



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Residents

We hope this message finds you well.

HOA takes pleasure in announcing the re-election of **Aubrey Maluleke and Kevan Hunter to the HOA Board of Directors**. Thank you to the residents who participated in the General Meeting held at Waterstone College on 30 January 2024.

HOA programme is well underway for the year.

- ✚ Residents will have noticed the grass cutting and maintenance in the Estate as well as on Cayman Road. Keeping up with the overgrowth due to all the rain has been challenging, but we are making good progress to reach all phases in need of cutting.
- ✚ HOA purchased a new TLB to assist with the clearing of stands and emergency repairs.
- ✚ HOA assisted with the installation of the Midvaal CCTV Camera project at the corner of Cayman Road at Thornbirds. This will assist with CCTV licence plate verification.
- ✚ Painting of the perimeter wall along the road leading to the contractors gate is almost complete.
- ✚ All of the above continues to enhance our community’s outdoor spaces.





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Upgrading of parks has been done at Lovegrass and Panerai as well as a new “facelift” to the circle at the main gate. Additional plans include a viewing deck at the top of Koppie Drive, so that residents can enjoy the views to the North when walking and cycling. A second outdoor gym will be installed near the 9<sup>th</sup> hole for use at your leisure, and overflow parking will be added to allow easier access to the Coffee Shop.



**LOVEGRASS**

**MAIN GATE CIRCLE**

Building Control: Homeowners are urged to keep stands and roads clean. Rubble removal must be done every Friday. There is zero tolerance on health and safety standards not being complied with.

Please also refrain from dumping general refuse in the recycling bins at construction gate, making it difficult to remove. There is weekly recycling at the Estate every Wednesday and Midvaal refuse removal takes place on Fridays.

HOA is planning an Estate Manager’s Hike in the Estate on Sunday, 18 February. Details will be made available via the digital board and website. Bring the family along for some outdoor fun!



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HOA would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all the homeowners who generously contributed to the golf course and landscaping staff collection. This token of appreciation for their hard work truly made a significant impact. We would also like to extend thanks to resident, Mandy Coertzen, for once again volunteering to take on this task on their behalf.

HOA once again hosted a water table for the Summer Fast One Cycle Race which was routed through the Estate. As usual, cyclists were very impressed with our trails and hospitality. Much hard work by HOA staff goes into preparation of the trails and the event on the day.

### **SPEED LIMIT**

Homeowners are still not adhering to the speed limit rules both within the Estate and on Cayman Road. The racing in and out of the main gate is unnecessary and violation of the rules will result in penalties being issued.



*Together as a community, let us continue to build the beautiful Eye of Africa Estate. HOA's goal is to maintain a high standard which will improve the value of properties and enhance the lifestyle the Eye family continues to enjoy.*

**Warm regards**  
**Gavin Steyl ([gavin@eyeofafricahoa.co.za](mailto:gavin@eyeofafricahoa.co.za))**



## SECURITY UPDATE

### Domestic and Contractor Employment

Our residents as well as the HOA have been dealing with the stipulations within the Immigration Act since last year, which severely impacts households and contractor staff. The implications towards the HOA, just as much as every employer extend towards possible legal action from the side of the DHA.

The HOA managed to obtain a meeting with the DHA on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January, where we discussed the roles and responsibilities of the HOA, employees and employers alike.

The message from the DHA was well received, which included the following items that have direct implications for the Estate:

- The HOA will be held responsible where access is provided to any Foreign National, entering the Estate for employment purposes, not in possession of a valid VISA. The HOA cannot be seen as aiding and abetting the law not to take its course.
- Foreign Nationals in possession of a ZEP/LEP document will have access until 30 November 2024, at which time an application must be made by the holder for a required VISA.
- Any Foreign National, previously in possession of a valid VISA, and application for extension of such VISA has been made, will have access until 30 June 2024.
- Any Foreign National, who applied, while not in possession of an expired/previous valid VISA, and only in possession of proof of application, will not be granted access until the outcome of such application is known.
- These requirements include deliveries which are made to the Estate, such as building materials and Checkers deliveries.

### Guarding Contingency

After careful consideration and study of of Guarding complement, we extended our manpower with an additional Control Room Operator, an additional Reaction driver and a K9 officer. This will go a long way in addressing resident requirements, as well as an increase in service delivery to the Estate.

Philani Dube, our much-loved Site Manager, will be heading the Security Team at Rohlig Grindrod, extending his expertise towards the logistical environment. In his place, we welcome Raymond Amos who will continue the work that Philani has so diligently performed. Raymond has very large shoes to fill, with all the support from the Estate. Philani will remain on-site during the transfer period and will be missed by one and all. We wish him the absolute best, with continued support and assistance.



## **Facial Recognition**

Access control via Facial Recognition and the positive effect is evident. The transfer of the hardware used during the POC towards the Hikvision implementation caused some information to be removed during the database transfer., This is due to POPI and personal information security embedded in both manufacturers. As mentioned during my December newsletter, I welcome any resident to update their facial access or register their own at the HOA. Please visit Rassie for a quick update, or new registration, which is linked to the fingerprint access.

## **Security Enhancements: Drone**

The HOA will be running a POC, to establish the effectiveness of a drone with AI software for possible implementation on the Estate Perimeter. The sole purpose of this exercise is to establish and monitor the movement of possible intruders outside our fence line, the identification of routes leading through open neighbouring properties, and the prevention of perimeter breaches to the Estate. All possible care will be taken by the Service supplier and legal requirements adhered to.

## **Security Incidents**

An incident of shooting was reported on Tuesday evening, where it is suspected that several shots were heard from within the Estate. Estate security acted immediately and investigated comprehensively. No perimeter breach or criminal activity towards this occurred.

## **Security Upgrades**

Together with our Local CPF, our CCTV cameras at the Intersection of Cayman and the R550, will be remounted on a newly planted pole to enhance the view over that intersection and extend our CCTV coverage with Vumacam. We will extend this further within a short period of time to the service road leading toward Waterstone.

## **Golf Carts**

Residents who have not yet registered their golf carts should do so as soon as possible via the security or access control offices at HOA.

## **Stand Numbers**

Residents are once again urged to display their stand numbers for quick identification when needed.

Warms Regards

**Rassie** ([rassie@eyeofafricahoa.co.za](mailto:rassie@eyeofafricahoa.co.za))



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Visit our website: [www.eoacommunity.co.za](http://www.eoacommunity.co.za) for more information on the numerous events planned for February.  
All important estate documents, including Estate Rules and Building Regulations, can also be found on the portal.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact details, especially current telephone numbers and email addresses, should be regularly updated with the HOA by sending an update request to [admin@eoacommunity.co.za](mailto:admin@eoacommunity.co.za)

### Finance queries

For any finance queries related to levies, please contact the Finance office on Tel. 010 140 2529. Meetings are by appointment only and can be arranged via email on [info@eoacommunity.co.za](mailto:info@eoacommunity.co.za)

### Operations & Maintenance queries

All operational and maintenance related matters can be reported via [info@eoacommunity.co.za](mailto:info@eoacommunity.co.za). For urgent matters, please contact Estate Manager on 082-412-0446 or Maintenance Manager on 079-876-5061.

The full HOA contact list is available on the Eye of Africa App as well as our website.

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