

DE TUIN

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION / HUISEIENAARSVERENIGING

Chairperson's Report

21 May 2024

Good day Homeowners

The past 11 months has been very interesting as it offered me as the new Chairperson the opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones among our De Tuin residence.

Since my election in June 2023, I have been able to serve a number of people in our community, owners and / tenants in various ways by making myself available when called upon.

Where possible, and in consultation with the rest of the board Trustees, we were able to implement a few urgent changes that made things easier and / or safer. Some of these changes was in fact suggestions made by a homeowner / homeowners.

The specifics I will unpack during the upcoming AGM for which you will receive an invitation.

Swimming Pool and Gardens

I would like to commend Evert Loo for the unselfish manner in which he takes care of our swimming pool and the great lengths he goes to, to ensure that the swimmers in De Tuin continue to enjoy a facility that is neat, tidy and fit for purpose on a daily basis.

While our Gardening Service continues to keep our Park neat and the tidy, the lawn area around the pool is a concern as a defective sprinkler system that was installed many years ago has not been functioning and this would have to be repaired or replaced in the near future. Since winter is fast approaching, we will have to rely on the coming rains to improve the quality of our garden.

Rates, Water and Sanitation

Our municipal bill has exponentially increased the past few months and this is currently being investigated. Ways to reduce electricity and water consumption at the swimming pool is being explored.

Safety and Security

De Tuin remains a low crime area and for that we are extremely grateful. We are fortunate to live in a community where all of us can feel safe and secure.

We are thankful to the community who contributed towards the Christmas hamper for our security team this past December.

Of course, our area is not 100% safe; so with that said we had a few minor incidents of attempted theft / burglary, but nothing near what surrounding areas are experiencing. Your safety and security will remain my highest priority.

Traffic

On the issue of safety, we have a huge amount of cars in the area relative to its size, for that reason I appeal to all motorists to drive with extreme caution and to please not ignore stop signs. Keep our children and our pets top of mind, always.

Whether you're driving or parking, always keep your fellow road users and neighbours in mind.

Levies

Firstly, allow me to express my gratitude to all those who regularly and promptly pay their levies. It is because of your commitment that we are able to maintain and enjoy a clean, safe and secure environment.

The Levy in De Tuin has remained unchanged for the past 6 years, considering the current cost of living and the price we pay for goods and services in South Africa, continuing on this path, would obviously be detrimental to all who live here.

With that being said we will be proposing an increase for the financial year 2024/25. For more on this please join us at the upcoming AGM meeting.

Kind regards,
Chris Theron
Chairperson – De Tuin HOA