

# Longacres Voice

Newsletter December 2024



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## Message from the Estate Manager, Mr. Leon Gouws

*Good day to all residents and property owners of Longacres Estate.*

*It is December, let us all be grateful for the progress and achievements we made over the past year through the Grace of God. May you all have a blessed Christmas and enjoy a peaceful holiday with your neighbor and friends on the Estate. Your future on the estate is our priority. Let's look at some achievements for the last few months.*



# Municipal services:

Numerous meetings including budget IDP inputs and ward meetings were held with SBM regarding proper service delivery and infrastructure needs to the estate. Successful deliberations took place where about budget provision on the 24/27 MTF financial year were approved for Longacres.

Matters such as road maintenance, rehabilitation of roads, the provision of additional stop streets, bulk water supply and provision of purified sewer water for irrigation were discussed. In order to eliminate water pressure and insufficient water supply to Longacres, the construction of the new reservoir at Olifantskop and booster pump station is now complete. However, the booster pump station is still on a test run as pressure tests indicated that only the upper section of Loop and Strand str are benefitting, whilst the lower areas in Longacres are now experiencing water pressure problems. SBM still needs to run tests on the network.



The new pump station under construction corner of Loop and Kenilworth Roads

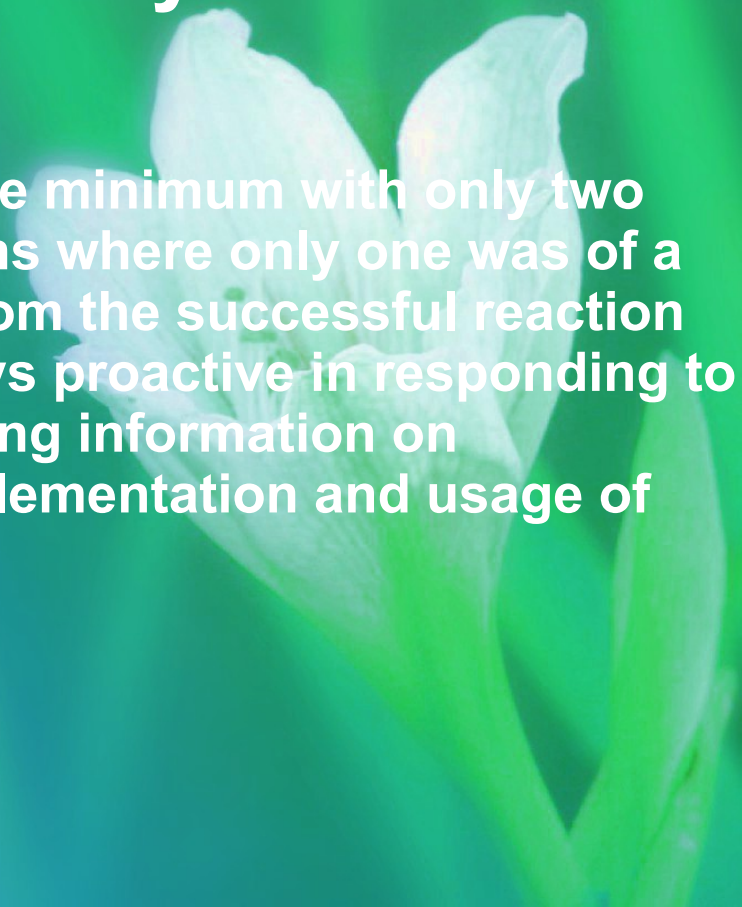
# Roads:

Numerous Communications with SBM Engineering Department is required to inshore that attention is given to our roads. The reconstruction of Newmarket str, Ascot Circle and the section of Strand str that was not done last year, has been postponed to the 2025/26 financial year due to the shortage of Capital funding not provided. An interim measure on maintenance of roads has now resulted in patch work been done.



# Safety and Security

Criminal activity on the estate is limited to the minimum with only two cases been reported over the last four months where only one was of a serious nature. This limited number result from the successful reaction of neighborhood watch members been always proactive in responding to calls and the camera system in place providing information on suspicious activities and the successful implementation and usage of the drone.



# Longacres Fire Trailer:

The first vehicle registered in the name of LAHOA, the fire trailer, has now been completed and tested with success. I would like to thank our sponsor's messers Willie Timmerman, Gerard Brune, Altus Lambrechts, Werner van der Walt, Tertius Marias, Theunis van Aarde, Johan Petzer and Brian Drake for all his hard work, who did the construction of the trailer and assembled all the equipment.

All property owners are reminded to put there five meter fire breaks in place as the fire season has started.





# Flower trail and Greenbelt:

The annual opening of the flower trail was held on the 1st of September been a huge success with members from the public from all over as far as Gauteng.

Delegates from left to right,

Mr Johan Crous : Regional Coordinator Afriforum

Mr Boffie Strydom: District Municipality Mayor

Ms Liza Vos: Chairperson LAHOA Greenbelt and Equestrian

Ms Charmaine Loubsher: Deputy Mayor Saldanha Municipality



# Equestrian:

The second leg of the dressage competition took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Silver Leaf stables with multiple participants; the picture below depicts a Paralympics rider who also participated. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 a comprehensive briefing on the Equestrian Disaster plan will be discussed during the final dressage event, all is welcome to attend.



# Telkom overhead lines:

Telkom has indicated that they are at this stage removing only the thick overhead cables within Longacres in phases. The thin fiber cables will still remain as they are in use.

Only those properties where only the poles were left behind without cables, can the poles be removed.



# Refuse removal

## SALDANHA BAY MUNICIPALITY OFFERS RESIDENTS FREE HOME COMPOSTING KITS!

Saldanha Bay Municipality residents can apply for free home composting kits. Turn your household organic waste into nutrient-rich compost and watch your garden flourish, while reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. Composting is simple – just collect your kitchen scraps, layer them with garden waste, and in a few weeks, you'll have rich compost to use in your garden.

With the Western Cape's ban on organic waste to landfill coming into effect by 2027, now is the perfect time to start composting. Don't miss out as kits are limited! Apply at your local municipal  
Take part in this fantastic initiative and help create a cleaner, greener future!



Future activities that will also take place on the estate to be diarize:

30 November 3rd and final dressage show at silver leaf stables

8 December Christmas Jumping Extravaganza show at Silver leaf stables

The next Home Owners AGM will be held in February 2025

NB: SAPs and all emergency services from SBM will implement a Disaster Simulation exercise collision Nitrogen Tanker with a Light motor vehicle during January/ February 2025 on the Main Road abutting Longacres.

Longacres Disaster plan and Equestrian Disaster plan will have to be implemented as the evacuation range is 800 meters from the point of collision.

Property owners are therefore encourage to familiarise themselves with the content of those Disaster plans which are available on the Homeowners Website. More information will be communicated soon.

## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fire Dept WDM emergency 022- 713 1815 / 10177

Langebaan Police Station 086 - 001 0111

Traffic Dept 022-701 6900

NSRI 082-990 5966

Snake Catcher 082-532 5033

Law Enforcement 022-701 6912

Byers Patrol Vehicle 063-091 8121

Vredenburg Provincial 022-709 7200

West Coast Life 022-719 1030



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