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# **News from KBSJ SRA**

Wow, did you notice this newsletter is a week delayed? COVID rates are rising fast in the Western Cape and unfortunately this area is no exception. And because of not following the guidelines, my family and I contracted COVID and have been unwell for the past ten days. My husband and I attended a dinner party with no social distancing, indoors, with no masks. We are all getting better and, despite having no sense of smell or taste, we are fortunate to have not been too affected.

Please wear a mask. As we move into busy season, so many people are not wearing masks in KBSJ - be aware and do your bit. Observe social distancing. The protocols work! I certainly didn't think it would happen to me. But it did.

I am pleased to be able to now report the community crime trends and news for the past two weeks. - *Kate Wardle, KBSJ SRA* 

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## **Security incidents:**

- As previously reported,
  Cheslyn remains a focus as he was arrested by SAPs through assistance from Mountain
  Men for carrying Mandrax.
  Again, he was released on bail but these cases remain open.
  We encourage you to continue to report cases. Captain
  Knapp has undertaken to get these cases back on the court roll.
- We thank you for your increased vigilance, particularly noting the "fake" City Official collecting money - please read here and note he has been spotted a number of times in Kalk Bay/ St James. He is here every Monday. We are working hard to effect an arrest.
- A second weekend of no theft in the business community due in part to the bicycle patrol with the Mountain Men that has resulted in arrests, including one for assault.
- Lake Patrollers report that between 24 Nov and 30 Nov, guards tapped in to the 72 check point stations 3463 times, meaning on average each station was visited 7.4

times every 24 hours. This is well above the target of four times each 24 hours. Well done Juda and team!

- SAPS have a coordinated plan in place for the festive season. The SRA together with the Baywatch Patrollers, Mountain Men and Anna the social development coordinator attended a meeting on 26 November to learn more. Overall, there will be an excellent presence in Kalk Bay St James this season including attention on traffic congestion, law enforcement on beaches, stop and search, and a dedicated joint operational command centre. The SRA is assisting by providing a smart phone for this so that an operational WhatsApp group can be established with all role players.
- The Baywatch Patrollers
   completed another patrol last
   Thursday and we thank them
   for committing their time in the
   evening to keeping our
   community safe.
- This is likely to be when crime

increases during our busy tourist season. 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.

#### Buzzer

A number of people have queried how the app works. The purpose of Buzzer is to cut down on the conversations/ chat/ noise typically on a WhatsApp group. As such it provides a forum to report incidents so that a log is created. As such all things should be reported there - suspicious people and crimes but also general issues, fire etc. The notifications go to everyone registered plus Mountain Men and Lake Security. When the incident is closed, there is no feedback specifically. It is designed like this. The follow up is in the weekly newsletter. We are arranging another test next week to help residents better understand how it works. If you would like to participate, please download the App in the interim.

## Wishing Jo Adams luck in her move

The SRA thanks Jo Adams for her incredible hard work for the Kalk Bay Business Association over the past few years. Jo and her husband have had a work opportunity in Mauritius and had to make a rapid move - with a day or twos notice - to get there before a lockdown in the country. Jo continues to run the Kalk Bay Village Facebook page remotely for now. We will keep up to date with her journey!

Questions, feedback, comments – we want to hear from you!

### **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@kalkbaystjamessra.org) so we can add it to our agenda.

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