



“What I learned so far in 2020 is that everything can change so quickly. Things you relied on can be taken away. What is truly important are the people you care about, that they are safe, protected and feel loved.”

ANONYMOUS

The post-COVID-19 world will be very different and the Sea Point, Fresnaye, Bantry Bay Ratepayers & Residents Association (SFB) are looking into the future to prepare for what is yet to come. Only by joining forces and working together as a community will we prevail!

WE ARE SPEAKING TO ALL THE ROLE-PLAYERS ON THE ATLANTIC SEA BOARD AND WORKING ON PREPARING FOR THE NEXT PHASE AS SHELTERS CLOSE, MORE HOMELESS WILL BE OUT ON THE STREETS AND MORE SUPPORT NEEDED.

OUR AIMS:

KEEP IT CLEAN

SFB is planning to extend services throughout the SFB area to those streets that are fully signed up for our Safety & Cleaning Initiative (SCI)

- the current cleaning service run by Straatwerk
- distribution of Doggy Poo-bag dispensers.

KEEP IT SAFE

Our Security service provider, Avenue Response, is successfully providing much needed security in beachfront and roads between Beach and Main Roads and will soon be in the area above Main Road as our SCI contributors grow in those areas. Each SCI member is given a hotline number.

BE REALISTIC

Homelessness is not going away anytime soon and we, therefore, need to learn how to manage it sensitively and effectively to limit the negative impact on our community. To do that we need to know the homeless people in our area, those that stay and those that come and go. SFB will start a 'homeless hub' with our own field workers as part of the existing Safety & Cleaning Initiative to help homeless people in our area to obtain ID's, get a job and a place to stay in cooperation with NGO's and The City of Cape Town.

At all times, the community's field workers will be in contact and collaborate with the municipalities' field workers so that there is full transparency and co-operation.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP:

- Support SFB - Find out more on our website: <http://sfb.org.za/> and SFB Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SeaPointFresnayeBantryBay>
- Join the Safety & Cleaning Initiative – contact us on 078 873 0423 or admin@sfb.org.za

THERE ARE MANY REASONS TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE:

- Help us to keep our neighbourhood safe and clean
- Create opportunities for those who are in need of jobs, food and shelter
- Protect your property investment
- Support your community – together we can make a difference

CARING

As we approach **LEVEL 3** of national lockdown there is much celebration/relief regarding open exercise times and alcohol sales. However, let's remember to remain responsible, be vigilant, stay safe and wear a mask when outside.

COVID-19 Prevention Tips



WASH

Wash your hands frequently – for at least 20 seconds



COVER

Use tissues when you cough or sneeze and dispose of them immediately, use your elbow if a tissue not available



AVOID

Do not touch surfaces and then your mouth, eyes or nose



DISTANCE

Practice social distancing by not shaking hands, hugging, etc.



ISOLATE

Stay home if you become ill and prevent the spread of the illness

WEAR A CLOTH MASK WHEN GOING OUT!

STRAATWERK

Our cleaning teams comprise of members of the homeless community and previously disadvantaged who are part of the vulnerable group and to keep them safe, there has been no Straatwerk cleaning shifts since lockdown. This will change in lockdown level 3 as the cleaning teams will gradually be integrated until all shifts are up and running.

We are happy to confirm that we have been paying the daily wages of all our cleaning staff during this trying time.

AVENUE RESPONSE

Our SFB SCI security service provider, Avenue Response, continues to be a very visible presence during the lockdown. After being alerted of aggressive solicitation outside supermarket entrances, they responded in true Avenue Response style, by safeguarding the entrances!

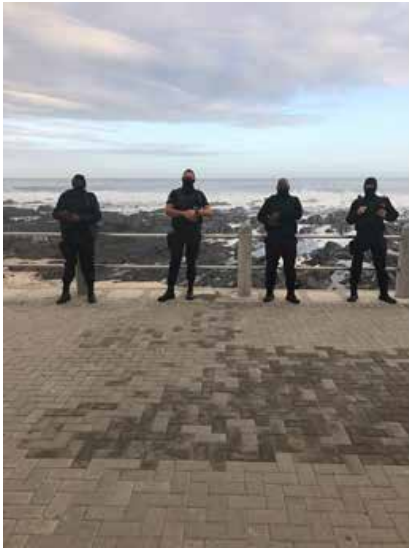
BUZZER IS COMING



Avenue Response have installed the Buzzer App in their control centre.

They are currently training their staff to incorporate it in their daily monitoring and response routine. The launch date is proposed for July 2020.

Still patrolling for SFB 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and are invaluable in safe-guarding Sea Point during these uncertain times. To enjoy greater benefits, please contact admin@sfb.org.za (Lower Sea Point Only – will be extended above to the Main Road if more people sign up)



PLEASE BE VIGILANT:

There has been an increase in theft out of motor vehicles and garages.

Please ensure that your cars and garages are locked at all times and do not leave anything in your car!

SFB NEEDS YOU!

SFB is looking for residents who will be willing to volunteer their time to the Ratepayers Association:

- **MARKETING**
- **DESIGN**
- **IT**

If you can help, or have any other abilities and the time to invest in your community, please contact **admin@sfb.org.za**

SFB PLANNING COMMITTEE

SFB would like to thank Larry Aberman for years of dedication, hard work and commitment to the SFB Planning Committee, he will surely be missed.

SFB meetings including SFB Planning Committee meetings have been taking place regularly using an online platform.

UPDATE FROM OUR WARD COUNCILLOR

It is an incredibly difficult time and I know that the major concerns in the ward are issues around the homeless, refuse collection and litter. The refuse collection service has been severely and negatively affected by COVID-19 and we are feeling that impact on our streets every day.

They have had COVID-19 positive members, depots that need to be closed, trucks that need to be sanitised and on every day are also hampered by the requirements of social distancing. Sadly the drop off facilities are not open to the general public under Level 4, if this was possible it would assist this current situation greatly. We are hopeful that this will become a possibility under Level 3.

The Street sweepers have been working flat out and dealing with all issues logged via the C3 system despite their reduced numbers. They are also affected by COVID-19 closures and reduced numbers. Please continue to follow the process of logging a C3 on the city website and they will attend to it as quickly as possible.

The city's additional expanded safe space in Culemborg is due to open this week which will provide greater capacity to assist the homeless with somewhere to sleep, receive food, stay warm and dry and provide hygiene facilities etc. We will advise when this will be opened. Through the generosity of a community group we will be making masks available to the homeless in the area, as part of a job creation project. Many have received masks from me and many residents who have donated on an ad hoc basis but a large rollout will be done as well.

I am very aware that our open spaces, blessed with grass, are looking extremely overgrown. The Lock down restrictions prevented garden maintenance and the effects are clearly evident in our public open spaces. Under Level 3 we anticipate that it can be re-instated. The contractor appointed to do mowing will have an immediate demand of a massive area. As a result the high use areas will be prioritised by the contracts and the local parks maintenance teams will be working on the smaller areas.

This is just a very brief update on a couple of issues. I am posting information daily on my Facebook page Nicola Jowell - Ward 54 and will also be starting a brief newsletter to residents so as to warn people of what is happening and of issues such as the refuse delays. All aspects of our lives have been impacted by COVID-19 in some way. All businesses, services etc have been forced to alter, amend, reduce or cease their services at some point. The city and its employees are not immune to this and issues are going to continue to crop up and will hamper service delivery. I realise that this can be extremely difficult for residents and all efforts are in place to minimise this inconvenience. My thoughts are with all the city officials who have been personally affected by COVID-19 - personally, their colleagues or their family and I wish everyone a swift recovery.

Thank you to all the residents who are abiding by the lock down regulations and taking absolutely all possible precautions and staying home as much as possible. At this time, partnership and working together is more essential than ever

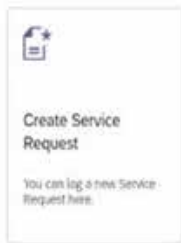
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Opinion | Cape Town has led the way on caring for the Homeless

– by Zahid Badroodien,

MMC: Community Services & Health, City of Cape Town

PROBLEM? LOG A C3 REPORT!!



The primary goal of the C3 service requests is to ensure effective service delivery throughout Cape Town. This service request can be used for be used for faulty electricity, water, breakages, street cleaning etc.

If you would like to submit a service request, report a fault in your area or log an issue, you can do so via our customer call centre at 0860 103 089 or use this link:

https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq_app/index.html

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

BEACH ANGELS

A volunteer group of 'beach angels' called The Kind Re/Evolution led by Massi have a permit to clean the beaches in the SFB area. Weather permitting the volunteers are out there with masks, gloves and blue bags. If you interested in volunteering call/Whatsapp Massi - 072 622 8955

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REFUSE COLLECTION

ARE YOU REDUCING YOUR WASTE?

ARE YOU RECYCLING?

The Municipal Refuse collection service is often being compromised with COVID19 cases and having to close. Going forward we can expect continuous disruptions and delays in Refuse collection. The Recycling collection, a separate entity, is working very well.

You can contact WastePlan – www.wasteplan.co.za
Email: info@wasteplan.co.za Tel: 0861116699

DONATIONS

SFB encourages members to support the following NPOs with food, clothing, blankets and/or donations

LADLES OF LOVE (www.ladlesoflove.org.za)

- JOIN THEIR COVID19 SANDWICH & FOOD DRIVE
- DONATE

RPJ HELPING HANDS

pat@rpjhelpinghands.org.za 082 494 7287

RPJ Helping Hands - NPO focused on Loving Service to All. Aim to use this platform to honor the lives of our Loved Ones by serving the hungry and needy.

The following Places serve meals daily you can direct the homeless and hungry to:

THE GUGULETHU SEABOARD CAN PARTNERSHIP

<https://seaboardcan.org/>

This Community Action Network partnership between Seaboard and Gugulethu are feeding many in the township see their website how to donate food, blankets, clothing, etc

EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Marais Road, Sea Point

Between 1-2pm Mondays to Saturday and Sunday from 1-2.30pm

THE HAVEN NIGHT SHELTER

<https://www.haven.org.za/>

2 Napier Street, Green Point (also at 20 Selkirk Street, District Six)

Breakfast (8.30-10am); Lunch (12-2pm); Dinner (6pm)

(weekdays Ladles of Love prepares and serve and on weekends Café Extrablatt)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – HELP US TO HELP YOU!

A friendly reminder to please register as an annual member of SFB

Ratepayers & Residence Association via our website

(<http://www.sfb.org.za/join-us.html>)

THE ANNUAL FEE IS R125.

SFB NEWS

Sadly we say farewell to **LIZAAN** who after 3 years of hard work and dedication as SFB Coordinator is leaving. We wish Lizaan the very best with her new venture and we will certainly miss her smiling face!

We welcome **TONI VAN EYSSEN** who will take over that role. Some may remember Toni who was with SFB in 2015 and the start of the Safety & Cleaning Initiative.



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