



USEFUL CONTACTS

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WATER & SEWERAGE
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VILLAGE MED-VET CENTRE
Doctor Steven Stewart
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Doctor Michelle Westcott
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ALIEN PLANTS
SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY
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PRIMATE AFRICA
For monkey issues.
083 536 5960

More useful contacts can be
found on our website.

Hi Everyone,

Southbroom is gearing up for the December holidays and your committee have been working hard, in conjunction with the municipalities, to get services up to standard ready for the visitors. This has been quite a challenge, but we have made some progress and are optimistic for the New Year. Committee members themselves have undertaken and overseen maintenance and improvement projects and we thank them for going the extra mile during the year.



MAIN BEACH

Main Beach has undergone a total make-over, the tidal pool and surrounds have been upgraded and we are sure everyone will be able to enjoy some quality time on the beach and grass banks with their families. Don't forget to make use of the excellent braai facilities (please leave the area clean and tidy for the next person). Lifesavers will be on duty throughout the holidays, please ensure your youngsters know where bathing is safe, remember to swim between the



flags and if the flags are crossed this means "No Bathing". Don't take chances with the ocean, the currents in the bay can be very strong and dangerous, and please NO DOGS on the swimming beaches.

REFUSE COLLECTION

MONDAY MORNING

Refuse is collected on Monday morning weekly.

Please place your refuse in a black bag and recycling in a clear bag and place on the verge, preferable in a secure cage or wheelie bin, early on Monday morning.

Refuse which cannot be put out on Monday must be taken to the **Outlook Road depot**.

Please keep your verge clean and tidy and ensure your cage is fully empty and closed after collection.

We encourage all home-owners to invest in a cage or a wheelie. Monkeys are a serious problem, nobody wants to see refuse spread all over the verge and road.

Builders Warehouse stock wheelie bins but for a little extra cost Professional Security Systems in Southbroom will install a cage which is more convenient and secure.
039 316 8355

CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

If the wind is howling and the youngsters need to get out and let some steam off, there is now a lovely little Jungle Gym in Eyles Park, just behind the Tennis club and protected from the weather. Remember that this is a conservancy area, watch out for wildlife especially in the early morning or late evening, and please keep children and animals away from the longer grass area behind the line of logs. This area is being preserved as a "meadow" to encourage wildlife and especially fireflies, which you may be lucky to see after dark; turn off your torch, stand still and wait.

NB Signage still has to be finalised and funds still need to be raised to complete the project; donations can be made to : First National Bank, M.Cole, Account number: 62494280177, Branch: Margate- 220128.
Please send POP to Michele@coletech.co.za

SECURITY – COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

IMPORTANT : Please be aware that the first day and night visitors arrive at a holiday home or even a permanently occupied family home is when the majority of crimes are committed. Frequently these are not actual break-ins as many people tend to forget about security while they are busy unpacking, relaxing and settling in. Please keep all valuables such as cell phones, cameras and laptops out of sight or preferably locked away and ensure access points are secure at all times and alarms are activated when you go out and at night.

ALARMS

CPF recently met with local alarm companies and service providers, following which they suggest that residents who have alarms ask their service providers to remove the light, reflecting whether the alarm is activated or not, at their main entrance or front doors. Statistics have shown that the criminals monitor houses by this light to determine whether the alarm has in fact been activated. Alternatively, rather than asking the service providers to remove the alarm lights, one could take masking tape or insulation tape and cover the light.

THEFT OF TRAFFIC CALMERS

The plastic speed bumps that were situated in Captain Smith near the tennis courts have been removed without permission, which action is unlawful and as a result a police docket for the theft of the plastic speed bumps has been opened. We are requesting information from any person/ratepayer/resident in Southbroom to let us know whether they have any information pertaining to who is responsible for this crime.

SECURITY CAMERAS

The CPF has also requested residents to consider purchasing a camera which will be installed in their street with the idea being that various residents in a certain street club together to purchase the cameras and in so doing will help in deterring and preventing crime. The cost of the cameras is approximately R8000 each.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**SOUTHBROOM
RATEPAYERS AGM
Saturday 20th December
09H00 at
Southbroom Golf Club**

**SOUTHBROOM
CONSERVANCY AGM
Tuesday 6th January 2015
17H30 for 18H00
At Southbroom Golf Club**

**BOWLING CLUB
Tab In days: Tues. Thur.
Fri. and Saturdays
14:00 for 14:30
Visitors welcome**

**SPCA COUNTRY NIGHT
Clive Bruce at Pistols
Saturday 29th November
R50 per ticket from SPCA**

**SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB
Night Trail Run/Walk
Friday 5th December**

**SOUTHBROOM
CONSERVANCY
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
EYLES PARK
SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER
18H00**

**MOVIE NIGHT AT
KARMA YOGA CENTRE
Tuesday 25th November
at 17h30
THE FOUR HORSEMEN
R30pp incl. cup of soup**

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
IMBIZANE MISSION
CHURCH
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER
18H00**

**SIYAVUNA MARKET
Fresh Organic Produce
RAMSGATE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
SATURDAYS FROM 09h00**



SIT – STAY: Good Dogs
These guys are welcome

DOGS

The issue of dogs has again been discussed and it was decided by the committee that no dogs will be permitted on the main swimming beach, the grass banks, Grannies bathing beach and the Umkobi bathing beach. Necessary signage is to be erected and if people wish to take their dogs onto the beach they must take them to the south of Grannies beach. Please clean up after your dogs, packets are provided.

Dogs must be under control at all times and must be on a leash when walking the streets or in the vicinity of other people and dogs on the beach. We ask all residents to please co-operate with the police in enforcing this bylaw.

WATER

Southbroom are extremely fortunate to have Jim Davey and John Kinghorn on our Water Committee. Jim and John have been working together with UGU on water and sewerage matters for a number of years and their expertise and experience has been invaluable in helping to solve many of UGU's problems along the whole coast.

The Southbroom Ratepayers Water Committee are confident that, so long as the council (UGU) is able to produce and provide potable water to our reticulation system, we will be able to maintain a supply to most of the Southbroom reticulation, barring temporary breaks and minor shutdowns.

The chance of us running short of water would have to mean that our reservoir empties completely. In the event of lack of supply from both our sources (Umtamvuma and Sea slopes) we would be able to last on our storage for 2 days. If only one of the sources is affected then we are now able to cross-feed to maintain supply in Southbroom. We hope to get adequate notice of shortages to react in time.

Our rate payers should always be prepared for shortages over the short term but being sensible and not wasting will help - keep 10 litres of bottled water available at all times; if you have a standby tank ensure it is full.

SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY

The AGM of the Southbroom Conservancy will be held on Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 17H30 at the Southbroom Golf Club. Wine and snacks will be provided by Conservancy after the meeting; all visitors and holiday home owners are especially welcome to attend.

The quest speaker will be Yvette Ehlers who is doing a PhD. on animals in urban areas. She will give details of her project and the results of the ten cameras she had in Southbroom for three weeks.

Conservancy will be arranging walks this December and January through the Bushbuck Trail and Federika Preserve. No dogs are allowed in Federika and dogs must be on a leash at all times in the Busbuck Trail.
Contact : Peddy 0827713158 or Anne 0828967814 to arrange a guided walk.

You are reminded that it is illegal to dump either household or garden refuse on vacant stands, and all home and stand owners are obliged to keep their plots clear of alien vegetation. Conservancy representatives can be contacted to assist with advice and plot clearing.

SOUTHBROOM LIBRARY

If you find the Southbroom Library a community initiative that is of benefit to you, please help us in our annual fundraising effort by donating a luxury non-perishable item for our hamper.

We will be making up the hamper this weekend so please drop off your contribution to the library by Saturday the 22nd November before 11am.

The funds raised by the ticket sales will go towards new books and the maintenance of the library, and the draw will take place at the Carols by Candlelight community event which will be held in Eyles Park on Sunday 21 December from 5.30 onwards. Raffle tickets will go on sale at the library in two weeks' time.

We will have our newly purchased books for the library on the shelves first week in December. These are always so popular that the previous batch of books (July) are still almost weekly off the shelves!
We look forward to receiving your kind donations and thank you for your support.

BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The greens will be open throughout the holidays and visitors are welcome to come along and play. See Tab In times on the sidebar.

Christmas Lunch will be held on Tuesday 16th December and anyone is welcome to attend @ R85 per head.
Contact Heather 083 308 6614 or Lorraine 072 146 5973 to book.

VILLAGE MEDVET CENTRE OPENS ITS DOORS

On Monday, December 1st at 8:00am, the new Village MedVet Centre you've all been patiently waiting for will be officially open for business!

The building was originally the old Southbroom Supermarket, but over the past 8 months it has undergone an extensive makeover that includes a modern veterinary hospital and doctor's rooms.

Dr Stephen Stewart will be moving into the newly renovated building from his corner office, and will be joined by his uncle, Dr John Stewart who qualified in 1971 and has relocated from Pietermaritzburg. Jane and Lauren will continue to greet you at reception. Telephone numbers will be unchanged 0393168046/7.

The Southbroom Veterinary Hospital is opening its doors to all furry, feathered and loved pets, led by Dr Lezelle Floyd, a qualified veterinary surgeon since 2003. Marissa Lenting is the hospital's vet nurse, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Washington State University (USA) and has lived in South Africa for 4 years. Merle Palmer, long-time Southbroom resident and animal-lover, will be helping you at reception. The hospital boasts a modern surgical centre and dental centre, as well as radiological and ultrasound capabilities, laboratory and visiting centre. Dr Floyd is also available for house calls if needed. Not needing medical attention? Visit our vet shop for all your pet's nutritional, playful, bedding and grooming needs. To make an appointment, call 0393168000, or visit our website at www.SouthbroomVetHospital.com.

IN-TOUCH MASSAGE will also be moving to the new centre. Contact Jeanne-Louise Broide on her cell 083 430 1258 to book an appointment for your treatment.

We welcome everyone to join us for an opening week celebration on Saturday the 6th from 9-2pm, where we will be open to the community and happy to show everyone around the building. We look forward to seeing you all there!



MEET THE STAFF OF THE MEDVET CENTRE

Top from left to right: Dr Floyd, Dr Stephen Stewart, Dr John Stewart
Bottom left to right: Jane, Marissa Mandi, Moelie, Merle

SOUTHBROOM SUPPORT GROUP: Letter of intent:

The Southbroom Support Group wishes to inform the Southbroom Community that a group of retired women have been providing assistance to residents in the Village in an unofficial capacity for some time. Following a meeting, at the suggestion of Kate Clarence (a long standing resident) a decision was made to make this a more formal service to Southbroom residents.

Dr Steven Stewart has enthusiastically offered us the use of his treatment room and space for storage in the new MEDVET centre

In both Dr Stewart and Dr Westcott's rooms as well as the Southbroom Library are books containing the names and telephone numbers of the seven women (six of whom are trained nurses) who are available to help with the following-

BASIC NURSING

1. Wound Dressings and removal of stitches or clips following surgery.
2. Blood Pressure checks
3. Advice for basic ailments
4. Help with management of the ill and frail e.g. Bed bathing or an extra pair of hands for showering etc.
5. Assessment of the needs of a house bound and/or ill person.
6. Post-surgery assistance and monitoring.
7. To provide information regarding full time or temporary care givers, physiotherapists etc.

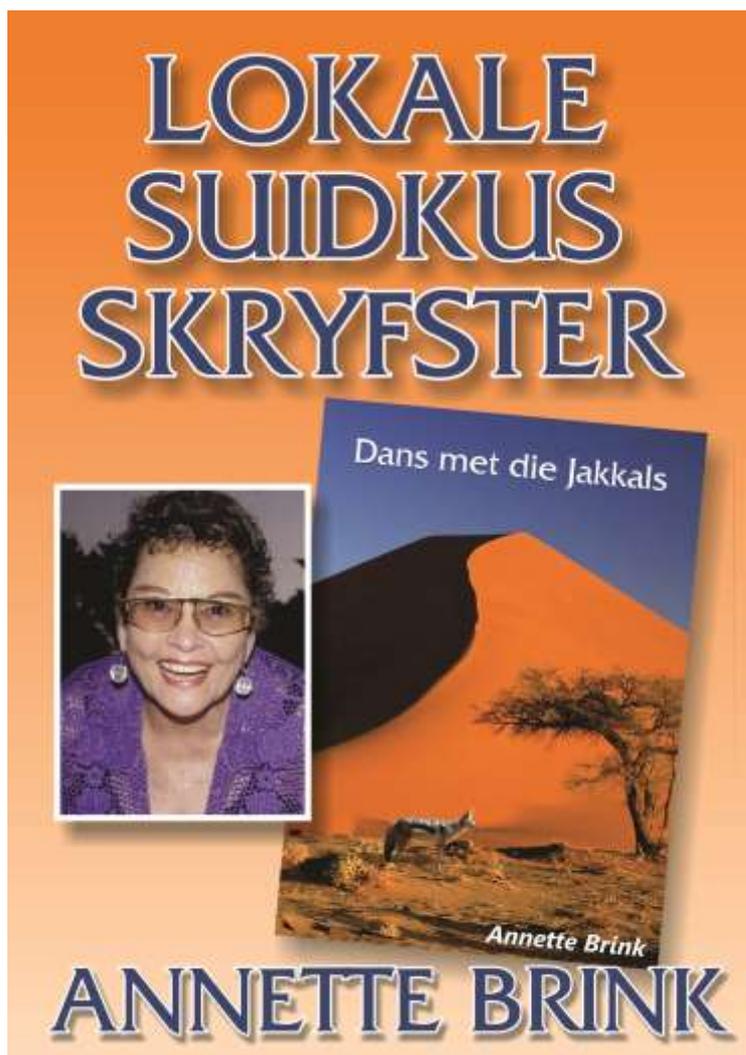
ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The nursing group request that other willing residents from Southbroom, who would like to become involved in other aspects of the Southbroom Support Group please send their names, telephone numbers and Email addresses to Debbie Derman at deb.derman@gmail.com

These volunteers would be asked to be available for the following:-

1. Provide simple meals that can be frozen, in the event that the person in need requires this type of support.
2. Provide lifts to appointments with Doctors etc.
3. Provide social visits to residents who live alone or provide support to the husbands, wives or partners of residents who are bedridden or suffering from a serious illness.

THANK YOU



A FAMOUS WRITER IN OUR VILLAGE?

Southbroom is a wonderful place to spend some quiet time and write that book that has always been inside you. A couple of years ago Libby Cochrane published her extremely interesting history of Southbroom "Remembering yesteryear" (if you haven't read it, then it is still available and well worth a read).

And now we have a newly published author in our midst, our well known Library Chair has not wasted her time in recent years while her health has prevented her from participating in more energetic activities, but has put pen to paper, or more likely sat down at her computer, and has now published her book.

Annett Brink grew up in Namibia on a farm, and physically farmed after her wedding for 25 years in Botswana. The book is about the desert areas, its people and its culture. Many readers have found it an extremely interesting read, true to its pioneering spirit. The book is on sale at Ramsgate Stationers and at the Southbroom Library.

Well done Annette and we wish you well with your book.

(I understand Dawne Murray may undertake the daunting task of translating the book into English – good luck Dawne)

Southbroom

Carols by Candlelight



Come and join us for a fun-filled evening
of carol-singing, fun and friendship
for the whole family.

Bring your own chairs, drinks and snacks.
We will provide candles, song sheets, music and
entertainment, plus the Southbroom Library
Hamper Lucky Draw will be done.

Sunday 21 December, 6 to 7.30pm
Eyles Park (next to tennis courts)

Note: if it rains we will move it to Monday 22nd

R40 per person donation at entrance, children free

At 5 pm there will be a guided walk through
the Bushbuck Trail

A COUPLE OF STUNNING PHOTOS FROM SOUTHBROOM PHOTOGRAPHER MALCOLM SUTTON
We are so lucky to have the near endangered Beautiful Black Oystercatcher on our shores
and how about this for an amazing shot of the Giant Kingfisher

