

The LongAcres Mailer Sept 2018

Monthly Feature: What is this letter all about?



Editors notes

What this is all about. Well in short it is an instrument I am trying to create that will keep residents of LongAcres informed of what is happening here. Get them involved and thereby creating a better Estate for all of us. It was discussed at the recent AGM and it seems to be a need and wish for all to have a newsletter.

I personally believe it can benefit all and took it upon myself to start this. I am not a journalist by any means so please expect many errors etc but fortunately I have no problem in being criticized so please feel free to do so.

A bit about my background. In my previous life I was a bank official who spent my entire adult life in a Bank working in several countries and many towns before retiring about 10 years ago. I then moved to the Westcoast, stayed in town a number of years and moved to Longacres just over a year ago.

When I retired I said to myself "Now you don't have to be this well dressed person sitting in an office every day. You never have to wear a tie or for that matter shoes again and that is life enjoyment" This I still live out daily and although I still have a tie or two you will more than likely never see me wearing it.

I am a firm believer in calling a spade a spade and can often be too straight forward which you may from time to time pick up in articles so please excuse it, no harm is meant.

Please feel very welcome to contact me with comments, suggestions, criticisms, ideas, news or anything else at

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Good hearing from you!!!

WHAT WILL BE IN THIS LETTER

This is a live project and will change as time goes by but in essence I will have several monthly articles or features that I believe will be of interest to residents but remember it is **your** newsletter so feel free to suggest changes.



I want to start of by having the following features monthly and would like input from all that can help. Today I am merely explaining the reason for including and basic contents of these but in the first real Newsletter, due by early Oct, there will be real notes.

Social events:

I think the best way for any community to get to know one another is to mix at social events and living here I have noticed some happening but did not always know beforehand. I now want to tell you about what is coming up so please let me know if you are aware of anything. Remember this should be primarily for LongAcres residents but others are also welcome. See under projects is one of the social events that is upcoming, I hope, that I would like to start arranging but more about that later.



What is the committee doing:

For the two years I have been involved with the estate I often wondered what, if anything, is our committee doing. I am aware they have monthly meetings but nowhere could I determine what exactly they were doing. I am positive this view is shared by many and the only way to change that is inform people via a news letter or the Website which was not happening. As I also now serve on the committee I intend keeping all informed and will request the Chairman to provide a brief update on committee activity monthly. Also bear in mind much will be said under project progress.



Project progress :

What I gathered at the AGM is that there are several projects underway presently but residents did not really know where we are with them. I have listed some below but there will probably be more. Things that I would like to see with any project is a completion target date, a cost factor, and of course progress. I do believe many things can be done by ourselves if we all work together and not just wait on council or the committee to do it so please let us know if you can or will help. Due to the fact that I at present don't have sufficient details I will only briefly touch on two of the projects below for now, the rest will be reported on in the first Newsletter. Projects so far are



a) Gated community
b) Street Names
c) **Fire Hydrants** I want to use this as an example what I believe should be done. Instead of waiting for council or the fire brigade to clearly identify these we can do so ourselves. It will take a brushcutter to clear the area around the hydrant, some weedkiller to spray around and a few liters of paint. Then we simply paint it ourselves and voila the project is done. This one I will take on myself but if anybody is willing to help give me a shout!

d) Clubhouse
e) Greenbelt
f) **Streetbraai Potjiekos competition** This has been mentioned before but as far as I know never really got of the ground. Here is my idea which I hope evokes some reaction from you.

We know exactly where the greenbelt property being transferred to the HOA will be. Let's determine where we will eventually have our clubhouse and use that area for a braai. We can augment the day with a potjiekos competition, some interesting activities, horse riding and so on. That way people can mingle, have creative ideas for what the Clubhouse and surroundings should look like and what can be done in the meantime



Neighbourhood watch:

Baie van ons weet nie eens regtig van die Buurtwag nie, wie hulle is, wanneer en wat hulle doen nie en daarom is nie genoeg mense betrokke nie. Ek gaan vir Kiewiet vra om maandeliks 'n kort bulletin saam te stel oor hul doen en late.



Suggestions: As jy 'n voorstel het van wat gedoen kan word om die Landgoed, Paaie, Nuusbrief of enige iets beter te maak sal ons graag daarvan wil hoor. Natuurlik sal baie voorstelle reaksie uitlok, beide positief en negatief maar indien dit nie bespreek word nie gaan niks gebeur nie.



Problems reported/noted:

While I know that most problems will be reported to the committee and/or Neighbourhood watch and SBM it could be beneficial if we discuss it briefly here.



News clips

As j enige nuus het, pertinent tot die Landgoed laat my asb weet. Onthou egter dat I nuusbrief net andliks verskyn so dit mag dalk ou nuuswees ten publikasie datum maar soms is dit ook so dat geen nuus goeie nuus



Funny

Life is serious enough that we need fun as well. If you have funny story or joke t share please do so.



A man asks the Pastor: "I have a strong desire to live for eternity, what should I do?" The Pastor replies, "Get married!" . (Man)" Is it as simple as that, would that allow me to live for ever?" (Pastor) "No but the desire will disappear!!"

AND THE LAST WORD GOES TO: Arthur Dell

Let us all adopt an attitude of: Not what LongAcres can do for me but what I can do for the LongAcres community!!