

# SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2012

A Southbroom Ratepayers, Conservancy, Policing and Library Initiative

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## RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

A big thank you to everyone who has joined the Association since the Special General Meeting held in April, we really appreciate your support, but unfortunately out of 1000 odd ratepayers we still only have 300 paid up members. Municipalities across the country are currently in a general state of disarray; it is only those such as Southbroom, where there is a strong Ratepayers Association, who are managing to maintain any sort of standards. We know that our roads are atrocious and we report further on the dispute with HCM below, but, overall Southbroom remains pristine, unique, and an extremely desirable residential and holiday village, thanks to the efforts of the Conservancy and Ratepayers Associations. Please give them your support. The Annual fee for each organisation is R200. Bank details:

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Please remember to include your full name and Lot number when confirming subs to ensure we credit the correct account.

**THANK YOU!**

## HIBISCUS COAST MUNICIPALITY

The lack of Service Delivery and overall mismanagement by HCM is undoubtedly the biggest topic of conversation recently among local residents and ratepayers. What is happening? What is being done? You may well ask.

What has happened since our Special General Meeting in April is the KZN South Coast Ratepayers & Residents Association have joined forces in dispute with the Municipality. On 23rd July 2012 letters were sent to the Municipal Manager, the Mayor, the MEC Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs, together with a 12 page list of the Municipal Management Deficiencies and Interaction with the Public in the Hibiscus Coast Area. A follow up letter was delivered to the Mayor this week reiterating grievances and stating our disappointment that promises have not been kept. The KZN SCRPA met recently, and all agreed it is time to take the matter to the next step. The general feeling of the meeting was to encourage their members to start a rolling %go-slow+on payment of Rates.

This newsletter is intended for ratepayers and residents of Southbroom, KZN, SA.

Southbroom Ratepayers Association; Southbroom Conservancy; Southbroom Community Policing Forum; Southbroom Property Owners Association; Southbroom Library

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### **LIBRARY HOURS**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am - 4pm**

**Saturdays: 9am - 11am**

### **CRAZY DRIVERS**

We have some idiots who just love screaming around town, scaring the wildlife, threatening walkers and cyclists and generally acting irresponsibly. You may not like the new "speed bumps" and maybe the design is not first choice but many residents have requested a lot more as the speeding problem does seem to be getting out of hand. We are planning to put 40KMP Slow signs all around the village but unfortunately most of the offenders will ignore at them. If you see anyone speeding, and many are locals, please take their number and/or company and report to your committee so that we can contact their employers.

**PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY**

**You may miss something!**

The Southbroom Committee were given a mandate at the SGM to act in your best interests and while we share your frustrations, it is our considered opinion that at this stage withholding of rates is NOT in the best interest of Southbroom, particularly as the levy on our rates supports our Community Police. If a %o slow+were to be effective our CPF would collapse before December. HCM through their own mismanagement, are cash strapped, therefore any reduction of income would no doubt mean reduction in service delivery. We are also concerned about the legal implications and on your behalf we are taking expert legal advice in order to come to a responsible decision on the next step. We cannot tell our Ratepayers what to do, we can only advise. All Ratepayers are free to act according to their own conscience, however for any future action to be effective it needs to be MASS ACTION with ALL Ratepayers on side. Please believe we are doing our best in extremely difficult times and will keep you informed.

Bruce Mackenzie, our extremely dedicated and hardworking %Bulldog+of a Chairman has been fighting with HCM on a daily basis for a very long time, even through the ill health he has been experiencing in the last three months, he has continued to pester HCM daily. Unfortunately his health is not improving and on advice from doctors and others he has reluctantly had to take the decision to resign. We are very sad to see Bruce go, he will leave a big gap in the committee and we wish him a speedy recovery. Joy Crutchfield our Vice will take the reigns until December, but Joy is not in a position to take the Chair permanently. We urgently need some strong diligent people to come onto the committee to help fight our battles. Please contact any of the committee members if you feel you can make a contribution.

### **SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY**

The Southbroom Conservancy although working together and occasionally overlapping, is a separate organisation from the Ratepayers Association with a dedicated team of committee members who work tirelessly to preserve the natural assets of our beautiful town. If you are not already a member we would encourage you to join up. The annual fee is R200, a small price to pay for living in paradise. Contact Nicola Mackenzie for further details and to join : H 039 316 8744  
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### **Eyles Park**

David Wiggley and Anne Skelton are in the process of reorganising the Garden of Alien and Indigenous Plants. New signs have been made and plants that have died are being replaced. Please check out the garden next time you are driving past the Tennis Courts in order to refresh your knowledge and enable you to eradicate aliens. There are still many stands in Southbroom that are badly infested, if you need advice on aliens contact Peddy Bam on 0827713158 or Anne Skelton on 0828967814.

### **SNARES**

Joseph the Game Guard has been diligent in controlling snaring and we are definitely seeing an increase in the bushbuck and duiker populations. Please keep a lookout and report any suspicious activity.

## **SOUTHBROOM TENNIS CLUB**

### COMMITTEE:

Chairman - Terry Mitchell

Secretary - Jacqui Jones  
[tibou@vodamail.co.za](mailto:tibou@vodamail.co.za)

Treasurer - Nicky Momberg

Peddy Bam - Robert D'Avice -  
Uschi Urban - Luise Mohr

Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday  
at 2pm. Visitors welcome @ R30

Visitors may use the courts on any  
other days, please place R30 in the  
"Honesty Box" provided.

## **SOUTHBROOM BOWLING CLUB**

Tabls in Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
at 14H15 for 14.30 (From 1st October  
13H45 for 14H00 until end September

Friday "Sundowner Bowls  
starting at 15H30 (15H00 winter)

Quiz nights are held regularly at  
the Bowling club.

Next Quizz : Friday 7th September  
For more information contact  
Chairman -Hans Witjman  
Cell : 082 871 3097

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Secretary - Audrey Botton  
039 314 9503

Plans are going ahead for Renovations  
to the Clubhouse, thanks to the  
contribution from the Ratepayers  
Association and they hope work will  
commence soon.

The Club is going from strength to  
strength with a large number of new  
members. Three fully qualified Bowling  
Coaches are now available for new  
bowlers. For bookings and details  
Phone the Club on 039 316 8059

## **SOUTHBROOM/MPENJATI TOURISM ASSOCIATION**

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Or [www.tourismsouthcoast.co.za](http://www.tourismsouthcoast.co.za)

If you have a Tourism related business  
in the Southbroom/Mpenjata area  
please ensure that you are a paid up  
member of the Tourism Associaiton in  
order to have your product listed on  
their Website.

## **RABIES ALERT**

You are no doubt aware that there have been a couple of  
deaths on the South Coast from Rabies recently. Please  
ensure that your own pets are inoculated and **NEVER**  
approach a stray dog that is behaving abnormally, report the  
incident to SPCA, protection Services or Phone Peddy.

## **DOGS**

We have had a couple of unfortunate incidents where dogs  
walking off-lead on the golf course have chased wildlife such  
as duiker. Please ensure that your dogs are not allowed to  
stray alone on the golf course or into the bush and please  
keep dogs under control at all times when out walking.

## **PELICANS**

At the end of May this year we had a report from some golfers  
standing on the 10th tee at Southbroom around 11am when  
along came a flight of PELICANS! Five birds flew up the 1st,  
circled over the tennis courts and The Tenth complex, turned  
and came back over their heads and back down to the 18th  
hole. Has anyone seen them since, or was this just a result of  
some pink Champagne in the Clubhouse over breakfast?

## **LOCAL FLORA & FAUNA SIGHTINGS**

The Conservancy appeals to all residents and visitors to share  
any nature+happenings they might spot in the area. Please  
send in your stories together with photographs, we would all  
love to know what is going on around us.

You can also post items on Facebook on the %Southbroom  
News Updates+page or on Twitter - @NewsSouthbroom

## **PASELLA**

A team from the Afrikaans SABC2 TV programme Pasella  
were in town a couple of weeks ago filming our unique wildlife  
village and interviewing local residents and members of the  
Conservancy. Make a note in your diary - the programme will  
be aired on **SABC2 on 26th SEPTEMBER AT 19H30.**

## **TENNIS CLUB NEWS**

The Club Championships in May were well attended resulting  
in some new names making it on to the honors board.  
A good AGM was held in July, Luise Mohr has now come back  
on to the committee, all other members remain as last year  
(see side banner).  
The Club are extremely grateful to Southbroom Ratepayers  
for allocating funds for the refurbishment of the courts and  
upgrade to the Clubhouse, however at present these  
improvements are on hold. The Tennis Club premises are  
owned by HCM and so far they have not been able to get  
confirmation of the renewal of their lease. Councillor George  
Henderson is working on their case and as soon as they have  
finality they will go ahead with the improvements, after which  
they plan to open a Coffee Shop in the Clubhouse.

## WEBSITE ADVERTISING

All local businesses who are paid up members of Southbroom Ratepayers Association, are entitled to a free listing on the website and a link to their own website if they wish. If your business is not already listed please contact The Secretary to update your information. Several new businesses have moved into Southbroom recently and we would encourage them to join the Association and get their free listing.

We also offer a limited number of spaces for local businesses to advertise, i.e the Ads at the top and down the side of the homepage, which run through the site.

The annual fee for the two "ears" (the Ads on the top corners) is R2000 and for the side Ads R1200 p.a. payable in July each year. Existing advertisers will be invoiced and will have first option to renew. We do not want to clutter the website with a whole lots of Ads and annoying "pop-ups" but we are considering "scrolling" Ads. If we were to go this route we could accommodate several more Ads and also generate a little more income to cover the cost of keeping the website up to date and serve our members more efficiently

TO ADVERTISE :  
[Email: jaxpratt@mweb.co.za](mailto:jaxpratt@mweb.co.za)  
 Tel 083-654-6922

## RECYCLING

The recycling depot in Southbroom has been running successfully for some time now and we have been fortunate in that we have not had to separate our recycling waste. However we now need to fall in line with common recycling practices and separate bins have been installed at the depot. A notice is attached giving full details on separating your waste material. For those of you who only have small quantities, it is quite acceptable to place items in separate supermarket bags, inside your pink bag.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

## DO and DON'T



YES, PLEASE	NO, THANK YOU
All Rinsed & Dry	Anything WET/ DIRTY
Separated as below	
<b>Glass:</b> bottles, jars, windowpanes except plate	NO. FOOD, PERSONAL USE ITEMS eg nappies
<b>Cans:</b> soft drink cans, tin cans, scrap metal	NO. Dirty paper, used cotton wool, ear buds
<b>Paper:</b> newspaper, magazines, stationery, cardboard - flattened	ANYTHING THAT CAN GO ROTTEN
<b>Cartons (Plastic lined):</b> Milk and juice cartons - flattened	NO. Mirrors, porcelain, pottery
<b>Plastic - soft:</b> drink & water bottles	NO. Polystyrene: food punnets, cups, netting
<b>Plastic - intermediate:</b> milk,	NO. Electrical or Electronic
<b>Plastic - hard:</b> detergent bottles, HTH cannisters, tables, chairs, blinds, buckets and basins.	NO. Old clothing/ towels, wooden items
<b>Plastic - end stage:</b> black/blue shiny food punnets	NO. Builders rubble and garden / street sweepings

4 supermarket bags inside the pink recycling bag is great.  
 Thank you.

Bins are available for batteries, household globes

**THE RECYCLING DEPOT IS SITUATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES JUST PASSED THE BOWLING CLUB IN IMBEZANE DRIVE**

# SOUTHBROOM

## COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

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COMMITTEE : Kingsley du Plessis (Chairman), Dick Holtzhausen (Deputy Chairman),  
C van Rensburg (Secretary), J Crutchfield (Finance), J Hicks (Farming Sector),  
P Reynolds (Domestic Workers), B McKenzie (Technology), B Kruger (Police Station + Reservists)

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08 August 2012

Dear Southbroom Resident

The Southbroom Community Policing Forum continues to meet on the first Monday of each and every month at the municipal offices in Southbroom at 16h00. At the meetings we engage the South African Police and other role players in the security sector with the aim of curbing crime in Southbroom and surrounding areas. The police reservists in Southbroom are deployed on the beat or bicycle patrols to patrol the entire Southbroom area. They are supported by reservists who patrol in a police van.

We have recently obtained from the Hibiscus Coast Municipality, three (3) battery supported bicycles and this will assist the police reservists in their patrols.

We do encourage the residents to visit the local Police Station and Charge Office in Southbroom and to ensure that we all have the local telephone numbers of the Southbroom Police Station. To this effect we have had made, a number of magnets and stickers with the telephone numbers reflected thereon and we encourage you to obtain one. We would like to thank Mr Johan Schoeman of Signland for producing these magnets for us.

The Southbroom Community Policing Forum also conducts a quarterly meeting with all of the domestic workers in Southbroom. These meetings take place usually just before the school holidays. At these meetings the police inform and educate our domestic workers on methods of reducing crime and reporting suspicious persons/activities.

The crime figures for Southbroom account for approximately 2% of the entire Margate Police Station's crime statistics. We can only account for this low percentage due to the good work being done by the police, our reservists and the members of the Community Policing Forum.

We do encourage all residents to become involved in reducing and reporting crime. We believe that each resident should make contact with their neighbours in the street in which they live and obtain each other's telephone numbers. This will assist in reporting suspicious persons in the area.

Further the Community Policing Forum is holding a Special General Meeting on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012 @ 09h00 at the Southbroom Golf Club** to approve the financial budget for 2013 and approve an increase in the monthly levy.

Yours faithfully

K DU PLESSIS  
CHAIRMAN

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Southbroom ratepayers and residents  
are invited to attend:

- A Special General Meeting to approve the audited financial statements, budget, levy and auditors of the Special Rating Area's Section 21 Company, Southbroom Property Owners Association
- The Chairperson of the Southbroom Community Policing Forum will deliver the Operational Report and address the meeting on Crime Prevention in Southbroom.

**SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB  
SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2012  
AT 09h00**

### **SWIFT ARREST - THANKS TO AN IPOD**

If you own an iPod, iPad or iPhone or any other device with a built in tracker, make sure you have "find my iPhone+etc" activated in your settings. Police recently made a breakthrough thanks to an iPod stolen from a house in Southridge Road. The tracker device in the iPod led the police to the house near Mbizane primary school where the goods were stored, the iPod was recovered undamaged and quick arrests were made.