



Grootvlei Residential Estate Homeowners Association.

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- All you need to know regarding the AGM below
- Anybody interested in helping with the monthly newsletter please contact the office.
- Report all incidents of crime no matter how trivial.

**The office will be closed from 10am on 11 December and
reopen on 4 January**



Swimming Pool

POOL & PARKING AREA Rules are for your safety.



The swimming pool is open, and turnstile access is being installed, until this is in place, Patrick is supervising the pool area, please work with him when it comes to the pool rules. The rules are there to prevent injuries and drownings, pools are very dangerous areas. At all meetings, the pool is brought up, with most owners complaining about the number of non-residents going to our private pool. This has become more of a problem due to COVID regulations, where the number of people in the pool area must be limited.

Please, the pool is not a public pool, it is there for the use of residents. If you want to invite 20 friends for a braai, you cannot use the pool area.

Children's Transport Hooting



We are receiving a number of complaints regarding the noise that is made by children's transport when they come to collect children early in the mornings. These drivers stop at houses and start hooting until the children come out.

There are many residents who work shifts and funny hours and their sleep is broken by this excessive and unnecessary noise.

We have all heard how noisy hooters get in town and in the suburbs and we cannot allow our estate to suffer the same noise pollution.

Please inform your Children's driver to refrain from hooting in the estate. We really do not want to ban certain vehicles from entering the estate.

**This request was sent out in the previous newsletter, but the problem persists.
We will block the offending transporters tags.**

AGM

Saturday 14 November, we had our Operations meeting where all issues, compliments, complaints were discussed then on Thursday 3 December the AGM was held. The AGM is usually short and sweet as it is only for voting, there are no discussions. Here are the minutes of the AGM for your information.

GROOTVLEI RESIDENTIAL ESTATE HOMEOWNERS NPC

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held at PLG School, 6 Lang Laagte Road, Springs on Thursday 3 December 2020 at 18:00

Present : As per attendance register signed by members of the company
Apologies : No Apologies received

Constitution : With a quorum present, Mr Clive Billows, Chairman of the Company declared the Meeting duly constituted and reminded members that in accordance with the Memorandum of Incorporation ("MOI"), only members in good standing may vote and each full member shall have one vote.

Notice : The notice convening the meeting, with the consent of the members present was taken as read.
Proxies : Fifth Season Investments 99 Pty Ltd appointed the Chairman

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all members present and declared the voting procedure to be by ballot papers handed to members at registration. Ms Yolandi Hills was appointed as Scrutineer.

ORDINARY BUSINESS – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman delivered the Chairman's Report for the previous year.

1. ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER 1 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2020.

The Chairman proposed, and the motion was carried by **97%** votes cast in favour to approve and adopt the Annual Financial Statements for the period ending 28 February 2020 and all matters and things undertaken and discharged by the Directors on behalf of the company were confirmed.

2. ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER 2: APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Chairman confirmed that the Board was satisfied with the external auditors and that they complied with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act and the Kin IV reports. He therefore proposed and the motion was carried by **99%** votes in favour that the current auditors, RVN Chartered Accountants be re-appointed for the forthcoming year.

3. ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER 3: TO APPOINT DIRECTORS

The Chairman confirmed that a director nomination process was followed, and the following members were nominated and elected with between **97% & 100%** of the vote
Mr Clive Colin Billows
Mr Mashoeu Mashoeu
Mr Isaac Dhlamini
Me Tracy Laubscher

4. ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER 4 – MONTHLY LEVIES

Pursuant to clause 19.1.5 of the MOI, the Chairman proposed, and the motion was carried by **96%** votes in favour, that the monthly levy contribution per member from March 2021 shall be R450.00 (Four Hundred and Fifty Rand) per month.

CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the proceedings were concluded.



Fibre to Home is now live

So how do we now get out internet connection?

With the system we have had installed, we can all decide on which internet service provider (ISP) we would like to use, there are many ISPs to choose from. Vodacom and Vox did come and put up their gazebos and spoke to residents regarding their packages. We will allow all ISPs the same opportunity to present their packages.

Once you have selected your preferred ISP, they will install a fibre from the black box that feeds your house, into your home and supply you with all the hardware you require for your internet connection.

Some ISP information can be found by clicking here <https://shop.vumatel.co.za/>



Contractors shutdown



Please take note that as from the 20 December 2020 – 03 January 2021, there may NOT be any contractors on any sites. Site inspections will be carried out randomly and owners will be issued a Non-Compliance Fine as per the contractor's agreement signed by the owner. It is up to you to ensure that you comply with the rules and all parties are aware, informed and understand

Fireworks & Noise

Grootvlei Estate is a Firework Free zone i.e. Fireworks are not permitted in the estate, they are extremely dangerous, causing serious injuries, damage and fatalities worldwide every year.

Not only are they not permitted in the estate, they are not allowed in Ekurhuleni without a permit. For your information extracts of the laws are below.



Section 42 of EMPD By-laws

42. Disturbance of the peace

(1) No Person shall unduly or without just cause, fire or discharge any firearm, airgun or air pistol within the Metropolitan area.

(2) No person shall discharge fireworks without the prior written consent of the Council, and such written consent shall hereafter be called a "Fireworks permit". Such "Fireworks permit" will be readily available at the event and produced on request by an authorised officer. Any person failing to do so shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) Provided that subsection (1) shall not apply in the event of formal target practice at a recognised shooting range.

(4) No person shall without the consent of the Council in writing, play or permit the playing of any music, or use or permit the use of any loudspeaker or public address or other audible device on or adjacent to or which may be heard in any street or public place.

(5) No person shall disturb the public peace in a street or public place, or on private premises by making noises or causing them to be made by shouting, quarrelling, fighting, singing or playing any type of musical or noise creating instrument or by means of a radio, loudspeaker or similar device, or by riotous, violent or immoral behaviour.

(6) No person shall at any time sound any warning device on any vehicles in such a manner as to produce a shrieking, raucous or offensive noise; Provided, however, that where in the case of emergency the driver of a vehicle acts with the object of avoiding an accident, the use of such warning device shall not constitute an offence.

The rules are what makes an estate different from living in town, suburbs or townships, without them we will go backwards. We all saw this lovely, clean, tranquil estate and decided that we want to live here. Now there are those who want to break it down, we all agreed to the rules by signing them when we purchased and now, we must abide by them.

Also remember that we are all responsible for our guests and anyone we give access to the estate's behaviour.

Slaughtering of animals

We do understand that there are times when some of us need to slaughter an animal for religious or ceremonial purposes. This can be done if the correct procedures are followed. You are required to obtain a permit from the council 14 days prior to the slaughtering as well as inform the office and ensure that none of your neighbours can see or hear the process. Below is an extract of the Council's bylaws for easy reference.



Keeping of and slaughtering animals for religious and ceremonial purposes

Section 125.

- (1) A person intending to slaughter an animal in any place other than in a recognized abattoir must
 - (a) notify the Council in writing, fourteen days prior to the event; and;
 - (b) submit prior written permission from the owner, tenant or person in control of the land where such slaughtering will occur if the person who performs the slaughtering is not the owner, tenant or person in control of the relevant land; if the applicant is the owner, proof of ownership must be submitted with the application.
 - (c) obtain prior written permission from Council to conduct such a slaughtering.
 - (d) slaughter the animal in a position where the slaughtering cannot be observed by any person on neighbouring premises or any member of the public;
 - (e) use the meat derived from the slaughtered animal solely for the purpose of the religious or ceremonial feast;
 - (f) handle the meat in a hygienic manner at all times;
 - (g) dispose of any portions, faecal deposits and blood of the animal which are not used or consumed, in a manner which will not become a public health hazard or public health nuisance; and
 - (h) not keep such animal prior to slaughtering for a period in excess of 12 hours;
 - (i) ensure that the animal does not cause a noise nuisance or disturbing noise whilst being kept for slaughter or being slaughtered.
- (2) A person intending to slaughter an animal for religious and/or ceremonial purposes may require the service of an environmental health practitioner for post-mortem examination of the slaughtered animal at a cost determined by Council from time to time.

Municipal account information

For all your queries regarding your municipal account please register on the City of Ekurhuleni's Siyakhokha web site, below is the link, once registered you can call-up your accounts and lodge queries and make payments.

<https://siyakhokha.ekurhuleni.gov.za/>

If you have a problem with Water, electrical supply or blocked sewerage you need to phone the call centre. Please note that sometimes it sounds like you have been disconnected but keep holding on, they do reply after a while. Take note of the reference number.

The Call centre Contact details are



0860 543 0000



Call.Centre@ekurhuleni.gov.za



Thank you to all those residents who, by complying with our simple rules, and these difficult lockdown regulations, as you are keeping Grootvlei Residential Estate one of the most neat, tranquil and safe areas to live in.

Let's all stand together and keep it tranquil and safe, noncompliance leads to lawlessness which leads to total destruction of everything that made us purchase in this estate.

Non-compliance fines are our last resort, we do not like issuing fines, but we all signed in agreement of our rules and regulations, and they are legally binding on all of us.

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The office is open every 2nd Saturday of the month 9 to 12

South African COVID-19 Hotline **08000 2 9999**

Wishing everyone a safe and joyous festive season, remember to take precautions to prevent being infected by COVID-19

