

VILLA BULLETIN

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KITCHEN CONTRACT

The new company that will take over the operation of our kitchen, kiosk and coffee shop is **Feedem**. It's a big company with a lot of experience in this market.

THE FOLLOWING IS SET TO HAPPEN IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2024:

Feedem will take over from Fedics from 1 January 2024 and continue to execute the contract in respect of levy meals and additional meals until the end of February 2024, at the same prices. (R60 and R42 and R4 for delivery). **Do not rate Feedem on the January 2024 and February 2024 service. Their own contract will not start until March 1, 2024.**

Their staff will already be on site from 27 December 2023 to ensure that the takeover, with the necessary arrangements, can proceed in a timely manner and as smoothly as possible.

In the transition phase, some irritations or problems can probably arise despite all the best efforts to prevent them. We will be mindful of that and will be ready to resolve issues asap. Be patient please.

The process of combining the kiosk and coffee shop will be started from January 2024. At the same time, the current kiosk will be turned into a kitchen that will be used exclusively and independently for the coffee shop. The kiosk items will be available for purchase in the coffee shop. It is planned to be completed in January. This will dramatically improve service in the coffee shop.

FROM MARCH 1, 2024, THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:

The number of levy meals will be increased from the current 8 to 12 per month.

Delivery cost of meals (per unit) will be R5. (letters of exception of delivery cost due to medical reasons can be obtained Sisters Ina or Andrea)

All meals (levy and voluntary extras) will be the same price of R60 per meal, every day.

There will be a breakfast option that can be utilised as levy dinner at R60.

Dinners (late afternoon) will be available, which will qualify as levies, also at R60 per meal.

The coffee shop will have its own dedicated permanent staff.

The current kitchen reception office will be used by Feedem's manager for direct and easy contact. It was agreed that the phone would also be answered all day.

PICKET FENCES

It was decided, in principle, that we were going to switch from wooden wickets to plastic wickets. Plastic bollards are made from recirculated plastic, are cheaper than wood and require less maintenance.

It has now been reported that, during heatwaves, the plastic bollards expand and can pop off the frame. They then need to be replaced. Until now, we don't seem to be experiencing that kind of problem.

We will make the change systematically and not simultaneously. It would not be economical to replace all wooden stakes that are still in good condition.

The result is that there are wooden stakes of various "colors" that do not look aesthetically pleasing to some. Be patient, it will disappear with time.

PAVING

Pavers have been repaired and/or replaced as needed and are almost entirely completed in Area 1 (East of the canal). The project will resume from 1 March 2024. (Current budget exhausted for the item).

HOUSE CAMS

A full examination of the condition of the cams has recently been carried out. The overall condition is satisfactory, but there are cracks here and there that definitely need attention. It has been budgeted for and in the coming financial year all cams will be treated again.

HOUSES

It was also budgeted to repaint all homes in the next budget year. All wooden exterior doors are being evaluated and **if necessary**, they will also be treated again.

BOREHOLE

The borehole is currently equipped with a pump, 3 phase power and connected to the generator. Two taps will be placed at the picket fence. Water will be available in case of emergency. Further possible utilization, such as for gardens is being investigated. The borehole produces 6500 liters per hour.

LITHIUM BATTERIES

Anyone who uses lithium batteries, with or without solar panels, must have a **suitable** fire extinguisher, in case of emergencies. The **insurance requires** it.

PIGEONS AT APARTMENTS

The pigeons were dislodged and, with the paint of the fascia boards and gutters, went looking for other places to live. They are now nesting under the solar panels!! PLEASE STOP FEEDING THE PIGEONS! At sunrise, the pigeons emerge. If you get up so early, keep an eye out where the largest number of nests are. Let us know by the end of January so we can arrange for removal.

INFORMANT

It is with great disappointment that we learn that Johan and Renee Janse van Rensburg will be leaving us for Centurion. Our thanks for their contributions (Johan as editor of the Informant and Renee with the line dancing).

Support, Our coffee shop, our tuesday market, our hair salon, our bowling ball, our basket dances, our dining hall, our braai facilities, our monthly markets, our exhibitors, our care centre, our beauty salon, our cheese and wine functions, our soup and sherry evenings, our guest artist evenings, our church services, our library, our bible studies, our card games, our bingo, our festivals, our rummikub, our garden services, our cleaning services, our home care, our medicine administration, our clinic, our kiosk, our line dance, our trimgim, our Doctor, our resort sister, our laundromat, our street barbecues, our facebook, OUR BOUGAINVILLA RETIREMENT VILLAGE!!

Be on your guard and travel safely during the holiday season