



Dear Onrus and Vermont home owners, ratepayers and visitors

So many things in life are taken for granted so let us always remember that we are both privileged and blessed to be able to enjoy life in Onrus and Vermont.

It is the common goal of the Onrus Vermont Special Rating Area as well as other local organisations such as the home owners' associations, the neighbourhood watch organisations, the various security companies, the Committee of Ward 13 under leadership of our Councillor, etc. to ensure that this area remains safe, beautiful and is properly serviced.

The Onrus Vermont SRA

Following several years of hard work by the steering committee the OVSRA was established in March 2020, however due to the impact of Covid-19 the implementation was delayed for a year and started officially on 1 July 2021.

The OVSRA NPC is an organisation that was formed by the community, for the community, and is led by a voluntary Board of Directors and a paid General Manager. The company augments services already offered by the Overstrand Municipality. It does not offer services on behalf of the Overstrand Municipality but seeks to improve on existing services.

The main progress and achievements of the OVSRA during the past 6 months:

July 2021

- Finalised the registration of the non-profit company
- Registered the company for VAT
- Set up bank account
- Developed a values compact that stipulates how Board members should interact with one

another and with the community

- Took over 17 cameras from OnVerWag and paid for the monitoring thereof with the generous financial assistance of members of the community (funding from Overstrand Municipality could only be received once the Financial Agreement with them was finalised)
- Defined the roles and responsibilities of each Director

August 2021

- July-August newsletter distributed
- Developed a security strategy
- Drew up a procurement policy
- Contacted and commenced talks with various organisations involved in safety and security of our area to achieve cooperation
- Prepared documentation whereby companies were invited to quote for camera monitoring, camera maintenance, reaction services, vehicle and patrolling services
- Joined and started meeting with the Overstrand Public Safety Forum
- Advertised for the position of General Manager
- Contracted office space

September 2021

- Monthly newsletter distributed
- Interviewed applicants shortlisted and appointed the General Manager
- Finalised the Financial Agreement with Overstrand Municipality
- Received the first funds from the Municipality
- Commenced with the shortlisting of safety and security service providers

October 2021

- Monthly newsletter distributed
- General Manager started working full time at the new office in Rheezicht Centre
- Full audit of all the cameras controlled by OVSRA in progress
- Meeting with all major roleplayers to use local knowledge for determining hot spots for crime, as well as main types of crime
- Crime hotspots (type and timing) submitted to the Overstrand Public Safety Forum for the festive season planning and preparedness
- Creating a list of trauma counsellors and medical professionals to assist in an emergency

November 2021

- Monthly newsletter distributed
- Green belt pathway clearing together with Vermont Ratepayers and Environmental Association

- Overgrown plots in Onrus cleared together with Onrus Ratepayers and Home Owners Association
- Engaging with local, District and Provincial government re fencing along the R43 and invasive alien eradication
- Working on relationships with neighbouring SRA's in order to work cooperatively
- Finalised service provider agreements with elected camera monitoring and response services
- Our shared patrol vehicle operative since 1 November
- Intimidation and harassment by individuals at Rheezicht Centre and Onrus Close were reduced
- Radios were acquired whereby our General Manager, camera monitoring service provider, our patrol vehicle, OnVerWag and Alfa are in direct and immediate contact with each other in case of an incident
- Started attending JOCOM meetings (Joint Operations Committee) convened by SAPS in order to share information on crime issues in the greater Hermanus area
- Joined to the Ward 13 Committee and attended an induction workshop

December 2021

- Monthly newsletter distributed
- A number of arrests of poachers and copper thieves were possible by working closely with OnVerWag, Alfa, CamLiveVision, SAPS and Law Enforcement.
- Meeting with community members to informally discuss the progress that OVSRA made to date and to listen to their ideas and comments
- Various incidents reported and acted upon such as break in to houses, curfew transgressions, vehicle break ins, drunk persons were removed, fibre cable theft, electrical fire report, engaging with Eskom etc.
- Environmental education lesson given to the Hermanus Cub Scouts on Zero Waste and Recycling.
- Participated in a Baboon Stakeholder meeting
- Ongoing development of SOP's and MoA outlines as part of the Safety and Security Programme

So much for the past 6 months - what is planned for the year ahead?

- Closer interaction and cooperation between all the parties involved in the safety, security, environment and a properly serviced Onrus and Vermont area
- Organisational-level workshop to get all the stakeholders together to form a unified front against crime, improved service delivery, addressing environmental issues, coordination of patrols and response, and collation of data in order to develop a quantitative picture of crime and needs in our area on an ongoing basis

- Initiate our dedicated control desk in the 1st quarter of 2022 and foot patrollers thereafter
- Foot patrollers that are properly equipped and trained to take care of security incidents as well as environmental issues
- Additional cameras installed at critical points to ensure better coverage of public spaces
- Waste drop-off point during peak visitor periods
- Improved communication systems whereby the public is up to date with the work done by the OVSRA
- Attempt to contact all rate payers for whom we don't have e-mail addresses
- Work together with home owners associations to provide more garbage and dog pooh bins to the public spaces
- Make ourselves more visible by adding a sign board at our offices, branding our response vehicle, equipping our patrollers with uniforms, equipment and training to be able to perform responsibly and effectively

Whilst we as a Board are sometimes frustrated at the speed at which we are progressing due to circumstances beyond our control, we remain committed to improve and maintain the living standards of all residents and visitors in our "wonderful best kept secret on the South Coast of South Africa".

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Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead!

Kind regards

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Chairman OVSRA NPC



Geagte Onrus en Vermont huiseienaars, belastingbetalers en besoekers

So baie dinge in die lewe word as vanselfsprekend aanvaar, so laat ons altyd onthou dat ons beide bevoorreg en geseënd is om die lewe in Onrus en Vermont te kan geniet.

Dit is die gemeenskaplike doel van die Onrus Vermont Spesiale Aanslaggebied asook ander plaaslike organisasies soos die huiseienaarsverenigings, die buurtwagorganisasies, die verskillende sekuriteitsmaatskappye, die Komitee van Wyk 13 onder leiding van ons Raadslid, ens. verseker dat hierdie area veilig, mooi en behoorlik gediens bly.

Die Onrus Vermont SAG

Na etlike jare se harde werk deur die bestuurskomitee is die OVSAG in Maart 2020 gestig, maar weens die impak van Covid-19 is die implementering vir 'n jaar uitgestel en het amptelik op 1 Julie 2021 begin.

Die OVSAG NWM (Nie Winsgewende Maatskappy) is 'n organisasie wat deur die gemeenskap gevorm is, vir die gemeenskap, en word gelei deur 'n vrywillige Raad van Direkteure en 'n betaalde Algemene Bestuurder. Die maatskappy vul dienste aan wat reeds deur die Overstrand Munisipaliteit aangebied word. Dit bied nie dienste namens die Overstrand Munisipaliteit aan nie, maar poog om bestaande dienste te verbeter.

Die belangrikste vordering en prestasies van die OVSAG gedurende die afgelope 6 maande:

Julie 2021

- Registrasie van die nie-winsgewende maatskappy (NWM) gefinaliseer
- Registreer die maatskappy vir BTW
- Stel bankrekening op
- Ontwikkel 'n waardeverdrag wat bepaal hoe Raadslede met mekaar en met die gemeenskap moet omgaan
- 17 kameras van OnVerWag word oorgeneem en vir die monitering daarvan betaal met die ruim finansiële bystand van lede van die gemeenskap (befondsing van Overstrand Munisipaliteit kon eers ontvang word sodra die Finansiële Ooreenkoms met hulle gefinaliseer is)
- Die rolle en verantwoordelikhede van elke Direkteur omskryf

Augustus 2021

- Julie-Augustus nuusbrief is versprei
- 'n Sekuriteitstrategie ontwikkel
- 'n Verkrygingsbeleid opgestel
- Begin gesprekke met verskeie organisasies betrokke by veiligheid en sekuriteit van ons area om samewerking te bewerkstellig
- Dokumentasie waardeur maatskappye genooi is om kwotasies vir kameramonitering, kamera-instandhouding, reaksiedienste, voertuig- en patrolliedienste is voorberei
- Aangesluit en begin ontmoet met die Overstrand Openbare Veiligheidsforum
- Pos van Algemene Bestuurder is geadverteer
- Kantoorspasie is gekontrakteer

September 2021

- Maandelikse nuusbrief is uitgestuur
- Onderhoude gevoer met aansoekers op kortlys en die Algemene Bestuurder aangestel
- Die Finansiële Ooreenkoms met Overstrand Munisipaliteit gefinaliseer
- Die eerste fondse van die Munisipaliteit is ontvang
- Begin met die kortlys van veiligheids- en sekuriteitsdiensverskaffers

Oktober 2021

- Maandelikse nuusbrief is versprei
- Algemene Bestuurder het voltyds by die nuwe kantoor in Rheezicht Sentrum begin werk
- Volledige oudit van al die kameras wat deur OVSAG beheer word aan die gang
- Ontmoeting met alle groot rolspelers om plaaslike kennis te gebruik vir die bepaling van "hotspots" vir misdaad, sowel as hooftipes misdaad
- Misdaad-"hotspots" (tipe en tydsberekening) by die Overstrand Openbare Veiligheidsforum ingedien vir die feesseisoenbeplanning en -gereedheid

- Skep 'n lys van traumaberaders en mediese beroepslui om in 'n noodgeval te help

November 2021

- Maandelikse nuusbriëf uitgegee
- Skoonmaak van paadjies in die groenstroke saam met Vermont Belastingbetalers en Omgewingsvereniging
- Toegegroeide erwe in Onrus saam met Onrus Belastingbetaalers en Huiseienaarsvereniging skoongemaak
- Bespreking met plaaslike, distriks- en provinsiale regerings ivm die heining langs die R43 en uitroeiing van uitheemse plante
- Werk aan verhoudings met naburige SRA's om saam te werk
- Finaliseer diensverskafferooreenkomste met verkose kameramonitering en reaksiedienste
- Ons gedeelde patrollievoertuig werk sedert 1 November
- Intimidasie en teistering deur individue by Rheezicht-sentrum en Onrus Close is verminder
- Radio's is aangeskaf waardeur ons Algemene Bestuurder, kameramoniteringsdiensverskaffer, ons patrollievoertuig, OnVerWag en Alfa in direkte en onmiddellike kontak met mekaar is in geval van 'n voorval
- JOCOM-vergaderings ("Joint Operations Committee") wat deur SAPD byeengeroep is begin bywoon om inligting oor misdaadkwessies in die groter Hermanus-area te deel
- Het by die Wyk 13-komitee aangesluit en 'n induksiewerkswinkel bygewoon

Desember 2021

- Maandelikse nuusbriëf gaan uit
- 'n Aantal arrestasies van stropers en koperdiewe was moontlik deur nou saam te werk met OnVerWag, Alfa, CamLiveVision, SAPD en Wetstoepassing.
- Ontmoeting met gemeenskapslede om informeel die vordering wat OVSAG tot op datum gemaak het te bespreek en om na hul idees en kommentaar te luister
- Verskeie voorvalle aangemeld en opgetree soos inbraak by huise, oortredings van aandklokkeëls, voertuiginbrekings, dronk persone is verwyder, veselkabeldiefstal, elektriese brandverslag, kontak met Eskom ens.
- Omgewingsopvoedingsles gegee aan die Hermanus Cub Scouts oor "Zero Waste and Recycling".
- Het deelgeneem aan 'n Bobbejaan-belanghebbende groepvergadering
- Voortdurende ontwikkeling van SOP's en MoA-omskrywings as deel van die Veiligheid- en Sekuriteitsprogram

Soveel vir die afgelope 6 maande - wat word beplan vir die jaar wat voorlê?

- Nouer interaksie en samewerking tussen al die partye betrokke by die veiligheid, sekuriteit, omgewing en 'n behoorlik gediensde Onrus en Vermont area

- Werkswinkel op organisasievlak om al die belanghebbendes bymekaar te kry om 'n verenigde front teen misdaad te vorm, verbeterde dienslewering, die aanspreek van omgewingskwessies, koördinerende van patrollies en reaksie, en versameling van data ten einde 'n kwantitatiewe beeld van misdaad en behoeftes in ons area op 'n deurlopende basis
- Begin ons toegewyde beheertoonbank in die 1ste kwartaal van 2022 en voetpatrolleerders daarna
- Voetpatrolleerders wat behoorlik toegerus en opgelei is om na sekuriteitsinsidente sowel as omgewingskwessies om te sien
- Bykomende kameras geïnstalleer op kritieke punte om beter dekking van openbare ruimtes te verseker
- Afvalaflaaipunt tydens spitsbesoekerperiodes
- Verbeterde kommunikasiestelsels waardeur die publiek op hoogte is van die werk wat deur die OVSRA gedoen word
- Probeer om alle belastingbetalers te kontak vir wie ons nie e-posadres het nie
- Werk saam met huiseienaarsverenigings om meer vullisdrome aan die openbare ruimtes te verskaf
- Maak onself meer sigbaar deur 'n bord by ons kantore by te voeg, ons reaksievoertuig te merk, ons patroleerders toe te rus met uniforms, toerusting en opleiding om verantwoordelik en doeltreffend te kan presteer

Alhoewel ons as Raad soms gefrustreerd is oor die gebrek aan spoed waarteen ons vorder as gevolg van omstandighede buite ons beheer, bly ons daartoe verbind om die lewenstandaarde van alle inwoners en besoekers in ons “wonderlike bes bewaarde geheim aan die Suidkus van Suid-Afrika”.

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Ek wens u en u gesin 'n gelukkige, gesonde en voorspoedige jaar wat voorlê!

Vriendelike groete

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