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**GOLDEN MILE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Golden Mile Property Owners,



**FINANCE/MEMBERSHIP**

Once again thank you for the majority support from property owners for the GMHOA and thank you to all the 2022 levy payers! The R 166

levy/month has once again not been escalated and members who have not paid are encouraged to do so. Your contributions ensure the ongoing appearance of this sought-after address on the West Coast!

## **ADJUDICATING ARCHITECTS REF NEW BUILDS AND ALTERATIONS**

Details of adjudicating architects can be found on the GMHOA website as per this link:

<https://goldenmilebritanniabay.co.za/about/>



### **Median upkeep and maintenance**

Median maintenance and upkeep is ongoing and the current contractor is performing well in this regard.

## **Building Activity on the Golden Mile**

There is continued building activity on the Mile, both in terms of upliftment and alteration of existing houses and new builds, and further plans have been submitted since last newsletter.



## **ROAD MANAGEMENT AND SPEEDING**

As there are unfortunately regular speedsters up and down the Golden Mile Boulevard we have once again engaged with the municipality in this regard. The boulevard, aside from being a road is in addition, a social location for cyclists, joggers, walkers etc and speeding vehicles create the ongoing risk of serious accidents.

Discussions are taking place after a recent site meeting with SBM which include such items as possible speed reduction on Golden Mile Boulevard to 40kph, as well as spot speed checks. Also, longer term placement of appropriate speed bumps/zebra crossings related to the existing beach access paths and intersections. We look forward to some positive developments in this regard.

Upgrade of gravel road between Stompneus Bay and Vredenburg is ongoing. The long-term development of the SBM wastewater works is still in place. This planning would over time remove the need for individual pumping of sewerage at homes.

## **CRIME AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

The incidence of crime on the Golden Mile itself appears to be reasonably low.

Unfortunately, short term renters still too often remain the main victims of opportunistic burglaries along the Mile as basic precautions are not shared prior to occupying homes. What is intended to be a week- end showcase of the area turns to an unpleasant experience simply because tenants are not advised correctly. This ultimately leads to damaging write ups for the area impacting all local business. Please place a laminated notice in your home advising the following:

- *Switch on all outside lights at night*
- *Ensure doors are locked and windows closed at night*
- *Activate alarm at night*

Property owners are advised to screen applicants as crime incidents can also be related to “short term renters”. These

operators could use the pretence of renting your home to burgle.

## **CAMERA MONITORING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The GMHOA research into camera systems and general camera monitoring (including number plate recognition) of both the local area as well as a broader St Helena based system is ongoing. At present there are various avenues being explored including possible municipal level involvement. The GMHOA is participating where practical in such discussions with the various parties. To this end there is currently an application pending approval for a new registered independent neighbourhood watch which when and if this comes to fruition would also become an important link to the pursuit of such local or integrated camera systems and most importantly the monitoring infrastructure for this to become effective.

## **STOMPNEUS BAY WASTE STATION ONGOING REMINDER**

Members are encouraged to use the nearby waste transfer station (near to Da Gama monument) for disposal of garden waste. The dumping of garden refuse on vacant land across from the Mile by garden services and property owners is unsightly and not fair on the property owners of these vacant stands. The municipality will expect these owners to clear their stands at own expense.

## **SBM RECYCLING**

Members are encouraged to continue to participate in the recycle program of SBM. Clear plastic bags are provided. For new entrants to the Golden Mile, bags (clear) of recyclables (plastic/tin/paper/cardboard/glass) must be placed next to your wheelie-bins on refuse removal days. The recycling contractor will remove your bag of recyclables and leave a fresh clear bag for next week's collection.

## **Golden Mile Webpage**

Golden Mile HOA has a webpage, primarily to assist property owners wishing to make contact with management agent, study building guidelines or need clarity on steps to follow for new homes or alterations.

Web address as follows:

[goldenmilebritanniabay.co.za](http://goldenmilebritanniabay.co.za)

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Greetings and support appreciation to all members!

**GMHOA Board**