



## SRA NEWS

Kalk Bay St. James Special Rates Area

25 August 2014

### **Start of Operations**

Since our last newsletter of 27 July, you will have noticed that, as promised, public safety and cleansing activities of public spaces began in August.

The current status of SRA activities is:

### **Company Incorporation**

Registration of the non-profit SRA Company is expected soon. However, in order to ensure that there is no delay in the provision of SRA services, the Management Team has begun implementing the services that were approved by property owners. SRA costs are being carried by local residents until the SRA company is registered.

### **SRA Manager/office**

The half day post was advertised locally and in the Cape Times and over 30 applications were received. The shortlisted candidates are currently being interviewed.

The SRA has secured an office in the Kalk Bay Community Centre at nominal cost. Being able to operate from this central location will help in building community contact and cohesion.

### **Public Safety**

A contract has been signed with Mountain Men, and on 15 August four SRA security officers began patrolling throughout Kalk Bay and St James. Two two-man teams will patrol a series of routes 24/7 on foot and by bicycle. Look out for them in their special dark blue SRA jackets with the lighthouse logo.

If you want to report anything suspicious in your area, please call the Mountain Men control room on 0861070000 and state that it is an SRA call.

The SRA is working in good co-operation with the police, Law Enforcement and the local security companies.

### **First Arrest**

On 17<sup>th</sup> August, within 48 hours of commencement of operations, an SRA patrol arrested suspects in the Kalk Bay subway, who were in possession of a Dell laptop and jewellery apparently stolen from a car which had been broken into. The suspects were handed over to the police and charged. The laptop and jewellery were returned to their owner.

### **Street cleaning**

A 'blitz clean' started on Monday 18th August with 8 people divided into 4 zones, and included litter picking, weeding and some pruning. All public areas not serviced by the City Council from Quarry Road to Carisbrooke steps will be covered. The operation is planned to last about a month, after which routine maintenance of these public spaces will be carried out. There are some differences of opinion on whether overhanging and encroaching trees, shrubs, creepers etc. on some of the steps at St James should be cut back. Rather than offend anyone we have left them, or trimmed very judiciously. Suggestions on a way forward will be welcome. If you have any suggestions, compliments or complaints contact Judy Herbert (Kalk Bay) 073-2114508 or Andy Paige (St James) 083 327 6727.

### **Social Worker**

Advertisements for a part time social worker will run this week. Again, preference will be given to local residents.

### **Website/Communication database**

We are in the process of upgrading the website, and intend to add new content. If you would like to be included in our newsletter database please mail Joanne McGilvray at [info@kalkbaystjamesra.org](mailto:info@kalkbaystjamesra.org)

### **Feedback**

The committee welcomes your feedback. Until the Manager is up and running, please email us at [info@kalkbaystjamesra.org](mailto:info@kalkbaystjamesra.org)