



Hi Everyone,

Is it really winter? Wow we really have been enjoying some stunning weather over the last month or so, the sea temperature has been so warm it has kept the sardines away but the holidaymakers have certainly been making the most of it.

To those of you who have been visiting over the holidays, we hope you had a great time and we would be interested to hear how you enjoyed your time in Southbroom, any problems you may have encountered and any suggestions for improvements.

Southbroom is an amazing little village and if we look around us there is so much going on. Have you seen anything interesting or unusual lately, keep your camera handy so that you can capture the moment and send us your pictures. We often receive Newsletters from other KZN Conservancies and many of them have the most amazing photographs. It would be great to have at least one good photo every month and at the end of the year we can choose the "photo of the year".

This amazing picture of a Humpback was taken last week by the Animal Ocean guys looking for Sardines down at Wild Coast. They report that there have been more whales than they can count; it has definitely been a particularly spectacular whale season.





Did you know we recently had a young Southern Elephant Seal stranded on our beach? The poor thing was exhausted, severely underweight and undernourished. It was collected by staff from Sea World Durban and is now being rehabilitated at their facility at uShaka who report that it is progressing well. More info and photos on the East Coast Radio website:

<http://www.ecr.co.za/post/photos-antarctic-seal-beaches-in-kzn/>

SOUTHBROOM COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Recycling Initiative & Street Links

Our recent efforts to promote the HCM's excellent initiative of collecting the recyclables from households has highlighted the fact that our data base is inadequate and despite our great Newsletters there are still many households that we do not reach.

If we fail to get the participation of the vast majority of Southbroom's residents, then HCM will withdraw the street collection of recyclables and we will have caused this really worthwhile initiative to be denied to the whole of the South Coast.

We need to make contact with all households & talk them into participating in recycling. HCM has already distributed clear plastic bags to some households but the vast majority have not yet received their free bags. This is the perfect opportunity for us call on each house, with their bags, and at the same time get their details for the database and discuss the benefits of joining the Conservancy & Ratepayers.

We have been endeavouring reinstate our "Street Champions" (Southbroom Link) initiative for some time, and this could be the ideal opportunity to get it up and running again.

If you would like to be part of the "Link" between your neighbours, The Conservancy and Ratepayers please join us to discuss the way forward with this initiative at:

**Dave & Liz Page's B&B "Coral Tree Colony"
ON MONDAY 15TH JULY AT 5 PM**

Dave will be providing Boerewors Rolls after the meeting. Why not bring along your preferred refreshment and join us for a social get together

Any further info. contact :
David Halle 039 312 2448

COMPOSTING

In our May/June Newsletter we discussed the advantages of composting your garden and kitchen waste. If you are finding this a bit of a “bind” or have limited space there is now a product on the market that does the job for you. Just pop all your organic waste into the Aerobin; no worms, no activators, just a neat clean green bin and in no time at all you will have some fantastic food for your garden. Check the special offer for Southbroom on our website <http://www.southbroom.org/>

For Aerobin orders and any additional information contact the suppliers at wilkag.uwm@iafrica.com or www.aerobin400.com or call them on 076 683 7227.

UGU WATER SUPPLY

Several committee members attended a meeting with the Ugu Municipal Manager and Senior Water Manager on 12 June 2013. The main agenda item was the Southbroom water shortages in December 2012, and the following causes were identified:

- The bulk water demand is 140% of supply from Umtamvuna (which supplies Southbroom) in December each year, because of the additional holidaymakers on the South Coast. Ugu has initiated an upgrade programme for the Umtamvuna supply, but this will take three years to fully implement.
- The heavy rains in December 2012 washed away several water pipes, which aggravated the situation.
- Ugu plumbers were inexperienced and slow in rectifying with air locks and broken pipes caused by low reservoir levels.

Ugu have experienced severe financial and administrative problems over the last few years, but have implemented a turnaround strategy with the assistance of the KZN government. This includes the appointment of DD Naidoo as Municipal Manager, who has a good track record.

The following actions were agreed to try and mitigate future water shortages:

- Southbroom Ratepayers Association (SRA) have initiated a project, with the assistance of local experts, to review the Southbroom water reticulation system, identify and make accessible all valves and prepare updated electronic drawings. Ugu agreed to support this project and provide labour to test all the valves and water pressure. Procedures will then be prepared to assist in isolating the correct pipes when repairs are necessary.
- Ugu agreed to provide a water tanker in a central place when there are water shortages. It was agreed that the water tankers will be located at the HCM depot on Imbezane Drive.
- Ugu are in the process of upgrading their call centre, and will ensure that water staff do not take leave in December.
- Ugu will ensure that plumbers who repair broken pipes will be accompanied by supervisors who know the system.
- Residents are requested to report any water leaks to info@ugu.gov.za

Residents should be aware that there may be water shortages in Southbroom, particularly in the December months, for the next few years. The SRA recommend that residents (particularly guesthouses and B&B's) consider installing water augmentation tanks and fill these in plenty of time for the December holidays.

Brian Thompson – Southbroom Ratepayers Association – Chairman.

MAIN BEACH UPGRADE

The upgrade of the braai and shower areas has now been completed as well as repairs to the flood damaged areas behind the Riptide restaurant. The improved beach facilities have elicited favourable comment from both visitors and locals.

HCM have approved funds for the repair and upgrade of the tidal pool area and Consultants have been appointed to the project.

Brian Dick – Southbroom Ratepayers

SECURITY

The local Community Policing informs us that Southbroom has had an outstanding record this year. Please continue to be vigilant however, as we are not immune and it is important to lock your doors and set your alarm and do not leave temptation lying around.

The CPF reported that information has come to light that unauthorized persons were staying on the premises of non-permanent home owners in Southbroom and this may be without their knowledge. Home owners are requested to ensure that only authorized persons can reside on their properties. Police investigations have revealed an increase in people living in Southbroom that were not usually resident in Southbroom. Home owners are requested to check who is in fact staying on their premises whilst they are not in occupation of their houses.

POACHING

Whilst recently introduced measures are making a difference poaching continues to be a problem. It has been noticed that there is a definite increase in snare trapping and poaching around areas where building work is being carried out. If you have a Contractor on your property please inform the local Police and Conservancy and discuss the problem with the Contractor. The more we are aware of these problems the better we can control them.

ROADS

HCM have patched large volumes of potholes on Southbroom roads in the last few months. The SRA assisted HCM in identifying and prioritising the roads to be repaired. Unfortunately, there was a nationwide shortage of bitumen which delayed these repairs.

SRA also arranged for labour to clear many of the blocked drains, which were causing water damage to the roads.

NEW YEAR PARTY

SRA has obtained permission for a party at the main beach on 31 December 2013. Wozani Afrika has been appointed to organise the party subject to strict controls. Attendance will be limited to 2000, and the Southbroom Community Policing Forum will monitor the arrangements.

SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY FUND RAISER ALLIANCE

On Saturday 20th June the Southbroom Conservancy will be holding their Annual Golf Day Fund Raiser at Southbroom Golf Club. Thanks to some very generous sponsorship there are some fantastic prizes on offer in both the men's and ladies divisions. Margate Furnishers have donated a wonderful Braai which is being raffled and the winning ticket will be drawn at the Prize Giving on Saturday evening. For more information and to secure your raffle ticket contact Cathy Thompson : 083 636 9993

*Jackie Pratt – with grateful thanks for contributions from
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