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**KALK BAY ST. JAMES**  
Special Rating Area NPC

# News from KBSJ SRA

Thank you for the positive feedback received from last week’s newsletter. A reminder, this email serves to update you on crime stats together with useful security information, social development updates and community news. This edition is jam packed!

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## This week's security incidents:

Our Lake Security supervisor called in an incident in the early hours of last Friday (13 November), where a group of people near the harbour were fighting and a flare was set off. SAPS and law enforcement responded and a stolen cell phone was recovered, with the suspect

arrested.

A number of reports have been received of people sleeping on private property on border of Lever Street Park – in the early hours of last Wednesday morning, Social Development Coordinator Anna was on the phone in the early hours to Law Enforcement to try to ensure arrests were effected. This was discussed with Captain Knapp (SAPS) at our weekly security meeting to agree a way forward. SRA took the action to discuss further securing the property with the owner and Captain Knapp is looking into the late arrival of SAPS in early hours of Wednesday. SAPS has one vehicle roaming in a large area so it is not always possible to get a response timeously.

The SRA notes community concerns that Obed has returned to the area – he is likely staying in one of the caves on the mountain and carrying a white steel stick. For those not aware of the background, women in particular are cautioned to steer clear as he harasses and insults people. SRA guards have been tasked with taking a recent photo of

Obed and all stakeholders, including SAPS, are aware of the situation. Please alert us if you see him.

**In terms of an ongoing court case with the City of Cape Town, no one can currently move on homeless people during the night in public areas.**

Social Development Coordinator Anna has been working with the City to find accommodation and help for a number of “regulars” who cannot go to the Night Shelter (it is full). This past week, three men in St James were able to return home while a fourth, Marlon, remains but the City is aware and trying to assist.

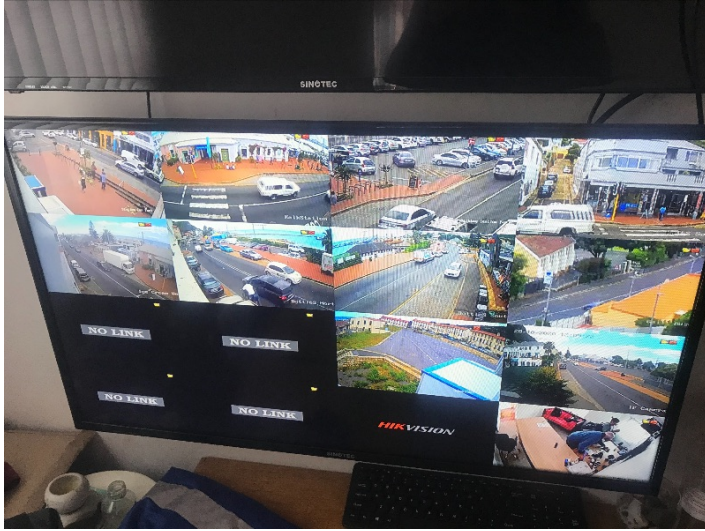
In the past week, we have again had reports from residents and businesses that pot plants, veggie planters and taps are being stolen. This is very hard to prevent as typically it happens so fast and in the early hours of the morning, when it is still dark. We believe we know the identity of one suspect but do not have a case open. **It is worth considering improving security on your property; particularly useful are external beams connected to**

a security provider.

If items have been stolen, please take the time to open a case. We have only nine case numbers for 2020 so far for all incidents. If you open a case, please send through the number so we can track it.



BayWatch Patrollors invite you to join the patrol this Thursday at 8.30-10.30pm. Meet at the bottle store and please don't forget your masks. SRA guards are joining in too.



## **KBSJ SRA CCTV Project Update - Bert Stafford**

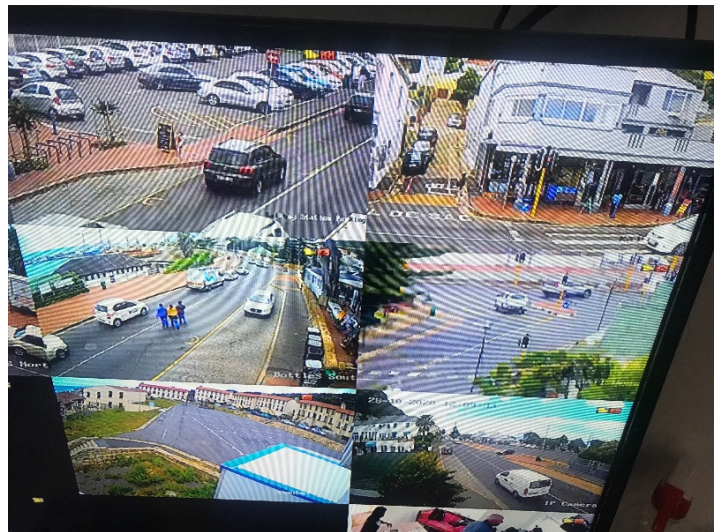
“We currently have 14 cameras working with two more mounted and awaiting power supply from the City. We are negotiating with the Harbour Authority to reinstall two cameras. At the moment, the right equipment is difficult to procure due to the effects of Covid on freight. Our aim is to have a further six cameras in operation by the month end, including three financed by residents in their area.

KBSJ SLA guards monitor these cameras throughout the night. During the day, Mountain Men have contributed one controller for a six week trial to help on the busiest days of the week (Thursday to Sunday).

We were able to supply CCTV footage to Law Enforcement of the

recently fatality at the Clairvaux/Main road junction. We also had footage of a car break-in on Main road Kalk Bay early last Wednesday morning but could not recognise the perpetrators.

This three year project has involved negotiations with private property owners, businesses and Council. To date we have spent around R290,000 on this project from SRA funds.



Strategically, we are placing cameras along Main Road and Boyes Drive first to enable us to observe all the street and step intersections with the main routes. Part of our vision is to relay CCTV live footage to both Law enforcement and SAPS and we are working on obtaining buy-in.

Instead of connecting to every type of home CCTV network, we are focusing on creating one network with one type of industrial standard camera. This ensures the quality of footage remains consistent and the network is reliable. To this end, we have partnered with a supplier who is overseeing the project. If you would like to contribute a camera in your road, the cost is around R4,800 per camera installed. Our long term aim is 40 cameras.

Please contact Gail on [manager@kalkbaystjamesra.org](mailto:manager@kalkbaystjamesra.org) or myself to discuss.

I am very encouraged by the current status as we head into the peak season.”

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### Thank you to Florian and Nic

During lockdown, an initiative within the Fishermen's Flats and in partnership with St James primary, has delivered free WiFi for a period of 12 months to ensure learners kept up to date with their school work. Over 20 routers were supplied and data is uncapped. Big thanks to Florian at the Chartfield Nic at Salt for raising the funds and to Wilbernet for subsidising the routers. An impressive and thoughtful contribution to our community.





A reminder that this weekend is a harbour clean up. In recent weeks, more plastic nurdles have been washing up so you can help collecting these together with the general litter that is blighting our village.

**In other news: taps are returning to the beaches and to Danger Beach park. Thank you to resident Eric Stephen for driving this. Please use water responsibility.**

*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](mailto:manager@kalkbaystjamesra.org)) so we can add it to our agenda.*

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