

## KENT ROAD COMMUNITY PARK NEWSLETTER February 2018



Despite ongoing political uncertainty, the worst water crisis in living memory and developers destroying so many village gardens to densify housing, the park remains a tranquil peaceful spot in Newlands village. If you need a quiet place to centre yourself its comfortable bench seats are ideal. It is also a great venue for successful children's birthday parties or even an Easter egg hunt! Thankfully most of the trees and plants have survived without any irrigation for over 18 months. The Oak trees are doing better as they are not inundated with the sooty mildew fungus that attacks them when it is wetter.

Sadly this year we had another theft of plants and over a 100 Clivias were dug out from the central bed just before they came into flower. Hennie Samuels, the gardener whom we have used twice a month for several years now - and whom we pay R 450.00 per day - continues to mow when necessary, clean the beds and remove both rubbish left behind by 'bergies' as well as all the dog poop not picked up by careless or selfish dog owners.

City Recreation and Parks provided us with a load of bark chip mulch to spread under the trees where the plants should have been, and when the drought is over, we will replant again.

### **FUND RAISING EVENT – SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 18 March 2018 at 3pm**

Please save this date for our next communal get together in the Park and bring a plate of snacks and something to drink. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and donate some much needed funds to the Park by any of the following methods:-

- Drop cash or a cheque payable to 'Kent Road Park' into the letterbox at no. 17 Kent Road
- Make an EFT transfer to Kent Road Park, FNB Claremont, Branch Code 200109, Account number 62056626529 and send philipsack@telkomsa.net an e-mail to confirm the payment
- In all cases be sure to supply your name and address so you can be issued with a receipt.

This year we would like to install some informal seating / children play items under the Oak trees in the form of a hand carved family of pigs which are being made by the sculptor at Montebello. The timber for these seats was generously donated by Jane Prinsloo from a Stone Pine tree which sadly came down last year. We would also like to acknowledge the generous annual donations received from the Newlands Residents Association which go a long way towards keeping the park neat and usable.

**Donations to 'purchase' a day's gardening at R 450.00 per day will be appreciated but any contribution is most welcome.**

**The Cape Town Animal by-laws require that all dogs be on a leash when in public and failure to comply is a criminal offence.**

Please take responsibility for your dogs and avoid unpleasantness with other users. We also appeal to ALL DOG OWNERS to use the plastic bags on their walks and to clean up after their dogs have done their business; otherwise the Park becomes a health hazard for anyone visiting it.

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