



NEWSLETTER

ONRUS VERMONT SPECIAL RATING AREA

Q1 2026



Foto: Waldo Uys Photography

WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Residents,

We begin the year on a very positive note. I'm pleased to report that we experienced very low levels of crime over the Christmas and New Year period – a significant achievement during what is traditionally our busiest time of year. Thank you to our control room team, patrollers, SAPS members, and vigilant residents who all played a role in this outcome.

Just ahead of the festive season, a new CCTV site was erected at the Davies Pool parking area, strengthening coverage in a key coastal hotspot. In addition, for the third consecutive year, we deployed an extra Enviro-Patroller to the coastal area west of Davies Pool. This visible presence makes a meaningful difference in keeping our coastal path safe, clean, and welcoming for both residents and visitors.

While major crimes remain low as the year unfolds, we have noticed a rise in opportunistic petty theft, including taps and copper wire being stolen. Please continue to secure your property carefully and report any suspicious activity to the Control Room.

Our Annual General Meeting resumed this week following the earlier adjournment due to a lack of quorum. While we are pleased the meeting could proceed, we were disappointed by the limited attendance of company members.



ONRUS VERMONT SRA

CONTROL ROOM: 079 469 8606

www.onrusvermontsra.com

... continued

The AGM is the one formal opportunity each year for members to ask questions, review budgets, and ensure accountability. Your participation truly matters, and we encourage all members to make every effort to attend in future.

You will also notice our updated reporting format in this edition. These visuals are designed to provide a clear, easy-to-read snapshot of urban management matters, by-law violations, and incidents responded to by our Control Room. We hope this makes it even easier to see the work being done behind the scenes.

You are warmly invited to our next Meet 'n Greet, to be held on Wednesday, 4 March at 5pm at Riposo.

As we move further into 2026, we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and prosperous year ahead. Thank you for your continued support — together we keep Onrus and Vermont safe, well-managed, and community-strong.

Warm regards

Geagte Inwoners,

Ons begin die jaar op 'n baie positiewe noot. Ek is bly om te berig dat ons baie lae vlakke van misdaad oor die Kersfees- en Nuwejaars tydperk ervaar het - 'n beduidende prestasie gedurende wat tradisioneel ons besigste tyd van die jaar is. Dankie aan ons beheerkamerspan, patroleerders, SAPD-lede en waaksame inwoners wat almal 'n rol in hierdie uitkoms gespeel het.

Net voor die feestyd is 'n nuwe CCTV-terrein by die Davies-poel se parkeerarea opgerig, wat die dekking in 'n belangrike kusgebied versterk. Daarbenewens het ons vir die derde agtereenvolgende jaar 'n ekstra Omgewingspatrolleerder na die kusgebied wes van Davies-poel ontplooi. Hierdie sigbare teenwoordigheid maak 'n betekenisvolle verskil om ons kuspaa veilig, skoon en verwelkomend vir beide inwoners en besoekers te hou.

Terwyl ernstige misdade laag bly, soos die jaar ontvou, het ons 'n toename in opportunistiese klein diefstal opgemerk, insluitend krane en koperdraad wat gesteel word. Gaan asseblief voort om u eiendom omsigtig te beveilig en rapporteer enige verdagte aktiwiteite aan die Beheerkamer.

Ons AJV het hierdie week hervat na die vroeëre verdaging weens 'n gebrek aan 'n kworum. Alhoewel ons bly is dat die vergadering kon voortgaan, was ons teleurgesteld oor die beperkte bywoning van maatskappylede.

Die AJV is die een formele geleentheid elke jaar vir lede om vrae te vra, begrotings te hersien en aanspreeklikheid te verseker. U deelname maak werklik saak, en ons moedig alle lede aan om daadwerklik dit in die toekoms by te woon. U sal ook ons opgedateerde verslagdoeningsformaat in hierdie uitgawe opmerk. Hierdie visuele elemente is ontwerp om 'n duidelike, maklik-om-te-lees momentopname te gee van stedelike bestuursaanleenthede, oortredings van verordeninge en voorvalle waarop ons Beheerkamer reageer.



ONRUS VERMONT SRA

CONTROL ROOM: 079 469 8606

www.onrusvermontsra.com

Ons hoop dat dit dit nog makliker maak om die werk agter die skerms te sien. U word hartlik uitgenooi na ons volgende "Meet & Greet", wat op Woensdag 4 Maart om 17:00 by Riposo gehou sal word. Soos ons verder in 2026 beweeg, wens ons almal 'n veilige, gesonde en voorspoedige jaar toe. Dankie vir u volgehoue ondersteuning – saam hou ons Onrus en Vermont veilig, goed bestuur en gemeenskapssterk.

Hartlike groete,
Caroline Gabb

Report from Hermanus SAPS Station Commander – Col G Tamboer

The December 2025 crime statistics show an encouraging downward trend when compared to December 2024, with an overall reduction of 16.3%.

Notable decreases included:

- Contact Crime: down 23.6%
- Property-Related Crime: down 28.1%
- Contact-Related Crime: down 26.3%
- Trio Crime: down 50%
- Dangerous Weapons offences: down 22.7%

Increases were recorded in:

- Other Serious Crime: up 2.1%
- Crimes dependent on police action: up 35.6%
- Dealing in liquor without a licence: up 33.3%

A total of 6 arrests were made during the reporting period.

Despite tourist numbers doubling over the festive season and significantly increased traffic volumes, this was the most favourable December crime picture recorded for Hermanus to date.

Our appreciation goes to all law enforcement agencies, community structures and residents who contributed to this positive outcome.

Better Together.

Meet & Greet

Wednesday, 4 March 2026, 17:00

Riposo Italian Restaurant, Van Blommestein Road

ARRESTS MADE
6

CCTV CAMERAS
99

CONTROL ROOM
24/7

ARRESTS MADE
Since OVSRA started

97



ONRUS VERMONT SRA

CONTROL ROOM: 079 469 8606

www.onrusvermontsra.com

BYLAW VIOLATIONS FEEDBACK

Period : January 2026

Total Reports
Received :

31

Reports

43 %



Dec vs Jan

Alcohol-related incidents

6

Alcohol Consumption in
public and under the
influence of alcohol.

Noise Incidents

3

Noise complaints reported
and assistance provided.

Illegal Car Guard Incidents

9

Illegal Car Guards reported
and assistance provided.

Illegal Traders Incidents

5

Illegal traders reported and
assistance provided

Public Sleeping Incidents

4

Public sleeping reported
and assistance provided

Fire Related Incidents

3

Fire and firework related
incidents reported and
assistance provided

Illegal Dumping Incidents

3

Illegal dumping reported
and assistance provided

Public Fighting Incidents

0

Public fighting reported
and assistance provided



ONRUS VERMONT SRA

CONTROL ROOM: 079 469 8606

www.onrusvermontsra.com

Skoonmaak van die R43



Skoonmaakaksies is noodsaaklik om 'n gesonde omgewing te handhaaf en 'n positiewe ervaring vir besoekers aan ons dorp te skep. Wanneer gemeenskapslede betrokke raak by hierdie aksies, versterk dit 'n gevoel van behoort, bou trots en kameraadskap, en bied dit ook geleenthede vir persoonlike groei.

Op 4 Februarie 2026 het Meredith Thornton (Algemene Bestuurder) asook die OVSRA se Enviro-patrolleerders saam met Rdl Charmaine Resandt (Overstrand Wyk 13 – Onrus en Vermont) en 22 ander inwoners van Wyk 13 hande gevat om 'n gedeelte van die R43 tussen die Onrushhandelspos en Radynstraat, asook die R43/Lynxweg-kruising, skoon te maak. Meer as veertig sakke rommel is opgetel!

'n Opregte woord van dank aan Snymans Incorporated vir hul langtermyn-borgskap van ons betroubare bakkie, aan Overstrand Munisipaliteit vir die skenking en verwydering van die sakke, en aan Anne-Marie le Roux van Rialco vir die skenking van sakke en handskoene – dit word opreg waardeer. Dit was wonderlik om ook lede van die Litter Ladies Onrus en spanlede van Just Property Hermanus daar te hê.

Baie dankie aan julle almal – ons sien reeds uit na die volgende keer!



ONRUS VERMONT SRA

CONTROL ROOM: 079 469 8606

www.onrusvermontsra.com