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News from KBSJ SRA

This email aims to summarise crime trends, update you on SRA work, and feature news from the community. Going forward, it will replace both the weekly crime updates and the SRA monthly newsletter. If you do not wish to receive this information, you can unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of the email.

November is historically **high crime season in South Africa** and crime may be higher this year because of the high unemployment rate due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Be aware that crime peaks at end of November/ start December then quieters down.

Over the past two weeks, a number of items have been stolen from gardens or cars in the early hours of the mornings. By and large, this is petty theft – items such as cooler boxes and car radios. We also continue to see a spate of copper pipe theft; again, taking place in the early hours. This is affecting both business and residents equally. *We are reporting the trend in this newsletter - the addresses/ case numbers are tracked by our team.*

We urge you to: **remove items from your cars/ put away anything visible at home. Consider replacing copper pipes with PVC. Upgrade your security at home where possible. If you experience an incident, please report it to SAPS. Send your case number to the SRA as we are working closely with SAPS to follow up.**

Action taken to address this:

Baywatch Patrollers and the SRA guards patrolled on the 29th October, SRA put in an additional guard at St James (Danger Beach garden) and Mountain Men have put in additional resource at night. A small number of people may be behind these thefts, as typically the items are sold to buy drugs. We are working closely with SAPS and the SRA Social Development Co-Ordinator on this matter.

Sleeping in public areas:

Homelessness is not a crime but sleeping in public areas such as Lever Street Park and on St James Danger Beach garden overnight remains an infringement of applicable by-laws, to the best of our knowledge. During the COVID-19 pandemic and, pending the outcome of a court case at the Cape Town High Court, Law Enforcement has advised that no-one can be “moved on” – even by Law Enforcement – at night.

The SRA is keeping a close eye on what is happening in the area. Please continue to report these matters to Law Enforcement (021 480 7700) and retain your reference numbers so we can track. All other by-law infringements can be reported to this number too.

Please report all SAPS case numbers and the Law Enforcement reference numbers to manager@kalkbaystjamesra.org so that we can follow up and track crime in our area.

We are aware of community concern around Danger Beach Park and Lever Street Park. An extensive clean up and trimming of the hedges is scheduled this week.

Arrests

There have been a number of arrests in the past two weeks: poachers were found by SAPS with 128 shucked perlemoen in their possession, Mountain Men arrested one of the Rastas on Main Road for assaulting the station master, and Mountain Men also disarmed a man in the harbour for carrying a large knife.



We thank Taahir Osman and his team for their outstanding efforts working with SanParks to clear the area at the back of Ladan Road on 27 October.

Did you know?

KBSJ SRA has three patrolling guards 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. On average, each guard walks up to 16 km per 12 hour shift, checking in on average four times to the 72 points in the area.

The SRA sends condolences to the bereaved family of the boy who was tragically killed in a bike accident corner Clairvaux and Main Road on 03 November. Our Social Development Co-Ordinator, Anna, has spent considerable time in Lavender Hill to assist the family. Thank you Anna.

Next week we look at: AGM report back, CCTV project update and a coordinated security plan for high season (November 2020 to end January 2021).

Questions, feedback, comments – [we want to hear from you!](#)

Best regards
KBSJ SRA

Important Information

[Report a Fault \(C3\)](#)

SAPS Muizenberg: 021 787 9000/ SAPS Fish Hoek" 021 784 2700
All Emergencies: 107 (from a landline) / 021 480 7700 (from a cellphone)

KBSJ SRA: Kalk Bay Community Centre, Main Road, Kalk Bay, 7975
(079) 609 1172

Operating hours are 09h00 to 13h00 Mondays to Fridays excl Public Holidays.



For more information and key numbers, please visit our website.

All property owners in the Kalk Bay and St James area contribute financially to the services offered by the SRA. To have your say, you need to apply to become a member. KBSJ SRA welcomes community participation, involvement, input and ideas - so do please apply for membership so that you can participate and vote in the SRA public meetings.

You are most welcome to join the first half hour of our Board meeting that take place the third Tuesday of every other month at 19h15 at the Kalk Bay Community Centre. If you would like to discuss an issue, please email the SRA manager (manager@kalkbaystjamesra.org) so we can add it to our agenda.

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