



SKCID UPDATE



We are excited to share the latest updates from the Simon’s Kloof Community Improvement District (SKCID). As a dedicated group of volunteers, SKCID remains committed to advancing our community through the four pillars outlined in our business plan. It is important to note that SKCID complements, and does not replace, the responsibilities of property owners or the efforts of the previous SKNW and FEGF committees. Together, we strive to enhance the quality of life in Simon’s Kloof for all residents. Please remember to log faults and service breakdowns at [CCT Service Requests \(capetown.gov.za\)](http://CCT Service Requests (capetown.gov.za))

MEMBERS MEETING – ST Town Hall 28 November 2024 at 6pm
NB: All members of the community may attend the Members Meeting (MM) but only registered members of the SKCID have voting rights. Please register using relevant document at www.simonskloofcid.co.za

NEW DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
We have updated our website with several important documents for your reference, specifically under the heading “Management”:

- Vulcan Fire Risk Assessment Report
- Wildfire Ready - General Guidelines
- SKCID Members Application Forms

Read the periodic updates at : www.simonskloofcid.co.za

SECOND ISSUE

Welcome back SIMON’S KLOOFER’S!

We are delighted to bring you the second issue of the SK Gazette. A place for SKCID updates, social news and happenings in our beautiful neighbourhood.

Welcome to all new residents of Simon’s Kloof! Please contact Clair Schaap so that she can add you to the SK Database, ensuring you get important community news and information.

If you missed the 1st issue, find it at the dedicated tab on www.simonskloofcid.co.za



SEASON’S GREETINGS TO YOU ALL

OUT AND ABOUT ...

4 – 6 October 2024



FREE ENTRY

SA Navy Festival
Simon’s Town
021 787 4696

6 Oct & 3 Nov 2024



Jubilee Square Market
Simon’s Town
www.simonstown.co.za

7 December 2024



Switching on of the Lights
Simon’s Town
www.simonstown.com

BABOON ADVISORY GROUP

The STCA Baboon Dialogue team has now officially handed over to the Baboon Advisory Group (BAG), who will be leading the charge in finding sustainable solutions. While authorities continue to work through their responsibilities, it is important for all of us as a community to remain vigilant in ensuring the safety of our homes, pets, and families.

We are likely to become exposed for a period without committed backup, so here are a few key steps we must all continue to take:

BABOON-PROOFING YOUR HOME:

- Ensure that bins are baboon-proofed and properly secured.
- Always close and lock all windows and doors when leaving your property.

WASTE AND RECYCLING MANAGEMENT:

- Put out bins and recycling **only on the day of collection**.
- Recycling is collected every second week – be sure to check your schedule!

REPORTING SIGHTINGS:

- If you see baboons in the area, report sightings to the relevant authorities or community groups immediately.



LIGHTEN UP THIS SUMMER

Turn Glass Jars into Lanterns

Looking for an easy and eco-friendly way to brighten up your home or outdoor space as we enter summer? Try this simple DIY project by transforming old glass jars into beautiful lanterns. Perfect for adding an ambiance, these upcycled lanterns are budget-friendly and customisable.

Steps:

- Clean and decorate old jars with twine, paint, or stencils.
- Add tea lights or fairy lights inside for a soft glow.
- Hang them with wire or display them on tables for a rustic, natural look.

These lanterns not only reduce waste but also add charm to any setting. Perfect for evening gatherings or to simply brighten up your space!



EASY CHRISTMAS MINCE PIES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 sheet(s) puff pastry
- 120 g Mascarpone
- 450 g fruit mince meat
- 1 orange(s) , 10 ml zest only
- 5 ml vanilla essence
- 1 egg(s) , beaten
- icing sugar for dusting



METHOD:

- Preheat the oven to 180°C and grease a muffin pan.
- Place the sheet of puff pastry onto a floured surface and cut out 12 x 8 cm rounds.
- Place a pastry round in each greased muffin pan cup. Spoon about 10 g of mascarpone on top of each pastry round.
- In a mixing bowl, add the fruit mincemeat, orange zest and vanilla essence and mix until well combined. Spoon the fruit mince meat mixture into the pastry shells.
- Cut out 12 x 5 cm star shapes from the remaining puff pastry and place a pastry star on top of each mince pie. Brush with egg.
- Bake for 12 - 15 minutes or until golden brown.
- Dust with icing sugar before serving.

www.lancewood.co.za

SPECIAL FEATURE: BE PREPARED, BE FIRE WISE



With the memories of last year's fire still with us all, herewith some more information to assist in preparing your homes against fire, and what to do if a fire is approaching. [also read the WILDFIRE READY doc on www.simonskloofcid.co.za]

PREPARE YOUR HOME:

Anywhere that embers can lodge or enter your house can start a fire. Decks, windows, doors and roof areas pose the greatest risk [read more from page 10 at WILDFIRE READY doc at www.simonskloofcid.co.za]



GARDEN DESIGN & MAINTENANCE:

Fire reacts to wind and slope and follows a path where fuel is located. It is vital to create and maintain low fuel areas in the Home Ignition Zone (30m) around your home. [read more from page 13 at WILDFIRE READY doc at www.simonskloofcid.co.za]



IF A FIRE IS APPROACHING:

Here's a quick checklist:

Stay calm, gather everyone and quickly but clearly run through your plan, which should include:

- Emergency kit in your car
- Mobile phone plus charger and secondary phone
- Protective clothing for all
- Pets and animals, in containers or on leads
- Car facing the escape route out, packed and ready to go

Then, only do the following activities if it is safe to do so:

- Close all doors and windows
- Turn off the electricity and gas supplies
- If possible, remove gas cylinders and paraffin bottles
- Put curtains and flammable wall linings and furniture into the middle of a room
- Clear any flammable items next to homes away

EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS:

Ensure that emergency vehicles can easily assist you: Gates are wide enough for entry and exit • There are no overhanging branches or objects that would prevent access • All water sources are clearly marked and easy to find • If you have a water tank, your tank fittings are compatible

HELP IS AT HAND

FIRSTLY:

Immediately report a fire to the authorities:

COCT FIRE CONTROL:

- 021 590 1900 or
- 107 from a landline or 021 480 7700 from a cell

If these numbers are busy, then call:

SIMONSTOWN FIRE:

- 021 400 3908

SECONDLY:

Provide details of the fire on these WhatsApp groups:

- SK Urgent
- Deep South Fire and Disaster [ask to join this one if you have not yet]

CAN YOU HELP US?:

We are needing residents to assist us so that we as a community are fire-ready.

If you can assist, please drop an email to Gary at dougiegaz@msn.com

'Celebrate that we are not only surrounded by, but dwarfed by nature' Dave Hurwitz

Dave Hurwitz has been a Simon's Kloof resident for 13 years. His father was an avid fisherman and from a very young age Dave spent much time in Simon's Town, either at sea with him on the old WW2 "crash boats" or playing around the Simon's Town jetty and the SA Marlin & Tuna Cub clubhouse. Never a keen fisherman he did however enjoy being out at sea observing marine fauna. The fascinating tales told by the local fisherman further piqued his interest in the natural history of False Bay. He says that changes observed in the bay have been for the better. Whale numbers have almost entirely recovered from the whaling days, fish stocks have improved, seal numbers are stable on Seal Island, kelp forests are healthy, and the SA Navy harbour environment is near pristine (the aquarium collect exhibits from the outer walls). A standard question on all his boat tours is... 'Where was My Octopus Teacher filmed?' Besides the impact of its evocative storyline, it showcased the wonder of our kelp forests that thousands of tourists have visited (and will visit) Simon's Town because of it. Dave founded and runs the popular boatcompany.co.za.



GAME, SET, MATCH ...



After many attempts to get the tennis courts up and running again, finally a partnership has been reached between the SA Navy Dockyard and the town. The Chief of the Navy has signed off on a project that will see the refurbishment of the courts and clubhouse, with a usage agreement also signed between the Navy and a newly formed Simon's Town Tennis Club. Cape Town Tennis, affiliated to Tennis South Africa, has been party to the discussion from the beginning. Its EXCO are meeting to consider a formal proposal to fund the project. We await the outcome. Meanwhile the club and the Navy have agreed to all the conditions set by Cape Town Tennis. Plans for renovation involve a clever combination of tennis, pickle ball, and netball.

Key parties to the planning are David Attwell, Debbie McComb of the Simon's Town Civic Association, and Lt. Cdr. Lebohang Molefe, Facilities Manager in the Navy Dockyard.

SIMON'S TOWN WELCOMES THE 'BLUE' TRAIN

A welcome return of a reliable passenger train service to Simon's Town.

The new Electric Multiple Unit train or 'Blue' train provides safe and reliable transport between Simon's Town and Cape Town.

Visit www.cttrains.co.za for schedules



NAVY FESTIVAL & SUBMARINE MUSEUM PUTTING SIMON'S TOWN ON THE MAP



After many years of absence, the ever popular SA Navy Festival is back! Visitors can look forward to browsing a vibrant flea market, playing games, and savouring delicious food from various stalls. Highlights of the festival include performances by the navy choir, a dry dock concert, a retreat ceremony, cannon firing, demonstrations, and many other exciting displays



The SAS Assegai, Africa's sole submarine museum, is opening in Simon's Town with financial support from the City of Cape Town. The museum, costing an estimated R5 million, will be a unique tourist and educational attraction, showcasing fascinating technology.

Find out more at:
<https://sanavymuseum.co.za/2024/07/27/africas-first-submarine-museum-the-big-move/>

IT'S 'STILL' THE SEASON TO BE PLANTING



The spring garden is abloom! This doesn't mean you should stop adding to your garden in early summer - there are still many plants, flowers and veggies to plant now.

Flower seedlings to plant in sun-exposed areas: petunias, sweet alyssum, gazanias, penstemons and SunPatiens® and celosia.

Seedlings to plant in shady areas include New Guinea impatiens, Busy Lizzie impatiens, begonias, hypoestes and coleus.

And plant herbs such as basil, chives and parsley.

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NUMBERS TO SAVE

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AMBULANCE:
10177

NSRI STATION 10:
082 990 5965

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