



KALK BAY ST. JAMES
Special Rates Area

JANUARY 2015 KBSTJ SRA NEWSLETTER

Kalk Bay and St James experienced a bumper season over the Christmas and New Year period. Unprecedented numbers of people visited our many facilities, which created a big challenge for our service providers. Despite this, very positive feedback from many residents on the crowd control and general cleanliness of the area confirms that our service providers coped very adequately with the challenges.

As a result of months of pre-planning, collaboration between the City of Cape Town's Metro Police, The City's Marine Law Enforcement, SA Police Services Muizenberg, the Monwabisi Life Guards and the Shark Spotters Cleansing Team, resulted in far better crowd control than ever before at Kalk Bay Harbour beach and no drowning! Last year there were 5.

There was a noticeable improvement in the cleanliness of the beaches and streets compared to previous years. The beaches were cleaned every morning at 5am. During this time over 1000 black bags of litter were collected. Carlyle and Edward, employed by the SRA, are putting in a sterling effort to keep the areas that are not on the City's cleansing roster, clean.

The traffic and parking situation remains chaotic. This is something that the SRA will be addressing during this coming year. The only day the Traffic Department was in the area to assist was the 4th January. Cones were placed in the road preventing cars from going into the Harbour parking area once it was full. Such a simple solution and yet so effective.

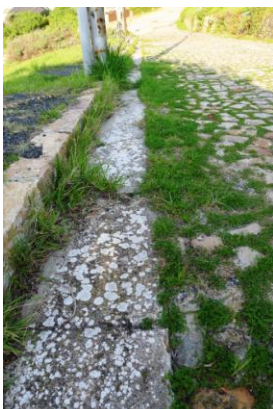
We were fortunate to get 25 extra people from EPWP (Expanded Public Works Programme) who provided additional security for the area.

One of the challenges remains the crime in the area. Although general crime levels appear to be under control, the crime situation, particularly the recent rash of car break-ins, is a worrying factor to local residents as well as to members of the public.

The public landowners namely, Dept. of Public Works, City of Cape Town, Passenger Rail Agency of SA (PRASA) and the Dept. of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries are all jointly responsible for maintaining law and order within its own borders. This year all these authorities pooled their resources to provide security presence in the St James/Kalk Bay area, which was welcomed by all. Some arrests were made over the season, but with the influx of visitors to the area, the criminal element took the opportunity to engage in many acts of lawlessness. This is something the SRA is very concerned about and is, at present, looking at various structural (e.g. parking meters, licensed parking attendants and/or more security cameras) and operational options to better address crime.

We wish to thank all those involved in the pre-planning and the implementation of the many cleansing and security initiatives, making this Festive Season the success it was.

Most of the main services will continue till the start of the new school term. The EPWP will run till the 25 January 2015. We will be calling on Department of Public Works to extend the programme through to the Easter weekend.



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