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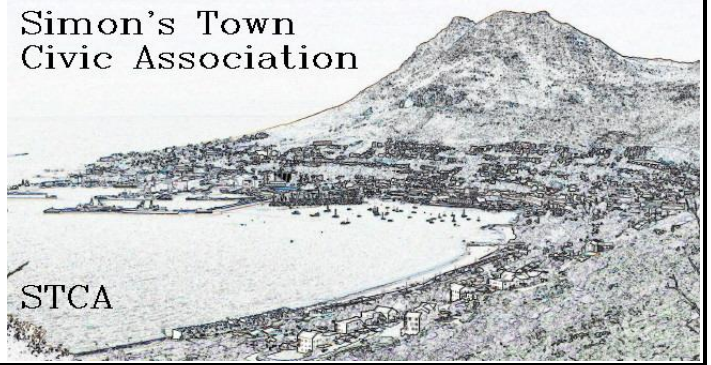
Serving Simon's Town and Glencairn

# STCA NEWSLETTER

## November 2011

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Simon's Town  
Civic Association



### Thanks

Many people contribute towards our Simon's Town/Glencairn community. They are volunteers who contribute their time, energy and expertise for all our benefit. It is impossible to name them all, but as we approach the end of 2011, the STCA would like to highlight the work of

**Ian Allan** – who has retired from the STCA Exco after 15 years of dedicated service. Ian facilitated the amalgamation of the Simon's Town and Glencairn civic organisations. He has also worked to develop cooperation between the STCA and Stadco and the Simon's Town Trust, in both of which he has held key positions. Ian's wisdom and experience have been invaluable over the years.

**Aliet Pelt** - who chairs the Simon's Town Community Police Sub Forum (Sector 1) and who plays a crucial role in keeping the community informed about safety and security.

**R Admiral Koos Louw** – who will sadly be leaving Simon's Town in the middle of next year. R Adm Louw has done more to integrate the Navy and Simon's Town community than anyone else over the years; he is always available for advice or assistance and has pushed tirelessly for the Navy to recognise its responsibility to the heritage it shares with Simon's Town.

**Klaus Scheid** – who shared his experience as a town planner with the community, contributing generously to both the Architectural Advisory Committee and the STCA until struck down by a stroke in July. After many months in a coma, he is still seriously ill. Our thoughts are with his wife Christine.

**Philippe Jaques** – who is responsible for much of the restoration and repairs to the Simon's Town Art Group building and his tireless work in the Glencairn Vlei, including the GEESE benches and the Stepping Stones.

**Heine Bolhuis** – who works tirelessly behind the scene removing litter in the Glencairn area.

**Harry Croome** – who is always available to provide practical assistance and who takes care of Simon's Town as if it were his own garden.

**Simon Liell-Cock** – our new Ward Councillor who has leapt into this impossible job with an energy and commitment which is greatly appreciated.

**Desiree Mentor** – our hard-working Sub Council Manager who is always available to assist in any way she can.

**All members of the STCA Executive Committee.** Each person has a portfolio within which they work tirelessly, whether it be on resolving human / baboon issues, ensuring that building and development do not degrade our beautiful area, pressurising for fire breaks and effective law enforcement, maintaining a watchful eye on our built and natural environments and ensuring that the City is alerted to areas needing attention, or guarding our Simon's Town's magnificent heritage. A strong Civic Association is essential in order to survive in the MegaCity and we are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers.

## **New Years Eve Tickets Available from 1 December**

The New Year's Eve Community Picnic on Jubilee Square tickets can be obtained from the Simon's Town Pharmacy from 1 December for a donation of R80 per person. Each ticket includes an indemnity form (required by the City for any event on their property). Please complete this form and bring it with the attached ticket to the Picnic. Like last year, it will be a closed event, and entry will only be by pre-purchased ticket. Look out for the special New Year sit-down meals and takeaways that can be ordered from the Quarterdeck Restaurant (on Jubilee Square) and Cafe Pescado (across from the Square).

## **COMMUNITY PICNIC ON THE SQUARE**

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE 2011**

A limited number of tickets are available for Simon's Town and Glencairn residents to participate in a Community Picnic on Jubilee Square on 31 December 2011 from 20h00 – 1 am.

**Live music by Andre Smit.**

Tables and chairs will be provided.

Come as individuals or Make up a table of 10 friends!

Have fun decorating your table! Make it stand out from all the others!

Bring your own picnic, pop out to a local restaurant, or pre-order a take-away.

Bring your own drinks

(no glass bottles, glasses or breakables allowed on the Square  
– use plastic, tins, cardboard).

We are encouraging local food outlets to provide pre-packed picnics which can be ordered ahead of time

Donation: R80 per person

Remaining funds after expenses will be donated to local charities

**Entry strictly only by pre-paid ticket.**

Tickets available at Simon's Town Pharmacy from 1 December

Dress warmly, but an alternate venue is available should it rain

No refunds

Tell your neighbours about it!! Book your table now!!

## **Recycling Contract**

The STCA was very disappointed to hear that False Bay Recycling have failed to have their contract renewed. We find it very difficult to understand how the City (that "works for you") can turn down a very efficient local contractor, employing local people, in favour of what looks like a monopoly, based at a distance that makes the carbon footprint of the process look like that of a dinosaur.....Apparently the sum Evan Saayman of False Bay Recycling was offered to join the tender and continue would have left him with no profit. Sadly he will probably have to lay off staff, but he is hopeful of starting up a compost process using wet waste. Roger Jaques has been exploring establishing a pilot wet waste processing plant on the South Peninsula. Anyone interested should contact Cilla Bromley on 021 783 6400.

## **Welcome**

Kim da Ribiera, a new Simon's Town resident, has joined the STCA with a specific focus on management and protection of the penguins and on firewise gardening. She will be working with Alison James (Natural Assets South) and Roy Burnie (Safety and Security).

## **Burghers Walk**

The re-opening of Burghers Walk is now scheduled for the end of November. There is now a penguin monitor on duty to watch that penguins do not "escape" from Boulders or the Burghers Walk area. Monique at SANParks, 021 786 5787, is the contact person if you wish to pass on any information regarding the penguins.

## **Parking**

As of middle November, STADCO have taken over management of the parking in Wharf Street. It will be managed on the same basis as that on Jubilee Square: the first 20 minutes are free and a fee is charged thereafter (including the first 20 minutes). Residents are reminded to get their R25 annual parking disk from the STADCO parking office to facilitate the 20 minute free parking.

The STCA along with the Simon's Town Business Association and STADCO are hoping to meet with City officials to completely review the parking and parking signage in Simon's Town. We all feel that there is much room for improvement, particularly with respect to signage.

## **Firebreaks**

We have been told that the deadline for completion of the firebreaks is the 15th December (very late!!). There are several contractors for the Simon's Town area including SANParks, the City, and the Navy. We understand that the SANParks contractor for the Simon's Town area is starting on Monday. The City plans to start clearing shortly thereafter. Private land owners are urged to clear their land before the summer fire season starts. Thanks to Rocklands Farm for offering to house the Volunteer Wildfire Services vehicle that has been moved into our area.

## **Environment**

At the recent Institute for Maritime Technology report back, Simon's Town beaches were again well within acceptable pollution limits. Glencairn beach emerged as the second best False Bay beach surveyed! Longbeach was again the most contaminated in the Simon's Town area, but the scientists' reports show it to be much less polluted than Fish Hoek....

## **Baboons**

Lorraine Holloway, now working with Jean Brownie, continues to put a tremendous effort into trying to improve peoples' behaviour with respect to baboons. This past month has seen two horrific attacks on baboons. We all have to pull our weight and do everything we can not to attract baboons into the urban area. Waste management, securing bins and compost heaps, and making sure that attractive food is not available are essential. Sadly many baboons on the Peninsula have learned that 'humans = easy food'. We have to change this perception. The City has funded the NCC monitoring service, but this is severely limited in what it can do. Monitors are constrained by the tools they are allowed to use to chase baboons away from the urban edge, and when they do break through into the suburbs, monitors are not permitted to follow them onto private property.

The monthly report put out by NCC is available on email. Should anyone wish to receive a copy each month, please email Lesley on [lysnew@iafrica.com](mailto:lysnew@iafrica.com). Also, please make use of the Baboon Hotline and report any baboons in urban areas: 017 588 6540. Whilst it is often difficult for the monitors to keep track of individual baboons, monitors should be ensuring that the troops to keep well away from houses.

## **ATM Fraud**

Residents and visitors are urged to be hyper-cautious in using the ATMs in Simon's Town. These seem to be the target of outside gangs, and although some arrests have been made, the Standard Bank, First National and Absa ATMs are still being targeted,

## **New Police Captain**

Welcome back to Captain Jackie Johnson who has been appointed Station Commander of Simon's Town SAPS as from the beginning of November.

## **Glencairn!**

The Glencairn community are branding their beautiful valley. Everyone living in the Glencairn Valley are invited to participate in writing (in stone) **GLENCAIRN** boldly on the mountain above the old Glencairn Hotel. This fun exercise will start on Wednesday 23 Nov, time 3pm – 5pm and continue daily until all letters have been completed with shoebox size stones which will then be whitewashed. Thanks to Manu from Mach 1 Security for the loan of 2 walkie talkies and to Sean and Karen from the Glen Pub who have kindly sponsored the refreshments for the kids. For further info call Grete on 021 782 0314

## **Reporting issues to the City**

Issues needing the City's attention can be reported directly to the Sub-council Manager, either by email to [desiree.mentor@capetown.gov.za](mailto:desiree.mentor@capetown.gov.za), fax 021- 782 1185, or by dropping off a note at the Sub-council offices at Fish Hoek. Please keep Desiree Mentor informed of progress / or lack of progress so that she can follow-up if necessary. Each report should contain the **Date** (of submitting the request); the **Category** (Roads, Waste Management, Parks, Water supply, Graffiti, etc); a **Detailed description of the problem** (this must include the exact location – eg not just a street name, but opposite which house number, or which end of a beach), and provide the **name and contact details** of the person submitting the request.

## **Subscriptions**

STCA membership fees (**R50 per annum per household**) became due on 1 January 2011. Please pay membership fees (cash) at the STADCO parking office on Jubilee Square during office hours, or by internet banking. (We are trying to avoid use of cheques if at all possible - the bank is now charging exorbitantly for cheques.) Payments from now on in 2011 will cover both 2011 and 2012.

### **For internet banking : BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

**Bank: Standard Bank,**

**Branch code: 036009**

**Account name: Simons Town Civic Association**

**Branch: Fish Hoek**

**Account number: 073815209**

**(Market link savings account)**

Please say "Subs, your name, tel. number" as the sender. Please also notify the STCA that you have paid.

New members must give the STCA contact details so as to be put onto the Newsletter mailing list.

***Please encourage neighbours and friends to join the STCA***

***STCA Web Page: <http://southerncrossroads.info/ggvnw/>***

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### **Emergency numbers:**

- Simon's Town Police: **021 786-8646 or 8647**
- Fish Hoek Emergency Control Centre: **021 782 0333, 782-0444**
- Metro Police (Law Enforcement): **021 784 2033**
- Fire and Emergency: **107** from Telkom phones, **112** from cell phones
- Roads, potholes and stormwater: **0860 103 054 (24 Hours)**
- Water/Sewage Emergencies: **0860 103 054 (24 hours)**
- To report people tossing burning cigarette butts into vegetation: **021 424 7715**
- Cable theft, toll free 24/7 hotline: 0800 222 771.
- To report people feeding baboons: **021 957-5937 or 959-5900**
- Baboon emergencies: **071 588-6540** (all hours).
- Metrorail complaints: **0800 65 64 63.**

Queries and complaints can also be logged at the City's Call Centre: Tel: 0860103089 or SMS 31363 (no more than 160 characters) or email: [ContactUS@capetown.gov.za](mailto:ContactUS@capetown.gov.za)