# The Gunner

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#### We have a WINNER \_

We were so excited to receive all the fantastic entries into the newsletter naming competition. If you haven't heard, our newsletter will henceforth be known as *The Gunner or Die Kanonnier*. We would like to extend a big thank you to Jacques van Zyl and Hentie Gericke for the fantastic new moniker. Enjoy your celebratory hampers – they will find their way to you in the next few days.

# Swimming pool SAFETY

After a particularly icy winter we're all looking forward to a warm and sunny summer, spending quality time outdoors with family and friends.

The Kanonberg swimming pool is a popular amenity enjoyed by families and especially by children.

To enhance poolside safety, a locking mechanism has been installed on the gate to prevent small children from entering the pool area unaccompanied.

Parents, please take note that all children under the age of 14 years have to be accompanied by an adult at all times while making use of the swimming pool.





## **Glovent Regular Pin Codes**

The regular visitor booking option available on the Glovent application has been extended to a month. This will assist residents who are away, or have limited internet access, to provide gate access to visitors. Should you need any assistance using the app, please contact the estate manager.

## **XONE Sekuriteit**

Xone lewer uitstekende diens aan Kanonberg. Die Kanonbergspan is tans een van die bes presterende spanne in hierdie Xone streek. Baie geluk aan elke lid van die span sonder wie se toewyding, dissipline en motivering so 'n prestasie nie moontlik sou wees nie. Die skofleiers, Nomatwethu Feni, Linda Siwisa en Syiabonga Ndatyani (onder leiding van Ettienne Cloete), sien toe dat sekuriteitsaangeleenthede oor naweke en gedurende die nag vlot verloop.







(From left to right: Nomatwethu Feni, Linda Siwisa en Syiabonga Ndatyani)

"We're sure that by now you are so excited about the December break; you can probably smell the suntan lotion already. Do not let anything interrupt your holiday this year. Remember to make arrangements for house and pet sitters to gain easy access to your property well in advance. That way, you can relax and work on your tan secure in the knowledge that your home and furry friends are well taken care of."

# Van Riebeeckshof Valley NPC:

Kanonberg forms part of the greater Van Riebeeckshof Valley NPC. They are responsible for our neighbourhood all the way from Jip De Jager road upwards into the valley, including Majik Forest, Protea Valley, Welgedaght, Kanonberg, Oude Westhof, and Van Riebeeckshof. We do not have to look too far to see the wonderful work they are doing in our community. They facilitate and provide new additions to our natural environment.

After the proper clean-out of our various dams, including Riesling dam

at our front entrance, Riesling Park is now turning into a beautiful area complete with wooden walkways and bridges. The latest additions to our park include wooden benches placed at strategic vantage points to add to the tranquil feeling of the park. Much needed permanent bins were also added and this completes the upgrade at Riesling Park.

A new project the Valley NPC will undertake in the near future is the planting of additional trees in our area. This includes watering the trees during the dry season. The vleiland fence (from the traffic light to Oude Westhof Retirement village) will also get an upgrade.

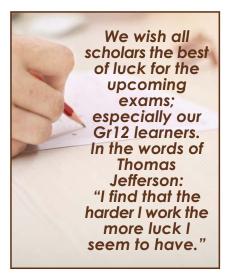
Another ongoing project is the maintenance, enhancement, and regular cleaning (litter pick-up and weed maintenance) of the middleman on Van Riebeeckshof road. This is over and above the security enhancements in our area. Some more exciting plans are in the works for more recreational facilities. We will be sure to keep you in the loop as they progress.

## **NEW Beginnings**

The new *Majik Forest Centre* is nearing completion. A new name for a new centre! This re-development includes new retail outlets, like Woolworths Foods, new restaurants, and additional parking. Some establishments have already moved to their new premises.

The estimated launch date is November 2021. We are all very excited to explore the new shopping experience.





### **WATER-WISE GARDENS**

Home owners are becoming more mindful of the way they use water especially when watering their gardens. Many gardens incorporate exotic species that require higher than normal watering cycles. This is where the use of indigenous waterwise alternatives could be particularly useful. It is sometimes mistakenly assumed that water-wise planting is restricted to the use of succulents or aloes. However, this is not the case. There are many beautiful plant species apart from succulents that are beneficial in conserving water, especially by way of reducing evaporation.

Home owners could also reduce the size of their lawns by planting shrubs and groundcovers that do not require as much water to keep them flourishing in these areas. A few recommended indigenous plants you might like to consider while converting to a water-wise garden includes; Dietes, Tulbaghia violacea, Agapanthus praecox, Plectranthus neochilus, Carpobrutos, Aloe, Strelitzia reginae, Bulbine, and Dymondia margaretae. These plants also happen to be on Kanonberg's approved plant list and flourish in the natural environmental of the estate. Take a little time to consider the sun



and shade demands of specific plants. This will further help you in your endeavours to turn your garden into a water-wise landscaping marvel.

## Removal of trees

In order to maintain the lush atmosphere created by established trees and vegetation here at Kanonberg, the environmental management section of the Members Rules stresses the importance of preserving trees at all time. In the event that a tree on your property needs to be removed, permission must be obtained from the estate management prior to its removal. Unauthorized removal of trees will lead to penalties. Should you consider removing a tree in the future, please get in touch with the estate manager.

"Enjoying summer time at the pool? Remember under 14's must be accompanied by adults when using Kanonberg's swimming pool."



"With summer in the loom and school holidays around the corner children will be spending more time outdoors. The safety of our children is paramount – it is one of the reasons we live here. Hence you are reminded to keep your speed at 30km/h. Kindly be on the lookout for children and slow down when approaching them."

## **Nuwe Bedding**

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# **Wine Tasting Event**

We would like to thank all the Kanonbergers who joined in the fun at the first wine tasting event, held at the Kanonberg Clubhouse on 14 October. What a wonderful opportunity it was to get to know other residents while sampling some of the world-class wines produced right here in the Western Cape.

Piekenierskloof Wines, represented by winemaker and cellar master, Jaco van Niekerk, were our first guests. We learned about their unique terroir, their different cultivars, and the interesting history of winemaking in the Piekenierskloof area. Thank you for all the wonderfully positive feedback we



received – we are thrilled at the success of the evening. We are already looking to secure a date for the next tasting, so watch this space!