

FLEETWOOD ESTATE TIMES

December Issue

Welcome to the first edition of the Fleetwood Times

This newsletter will serve as a platform for our community to collaborate, communicate and contribute to the success of Fleetwood. We will be distributing this newsletter once a month so if anyone has anything to contribute, some information or maybe you are selling something please contact debbie @ debbie.hunter@firstdistribution.com

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By Mark Banfield



This has been quite a year for the whole world, and Fleetwood was no different. We have learned a lot about ourselves and others, and in some ways this has brought the community closer together. Like everybody else the board have been challenged beyond anything we have seen before, but like stars that they are, everybody stepped up. Our approach is as always to balance security with a pleasing environment. This meant that we had to think hard about how we serve the needs of the community to create maximum freedoms without exposing people to unknown dangers. Fortunately we learned a lot along the way, and could comfortably do a community bring and braai, organized by Di, which was well attended. I look forward to seeing some of the pics taken on the day on our website, which Debbie is now managing.

We have also finally managed to get to the security upgrades, which were completing during lockdown. As is to be expected there were some challenges as we got to know the system, but everything seems to be working well, and we are set for the next few years.

Owners have also been tremendously helpful through their positive response to the midyear maintenance updates, and it was very encouraging to see so many of you out and about with renovations and upkeep. The estate is thus looking particularly good, which is great for house prices. A big thank you to Sandra and Pieter for their attention to detail, fantastic communication and persistence, where it was needed.

Likewise the gardens are looking fabulous thanks to Di's efforts with the Guys in Green. It is always very encouraging when visitors comments on the look and feel of the estate, which between the good maintenance of units, and upkeep of the gardens goes a long way to creating a great first impression.

Pieter has proven to be a wonderful asset to the estate in many ways. From doing maintenance himself, to sorting out the rats, ants, bees and most recently flies, always going beyond what is expected. Thank you on behalf of all at Fleetwood.

Our other service providers have also been of great assistance this past year in keeping us safe and everything working as it should.

It is difficult to reflect on the year gone by without pausing on the sad and unfortunate passing of Russell Mumford, who served the board and Fleetwood for the past few years as Financial Director. It is a reminder to all of us of how serious COVID is and will remain for the next year or two.

As I talk to you from the veranda of the Morgans Bay hotel, and contemplate the year ahead, I am confident that we will all make positive progress towards living to learn with Covid, while re-establishing a productive and happy and rewarding 2021. People have shown their resilience and creativity, that will continue to play out in the new year, towards a new future in which we at Fleetwood will remain focused on providing a safe and pleasant environment, to work and live.

GARDENS BY DI

December in the Garden

By Di Franzen

If your lawn isn't dark emerald green by now, fertilise it and water and mow regularly. The holidays are coming and you are going to be spending lots of time lying on your lawn, either watching the clouds go by or gazing at the stars, and you deserve to be comfortable!

All pumpkin types are sown in November, but you can also sow seeds of French beans, climbing beans,



mealies, sweetcorn, cucumbers, and melons in situ. Plant seedlings of sweet peppers, chillies and tomatoes and remember to do follow-up planting of favourite cooking herbs such as sweet basil, coriander and parsley.

Going away? Weed all of your beds, feed them with a general fertiliser, water well afterwards and mulch – this will keep your garden ticking over until you return. Also check that your irrigation system is working perfectly and covering all of your beds.

Acid-loving hydrangeas, gardenias and fuchsias are at their best now. If not, feed the plants with an acidic foliar feed and mulch around the base with bark chips.

Hot tip: Beware the lily borer (a black caterpillar with yellow bands), which bores into the hearts of clivias, agapanthus and arum lilies. Signs of activity are decaying leaves and dying plants.



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COMPLEX BRAAI

The complex braai was a huge success with people turning out to celebrate with one another again. Thank you very much to Di for a great event. Looking forward to the next social....



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SECURITY UPDATE

We have implemented a new security system. This was necessary as we needed to increase the security in line with our neighbours and the latest technology requirements.

There have been incidents in the area so please be extra vigilant especially at the gate, make sure you have remote control ready to access rather than wait around at the gate. Also please report suspicious behaviour to the Security guard

MEET THE BOARD

Mark Banfield – Chairman



Siva Naidoo – Vice Chairman & Security



Sandra Ayerst - Maintenance



Di Franzen – Gardens



Jacqui Carty – Security



Vischen Govender – Finance



Debbie Hunter – Comms



We would like to wish you a wonderful and joyous Festive season and if you are going away please travel safely

.Regards

The Fleetwood Board

