Toit from the Police.

## CHANGES IN THE FERNKLOOF ADVISORY BOARD

Well-known Frank Woodvine who has been associated with the Fernkloof Nature Reserve for 36 years and served in various capacities, decided to step down from the Fernkloof Advisory Board to 'take things a little slower'.

The Board not only took leave of him at its meeting held on 22nd February 2013, but also welcomed well-known Hermanus residents, Estelle Spaarwater and Glynis van Rooyen, both appointed by Overstrand Municipality and who will give their respective insights into the cultural/historic heritage as well as local tourism aspects associated with the reserve's management.

Furthermore, the municipality re-appointed existing advisory board members Linda Griffiths, Lee Burman, Antony van Hoogstraten and David Beattie for another 3-year term.

The Advisory Board also congratulated Neville Green (previously stationed in Kleinmond) on his appointment as Biodiversity Conservation Manager responsible for the Reserve. Penelope Aplon was thanked for her supervisory role over

the past year while there had been no dedicated reserve management appointment.

In a letter addressed to Mr Woodvine and read out at the meeting, Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie said the ending of his direct involvement of 36 years with Fernkloof's management was a huge loss, especially in terms of what is called institutional memory.

His career began in 1976 when he became the curator of the Fernkloof Nature Reserve. Later his responsibilities were broadened to also include the municipal parks and gardens of Hermanus. Upon his retirement as municipal official in 1995 he assumed the chairmanship of the advisory board for five years and after that served another five years as vice-chairman and then continued as board member.

The Mayor said Mr Woodvine can be proud of the wonderful work that was done, not only in the Fernkloof Nature Reserve but for environmental protection in general. Fernkloof Nature Reserve is a precious treasure, a pristine piece of fynbos

stretching from the mountains to the sea. Not only does it enhance the image of Hermanus, but it is also an educational tool and a tourist attraction.

She assured Mr Woodvine that the future of Fernkloof is now in good hands and that his work will be continued.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great work you have done," Mrs Botha-Guthrie wrote.



Frank Woodvine

## EFFICIENT USE OF ELECTRICITY IN THE KITCHEN

Here are some energy saving tips that will help consumers to use electricity effectively and efficiently especially during peak times.

National peak times are between 07:00 and 10:00 and 17:00 and 21:00. These are the times during which most households consume large amounts of electricity of which a large amount can be curbed or redirected to be used during lesser peak times, and in this way, a surprising amount of electricity or expensive electricity can be conserved.

### STOVE

When you use your stove, match your pots to the size of your stove plate. Also, keep the lid on the pot to conserve heat and energy. Switch off the hot plate a few minutes before the food is finally cooked. There is a lot of residual heat in especially solid plates.

### MICROWAVE

Did you know that a conventional oven uses the same amount of power as 18 microwave ovens? So, rather use a microwave oven to cook. It's much quicker and a lot cheaper.

### FRIDGE

When you leave your fridge or freezer (especially an upright one) door open for a long time, the fridge loses cold air. To cool it down again uses a lot of electricity. So be

quick and don't let all that cold air out!

### DISHWASHER

- Remember, every time you switch on your dishwasher, it's the same as switching on 20 incandescent lamps, or 120 CFL lamps, or 200 LED lamps.

- So to save electricity, wait until the dishwasher is full and use it only during off-peak periods.

### KETTLE

Pouring only one cup of water into the kettle for one cup of tea will save time and money. Using a Jug type kettle rather than a broad based kettle allows one to use less water to boil. Make use of high insulation type kettles, which keep heat much longer and use less heat to boil. Also remember that boiling water in a kettle is much easier and cheaper than using an electric stove. You can even boil water for only one cup of tea or coffee in your microwave oven!

### TUMBLE DRYER

When the weather is good, do hang your clothes outside to dry. It's just as effective as the tumble dryer and you'll save a lot of money in the long run. Remember anything that uses heat to function normally is an expensive electricity consumption device.

## AFCON VIBE HITS ZWELIHLE



On the day of the final game for the Africa Cup of Nations, Sunday, 10 February 2013, Zwelihle experienced the same vibe on a smaller scale. Overstrand Municipality, together with the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and GCIS, hosted an AFCON Mini Soccer Tournament in Kwasa-Kwasa. Participants were under fifteen players from Zwelihle, Sandbaai and Mt Pleasant grouped into teams representing the nations who took part in the continental soccer spectacle. The well attended event started off with an official opening by Overstrand Mayor Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, who inspired the youngsters to give it their all. As the tournament unfolded more and more spectators were drawn in and enjoyed the day. The final was as exciting as the major one. At the prize-giving Babalo Bala was honoured as the player of the tournament and Bunny Martins as the top goalscorer. Woolworths, Pick 'n Pay and Fruit and Veg also contributed to the success of the day.

## NUMBER OF REFUSE BAGS FOR COLLECTION

There still seems to be confusion about the number of bags a household may put out on collection days. The answer is that a resident can make use of a 240 litre bin or four bags of which one may contain garden waste. There is no limit to the number of recycling bags that you may place with your refuse.

### DAYS OF COLLECTION:

Administration	Area	Collection Day
Kleinmond	Kleinmond, Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay and Rooiels	Monday
Hermanus	Vermont, Fisherhaven and Hawston	Monday
	Onrus, Chanteclair, Berghof, Sandbaai, Hemel-en-Aarde	Tuesday
	Zwelihle, Mount Pleasant	Wednesday
	Westcliff, Northcliff and Hermanus Industrial Area	Thursday
	Voëlklip, Eastcliff, Hermanus Heights, Kwaiwater	Friday
Stanford	Stanford	Monday
Gansbaai	Pearly Beach, Buffeljagsbaai, Eluxolweni	Monday
	De Kelders, Masakhane, Beverly Hills	Tuesday
	Franskraal	Wednesday
	Kleinbaai, Baardskeedersbos	Thursday
	Gansbaai, Masakhane and Beverly Hills	Friday

# The Songs

On Saturday, 20 April, Overstrand Arts/Kunste (OAK) will present Magdalene Minnaar (soprano) accompanied by Stefan Lombard in THE SONGS - a luscious collection of art songs, arias and operetta showcasing some wonderful coloratura fireworks and beautiful, indulgent melodies. The concert will commence at 7 pm in the Civic Auditorium in Hermanus.

Tickets are R100 (R50 for students/learners). Book at BELLINI on 028 312 4988. Contact Secretary René du Plooy on 082 940 4238 for further information.