



SRA NEWS

Kalk Bay St. James Special Rates Area

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Registration of the company

The non-profit company to manage the affairs of the SRA has now been registered as KALK BAY AND ST JAMES SRA NPC. The SRA Company is in the process of registering for VAT, PAYE, tax and opening a bank account.

The Board

The directors of the company are Kenneth McClarty, Tony Trimmel, Karl Leinberger, Bert Stafford, Eric Stephen, Andy Paige and Jim Russell, and are supported by the other members of the Management Team, Joanne McGilvray, Su Birch, Judy Herbert, and Tim Conibear. Applications for membership of the SRA Company will soon be distributed, and the first General Meeting of members will be held before the end of this year.

Manager

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Gail Daniels as Manager of our SRA. Gail was born and lives in Kalk Bay and is the daughter of the late Vincent Cloete, a founder and long serving member of the Kalk Bay and St James Ratepayers and Residents Association. She brings both administration and inter-personal skills to this position. This is a part-time position, and Gail will start her duties on 1 October 2014 and can be contacted via email at info@kalkbaystjamesra.org and/or by phone on 0796091172. Our office hours are 9h00 to 13h00.

Office

The community centre committee has kindly agreed to the SRA setting up an office at the centre, at a nominal rent of R400 per month. We are hoping that the office equipment will be donated and appeal to residents to let Gail know if they have office furniture and equipment in good working condition to donate. The SRA committee and directors are absolutely determined to limit administration costs to the bare minimum needed for effective management.

Confusion over Security at St. James beach

Concerned residents have notified us that the City Council has cut back on beach security at St James. The Cape Town City Council has confirmed that, the Sport, Recreation and Amenities Department has cut back on overtime security at its facilities right across the Peninsula due to budget constraints. The result is that the Municipal security operation at St James and Muizenberg now only functions from 7.30 to 16.00 daily.

The City Council has made it clear that this step has nothing whatsoever to do with the formation of the Kalk Bay & St. James SRA, and we were not informed of the decision in advance. The fear that the City might have to cut back on municipal services was one of the motivations for establishing the SRA in the first place.

The SRA, together with the Ratepayers Association and the Muizenberg Improvement District will push to ensure that adequate municipal security services are provided at our beach facilities, which are such important assets for our local community and also key tourism assets for the City

Security

The SRA Patrols are fully operative. The Security committee holds weekly meetings with Mountain Men and gives them feedback from observations and reports by residents plus the Crimewatch Report, and the SRA patrols adjust their operations accordingly.

Website

The website <http://kalkbaystjamesra.org/> has been updated and contains minutes of the Management Team meetings and an extensive set of questions and answers about the SRA. Minutes of future board meetings will also be posted to the website.

Questions for the Board

If you have a question or complaint that you would like to put to the board, please send it in advance of board meetings via email to the manager, Gail, so that an answer may be prepared. Members of the community will be able to attend the first 30 minutes of future board and management team meetings at which their questions and complaints will be addressed.

In order to keep costs to a minimum, this will be the last postal distribution of our SRA monthly newsletter. If you have not yet provided us with your e-mail details, please drop us a mail and we will add you. If you do not have access to e-mails, copies of our newsletter will be available for collection at the SRA office during the first week of each month.