



Dainfern Valley

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A Word from our Chairman

Dear Residents

I can't believe that we are already well into 2019. I wish you all a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

The trustees and estate management extend a big thank you to all those who contributed generously to the Christmas collection for our guarding and gardening staff. This enabled them to enjoy their Festive Season a little more with their families. We really have an incredibly motivated team of guards and gardeners who enjoy working on our amazing Estate and this in part to your appreciation of what they do every day.

The EGM pack was sent out recently for our annual meeting to approve the budget and levies for the year ending 28 February 2020. The EGM is being held at the Dainfern College Auditorium on Thursday 21st February 2019 at 18h15. We encourage as many members as possible to attend.

Sebastian Carter



21ST CENTURY LEARNING AT DAINFERN COLLEGE



The first day of big school for Grade 1



Grade 0s in their new classroom



Making new friends in Grade 1

2019 started on a high note for Dainfern College with the release of the excellent Matric results achieved by the Class of 2018. "Our 2018 matriculants proudly maintained the College's unbroken record of 100% pass since the first Grade 12 class wrote Matric in 2001," comments College Principal, Matthew Davies. "They achieved a remarkable 96,7% degree pass as well as an average of 1,9 distinctions per candidate."

Davies attributes this success to the enrichment and strong partnership that exists across the College. "We strive at all times to provide a 'world of education' through a structured and progressive academic journey that starts right from Grade 0. Our innovative approach to all aspects of education, together with the strong leadership programme and international influences that drive our offer, ensures that our students are indeed given an 'education for the world.'"

Patti Blackhurst, a highly experienced educator with a passion for children, is the principal of the Junior Preparatory and has ensured that the latest thinking in early childhood development is in place for these young students. "One of these trends is the integrated day that our children enjoy in Grades 0, 1 and 2," she explains. "This ensures that they not only experience a wealth of cultural and sporting opportunities during the school day, but also learn and develop the foundations of language and mathematics within a day that is playful and collaborative, inspiring curiosity and creativity as it engages children in

meaningful learning experiences."

The new principal of the Senior Preparatory, Mr Ray van Gass brings a wealth of experience to this phase of the College. He is currently serving as the Chair of the SAHISA Gauteng Prep Schools Curriculum Development and Shared Assessment Committee and believes strongly in the need for children to be given the tools and competencies required to tackle complex global challenges.

Van Gass is a strong advocate for innovative teaching methods and new forms of learning to support this goal. Under his leadership, this year will therefore see the formalised implementation of inquiry-based learning in the Grade 4-7 classrooms at Dainfern College. The core subjects of Mathematics, English and the additional languages remain a key focus, while aspects of the other traditional school subjects are incorporated into a cross-curricular programme that teaches core 21st Century skills such as higher order thinking, problem solving, communication, team work and reflection. There will be considerably less mark-based assessment as a result, and a greatly reduced homework burden on students too.

Dainfern College prides itself on being at the cutting edge of education. New and innovative teaching methods and approaches are rigorously interrogated before being rolled out in the various phases of the school, always with the view to ensuring that students leave school with all the necessary skills and knowledge to embrace an exciting future with confidence.



Mr Ray van Gass



Grade 0s enjoying their first day

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8 Distinctions



Michael Browne

8 subject distinctions:
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English, Information
Technology, Life
Orientation, Mathematics,
Music & Physical Sciences



Dainfern College's legacy of Academic Excellence continues!

Open Day

Thu 7 February
09h00-10h00

High School Info Evening

Wed 20 February
18h00-20h00

Grade 8 2020 Scholarship & Entrance exams

Wed 6 March
07h30-11h30

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"OMW! The Valley is the best!"

OUR RESIDENTS ENJOYED A SPECIAL TREAT ON

Valentine's Day

It was delightful to see the varied expressions on residents faces when our guarding and gardening staff handed out Valentine's Day treats and vouchers from our generous sponsors at the exit gate on Valentine's morning, some of which comments received were priceless!! It was a fabulously fun way in which to start Valentine's Day and we trust everyone enjoyed their treats! Special thanks goes to our sponsors Fashion Squared – Hair, Nail and Beauty Salon, Fidelity Security Services, Johnny's Mozambican Restaurant, Melissa's Café (now The Pantry Collection) and Servest Landscaping.

Enjoy the photos!



"Thank you!! This is like Christmas!!!"

"This is such a surprise!!! Awesome!!!"

"What a beautiful way to start the day!!!"

NEXT ESTATE EVENT

Please diarise our ever popular Easter Hunt scheduled for Sunday morning, 7th April 2019. This event is generously sponsored by Gaye Cawood Realty. Watch this space for more details!

POPI COMPLETION PROJECT BY DVHA

Dainfern Valley Home Owners Association Protection of Personal Information (POPIA) Act Project

The Dainfern Valley HOA management team recognised the importance of protecting the personal information of residents, staff and other stakeholders during 2017 and decided to embark on an initiative for protecting their information in a responsible and legal manner.

In August 2018, a project which aimed to prepare for complying with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI/POPIA) was initiated by the Dainfern Valley management team with approval from the Board.

The primary objective of the project was to prepare for compliance with

the POPI Act by taking "reasonable and appropriate" and "organisational and technical" steps as suggested in the POPI Act. This would include the protection of residents, visitors and other stakeholders' personal information. Further objectives for the project were to implement sound governance, risk and compliance practices in line with the DVHA vision and code of conduct.

The project ran from 14 August 2018 to 31 January 2019 and is regarded as a successful project as it achieved the objectives defined at the start. The success of the POPIA project was due to a large extent to the strong sponsorship and commitment displayed by the management team. Without this, the project would not have been the success that it has been. Dainfern Valley Estate is the first Estate in the northern suburbs to which IACT-Africa has issued a POPI Act Ready Certificate. John Cato has complimented the DVHA team on taking a lead in the area and in showing leadership in the Residential Estate sector.



POTENTIAL

Young people have tremendous potential – what is needed is a platform for constructive energy and channelling their expression.

ISSUES

We are all well aware of the multitude of challenges with the youth in Dainfern and surrounding estates. Drugs, underage drinking, disrespect, vandalism, graffiti, breaching of security rules, parent / youth misunderstandings, boredom, to name a few!

CHILL ZONE

In light of the above needs, The Youth Chill Zone was born, a partnership between Dainfern Fellowship, Fourways United and the Fern Shopping Centre. Initiative has been taken to create a venue relevant to young people. We are grateful to Dainfern residents etc. who have donated a pool table, football table, basketball nets, table tennis table, dart board etc. The purpose behind the Chill Zone is to have a safe environment that can be used to channel the youth's energy into purposeful living. Friday nights are Chill Zone nights at the Fern Shopping Centre in the old Maximos Restaurant.

The Fern Shopping Centre is located opposite the Sasol Garage at the Cedar Road Dainfern entrance.



Chill Zone

*Friday Nights
19.00 - 22:00
Ages: 13 - 18 yrs
Maximos
The Fern Shopping Centre
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NETWORKING WITH FOURWAYS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Fourways Community Chamber of Commerce is a leading business support centre where local businesses, leaders, owners and entrepreneurs meet daily to brainstorm ideas, explore business opportunities, discuss projects, pursue joint ventures and form strategic alliances.

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Every Friday 09h30 to 11h00 is a FREE introduction to first-timers and SERIOUS

business networking for members at Eagle's Nest Lodge & Convention Centre – 373 Leslie Road, Fourways – corner William Nicol & Leslie.

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Our clients include every business or community leader, business owner, operator, entrepreneur that wants to grow their enterprise in the Greater Fourways area.



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 Dainfern Valley

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COMPETITIONS

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We hope our residents are enjoying the kaleidoscope of summer colour and our beautiful green lush Valley!

Thank goodness we have been blessed with recent rains following the extreme heatwaves experienced over the festive season which had our gardens and lawns gasping and dying in places!

We are reminded that working with Mother Nature is challenging to the say the least, she is ever powerful and an evolving phenomenon!

Thank you to our garden team for the newly introduced early morning and late afternoon irrigation shifts. Your dedication, commitment and huge efforts are recognised and much appreciated.

Our challenge going forward is to further increase our present efforts on the introduction of water-wise and low maintenance plants – Mother Nature, now with instructions!!

Promoting indigenous, water-wise and wildlife gardening and the introduction of indigenous ecosystems is not easy to balance with the various demands involved. However, with the changing weather patterns and scarcity of rain, it is the way to go and we absolutely accept this challenge with both hands, it's very exciting!

And now suddenly ... whoosh ... summer is flying past!!! We are well into the short month of February – the “run-down” to autumn, so enjoy the last days of this year's summer. February can be one of the hottest months of the year, so keep up the mulching and maintain regular watering.

Have you noticed the cooler early mornings and leaves starting to fall from the Crombetums?

This month we thought we would include an article on the Plight of Bees and the extreme importance of these invaluable little creatures in our daily lives and surrounding nature, enjoy!



ESTATE GARDENS

Floods, cleanup and damage to be included in next issue!

It was only in the seventeenth century that the true value of bees was recognised; the ability to pollinate flowers, the first step in propagating nearly every crop and wild plant on earth.

Bees are part and parcel of our daily life. Bees were kept and honey harvested long before any kind of fruit was cultivated. Not only did honey sweeten food, it was used to brew drinks, for its healing qualities and to make cosmetic products. Beeswax was important for waterproofing, making candles and as a surface to write on.

Honey bees in general receive two rewards when visiting a flower: nectar as a treat and pollen for the larvae in the hive. Pollination occurs at the same time. South African bees are divided into six families; four short-tongued and two long-tongued bees.

The Bee Genera and Sub-genera of Sub-Saharan Africa is a book that can be used by a novice and melittologist to identify bee genera and sub-genera. Since 2006 alarming reports came to light, showing a sharp decline in domestic honey bee hives. Investigators blamed the use of pesticides.

Some of the problems that contribute to the decline of bees are the following:

- The nest/hives of honey bees and stingless bees are destroyed for honey
- Carpenter bees have less wood where they can burrow due to fire wood collection
- Soils where single bees burrow are tilled for crops
- Flowers sprayed with insecticide not only kill adult bees, but larvae are fed with contaminated pollen and nectar
- Domestic hives are easy to move and can hybridise with native varieties of bees
- Food plants are lost due to grazing, removal of bush and the spread of invasive plants
- Bee keepers move bees around and introduce new species that result in the spread of pests and disease.

Add global warming to the equation and a recipe for disaster becomes clear. Not only is it a real threat to plant diversity, but directly affects pollinator biodiversity.

Choose garden plants that will play an important part in conserving our bees:

- Plant nectar- and pollen-rich plants
- A variety of colours and shapes of flowers will attract different bees
- Choose flowers that ensure a year-round source of food for bees
- Support ecological agriculture
- Know your insecticides to minimise the damage caused when treating plants in the garden
- Get to know the bees visiting your garden (most of the species do not sting).

A decline in pollinators will result in loss of crop production, food security and human welfare.

It is clear that conservation of our bees need attention.



BEES IN OUR GARDENS



Before



After

MAINTENANCE

Our dedicated maintenance team continues to attend to paving on roads and pathways, as well as painting, plumbing and electrical maintenance in our Estate and is always ongoing.



Before

After



Before



After



Before

After



HOME RENOVATIONS

Residents are once again reminded to please submit plans and paint colours to the Estate Office for any renovations and painting of homes being planned. All plans and paint colours must be signed off by the Estate Office and Architectural Committee before any work may commence. The plan scrutiny fee is R1000.00 so please avoid costly mistakes by following process and procedure and getting the required approval. Management is monitoring this closely and working with a few properties whose homes require repainting in the correct earthy tones.



SPECIAL PRE-CLEARANCE REQUESTS

Kindly note all pre-clearance requests should be specific in stipulating all details of visitors, contractors and employees e.g. names of persons and companies. This will facilitate in precise and quicker pre-clearance for all concerned. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

Welcome to the following new residents to our beautiful Valley and trust their stay will be a long and happy one!

- Emily & Thomas Lambourn**
- Tracey & Simon Bosch**



MOVEMENTS OF RESIDENTS AND STAFF

Please note that it is extremely important to keep management and security updated on their movements within our Estate. This applies to residents doing private sales/rentals, sales/rentals via Estate Agents and the employment and dismissal of staff. It is imperative to maintain our excellent security and high standards in our Estate, and should there be any doubt, any access without prior authorised notification will be denied. We kindly request residents/members to keep management and security updated accordingly.

SECURITY EMERGENCY NUMBER 079 060 5413

Please remember to call our Security Emergency number if you have any suspicion that you are being followed home. Please know that emergency vehicles will be sent to your location to escort you safely into our Estate. Rest assured that extra security precautions are in place in Broadacres Drive with the DCA (Dainfern Community Association) of which we are a member.

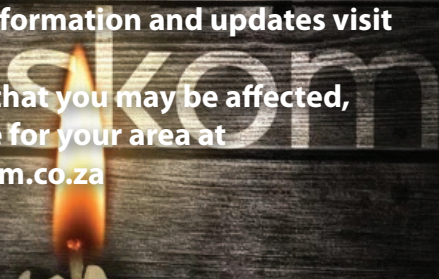
Please note we are a family Estate and not the Kyalami Grand Prix circuit, so we kindly ask that you not speed and drive with consideration and respect for our fellow residents and furry friends!



LOAD SHEDDING

Currently Eskom has not implemented rotational load shedding. Load Shedding could be implemented at short notice. For more information and updates visit www.eskom.co.za.

To determine the time/s that you may be affected, please view the Schedule for your area at www.loadshedding.eskom.co.za



CLIMATE COMPARISON FOR JOHANNESBURG FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Source: World Climate Data openweather.com©

Average Weather in Johannesburg for February

Sunlight	10 hours a day
Coldest February temperature	9°C
Coldest daily temperature	17°C
Warmest daily temperature	28°C
Warmest February temperature	32°C
Morning Humidity	74%
Evening Humidity	48%
Rain in February	110 mm
Wet days for February	10 days

Average Weather in Johannesburg for March

Sunlight	7 hours a day
Coldest March temperature	6°C
Coldest daily temperature	15°C
Warmest daily temperature	25°C
Warmest March temperature	34°C
Morning Humidity	75%
Evening Humidity	48%
Rain in March	113 mm
Wet days for March	7 days

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OUTSTANDING CARE WORKER - Agatha, our trusted care worker, is needing a position after the passing of my dad in November 2018. She is an exceptionally well groomed, honest and proud individual who has been a true asset to the care and well-being of my dad whilst he was alive. Agatha is caring, compassionate, forms close bonds with her patients, is able to wash, dress, mentally stimulate, do basic wound care and provide love and friendship to her patient. I can highly recommend Agatha! Please feel free to contact Belinda on 082 412 6922 to arrange an interview.

DOMESTIC - We have relocated to Plettenberg Bay and would highly recommend our domestic helper Carren. She has been with me for 5 years and besides being very intelligent and pleasant to have in our home, she is loyal, energetic and a hard worker – never been off sick for a day! Currently works on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday but can work full-time. If you are interested in interviewing her please contact Sue on 082 883 3923.

DOMESTIC - Constance, has been working for us for 10 years. She is looking for full-time employment with accommodation. She is so much more than an employee to us...she has become a valued part of our family. She is wonderful with children and a stable, quiet living, kind and reliable person. She is South African and does not have a husband or children. Please contact me if you are looking for someone. I cannot recommend her enough. Please contact Colleen on 082 921 8726.

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