



Dear members and friends,

Our amazing Southbroom community pulled out all the stops over the last few weeks to make the South African Women's Open Golf Championship a success, but as with any event planned in advance, there is no accounting for the weather. Wow, we didn't deserve that. That weekend will go down in the record books, it really decided to throw it at us from every direction, what a shame that we couldn't show off Southbroom on TV at its beautiful best.

Thank you to everyone who put in so much hard work, The Golf Club, the green-keepers, the host families, our local restaurants and businesses and the whole town for making the ladies welcome. The group we had were an absolute delight and a pleasure and they were all so appreciative of being able to stay in a home. They had three lovely days before the weather hit us and although they were extremely disappointed at not being able to complete 54 holes, they had a wonderful time and promised they will be back next year.

Me and my gang: Axel Bettan, Sophie Giquel-Bettan, Joanna Klatten, Danielle Montgomery. Carly Booth missed the cut but enjoyed putting in the sunshine in the Pro-Am.



SOUTHBROOM'S 80TH BIRTHDAY STREET PARTY CELEBRATION

In the March Newsflash I stated that the time of the party on Sunday 12th May was 14H00 – 19H00. This was incorrect the time is 16H00 (4pm) to approximately 19H00. There has been an amazing response and over 300 tickets have been sold. If you have don't have a ticket they are still available from Le Plantation in The Square at R75pp. PLEASE can we have a weekend like this last one and NOT like the previous Sunday, it should not happen in beautiful balmy May but you never know.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Southbroom Ratepayers agreed at our AGM in December not to join with the KZN Ratepayers and Residents Association in withholding rates at this stage as it was deemed counter-productive. We have subsequently cancelled our brief to senior counsel regarding the legal aspect of such action, preferring to use the money more productively. Many Ratepayers in the other areas are now on a “go-slow” but so far they do not seem to have achieved anything, in fact we understand that negotiations between their Associations and HCM have come to a virtual standstill, whereas Southbroom are now working with both HCM and UGU.

Members of the Committee are busy mapping and prioritising the roads and HCM now have two crews working in Southbroom. We are also planning on employing a couple of labourers to clear the culverts and fix the minor potholes ourselves; HCM have agreed to supply materials and training. We appreciate the efforts of residents who have actually fixed potholes in their own streets, whilst this should not be necessary we all aware of present the situation in Municipalities country wide therefore we need to be pro-active and take responsibility for our own communities. If you are in a position to repair small potholes in your area please go ahead, cold mix can be purchased at R80 per bag at Builders Express.

We also have a team of experts on our sub-committee who have mapped the whole of the Southbroom water reticulation system and are working together with UGU explaining to them exactly how the system operates. The object of this exercise is that when there is a leak they will be able to isolate it quickly without shutting off the whole town and blowing further weak spots when the water is turned on again.

STREET MONITORS

We already have quite an extensive list of names for “street monitors” but we do need more enthusiastic volunteers to come forward. A street monitor would not only need to ensure that their area is kept up to standard by both HCM and residents but most important to get to know their neighbours and encourage them to join the Ratepayers Association and Conservancy if they are not already members. We desperately need to get our database up to date, at present we only have 30% of Ratepayers on email, the street monitors could go a long way in assisting us with this. We need to communicate with all our Ratepayers and get them on board if we are to make a difference.

Many people are now using our Facebook group to report issues and it’s fantastic to see people talking about things and airing their views there. However, not everyone is on FB, therefore if you have an issue which you would like to bring to the Committee’s attention, please contact one of the committee members direct. All contact details are available on our website www.southbroom.org .

MAIN BEACH

Recent flood damage and subsidence did nothing for the overall appeal of the Main Beach, parts of which were already overdue an upgrade. We have now accepted a quote for a retaining wall below the lower car park and upgrade to the braai and shower areas; this work should commence shortly. We thank Paul Reynolds and his team for clearing the debris on the beach after the recent storms, as is standard practice this will be burnt at a convenient time.

A member of our Committee is working closely with HCM to have the Tidal Pool finally fixed properly and upgraded with safe access from the grass bank.

SOUTHBROOM SECTOR POLICING

Sector Manager Comfort Mlambo and his team are successfully reducing crime in Southbroom and wish to make the following appeals to all residents and businesses:

False Alarms

Please do everything in your power to minimise your alarm system being triggered for nothing. Trim the bushes, control the ants, and get your Armed Response Company to do an annual inspection.

Be neighbourly

Please care about your neighbours. Take an interest if their alarm is triggered or their dog is barking continually.

Barking dogs

If you do hear lots of dogs barking in your neighbourhood, please call 039-316-6760 and ask the Southbroom Police to patrol the area.

Casual staff members

If you do employ casual staff, please at least insist on a copy of their Identity document.

Harden the target

We are here to serve you by reducing crime in Southbroom. Please assist us by hardening the target.

House Break-ins

Please note that the latest modus operandi is to get on to the roof, remove tiles and go through the ceiling to get inside the house.

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AGAINST CRIME TOGETHER

PLEASE HELP: The Police Barracks are presently being painted. If you have any left-over paint, any colour will do, please drop it at the Police Station in the Village – many thanks.

DOGS ON THE LOOSE

We have received numerous complaints recently regarding dogs running loose on the Golf Course, in the Conservancy areas but more specifically causing problems on the Beach. Many of us, together with our dogs enjoy our daily walks along our beautiful beaches but unfortunately a few irresponsible owners are spoiling it for the rest of us. During season we had several incidents of dogs off lead and out of control on the swimming beaches. Please everyone, keep your dogs under control and keep to the designated “dog friendly” sections of the beach, dogs are NOT allowed on the swimming beaches (Main Beach, Grannies Pool and Umkobi). Bags are provided at the entrances to the beach, please make use of them not only for your dogs but for any litter you find on the beach. We do not want to get to a situation where dogs are banned from the beaches altogether but if we continue to get complaints CPF will seriously consider taking action.

REFUSE

We continue to have the on-going problem of black bags left out on the verges for days after holidaymakers go home. After just a few hours the verges are a mess, dogs and monkeys just love garbage bags. Please, we ask all home-owners but especially holiday homes, to get a Cage. These are available from Professional Security Systems & Consulting in Southbroom. Prices start from R1700 incl. installed.

Tel 039-3168355 christave@venturenet.co.za www.profsecurity.co.za

RECYCLING

It's great to see so many people making use of the recycling initiative, and those who do will notice they have very little garbage left for their black bags. However there has been some confusion lately as to which is the correct depot. At present BOTH depots, i.e. the one in front of the Municipal Offices and the one at the Outlook Road Transfer Station, are operating. The depot at the HCM office is open 24 hours and the transfer station should be open from 9am till 4pm. Ultimately it is planned that these depots will be closed and HCM will be doing street collections but this is unlikely to take place any time soon.

GARDEN REFUSE

There is no free street collection for garden refuse in Southbroom and it is illegal to dump garden refuse on the verge. Most garden refuse can be composted, in our climate it breaks down very quickly if you combine it with your fresh kitchen waste, so why not build a small compost area and you will be rewarded with a regular supply of your own free compost. For large cuttings that are too big to compost please take them to the transfer station or have them collected by a local contractor. In future if garden refuse is seen to be dumped on the verge for more than 7 days the owner will be warned, thereafter a contractor will remove it for the owners account.

TOURISM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Southbroom/Mpenjati Tourism body will be held on Thursday 23rd May 2013 at 17H30 at Coffee on the Square. All members as well as local businesses and anyone involved or interested in tourism are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

RSVP Nandipha: 039 312 2322 - southbroom@tourismsouthcoast.co.za by Monday 20th May.

SOUTHBROOM HAS THE MOST AMAZING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

THANK YOU ALL AND LET US CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER

TO MAKE OUR BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE A BETTER PLACE