

#### **WATER AWARENESS**

We are now in the peak of summer, with temperatures soaring into the high-30's almost every day and no rainfall to provide relief for thirsty gardens. At this time, it's particularly important for residents to be aware of their water consumption and take precautions to avoid receiving unexpected high water bills.

Here are some important reminders and tips for Pearl Valley residents:

- Pearl Valley and Val De Vie are on different systems for water metering and billing. Val De Vie is currently in the process of transitioning to their own service company, Val De Vie Utilities, whilst Pearl Valley is still serviced directly by Voltano.
- No matter where you live, all residents within the Drakenstein Municipal area are charged according to the same water tariffs.
- Drakenstein water tariffs work on a sliding scale that goes up significantly when large amounts of water are used. The more water you use, the higher rate you pay! A copy of the current tariff scale is available <a href="here">here</a>. Please remember that the scale is adjusted depending on the number of days in each month's billing cycle.
- Watering the garden more than usual and frequently topping up swimming pools can quickly lead to big increases in water bills.
- Automated irrigation systems are capable of dispersing huge amounts of water in short periods of time. Some systems are programmed to automatically increase the watering periods when temperatures rise above a set level. Load shedding can also cause automated irrigation systems to malfunction, resulting in excessive water usage. It's therefore strongly recommended that residents check all irrigation system settings on a regular basis.
- Always check and be aware of what your service providers (gardeners, garden service companies, and landscaping contractors) are doing in terms of water usage on your property.
- If you are going to be away from home for even a few days, make arrangements with a neighbour or a friend to check your property for any water-related issues while you are away (e.g. taps or sprinklers running when not supposed to be).

- Monitor your water consumption regularly (use the Voltano app or physically check your water meter and make a note of the readings).
- Refer any questions or concerns directly to the relevant persons:
- HOA Accounts: <a href="mailto:debtors@pearlvalley.co.za">debtors@pearlvalley.co.za</a> (Attention: Clyde Constable)
- Voltano Technical Department: <u>info@voltano.com</u> (Attention: Rhoshe Petersen)
- Estate Management: info@pvhoa.co.za (Attention: Greg van Heerden)

#### **SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS**

Residents planning to install a solar system must follow the Solar Installation Checklist and submit a plan for approval to the HOA-appointed architect, Louis Philips Architects + Associates (<a href="mailto:info@louisphillips.co.za">info@louisphillips.co.za</a>), and Drakenstein Municipality. Approval is required from <a href="mailto:both">both</a> parties before proceeding with the installation.

The Checklist can be found on the PV HOA website (www.pvhoa.co.za).

For any assistance or questions, residents can contact the HOA's Building Control Officer, Andries Roux (bco@pvhoa.co.za).



#### **HYDRO ZONE DESIGN TIPS**

- Article by Rory Phelan, the Estate's Senior Horticulturist

Following last week's introduction to different plant groups and the concept of hydro zones, this week's focus is on the design aspects of hydro zones for your water-wise garden.

An integral principle in water-wise gardening is the strategic grouping of plants with similar water requirements in distinct areas. Whether you're gradually transforming an existing garden or planning a new one from scratch, incorporating hydro zones is a key aspect.

Building upon this, consider the convenience of the *hydro zone locations*. Place high-water-usage zones close to the house, allowing for impactful groupings of colourful annuals and easier watering during dry season. Situate the low-water-usage zones around the perimeter for an efficient and balanced garden.

In line with these considerations, *soil preparation* plays a crucial role. Use compost to raise organic matter in the soil, enhancing moisture retention. Regularly replace organic mulches, and consider inorganic options such as gravel, pebbles, and stone chips to aid moisture retention.

Finally, explore rainwater capture and retention. Integrate rain tanks and permeable paving into your design to capture rainwater effectively. Consider placing a rainwater tank near gutters to collect water from the roof.

By strategically grouping plants with similar water needs and situating high-water-usage zones close to your house and incorporating low-water-usage areas around the perimeter, garden enthusiasts can create a harmonious and efficient landscape.



#### **OPPORTUNITY TO GET DOCUMENTS CERTIFIED**

Louis de Jager, the Estate's Security Consultant, is a qualified Commissioner of Oaths. He is available at the HOA office in the Pearl Valley Clubhouse between 09:00 and 10:00 on Wednesday mornings. Residents are welcome to bring any documentation that requires certification.



#### **PEARL VALLEY GOLF**

#### **Ladies Golf Clinic**

Every Wednesday morning from 9:00 – 10:00

- Driving range work (long game and approach play)
- Swing analysis
- Short game skills (putting and chipping)
- Monthly competitions
- Bunker play
- On-course management and situational training
- Performance psychology coaching

For more information, please contact James Wade at 082 435 5831 or via email <u>james.wade@pearlvalley.co.za.</u>







Bookings are essential

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## VALENTINE'S DINNER

Wednesday 14th of February
5 course menu
6 for 6.30pm

First course will be served at 7pm.

Price per couple R1700 - Includes
a glass of bubbly. Optional
Premium Wine pairing at R450
per person.

Limited to 30 couples at the Polo Pavilion and 15 couples at Back's Pearl Valley.

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#### **REGISTER IN-PERSON**

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We would like to give young residents of Val de Vie Estate who is passionate and innovative the opportunity to sell their product or service on the day.

This is a great way to earn their own money and learn about entrepreneurship which is ultimately the main objective of this event.

#### WEDNESDAY | 7 FEBRUARY | 3pm - 5pm







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- 3. Sales of product will be on a cash basis.

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 Ambulance - 101 77

 Paarl Mediclinic - 021 807 8000
 Paarl Fire Brigade - 021 872 2323

 Medicross Paarl - 021 872 3867
 Drakenstein Municipality - 021 807 4500

 SAPS - 021 807 4000
 Voltano Metering App - 086 186 5826

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