

Estate Newsletter



Editor's Note

The Big Bay Homeowners Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on 12 November 2009. This is an important forum to facilitate broader participation in the management of the Estate and homeowners are called upon to attend this meeting or alternatively to hand over or fax (021) 554-0865 a signed proxy form to the Estate Management office.

Security plays an important role in ensuring peace of mind for all and the security inputs in our newsletter are regarded highly by our residents. As the Festive Season is almost upon us, December and January months are regarded statistically high periods of criminal activity. In our next edition of the newsletter, we will include our procedures regulating social functions, visitors entering the Estate and domestic workers/gardeners.

Friendly Greetings
Ben Lutumba



AGM

By now you should have received an e-mail and/or letter in your post box notifying you of the details and agenda for the AGM. The AGM will take place on Thursday, **12 November 2009** at 18h00 at the Big Bay Lifesaving Club. We would like to encourage all Property Owners to attend.



Landscaping

By now you should've noticed that we are busy giving the entrances and parks of the Estates a "facelift". The rainy season has caused an abundance of weeds and we are busy spraying with weed killer in the parks and along the pathways. We have also noticed that some of residents' driveways have also been "attacked" by weeds. Please dear residents, take a proactive action to remedy this as we would like to keep up the high standard of tidiness on our Estate.



Security

We are pleased to inform you that we have had no incidents in our Estates. Although the integration of our security systems have produced a great result in curbing criminal activities from taking place, we would like to remind our residents to remain vigilant in making sure that all windows/doors are locked and alarms are activated when retiring at night. We have noticed that some residents are leaving personal items in their unlocked vehicles and garages. Please remove any valuables if your vehicle is parked outside and make sure that your garage is always closed and locked.



Leaving Personal Possessions with Security

It has come to the attention of management that residents are leaving their personal possessions e.g. car/house keys, cameras, parcels, cell phones etc. with security. We strongly urge residents not to continue as security has been given strict instructions not to accept any personal items from residents or visitors. Also, no resident is permitted to request that their domestic worker is to leave their house keys at security. The Estate will not be held responsible/liable for anything that may go missing.



Vodacom Microcell Installation Update

We would like to inform all our Vodacom user residents that the microcell system has been successfully installed and by now your signal reception should have improved. Please give us feedback on your experience with the new network upgrade.

Homeowners/Residents Newsletter Input

Again we are inviting vibrant, energetic and loyal Homeowners/Residents to join our Newsletter Editorial by sending us your articles. Let us join hands in making a difference in our community.

For any new information please e-mail the Estate Manager, (bigbayinfo@telkomsa.net) or contact on (021) 554-0865.



Parks and Play Areas

We would like to kindly remind all our residents to ensure that no glass is to be taken to the parks and play areas. If any glass bottles are being used, please make sure that it is removed immediately or placed in one of the bins provided. We have found pieces of broken glass at the parks and play areas and this is a matter of extreme concern for us. Please play safe for the sake of ourselves and our children. Also report any broken items at any of our parks or play areas.



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Should you have a missed call on your cell phone from any of the above numbers, it indicates that the guards tried to contact you. Please return the call.



Fireworks

Thursday, 5 November is Guy Fawkes Night when some people celebrate by lighting fireworks. Those who do celebrate this event, please take care as some fireworks can be dangerous. Please make sure that children are supervised at all times when near fireworks. I'm sure you do not have to be reminded, but we will anyway....all animals are to be kept indoors on this night as most animals suffer from 'noise phobia' (the fear of loud noises) and may panic, especially if their owner/s are not at home to keep them calm. May we ask that no fireworks be let off after 21h00 on Thursday, 5 November as it is a week night.



Halloween

Don't be surprised if you see some scary looking creatures on Saturday, 31 October – it's time for the children to "trick or treat". If, for whatever reason you do not wish to be disturbed, please leave your outside light off or alternatively place a "do not disturb" sign on your front door.

Parents are to please supervise their children doing their rounds on the Estate and let them know that they are not to knock on the door of the houses whose outside light is off. We would kindly like to ask that all "trick or treating" to please end by 21h00. Don't forget to stock up on treats for the children.



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in their homes. If there is an emergency the panic button which can be placed anywhere in your home may be pressed to alert the security officers at the main gate, who will then respond. If interested in purchasing a panic button, please e-mail the office at bigbayinfo@telkomsa.net. There is also an option of linking your existing alarm to our security system. We would advise that all our property owners/residents who already have panic buttons please do not hesitate to use it if you hear or see anything unusual. We would like to encourage our residents to make use of this facility.



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Table Talk/Tygerburger/Easi Ads

Can be obtained from the Security Officers at the three guardhouses



Show and Open Houses


All property owners are to please advise Estate Management in writing no later than a Thursday if their house will be on show on the Sunday. This is necessary in order for management to put adequate security measures in place for show houses. If no letter is received, access will be denied to the agent who is showing the house. The same applies to "open houses" during the week. A letter has to be given to Estate Management stating the date and time that your house will be an "open house".

News!!! News!!! News!!!

The Estate will be closed to all building contractors in the middle of December 2009 and will reopen in January 2010, the dates will be announced in our next newsletter. Only emergency work will be permitted.




Our Children's Christmas party will take place on Wednesday, 16 December 2009. All the details will be given in our next, November Newsletter and we are excited to meet with all the new children that have joined our Estate "family".




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