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Dear homeowners and neighbours

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As this eventful year draws to a close, we take a moment to reflect on the wonderful journey we've shared together.

Throughout 2023, the dedication and spirit of each resident has transformed Oakwood into more than just an address; it's become a supportive and vibrant home to all of us.

From the bright days of spring to the cozy evenings of winter, our community has remained united, fostering a sense of togetherness that truly defines Oakwood. The Oakwood HOA Committee extends our heartfelt thanks for your continuous support, enthusiasm, and active involvement in shaping our neighbourhood into a place we're all proud to call home.

Your commitment to uphold our community's values, whether through seasonal decorations, collaborative projects, or simply being exceptional neighbours, has made Oakwood shine throughout the year.

As we approach the festive season and prepare to welcome a new year, let's carry on with the spirit of unity and goodwill that defines us. Let's treasure the memories we've created and eagerly anticipate the new opportunities and adventures awaiting us in the coming year.

Thank you, Oakwood residents, for your unwavering support, making our HOA a hub of community spirit. Here's to celebrating our achievements, learning from challenges, and continuing to grow stronger together as the Oakwood family.

Kind Regards Oakwood HOA Committee - Management

HOA COMMITTEE - ESTATE MANAGER - SUPERVISING ARCHITECT

Oakwood HOA committee members:

- Chairperson & Treasurer:
- Secretary & Communication:
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SAFETY & SECURITY



As we gear up for the festive season, it's essential to ensure that our community remains a safe and harmonious place for all. Your cooperation in adhering to these safety guidelines will help maintain the peaceful and secure environment we cherish.

- Respectful Celebration Hours: We kindly remind all residents to adhere to the stipulated hours for parties and noise outlined in our community rules. Let's be considerate, especially during this festive period, and mindful of our neighbours' peace and quiet.
- Pet Care and Neighbouring Consideration: For those planning to be away during the holidays, please consider your pets' well-being. Should your dogs require attention, seek assistance from a neighbour to prevent continuous barking that might disturb others.

- Contractors over the Holiday Period: A gentle reminder that nonemergency contractor work is not permitted from December 23rd to January 3rd. Let's ensure this time allows for a peaceful break for all residents.
- Road Safety Awareness: With the streets bustling with children and increased vehicle traffic during this time, we urge parents to educate their children about road safety. Emphasize the importance of stopping at stop signs and being aware of oncoming traffic. Similarly, we implore drivers to be vigilant, especially around residential areas, and prioritize pedestrian safety.
- Visitor Access Codes: Residents, please remember to provide your visitors with the necessary access codes to ease their entry and ensure a smoother and more secure experience for all.

Remember, these simple yet crucial measures contribute significantly to maintaining a secure and pleasant atmosphere within our community. Let's work together to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment during this festive season.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to making Oakwood a wonderful place to call home.

TUNK YOU!

COMMUNICATION

OAKWOOD HOA





Contact the Estate Manager, Mr. Jaco Smit via <u>oakwood@inpg.co.za</u>

If no reply after 2 business days OR unsatisfactory reply: Contact the managing agent (IPG) by forwarding the above email to admin@inpg.co.za. Please clearly state the reason for the escalation.



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oakwoodhoa@outlook.com.

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WEBSITE

Our <u>website</u> is regularly updated with useful information:

- Keep an eye out for <u>FAQ's</u> especially handy for new residents.
- The process to be followed when <u>selling/letting your</u> <u>home</u> in Oakwood.
- The <u>Privacy Policy</u> based on the POPIA act.

Please bear in mind that Mr. Smit is not expected to always be in the office as he attends to business within the estate. Please contact him on his cellphone if not at the office - during business hours only.



PARKS & GARDENS - UPDATE

Thank you for your patience regarding the upgrades of the parks. For the last few years, we have been allocating all the disposable budgets available to security upgrades and have successfully achieved a high standard of safety in the estate including upgraded electric fences, 24-hour security patrol, and biometric hand access control scanners.

Following our AGM in August, we have managed to allocate funds to much-needed park maintenance, and a few upgrades.

We have spent a large portion of the budget on the repairs of the walkway steps and walls throughout the estate, as they had extensive cracks in them, and needed paint.

We removed dead trees in Pinard Park and replaced some of them with new soilappropriate trees. Pinard "corner" has also had a new hedge and feature tree planted there as an upgrade.

Martinet Park has had dead shrubs removed from the second and third levels, and we have mixed in about 4 cubes of compost to rejuvenate the soil. We replaced the dead shrubs with new shrubs and a few feature trees.

We will soon be removing a few dead olive trees from this park to create an open area to play in. Compost has also been added below the poplar trees to help the shrubs below them grow stronger root systems.

Courbonne park corner has also had an upgrade with some new hedge shrubs and a few feature shrubs. The two walled beds near the center benches will have a shrub upgrade once the maintenance of the walls has been completed.

Huguenot Park has had a few plants added as well.

Cordier Park, at the lower entrance, had wall maintenance completed as the shrubs and trees are doing well and looking good.

Briet Park (Bird Park) will have the biggest upgrade around March/April 24 when we plan to begin the screening of Brackenfell Boulevard with trees and shrubs as well as the removal of dead olives and the replacement of feature trees. We also want to remove some of the reeds to open up the water area for ducks etc, but this is a municipal item, and we are still on the waiting list for this to happen.

Please continue to keep the parks clear of litter, dog mess, and baby diapers, so that we can remain proud of our "Garden City" and keep our investment in Oakwood increasing every year.

MINOR, MAJOR WORKS AND PROPERTY SALES

Oakwood Estate is a highly sought-after community and properties tend to sell extremely fast. It is important to note that properties need to at all times adhere to the standards set out in our <u>constitution</u> and the amended <u>home improvement guide</u>. As soon as a property becomes available on the market, it is the owners' responsibility to ensure that the estate manager is made aware of the impending sale. This would allow time for a quick property inspection and any potential corrections to the property prior to the transfer of the property to new owners.





We encourage homeowners to please assist us in this regard. It is unfortunate that certain homeowners simply disregard the clearly documented rules of the estate, which leads to very tough conversations as owners have often spent money on alterations without clearing their intentions with the relevant parties or consulting the home improvement guide. Owners need to understand that no exceptions can be made, as it will impact negatively on those conforming to the rules diligently.

GENERAL

As the seasons change, there's an undeniable beauty in the transformation of our surroundings. Each garden, every property, contributes to the beauty of our community. Your efforts in maintaining the neatness and charm of your homes truly make a difference.

We encourage everyone to continue nurturing this collective beauty by tending to your gardens and keeping your properties in a tidy condition. Your dedication not only enhances the visual appeal but also creates an inviting atmosphere for all who visits and calls Oakwood home.

A heartfelt thank you to those who have recently taken the time and care to ensure their properties are repainted and gardens neatened. Your commitment to upholding our shared environment doesn't go unnoticed and is deeply appreciated by all.

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EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

Should any resident require emergency assistance, please use the following contact numbers.

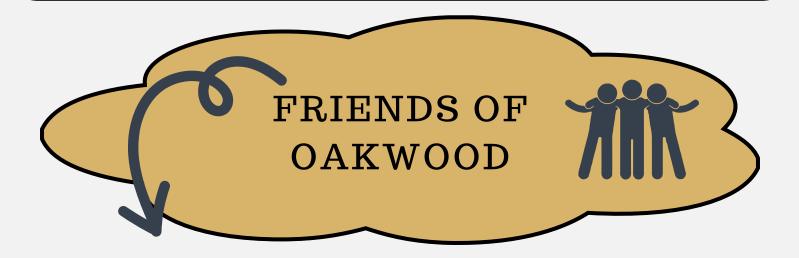
For any <u>City of Cape Town / Municipal</u> related matters please contact - 0860 103 089

<u>Law Enforcement</u> can be contacted at - 021 596 1999 / 021 480 7700 (Emergency services)

For any <u>Security related emergencies within Oakwood Village</u> please get in touch with the Servest Control Room at - 061 472 9107

For any other severe emergencies, you are welcome to contact Mr. Jaco Smit at - 072 928 9330

We wish every owner/resident a safe and blessed festive season! See you in 2024!



- FRIENDS OF OAKWOOD Volunteers wanted (please refer to the poster that was included in the Newsletter email).
- The OAKWOOD VILLAGE ONLY Facebook page will also provide information on social events occurring in and around Oakwood.

We wish to thank you all for working with us and look forward to continuing serving as your HOA committee.

Kind regards
The Oakwood Estate HOA Committee - Management