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News from KBSJ SRA

Did you feel the earth move this past week? An earthquake measuring 3.4 sent minor tremors through Kalk Bay just after midnight on Tuesday 17 November.

This newsletter covers recent crime incidents as well as community initiatives. As we enter the high season for crime, we remind you to be alert. Consider improving your home security. If you see something suspicious – say it. Information is valuable if we can act on it. See below for how to report incidents.

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This week's security incidents:

- A well-known individual named Cheslyn, who typically sleeps in the St James Beach park, was caught on camera stealing a potplant from Capri Steps on Monday 16 November in the evening. He was then seen loading it into a white Qashquai that uses a false registration plate. His mother lives in
- Please be aware of the modus operandi. The house targeted in Lock Road was first scoped by two men asking for food. The owner of the property handed out biscuits. The owner returned to the front yard to continue gardening and found a third suspect already in the yard. The owner had the presence of mind to close the

- Muizenberg and the stolen item was recovered from her property. Captain Knapp, at Muizenberg SAPS, arrested Cheslyn on Wednesday and he came before court on the Thursday but was released on bail. If you have additional charges to be laid relating to petty theft (whether or not you know who did it) please consider going to the Muizenberg SAPS to open a case. Captain Knapp would personally like to take your statement.
- Separately, as part of the SRA mandate for social development, our social development coordinator Anna works hard to arrange accommodation, rehabilitation and assistance for displaced people in the area. She had twice arranged with the City for Cheslyn to have a place to sleep in Simonstown. He did not arrived on the agreed dates and because of this, together with the criminal charges, assistance has been revoked.
- On Saturday 21 November, a house break in was reported on Lock Road – three suspects were seen. A flat screen tv was stolen and later dropped on the

- door locking two suspects inside the house they then broke out of a double door on the other side of the house to escape. This was obviously an upsetting incident and highlights the importance of being cautious and ensuring your property is secure.
- BUZZER. We remind you to download the Buzzer app.
 This app is FREE and easy to use on any smart phone.
 Everyone in your house can download it. On this app you can press SOS for immediate help AND you can report suspicious incidents/ sightings etc. If you need more information, send us a mail.
- Other ways to report suspicious incidents or crime: call SRA Lake Security Supervisor on 076 358 3531/ Muizenberg SAPS on 021 787 9000 or call your security provider.
- A number of incidents of shoplifting have been reported at the businesses on main road. There is one particular woman carrying a large handbag that is a known suspect. If you see something suspicious please report it to the patrolling guards or the store manager.

grass field on Anderston/
Duignam as the suspects fled.
An old Nokia phone was the only other item stolen.

KBSJ SRA CCTV Update

Thank you for the incredibly positive response to the SRA CCTV project. We have had the offer of several more cameras in two different locations – will keep you posted!

The Baywatch Patrollers, a group of volunteers, have been busy this week, first doing two hours of patrol on Thursday evening and then organising a clean-up in the harbour area on Sunday 22 November.

Nearly 20 Baywatch Patrollers participated resulting in many bags of rubbish being cleared. Chief litter offenders are: sachets of tomato sauce and vinegar, cigarette butts and sweet wrappers. Please take your rubbish home with you!

Big thank you to Everal Trimmel for organising, to everyone who participated and to Petco for sponsoring the bags. If you would like to join the Baywatch Patrollers please message <u>Everal</u>.











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 (<u>manager@kalkbaystjamessra.org</u>) so we can add it to our agenda.

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