

VILLAGE NEWS

Walmer Park Village (WPV), Church Road
Walmer Port Elizabeth 6070

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Exterior Lighting, Barking Dogs & Security: These matters are linked. No townhouse resident should have a false sense of safety behind an electric fence and burglar bars. However, being paranoid should as best as one can, be avoided. WPV exterior lighting is to an extent improved with some exceptions. Barking dogs are a good warning of danger yet if they bark for hours, we take no notice; except for the irritation. Security is on most residential agendas in South Africa. A glance every week at press reports of the brutal chaos in this country must alert all; if it does not you live in denial. Trustees are now investigating camera security, albeit reluctantly due to budget constraints. Any bright suggestions from owners will be valued.

Water Meters; Water & Sanitation Costs: Water meters for each Unit will be installed in 2019, as soon as Trustees complete cost/quality investigations. If you use 1000 litres of water per month (as an example) you will pay, with an individual water meter at present rates, R279.79 per month: -

- Water R15-81
- Water availability charge R68.51
- Sanitation availability charge R68.52
- Sanitation minimum usage charge R123.00
- FSPA 1.5% R4.14
- The variable is the water usage at R15.81 per KL. Sanitation min charge will change if you use more than 11 000L/month. A month will be 30 calendar days.
- After 01/07/2019 add 7.5%

Electric Fence: Kentek Security upgraded WPV perimeter fence in terms of Quotation 27 May 2019. Included were 15 new earth spikes, lightning diverter, additional compulsory warning signs, Certificate of Compliance and site plan.

Garden Bed at Entrance: With severe water restrictions in place and virtually no budget Trustees hope to improve the garden bed and immediate surrounding area at the entrance (outside Unit 24). Only hardy succulents and similar plants are envisaged. Where possible existing WPV plants will be moved around and garden bed composted. Any bulk water required to settle the plants will be ordered from a recognised supplier. Contributions from Owners will be gratefully received. The timing is still to be decided but by spring completion is planned.

Refuse & Greencycle Bags: During the winter months it was recently agreed by Trustees that Gerald Langa work hours would change. This was done for his security. Please ensure your refuse bags are placed outside your units on Monday/Thursday afternoons – latest 3pm. On Tuesday/Friday mornings when Municipal collection usually arrives rather early it may be too late for Gerald to collect. 01 September WPV reverts to normal times.

Greencycle:

(A message from Greencycle – they collect from WPV twice a month)

As we approach Plastic Free July (the campaign led by the Plastic Free Foundation) this is the month to really monitor the plastic you bring into your life and try and reduce it wherever possible. There really is no excuse any more for accepting plastic bags when at the shops. There are lots of alternatives, including our popular Off-Chute fold-up shopping bags – still just R40 each or R150 for 4. They slip easily into your handbag or pocket and should last a lifetime. Lots of funky colours available. Then, depending on how committed you are, you can pledge to:

Avoid single-use plastic packaging

Avoid takeaway items like straws, plastic cutlery, coffee cups, plastic bottled drinks and polystyrene containers.

Go completely plastic-free

And if you do have to buy plastic, make sure it can be recycled.

Then recycle it.

Pedestrian Gate Lock/key Change:

You have received a Notice from Fspa advising that the barrel lock/key on the back-pedestrian gate will be changed in August. This is a necessary exit point for several reasons while at the same time a security concern. One reason is several keys have not been returned when owners sell. A "key deposit" will be required and as before a Key Register filed. An important matter.