

EASTLAKE ISLAND CID

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2024



Hello Neighbours, Happy Spring!

We hope the onset of Spring has put a literal spring in your step! Our plan is to bring you four seasonal newsletters. This is our first official seasonal edition celebrating Spring!

There is something truly magical about spring. It speaks to an awakening of nature after a deep sleep and entering the celebration of all things living. I can only speak to the beauty and serenity around us in our own neighbourhood: the blue skies, the feel of the sun on one's skin, the absolutely beautiful display of wildflowers, and the chirping of the birds singing all around, not to mention the ability to savour the ocean air around us. How awesome is it that we get to celebrate and enjoy all this in the beautiful little area of Eastlake Island?



A special thank you

These poetic words were written by our ELICID committee member, Jesemine Naidoo. As Communications Portfolio holder, she has gone above and beyond the call of duty throughout the establishment of the CID and contributed greatly to this newsletter. Unfortunately, Jes is stepping down from her role. We want to thank her enormously for all her input and support.

Jes - you are a star! The Eastlake Island community is truly grateful for your work on the committee.

RECREATION AND PARKS:

Committee member Pam (Hicks) has established contact with City of Cape Town's central body for Recreation and Parks and had a number of meetings with our local depot.

Two of our committee members, Pam and Caroline (Peirce), along with our MDGA gardens manager Andie Pycroft, met with the relevant City of Cape Town specialists for a walkabout to discuss the many infrastructure and gardening matters affecting our area.



The (long overdue) need for mowing on Eastlake Island was painfully evident, and the City of Cape Town has assured us that we are on the mowing roster. They will not mow areas currently in flower but will return within six weeks to mow

those areas. Our goal is to build a good working partnership with City of Cape Town to get our public parks and communal areas back on track.

An initiative by residents resulted in a small play area under the tree on the corner of Burgee Bend for children to enjoy. Branches were cut back, swings were installed, and seating provided for mothers. Please be aware that it's the parents' responsibility to supervise their children. Those who put up the swings and seating are not liable for any injury incurred. Similarly, the ELICID and the CID are not responsible, as this is a residents' initiative.



While we work within the City's framework, we are equally responsible to you, the community. We welcome any advice or concerns you may have through the official CID channels (email: info@eastlakeislandcid.co.za).

WATERWAYS:

Please see the schedule for the opening and closing of the river mouth this year:

Date	Opening	Closing
11/10/2024	11:00	
18/10/2024		17:00
11/11/2024	13:00	
18/11/2024		07:30
09/12/2024	11:00	
17/12/2024		07:30



PUBLIC SAFETY:

It's often said that neighbours are closer than family due to geographical proximity. In emergencies, our neighbours are generally the first to know when help is needed. In that respect, we have much to be grateful for.

There was a single incident of damage to a parked car. There was no CCTV footage of the incident.

Our service providers have been instructed to escort anyone bin-picking or going door-to-door out of our area. Please also refrain from putting your bins out the night before collection.



"If one part of our chain is weak, the whole chain is at risk."

A request to all members: The SECURITY ALERT WhatsApp group is ONLY for alerting our security providers to matters arising in our area.

Please refrain from making comments or holding discussions on the Security Alert WhatsApp group (they will be deleted by the admin). The discussions can be moved over to the general WhatsApp group.

COMMUNITY:

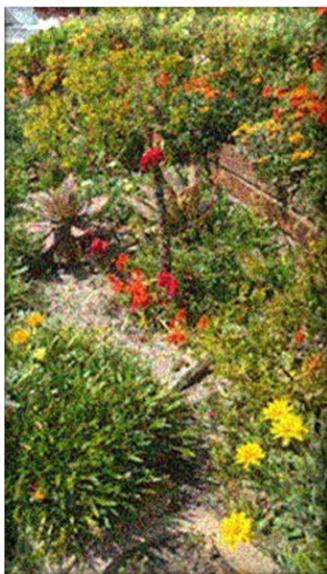
It's human to want to help. All CIDs have a commitment to social upliftment. There are numerous organisations in the greater area surrounding us that assist the vulnerable and destitute. The options are vast, and our decision needs to be thoughtful as we are spending public funds.

Our CID committee member Barrie (Barnard) has begun the process of including our Eastlake Island community in reaching out to the greater need in our society. He has visited three NGOs and one community-driven educare centre in Vrygrond. We encourage you to add your comments to the upcoming survey.

Neighbourhood Events:

On a lighter note, we have come to learn that there's always some form of fun social outreach programs in the Marina - how lucky are we!

Over the next few weeks and months, you can look forward to and join in on the following events organised by the Marina da Gama Association:



Saturday 28 September: 11:00 Vegetable growing session with Fulufhelo.

Sunday, 13 October 2024: Open Gardens - all proceeds will be donated to the South African Guide-Dogs Association for the blind.

Saturday, 14 December 2024: Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, 15 December 2024: Christmas Carols on the waterways

FINANCE:

This week we received our first funding tranche from the City of Cape Town, covering the first 3 months of payments.

We have been registered for tax, VAT and on the Central and City of Cape Town vendor databases. Our application for tax exemption is in process.

Getting to this point was a nightmare, but from here forward, we will receive regular payments. We can now settle our creditors and look forward to spending these funds as per the business plan. We have appointed a bookkeeper to prepare monthly accounts which need to be submitted monthly to the City of Cape Town.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The ELICID has a number of channels for communication:

- **Website:** [www.eastlakeislandcid.co.za] (Our website is currently being revamped).
- **Emails:** Including this newsletter. We have already sent out an introductory edition to officially introduce the team, and this is our first regular, seasonal newsletter. Our intention is to bring you quarterly newsletters to



update our membership on the CID. Other emails will include any general documentation relating to the CID and notices of members' meetings.

- **Security Alert:** ELICID WhatsApp group: For reporting security-related, emergency and suspicious activities only. Note the comments under Public Safety and refrain from clogging the lines – this is a line dedicated to contacting our 24/7 rapid responders.
- **Eastlake Island CID WhatsApp group:** We will only use this WhatsApp group to inform members of issues relevant to the CID. It's not a discussion group (There is a separate Eastlake Island Matters group, not a function of ELICID, for social interaction).

We do not plan to inundate your mailbox with CID documentation but will rather send out important updates via the CID WhatsApp channel. The exception is the documentation and notice for the members' meeting which will be circulated once it is signed off by the City of Cape Town.

Eastlake Island CID meetings:

10 October 2024: ELICID Board meeting

4 December 2024: Members' meeting to be held at the San Marina Club House, Uitsig at 19:00.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CID:

“Am I, as a property owner, automatically a member of the CID?”

The short answer is no - you're not automatically a member.

City of Cape Town regulations determine that:

- All property owners contribute towards the CID.
- All property owners can submit suggestions, assist the ELICID and attend meetings.
- However, only those members that have formally applied for membership can vote at the general meeting of members and stand for election on the committee.

Just a reminder that the ELICID falls under the auspices of the City of Cape Town. There is therefore a form for everything! Once these are ratified and signed off by the CID Branch of the City of Cape Town they will be uploaded to the website.

So, if you wish to become a member of the CID, submit a suggestion or complaint, attend one of the board meetings – there will be a form... soon...

Once these forms are uploaded to the website, we will advise members via our communication channels.

We would like to hear from you, our Eastlake Islanders:

Have you spotted anything of interest that you would like to share and inform the rest of our neighbours about? Please do tell! The objective of our seasonal newsletters is not only to bring you news about the ELICID, but interesting content about our neighbourhood.

Watch your incoming mail for a community survey. We've had lively discussions on WhatsApp groups about a number of issues. We would prefer that our community guides the ELICID Committee going forward. We thank you in advance for your participation in the survey.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to any ELICID committee member through our email: info@eastlakeislandcid.co.za. We would welcome any ideas you have to offer.

Until next time, we wish you a happy Spring!

