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MABALINGNE[®]
COMMON PROPERTY ASSOCIATION

**SUMMER
2019
NEWSLETTER**

FROM THE EDITOR...



And so the cycle of life continues with Summer taking over from Spring - on Mababalingwe we've already had the best festive season gift ever of wonderful soft soaking rains. Most of the dams are already over-flowing and this bodes well for the Summer season. Hopefully the rains herald more to come over the next few months so that we are in a solid position going into the dry Winter period.

This time of year is also when we get to "ooo" and "ahhh" over all the cute newborns - the joyful prancing Impala lambs and the cute but ugly Warthog piglets make for enjoyable game-drives.

As I write this, a pair of Swallows are industriously building a nest above our front door (I guess we'll be using the back door for a few months!), while the Weavers are busy with their nests in the trees beyond the patio. The Guinea Fowl are back, the Cicadas can be heard again and the veld rapidly went from dull brown to vibrant green in a matter of two weeks.

At this time of year when many of us are taking time to spend with friends and family and taking a well-deserved break, please remember the MCPA staff, and the those working for Shareblock, the Predator Park, the Caravan Park and the cleaning service companies - these folks provide us with services and entertainment throughout the holiday period. The gate staff and security personnel in particular are very busy on the reserve over the holidays.

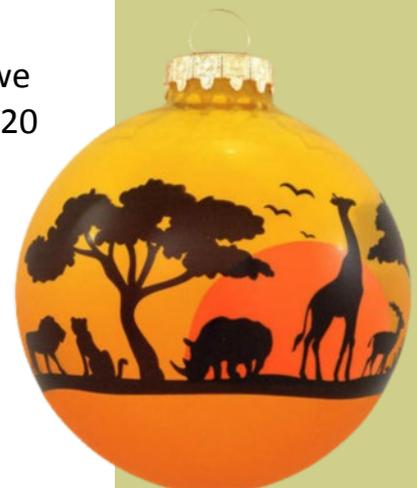
In this Issue, you'll find information on many of the activities on offer and some tips and ideas for the holiday season.

On behalf of the MCPA Chairman and the Board of Directors, we wish you a peaceful, safe and joyful festive season and may 2020 bring prosperity and happiness (and no load-shedding!).

SANDY MORTON

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UPDATE FROM FRIENDS OF MABALINGWE ON GAME MANAGEMENT IN 2020

Good news to share is that the numerous discussions and negotiations regarding the ownership and management of game in Mabalingwe came to its conclusion in early December when ownership of a 50% portion of all the Mabalingwe game passed to the company Friends of Mabalingwe.

A vital part of the process was to reach agreement with the majority of land owners on the conditions for keeping game on their properties. The final game management agreement was signed with Serapa on 27 November 2019 which means that agreement was reached on an area covering 7 900 hectares of the 8 800 hectares of Mabalingwe – that is, 90% of the total area of Mabalingwe. It was also the final suspensive condition to be met for concluding the game purchase agreement for 50% of the Mabalingwe game between the company Friends of Mabalingwe and Mrs Louise Snyman. The final amount in the purchase was paid over on 28 November and transfer of the game taken on 2 December 2019 – a significant day in the history of Mabalingwe when a representative number of land owners also became game owners.

The company *Friends of Mabalingwe (FoM)* was established to finance the game purchase and also to co-finance matters on game management in future. With Boschpoort Safari's (BPS) being the owner of the other half of the game a company called LUDUM Game Consortium was established through a joint venture between FoM and BPS. LUDUM will remain the vehicle for trading with the jointly-owned game in future. The first general meeting of FoM will take place on **Saturday, 8 February 2020** where all the new game owners will receive information on the proposed reserve management for 2020 – save the date!

So, with the arrival of the young impalas and the veld turning a brilliant green after the rains, a new day is dawning in Mabalingwe for the future ownership and management of game and an exiting 2020 awaits the proud new game owners.



SECURITY UPDATE... GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS...

After a lengthy stretch of no significant burglaries and the apprehension of 4 criminals who have been linked to robberies in the area, two homes in Elandsfontein were victims of thieves early in December. The robbers left via the small-holdings and took large TV's and camera equipment from the houses. The owners in the small-holdings are working with the MCPA security team to better protect the area.

Many owners may be on the holiday, but the thieves are not! Please ensure that whoever is in your home locks windows and doors when going out and at night - in many instances of thefts, there has been no forced entry into units.

Security will be stepping up their patrols and presence during the holidays.

NOISE...

Time spent dealing with noise complaints takes Security personnel away from their primary function of protecting people and property. **Owners are asked to please ensure that anyone visiting their homes is aware of the no-noise rules.**

BC's will be asked to consider specific noise rules and procedures at their 2020 AGM's for adoption across the Greater Mabalingwe.

THE RISK OF FIRE...

While the risk of bush fires has been greatly reduced due to the wonderful rains, the risk of fire remains high over the holiday period from uncontrolled or unmanned braai fires, lightning and electrical problems.

Owners are urged to make sure their fire-fighting equipment is in good working order and easily accessible to anyone visiting the property.



Security Numbers to note:

Control room
014 001 7240

Operators
082 546 9052
083 272 4851

Louis Roux
060 716 7175

RIBBONS AND BOWS... GLITTER, SPARKLY FOIL AND MORE

As you've probably noticed, rubbish bins overflow after the festive holidays. Wrapping paper, bows, ribbons and boxes fill up a big portion of that over-stuffed trash bin. Ease the load by wrapping your gifts in re-purposed items and reusable containers. Here are some great ideas to get your imagination rolling for preparing your presents and ensuring they're something the recipient will never forget.

Reused Gift Bags : Most of us have a stash of gift bags saved from presents we've received. Put them to good use and commit to using only gift bags instead of wrapping.

Paper Grocery Bags : You can create beautiful gift bags from materials found around the house. Decorate paper grocery bags with markers and crayons, or decoupage them with magazine cut-outs. Use it as wrapping paper or a gift sack. This is a great project for the kids when the weather keeps them indoors and Granny and Grandpa will treasure it more than any glitzy foil wrapping.

Clay Plant Pots : Clay pots can make a present look extra interesting, and are a reusable item for the recipient. Place your gift in the pot, and use the drainage dish as the lid to hide the present from view. Tie it together with a reused ribbon, or string for that rustic look.

A Gift in a Gift : One great way to make a gift extra special is to wrap it in another gift. A scarf, a table cloth or a runner, are all great things to use for wrapping a gift within a gift. Mason jars are especially useful!

Maps : Maps, especially road maps, can become obsolete. However, they never lose their visual intrigue. Put them to good use as wrapping for a package that the recipient will turn over and over... and over and over... before opening. Ideal for a travel gift!

Tips for Toppers : To put that finishing touch on a gift, try a dried orange slice, a homemade biscuit, fresh or dried flowers and herbs. Let your imagination roll on reusable, low-impact and found objects that would make the gift stand out from the crowd while staying practical.

To absolutely avoid... foil wrapping and balloons of any kind - these cannot be recycled and do not bio-degrade - their impact on the environment at large is monumental.

We are all owners in a nature reserve - surely we all share a common interest in our environment and the wellness of the planet - please do your bit this year to reduce your waste on Mabalingwe this holiday season.





MABALINGWE®

The December Holiday is the perfect time to make unforgettable memories with your loved ones. Take advantage of these activities at Mabalingwe this festive season:

DECEMBER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

We have your daily holiday plans sorted with a jam-packed December in store for you. Join Electric Eddie and Static Simon at the Main Entertainment Centre for a week of fun times under the Mabalingwe sun! Create wonderful merry memories with a variety of awesome activities for you and your family to enjoy.

LE FERA RESTAURANT

Come to Le Fera Restaurant for splendid festive food feasting! Join us for our scrumptious Christmas Lunch for a 3-course dining experience with hearty meals and delicious desert opitons to satisfy your jolly appetite!

Date: 25 December 2019 @ 12:00

Price: R275 per person | R138 per child under 12

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

014 011 7011 | helgard@mabalingwe.com



MBALI DAY SPA SPECIAL

Enjoy the tranquil melody of the bushveld and take the time to relax and pamper yourself at Mbali Day Spa. Visit Mbali Day Spa, near Reception, for our full treatment list, or enjoy our December Spa Special with discounts on certain massages, and hands and feet treatments! For more information on any of the above, and more, please contact Timeshare Reception:

014 001 7001

contactus@mabalingwe.com



IT'S ALL ABOUT
NATURE, FAMILY, FUN AND
MAKING MEMORIES



SHAREBLOCK NEWS...

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PRAISE FOR THE PREDATOR PARK

When you visit the Mabalingwe Game Reserve predator park, you will meet with TYSON, our very proud and beautiful male lion. Apart of seeing this huge lion, visitors will also see the spotted hyena, wild dog, cheetah, caracal and serval, not to mention the tigers, a huge Siberian tiger & a Bengal tiger. Tigers do not occur in Africa naturally, but here one can observe them.

he predator park can be visited on a Sunday and Wednesday mornings when the different predators are fed, an unforgettable experience for the entire family!

The predator park has been inspected by SAPA (South African Predator Association) early in December and received an accolade for outstanding enclosures and well looked after predators. A film will be made by SAPA to show other SAPA members and Government the quality of the park.

Bookings can be made at the Caravan Park reception near the main gate or by calling 014 736 9000 or 076 624 7394.



Mabalingwe
GAME RESERVE

PREDATOR PARK

NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

The predator park can be visited on **Sunday** and **Wednesday** mornings when the different predators are **FED!** Bring the entire family and experience Africa while being educated about these amazing animals!

- Spotted hyena
- Siberian Tiger
- Bengal Tiger
- Wild dog
- Cheetah
- Caracal
- Serval
- Lion

THROUGH EDUCATION, OUR MISSION IS TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE DECLINE OF LARGE CARNIVORES IN AFRICA!

BOOK NOW : 014 736 9000 | 076 624 7394 | info@boschpoort.co.za

MABALINGWE VROUWEN LANDBOU UNIE – WHERE FRIENDS MEET!

Founded August 21, 2018 and yet still a very new branch, we have 15 members of which 3 members are whole-owners at Mabalingwe.

We would like to invite all staff and whole owners to join us. There were many highlights that included a lion feed and breakfast for 60 members of other groups and the interest and inquiries regarding the educational aspect of the predators exceeded all expectations.

The photography club of Kokanje also spent a day with us, as well as the Bela-Bela photography club who came to camp for a weekend.

There were many demonstrations during the year - preparation and serving of meat, pizza and wine evening, soup and sherry accompanied by paper flower folding, various paint techniques, decoupage, gypsy evening, fundraisers and many more.

One of the themes of 2020 is “**Koester en Bewaar**”, and our branch has decided to preserve our **owls**. We are going to offer owl houses for sale and please ask your support to preserve our owls and support this very important cause.

Ladies, the Mabalingwe VLU is fun and very informative and close friendships are made. Discover the real you again and express your creativity!

We usually meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 16h00.

To know more, contact Kitty Bodenstein on 079 515 3857 or Vera Wessels on 083 442 4493.





FESTIVITIES AT THE CARAVAN PARK

Join in the festive atmosphere with family and friends at the R&R Bar in the Caravan Park! Order an icy drink at the *bar* and look forward to a day of great entertainment vibes throughout the entire festive season that include bingo, music, competitions, Bring & Braai for all, dancing, kids' movies, night drives, kids' horse riding, putt-putt, water balloon fights, volleyball, countdown to 2020 and much more!

For the hungry, we have a take-away restaurant, a liquor store, a well-equipped shop with curios and every day necessities. Game drives take you for a closer look of the Big 5 as well as cheetahs, caracals, tigers and many more!

So, GET DOWN to the R&R Bar and make memories that will last a lifetime!

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AT MABALINGWE GAME RESERVE FOR OUR YOUTH... THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW!

What is the value of educating our youth?

Here at Mabalingwe Game Reserve, we give early Childhood an opportunity to connect with predators through a real-life nature experience in a meaningful way. Our passion is to create awareness and understanding of the environment at an early age. It's all about our natural environment, the plants, animals and birds that needs to be protected for centuries to pass and therefore encourage children to become knowledgeable about the environment and nature in their direct and indirect surroundings.

We owe it to nature that don't have a voice while being destroyed by a disconnected world... together we can create knowledgeable youth that will one day become knowledgeable leaders!

EVACUATION PLAN

Fire remains one of the greatest risks we have on Mabalingwe. Not only does it threaten the loss of grazing and property, but also life. For this reason, we would like to ensure that owners are informed on the evacuation procedure for their specific area.

Method of notification

Owners will be notified in one of the following ways:

- Telephonic notification from the control room
- Mabalingwe staff will go door to door

The assembly point for each area is listed below. Visitors and residents should make their way to the assembly point in a quick but safe manner, taking all due safety precautions.



AREA	ASSEMBLY POINT
Ingwe Camp	Soccer field or airstrip (leaving the airstrip clear)
Kwalata & Elephant Lodge	Farm shop parking area
Kubu, Phiri and Tsweni	Kubu swimming pool
Caravan Park	Remain at the Caravan Park
Mabalingwe 1 (Idwala) Mabalingwe 8 (Kukama) Mabalingwe 10 (Elandsfontein)	Elandsfontein gate. If the threat is in Elandsfontein, evacuate south to the farm shop parking area.
Mabalingwe 7 (Boekenhoutplaat)	Boekenhoutplaat gate.
Mabalingwe 2 (West of farm shop)	Farm shop parking area
Mabalingwe 2 (East of Farm shop)	Soccer field or airstrip (leaving the airstrip clear)
Mabalingwe 4	Stables, soccer field or airstrip (leaving the airstrip clear)
Mabalingwe 6	Soccer field or airstrip (leaving the airstrip clear)
Bush Camps	Soccer field or airstrip (leaving the airstrip clear)

SECURITY

Mabalingwe Control Room	24/7 security service, alarm monitoring controlroom@wbpm.co.za systems@wpmproperties.co.za	014 001 7240 083 272 4851 082 546 9052
Police	SAPS Bela Bela	014 736 9700

MEDICAL (EMERGENCIES)

Ambulance	Provincial ambulance Bela Bela	014 736 2121
Provincial Hospital	Bela Bela Provincial Hospital	014 736 2121
St Vincent Private Hospital	Private hospital in Bela Bela	014 736 2310
Trauma	Private ambulance service	014 736 2831

MEDICAL (GENERAL)

Medlin Pharmacy	Weekdays 08:30 – 18:00 Saturdays 08:30 – 13:30 Sundays and Holidays 10:30 – 12:00	014 736 2285
Van Heerden Pharmacy	Weekdays 08:00 – 19:00 Saturdays 08:00 – 12:00 & 17:00 – 19:00 Sundays and Holidays 10:00 – 12:00 & 17:00 – 19:00	014 736 2301
Drs Bergh & Coertze	Local doctors based in Bela Bela	014 736 2290
Drs Emslie & De Jonge	Local doctors based in Bela Bela	014 736 2032
Drs Grobler & De Villiers	Local doctors based in Bela Bela	014 736 2220

WATER AND ELECTRICITY PROBLEMS

Control Room	24/7 Electrical or Water problems	014 001 7240
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RESORT FACILITIES

Reception	Office hours 07:00 – 22:00	014 001 7011
Game Drives and Activities	Information and bookings at Shareblock	014 001 7011
Game Drives and Activities	Information and bookings at Caravan Park & Predator Park bookings	014 736 6090 014 001 7010
Restaurant	Breakfast: 07:00 – 11:00 Lunch: 11:00 – 15:30 Dinner: 18:30 – 21:30	014 736 9019
Farm Shop	Mondays to Thursdays 09:00 – 17:00 Fridays 09:00 – 19:00 Saturdays 09:00 – 17:00 Sundays 08:00 – 16:00	014 001 7011
Vultures View Bar	Mondays to Sundays 10:00 – 20:00	014 001 7011
Caravan Park, Shop and Liquor Store		014 736 6090 014 001 7010