



Christmas time is here, but for many people, this isn't a time of cheer. Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, many families will be unable to spend this Christmas together.



Formosa Garden Village Management and Staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the spirit of Christmas fill your home with peace, Joy and love.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Please take note of the upcoming holidays as the office will be closed.
 No office, Gardener, Driver and Maintenance staff will be available on these weekdays.
 Tuesday 15 December 2020: Office will close at 13:00
 Wednesday 16 December 2020: Day of Reconciliation
 Thursday 24 December 2020: Office will close at 13:00 - Christmas Eve
 Friday 25 December 2020: FGV Christmas Day - Christmas Lunch (Pre Booked)
 Thursday 31 December 2020: Office will close at 13:00 - New Years Eve
 Friday 1 January 2021: New Years Day
 Monday 4 January 2021: All Staff resume duties

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Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday and many blessings to everyone celebrating a birthday during the next few months.

DECEMBER 2020

10th	Neville Whittaker	10th	Lee-Ann Andrew	13th	Leslie Bergh
20th	Piet Odendaal	22nd	Elizabeth Lamb	24th	Nancy Wilkinson
26th	Jo Taylor	28th	Jean Korck	31st	Margie Couper

JANUARY 2021

1st	June Talmage	2nd	Tony Millerd	5th	Louisa McCallum
7th	Graham Korck	15th	Ann Holmes	21st	Brenda Masterton
22nd	Jackie Bass	23rd	Joy Stacey	25th	Penny Denman
25th	Muriel Cubitt	26th	Sally Du Plessis	28th	Helen Rogers
29th	Justine Da Silva				



FEBRUARY 2021

5th	Mary Marais	6th	Aiden Buchholz	10th	Deirdre Minikin
16th	Ursula Allan	16th	Joan Hutchinson	16th	Patricia Dabinett
17th	Mala van Huyssteen	21st	Gail Farrenkothen	21st	Julian Luyt
23rd	Joy Williams	23rd	Irene Hutchinson	24th	Chick Mclvor
26th	John Matchett	27th	Judy Kinsman	28th	Julius Whiteman
29th	Barbara Von Dem Bussche				



MARCH 2021

1st	Sally Taylor	2nd	Dr Peter Bunton	3rd	Judy Gomes
3rd	Lucy Dodd	6th	John McCallum	6th	Hugh Stacey
7th	Neill Andrew	7th	Pam Rodwell	12th	Godfrey Bass
17th	Ailsa Mann	17th	Tim Wiener	18th	Betty Sleigh
21st	Edith Hartnell	22nd	Beryl Holliday	22nd	Frances Cope
24th	Heather Karis	25th	Kevin Dabinett	25th	Nan de Jager
25th	Thomas Minikin				

A special note of congratulations to Mary Marais who will be celebrating her 100th birthday and to Dr Peter Bunton who will be celebrating his 99th birthday in 2021. May your birthday be filled with sunshine and smiles, laughter and love.

WE REMEMBER

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of the following residents. Our sincere



Corrie Weavind
01/09/2020



David Atkinson
09/10/2020



Dickson Russell
17/11/2020

COTTAGE SPONSOR AND UPGRADE NEWS

The world might have stood still for some time, but life goes on and with this we would like to welcome some new faces to the village. Welcome to Rose Teubes who moved into cottage 17 and Snooky and Justine Da Silva who have moved into cottage 77. We wish them all many years of happiness and contentment at FGV.

Cottage 81 has been sponsored by Danuta Parker and cottage 89 has been sponsored to Geoffrey and June Robinson. These cottages are currently in the upgrade phase.



Cottages 30, 55, 76, 84, 126 and 130 are currently still in the sponsoring phase and some upgrades have already commenced. We would like to thank you for your patience during these renovations.

OTHER RESIDENT NEWS

We bid farewell to Leslie Burnell who has left Formosa Garden Village. Leslie Burnell and his wife moved into cottage 81, 23 years ago. Sadly his wife past away a few years later. We wish him all the best in his new home.



ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

The annual Cocktail Party hosted by the Executive Committee which all residents have been looking forward to, has sadly been cancelled due to Covid-19. We hope and pray that life will be able to return to normal soon. Stay safe.

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW RESIDENTS

ERWIN & JENNY LEIBNITZ – COTTAGE 114

Erwin studied at the University of Natal and spent his entire working career in Conservation. Firstly in the Natal Parks Board, the Mount Sheba Nature Reserve in Mpumalanga, while there, he met Jenny. They were married in 1969, after which Jenny worked in each of the Game Reserves where Erwin was stationed. These included the Etosha National Park in Namibia, the Klaserie Game Reserve in the Lowveld of Mpumalanga, the Welgevonden Game Reserve in the Waterberg of the Limpopo Province.

Upon retirement they managed the Trout farms in Dullstroom for Anglo American for five years. Later moving to Plettenberg Bay where they have been living for the last 10 years. They have two married daughters with families. One daughter living in Plettenberg Bay and the other in Cape Town.



BUGS AND OTHER MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

I would like to remind residents who require Bugs's assistance with private TV Systems (DSTV) cell phones, laptops, tablets and computers, that these requests do not fall under the responsibility of FGV. Bugs cannot tend to any of these private issues during FGV work hours. He is however available to assist after hours. Should you require any assistance, please contact Sandra. Alternatively you can contact the Computer shop or Megasat in town. Repair of private items such as bed lamps, irons, kettles, hair dryers, radios, microwaves, dishwashers and private electrical equipment, does not fall under the Maintenance department. Please contact the office for a referral, if you do not know who to contact for assistance.



STAFF NEWS

The Formosa Garden Villages employs many staff members in various departments. 2 such staff members have recently celebrated 30 years of service at FGV. They were both presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the years of good and dedicated service. Congratulations to Ester Langa in the Domestic Department and Elizabeth Bekker in the Frail Care Department. May you still have many happy years.



Ester Langa



Elizabeth Bekker

GRATUITY BOX STAFF DONATIONS

If you wish to give a staff member a financial gift or “tip”, we request that you DO NOT give to individuals as this causes unhappiness between members of staff. Instead place your donation in the locked gratuity box in the foyer. There are small white envelopes at the reception (ask Lizette) to assist you in this regard. We would like to thank each and every one who contributes towards the staff gratuity fund during the year.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

GUINEAFOWLS: You would have noticed the beautiful picture of the guinea fowls on the front cover. Several requests have been made to our office to ask residents to not feed the guinea fowls. They are becoming a nuisance to some residents and the residue of foods on the lawns is attracting rodents and snakes. There is a cost involved, should the snake man be called out. This cost **will be for the resident's account. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.**



DOGS: We have received several complaints from residents regarding dogs roaming around the village off their leads damaging and fouling peoples gardens. If you are a pet owner, please adhere to the rules set out in the House Rules. Also remember, that dogs are not allowed in the main building or in the Frail Care.

PETS: Please remember to register your pet with Gerda. This is important as we need to know who to contact should an emergency arise and your pet needs care from someone other than you.



MEAL BOOKINGS: All bookings made will be charged for. Please cancel booked meals or any other catering order, at least one day before, to avoid charges. Remember to cancel your permanent bookings when you are away.



SPEED LIMIT: We have received several complaints regarding drivers not adhering to the 20km/ph speed limit. Please keep to this speed when driving on all roads in the village, especially near the Frail Care area.

SLIDING DOORS AND LOCKS

We would like to remind residents that we keep a set of keys locked in a safe in my office for the purpose of emergencies only. Emergencies include: Medical and maintenance emergencies or a burst geyser. Therefore it is very important that you should advise us if you change any of your locks. It is also very important that you should not use sliding locks or bolts on all your doors, as this will hinder us entering your cottage in case of an emergency.



THE CURRENT FGV COTTAGE MAINTENANCE POLICY:

FGV's Responsibility - External maintenance and upkeep of cottages. These include:

- The painting, waterproofing and varnishing thereof - painting done according to a 5 yearly painting schedule
- Cottage doors, window frames, windows, gutters, external door locks and structural defects
- Water, Sewerage, geyser and legal electricity connection up to and including the outlets
- Bulbs for internal and external fixed light fittings only
- Weed spraying restricted to the common roads / paved areas and communal gardens.



Resident's Responsibility - Internal maintenance and upkeep of a cottage, while being occupied by the resident. These include:

- General maintenance of the inside of cottages which includes varnishing and painting of the cottages.
- Normal wear and tear items – cottage keys, cupboards, handles, toilet seats, carpets, tiles, shower doors, garage motors, remotes, sink and basin plugs within the cottage. Weed spray of the cottage garden and surrounding paving area.
- Breakages caused by the resident.
- Please use your gardener during your allocated time, to clean your gutter regularly. Ladders are at their disposal.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM COTTAGES

We are still experiencing many incidents and receiving several complaints regarding items being removed from cottages without the required consent. We therefore earnestly request that no furniture, pot plants, shrubs, garden ornaments or light bulbs be removed from any cottage -vacant or occupied - without written permission from the resident living there, family of the resident or the permission of Management. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.



PANIC BUTTONS

A panic button can be ordered through the main office by completing an order form. The once off cost is R272.00 and will be charged to your account. This panic button should be carried around your neck at all times and will provide the same service as knocking off the internal phone handset. It is very important that you test the panic button at least once a month. Should you require a new battery, one can be purchased from the office at R30.00 each or you can buy one at any retail store. Just ask for an A23 size battery.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who booked for this years Christmas Lunch. A few seats are still available. Max 4 per table. Please contact the office. Bookings close 7 December 2020.

EMERGENCY NUMBER **2102

IN CASE OF AN EXTREME MEDICAL EMERGENCY OR A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION, you may dial **2102 from your internal intercom phone for assistance. Alternatively by knocking the handset of the internal intercom phone off its cradle, the Frail Care phone will ring and alert the Sister on Duty to your need for assistance. Should you require medical attention, the relevant Emergency protocol will be followed.

COVID UPDATE

The Western Cape data indicates that our district may be an emerging hotspot for Covid-19 infections. **It's important to maintain social distance, wear a mask and wash your hands frequently.** If you have been in contact with a positive case and need to self-isolate, please stay home and advise the office immediately. If you have tested positive, please contact the office and we will guide you in what the next step will be. Your safety and the safety of our residents and staff are very important.



STAFF ASSISTANCE DURING LOCKDOWN

We have had a few difficult months, but our residents has always been our first and most important priority. During lockdown, the office started a service to assist residents with their daily shopping. This was our way of helping to curb the spread of this dreadful virus. Thank you to all our hardworking staff, who took orders everyday, cleaned the bags and checked shopping, before delivering it to

residents.

Now that we are back to Level 1, this service has been stopped, but should you be in isolation due to Covid, we are here to assist you. Shopping for residents in isolation can be done at Spar and the value of the receipt will be charged to your monthly account.

DONATIONS FROM FGV

We often get requests for assistance and recently donated old carpets to a crèche.

Dear Sandra,

Please convey to your management our great appreciation for the donation of the carpeting to our crèches. They will be so blessed with this generous gift. I will send photos as soon as we have some installed in the crèches.

With kind regards, Liz van Niekerk

Coordinator e'Pap distribution - St Thomas Methodist Church, Plettenberg Bay.

STAFF ISSUES

We are experiencing cases where staff have to isolate due to exposure of confirmed cases of Covid-19. We will try to give you a substitute, but this might not always be possible. Please bear with us during these difficult times.

BACK PAGE NEWS

'WHO IS HE?'

Jerislav Pelikan (STMC Dec 2011 bulletin) wrote:

Who was this child born at Bethlehem? He is the hinge of history. He is the hope of the oppressed. He is the inspiration of the despairing. He is the King of Kings. He is the Lord of Lords. He is the greatest teacher who ever lived. He is the greatest mind that ever thought. He sparked the greatest movement that has ever spread. He offered the greatest gift that has ever been given. He alone mastered life. He alone conquered death. He alone overcame sin. He alone grows more present with each passing year. He is the son of God. He is the saviour of the world.

And His name is Jesus!

**That's who He is! And that is why we
celebrate Christmas!**

' Our very best wishes and grateful
thanks for your wonderful patience, support and guidance during this troubled, past year go to our dear Executive and office staff, to Matron and her marvellous team of nursing staff and to all our kind, caring carers.
To our ever-cheerful kitchen and laundry ladies, domestic, gardening and maintenance staff, we wish you all a very happy,
Blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year '.

Elma Bergh

COMPUTER FRAUD AND SCAMS

We have received several reports that residents have received calls from "Microsoft", "Telkom" and their own banks to offer computer assistance. People are vulnerable during covid times and criminals are taking advantage of it.
Don't trust unsolicited calls. Don't
provide any personal information over the phone or computers to anyone!

**DON'T
BE A
VICTIM
OF
PHONE
SCAMS!**

