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DEAR HOMEOWNERS AND NEIGHBOURS,

Spring has arrived, bringing with it longer days, warmer weather and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Oakwood Village.

We would like to take a moment to thank our residents for the continued efforts many of you make in maintaining and caring for your properties. A well-maintained home not only benefits individual homeowners but also contributes to the overall appearance and appeal of Oakwood Village.

We also appreciate the residents who take the time to provide constructive feedback, report issues and support initiatives aimed at improving Oakwood Village.

Together, we can continue making Oakwood Village a safe, attractive and enjoyable place to live.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, understanding and support.

Oakwood HOA Committee – Management



PARKS & COMMUNAL AREAS

Enjoying our shared spaces responsibly

Our parks and communal areas are there for the enjoyment of everyone within Oakwood Village, and we encourage residents to make use of and enjoy these spaces responsibly.

We kindly ask residents to treat our parks, gardens and communal facilities with care and consideration. This includes respecting landscaping, planted areas, recreational equipment, benches, pergolas and other improvements made for the benefit of the community.

Just as we ask everyone to respect our communal areas, we ask that the private garden areas and properties of fellow residents are treated with the same consideration.

These areas are extensions of people's homes and should be respected as private spaces. Residents are kindly asked not to enter, walk through or otherwise interfere with neighbouring private garden areas without permission.

By respecting both communal and private spaces, we can ensure that everyone is able to enjoy their home and the Estate without unnecessary conflict or inconvenience.

PET ETIQUETTE

Oakwood Village is fortunate to have many residents who enjoy the companionship of pets. We therefore ask all pet owners to be considerate of both communal areas and their neighbours.

When walking your dog within the Estate, please ensure that:

- Dogs are kept on a lead.
- Dog waste is picked up and disposed of responsibly.
- Dogs do not enter neighbouring private gardens.
- Dogs are kept out of flower beds, landscaped areas and planted areas.
- Other residents' property and personal space are respected.

Our gardening team puts considerable time and effort into maintaining and improving the Estate's landscaped areas. We ask residents to help protect this work by ensuring that pets do not damage or disturb these areas.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping to keep Oakwood Village clean, attractive and enjoyable for all residents.



GARDENS AND LANDSCAPING

Our gardening team continues to work hard throughout the Estate, and we would like to acknowledge their ongoing efforts.

Several areas have recently received attention, including the traffic circles along Vivier Street, which have been revamped, as well as the traffic circles along Cordier Road, which have been neatened and improved.

Work is ongoing, with additional areas being assessed and attended to as part of the Estate's broader landscaping and beautification efforts.

We appreciate that landscaping projects take time, and we thank residents for their patience and support while these improvements continue.

The ongoing improvements are intended to enhance the appearance of the Estate and create attractive, usable spaces for the benefit of the entire community.





SAFETY & SECURITY

Keeping Oakwood Village safe is a shared responsibility.

Security remains our most important priority, and we once again encourage all residents to remain vigilant and make use of good security practices both within the Estate and when entering or leaving through our access points.

PLEASE KEEP TO THE SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit within Oakwood Village is 30 km/h. We ask all residents and visitors to please respect this limit and drive with particular care in residential areas.

We appreciate that children enjoy playing and spending time outdoors, and it is wonderful to see our younger residents making use of the spaces around the Estate. At the same time, our roads remain municipal roads and vehicles may be using them at any time.

For this reason, we encourage parents and guardians, where practical, to consider the Estate's parks and recreational areas as alternative spaces for children to enjoy outdoor activities, while always exercising appropriate supervision and caution.

This is not intended to discourage children from enjoying the outdoors or the neighbourhood, but rather to encourage everyone to remain mindful of the potential risks associated with children playing near active roads.

Ultimately, everyone's safety depends on motorists, pedestrians, children and residents all being considerate of one another.



ACCESS & SECURITY

Visitors are required to obtain the necessary access authorisation from the resident they are visiting or make use of the appropriate access code.

No visitor will be permitted to enter the Estate without the required authorisation.

We kindly ask residents to remind their visitors that the Estate's rules and standards apply to everyone.

This includes appropriate driving behaviour, observing speed limits, respecting other residents and exercising caution around pedestrians and children.

COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

Oakwood Village is a community, and living in a community requires consideration and respect for our neighbours.

We ask residents to remain mindful of how their actions may affect others and to treat fellow residents, visitors, contractors and security personnel with courtesy and respect.

Small acts of consideration go a long way towards maintaining the pleasant community environment we all value.



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & STANDARDS

Preparing for Spring season

With spring now upon us, we kindly encourage all residents to take the opportunity to attend to their properties, gardens and general maintenance. This includes exterior walls, boundary walls, roofs, gutters, downpipes, paving and other visible areas. Property inspections remain ongoing, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation in ensuring that properties are maintained in accordance with the Estate's requirements.

PROJECTS & IMPROVEMENTS



The Committee and our various service teams have continued working throughout the year on projects aimed at improving the appearance, functionality and recreational areas of Oakwood Village.

BRIET POND

Briet Pond recently underwent a significant maintenance project, including dredging and the removal of excess reeds.

This work forms part of the ongoing effort to improve and maintain the Estate's public open spaces and natural areas.

BRIET PARK

Improvements have been made to Briet Park, including the installation of bollards around the park.

The purpose of these bollards is to help protect the grassed areas from vehicles and preserve the park for its intended recreational use.

Following the successful implementation, the Committee has also resolved that similar measures will be considered for other parks where necessary to assist with maintaining these areas and preventing inappropriate parking.

As a reminder, the parks within Oakwood Village are no-parking areas. Residents and visitors are requested to ensure that vehicles are parked responsibly and in a manner that does not obstruct the normal flow of traffic or prevent residents, visitors or emergency services from entering or leaving properties.



Our Oakwood office has also recently received some attention, with the interior and exterior being freshly painted and new furniture added.

While this may be a smaller improvement compared to some of the larger Estate projects, we believe that maintaining a welcoming, professional and comfortable environment for residents, visitors and staff is equally important.



RECREATIONAL AREAS

Several improvements have been made to our children's recreational facilities and communal areas, including:

The installation of a new jungle gym at Lombard Park.

Upgrades and improvements to existing jungle gyms in various parks.

The installation of additional benches in areas where seating was previously limited or unavailable.

The installation of pergolas to provide additional shaded areas for residents making use of the parks.

These improvements are intended to make our communal spaces more enjoyable and functional for residents of all ages.



ESTATE REMINDERS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

WORKING TOGETHER

The Committee, management team, gardening staff, security personnel and various contractors continue working towards the common goal of improving Oakwood Village for everyone.

Many of the improvements being made throughout the Estate are only possible through the cooperation and support of our residents.

We therefore thank everyone who continues to follow the Estate's rules, look after their properties, respect communal areas and contribute positively to our community.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As we look ahead to the remainder of the year, we would also like to remind residents that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been earmarked for late October.

Further details, including the confirmed date, time, venue and AGM documentation, will be communicated to residents once finalised.

The AGM provides an important opportunity for homeowners to receive an update on the affairs of the Association, consider the financial position and budget, and engage with the Committee and management on matters relating to the Estate.

We encourage residents to take note of the forthcoming AGM and to participate where possible. Your involvement and feedback form an important part of the continued management and improvement of Oakwood Village.



REMEMBERING A MEMBER OF OUR SECURITY TEAM

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the recent passing of one of our security officers Mr Gum.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for his service to Oakwood Village and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time.

We would also like to thank the resident who took the initiative to organise a collection in support of his loved ones, as well as every resident who contributed.

The generosity, compassion and community spirit shown by our residents during this difficult time is sincerely appreciated.



OAKWOOD SPRING MARKET

A day of community, connection & local support

On Saturday, 29 August, Martinet Park was transformed into a vibrant community hub as residents, friends, families and visitors came together for the Oakwood Spring Market. Although the weather may not have delivered the spring sunshine we had hoped for, it certainly did not dampen the atmosphere. From the moment the gates opened, the park was filled with people browsing, chatting, eating, laughing and enjoying being together.

A wonderful variety of vendors lined the pathways and lawns, showcasing local products and small businesses. Shoppers could browse handmade crafts, clothing, jewellery, perfumes, homeware, plants, fresh produce, preserves, treats and specialty products. Food vendors kept everyone well fed with hot meals, snacks and sweet treats, while plenty of hot coffee was especially welcome on a cool Cape Town day.

The children's area was another highlight, with jumping castles, lawn games, bubbles, face painting and the ever-popular petting zoo keeping our younger visitors entertained. Parents could browse, catch up with neighbours or relax with something to eat. Seeing children running across the grass, families enjoying the park and friends meeting over coffee created the relaxed, welcoming atmosphere we had hoped for.

What made the day especially meaningful was the sense of community behind it. The Spring Market was about far more than buying and selling. It provided an opportunity to support small businesses and local entrepreneurs, discover talented people from our neighbourhood and connect with neighbours we may otherwise only pass at the gate. It was also wonderful to welcome visitors from outside Oakwood and see Martinet Park brought to life through the efforts of residents, volunteers, local businesses and organisers.

A tremendous amount of planning and effort goes on behind the scenes to make an event like this possible. Our sincere thanks go to every vendor, food provider, volunteer, sponsor, service provider and individual who contributed their time, equipment and support. Your efforts helped create a truly memorable day.

Most importantly, thank you to the Oakwood community for showing up. Every purchase, cup of coffee, children's activity and shared conversation contributed to the success of the market. Community events only work when the community participates, and it was wonderful to see so many people doing exactly that.

The spring sunshine may have been elusive, but the photographs tell the real story: busy stalls, smiling children, families exploring the park, friends catching up and neighbours enjoying time together. For Socially Oakwood, that is what these events are ultimately about – supporting local businesses, creating opportunities for connection and continuing to build the sense of community that makes Oakwood such a special place to call home.

Visit our Facebook post to browse the full collection of Spring Market photographs.

Thank you, Oakwood, for another memorable community day.

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Community Living

At the heart of Oakwood Village is the fact that we are a community.

We all have different lifestyles, routines and preferences, but we share the same Estate and the same environment.

We therefore encourage residents to be considerate of one another, communicate respectfully and remember that small acts of courtesy can make a significant difference to someone's experience of living here.

Whether it is respecting a neighbour's garden, keeping a pet under control, driving carefully, looking after a communal area, keeping a property well maintained or simply being mindful of others, we all have a part to play in creating a safe, pleasant and happy environment for everyone.

We encourage residents to resolve differences respectfully and, wherever possible, to approach one another with understanding and consideration.

The Committee's goal is not simply to improve the physical appearance of Oakwood Village, but also to help foster a community where residents feel comfortable, respected and proud to call Oakwood home.

A successful community is not created by rules alone. It is created by people who are willing to respect one another, look after their surroundings and work together.

We encourage everyone to contribute towards a positive community spirit and to help make Oakwood Village a place where residents can live, relax and enjoy their homes in a happy and respectful environment.

We thank all residents for their continued cooperation and commitment to maintaining the standards of Oakwood Village. By working together and remaining mindful of one another, we can ensure a safe, neat, and enjoyable environment for everyone throughout the winter season and beyond.

Should you require any additional information, estate guidelines, or relevant forms, we encourage you to visit the Oakwood Village website.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact **Jaco Smit** at oakwood@inpg.co.za.

Your ongoing support and involvement in the community are greatly appreciated.



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