

KBSTJ SRA JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

After what has been a bumper tourist season in the Western Cape and with the children back at school and most of our foreign and upcountry visitors having left, we are now ready to tackle 2016! We do hope it is a prosperous year for all.

The biggest concern for residents and visitors to our area continues to be the crime, which we are thrilled to say is considerably reduced this year. 5 crime incidents were reported for December compared with 24 and 25 for the two previous years. This is enormously encouraging especially considering stats show an increase in crime in our neighbouring suburbs. Lake Security, together with the backup of Mountain Men in their vehicle, has obviously been doing something right.

Our perception is that although there were unfortunately some incidences of anti-social behaviour, the visitors to our beaches were able to enjoy the wonderful weather and amenities without being unduly harassed.

We are extremely grateful to the various establishments which provided additional policing, traffic control, life-saving patrols and top-up cleaning of the beaches. It is a major undertaking to co-ordinate and manage the additional services. Our thanks to all involved.

Unfortunately there has been a flurry of opportunistic crime during the past week, mainly car break-ins and goods stolen from the beaches. We do need to be mindful of this and take extra care to guard our valuables at all times.

There was some concern expressed about the extended trading-hours of the bottle store and because of this the owners of Blue Bottle agreed to not trade on New Year's Day. This is an emotive and contentious issue upon which we will report back after discussion at the next Directors' meeting.

Marion Thomas, the SRA Social Worker has regrettably resigned from the SRA. We wish to take this opportunity to thank her for the remarkable inroads she made in establishing contacts with key role players in the City and with other NGO's, particularly with regards Street Children and the homeless. We are confident we will soon find a suitable replacement.

We thank Althia Fraser-Pringle, a local resident who has taken on the supervision of maintenance of the Dalebrook Pool gardens. Although the project is still in its early stages, we have already received very positive feedback from both visitors and residents.

Please remember that if you have anything you wish to take up with the Directors to send your concerns to Gail Daniels, SRA Manager a few days before the meeting. Half an hour is set aside at the beginning of the monthly meetings, which are held on the second Monday of each month, to address these issues.