

# COVERS INSIGHTS

Where Nature, Neighbours, and News Meet

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# Covers Connect

## TUESDAY NIGHT SOCCER FUN FOR DADS AND KIDS!

Looking for a fun way to spend quality time with your children while staying active?

Join us every Tuesday evening from 17:30 on the estate for friendly soccer matches where dads and kids team up for an evening of laughter, fun, and a bit of healthy competition. It's not just about goals on the field—it's about creating memories, enjoying each other's company, and making every Tuesday evening special.



Thanks to the generosity of our sponsor, weekly "Man of the Match" prizes are awarded, adding extra excitement and a touch of friendly rivalry to each game.

Whether you're showing off your skills, learning new moves, or cheering from the sidelines, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

This event is open to all dads and children, regardless of experience or skill level.

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other families in the estate, make new friends, and strengthen our community spirit.

So lace up your sneakers, bring your energy and team spirit, and join us for an evening full of goals, smiles, and unforgettable moments. Be part of the Tuesday night soccer tradition!

**DON'T MISS OUT**  
come join the fun every  
Tuesday at 17:30!



# From the Estate Managers Desk

Dear Covers,

As we move further into the year, it is encouraging to see the strong sense of community that continues to grow within the estate. Your contributions toward maintaining a safe, respectful, and well-managed environment are truly appreciated and play a key role in the quality of life we all enjoy



Wishing all residents a peaceful and joyful Easter surrounded by family, friends, and neighbours.

We would like to remind residents of the importance of adhering to estate rules and guidelines, particularly regarding speed limits, pet control, and general conduct in shared spaces. These measures are in place to ensure the safety and comfort of all residents and visitors. A more detailed discussion will follow under Rules and Reminders.

Residents are encouraged to report any maintenance concerns or irregularities to the estate office via email or the Secure Access App, so these matters can be addressed efficiently.

While a phone call or WhatsApp message may be quicker, it should always be followed up with an email for proper documentation.

Maintenance and daily operations remain a priority.

Our teams continue to focus on the upkeep of common areas, infrastructure, and security systems to keep the estate in excellent condition. Further updates on ongoing projects will be shared under the relevant section.

Community events organised by the estate, and The Oaks continue to provide wonderful opportunities to meet neighbours, connect with fellow residents, and strengthen the sense of community that makes our estate unique.

We wish you and your family a blessed and joyful Easter.

Kind regards,  
Michael Kapp

*Happy  
Easter*



A quick update on maintenance and ongoing projects to keep you informed

### REDLINE PROJECT

The contractor is currently installing water meters in Oyster Cove. Once installation is complete, the system will be commissioned, enabling residents to utilise greywater for irrigation purposes. This initiative forms part of our ongoing efforts to promote sustainable water usage within the estate.

#### Progress Update:

- Trenching was completed on Monday, 23 March 2026.
- Assembly of the water meters is currently underway.
- Meter covers have been delivered.
- The Red Line team has commenced with house connections to the new water meter system.

### NEW ABLUTION BLOCKS

We are pleased to confirm that the new ablution blocks in Oyster Cove and Olive Tree have been completed. As part of this upgrade, the previous portable toilet facilities have been removed, improving both the appearance and convenience of these areas.

#### Additional Update:

- Approval is currently pending for a new ablution facility at the main gate. The area has already been identified and marked out.

### SWIMMING POOL

Residents may have noticed the installation of new umbrellas at the pool area. This addition enhances comfort by providing increased shade, allowing for a more enjoyable and sun-safe recreational environment.

### WINTER MAINTENANCE PREPARATION

Preparations for the winter maintenance programme are well underway. The team is currently ensuring that all necessary equipment and materials are in place to efficiently carry out seasonal maintenance tasks across the estate.

#### Progress and Key Focus Areas:

- Grass cutting has been completed to a height of 280mm in the following areas: next to Harcourts and Pivot 1, from the back of Compos area to Bass 27, Stand 258 adjacent to Olive Tree Cove, and from the Heron Sewer Plant to Oyster Cove. This height will be maintained to support a safer and more controlled winter burning program.
- Grass cutting is still required behind Plover Cove up to C Gate.
- Removal of small poplar trees is underway in the forest and near the boat locker area.
- Special attention will be given to maintaining walking and trail running routes.
- The area to the right after crossing Bass Bridge will be widened. Floodplain trenches in this area are currently blocked, which poses a risk to properties in Bass.
- In the forest, sections of the stream will be rerouted to prevent future flooding.
- Ongoing clearing of invasive trees in the forest will continue as part of environmental management efforts.

### FENCE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The annual treatment of the estate's post-and-rail fencing has commenced ahead of schedule to maintain durability and a neat boundary appearance.

Fence lines have been cleared, with grass cut back and weed control applied. A 200mm strip on both sides of the fence will be treated during winter to prevent regrowth.

### ESTATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Putting safety first



### ROAD MAINTENANCE

Road maintenance throughout the estate



### WATER HYACINTH REMOVAL PROJECT IN FULL SWING

The water hyacinth removal project is now well underway and progressing at pace along the waterfront and dam area.

The Department of Water and Sanitation has increased capacity on site, with the addition of a larger excavator and a second barge. This has significantly accelerated the clearing process, with visible progress already being made as work advances from the waterfront towards the long bridge.

Residents are reminded that the area remains an active contractor site, and all demarcated zones are strictly off-limits for safety reasons. The temporary access gate on the eastern boundary continues to be secured with 24-hour guards and CCTV monitoring.

This project, fully funded by the Department, will result in a cleaner, more accessible waterfront for all residents to enjoy.



# Security Talk - Be Informed

## Keeping Our Estate Secure: Why Timely Updates Matter

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Maintaining the safety and security of our estate is a shared responsibility. While physical measures such as gates, security patrols, and surveillance systems play an important role, the accuracy of our records is equally crucial in protecting our community.

It is essential that the estate office is notified promptly whenever an employee no longer works for you, or when a tenant moves out of your property. This allows us to remove access rights immediately, helping to safeguard all residents and their property.

Delays in updating the office can compromise the effectiveness of our security systems.

Equally important is ensuring that we have the **correct contact details for all owners, tenants, employees, and contractors**. Up-to-date information enables the office to communicate quickly in case of emergencies, coordinate maintenance or access requirements, and respond effectively to any security incidents.

**By keeping the estate informed of personnel and occupancy changes**, each resident contributes to a safer, more secure environment. We urge everyone to make it a priority to notify the office of any updates as soon as they occur. Your cooperation not only protects your own property but also strengthens the safety of the estate community as a whole.

Together, accurate records and vigilant communication make our estate a safer place for everyone.



## Correct Communication Channels

We understand that it may often feel quicker and more convenient to contact a member of the management team directly when lodging a complaint or raising a concern. However, to ensure that all matters are handled efficiently, fairly, and with the necessary accountability, this is not the correct procedure.

All complaints, queries, and concerns must be submitted through the appropriate formal channels. Residents are requested to send an email to **manager@thecoves.co.za** or log a support ticket via the Secure Access app.

By following this process, each matter is properly recorded, tracked, and assigned for resolution, ensuring that nothing is overlooked and that response times can be effectively managed.

Direct communication with individual staff members may result in delays or matters not being formally recorded, which can impact the quality and consistency of service delivery. Your cooperation in adhering to the correct channels is therefore essential in helping us maintain high service standards across the estate.

For all security-related matters or emergencies, residents should contact the Duty Manager directly on **082 382 3073**. The security team is available to respond promptly and efficiently to any incidents. Please note that all security officers are equipped with body cameras, which continuously record interactions and incidents.

This ensures transparency and provides reliable video footage should it be required for review or investigation.

# Events 2026

This year, we introduced a fresh and exciting approach to the Easter Hunt, with residents coming together to play an active role in making the event truly special.

The enthusiasm, creativity, and community spirit on display were heartwarming, and it was wonderful to see so many families involved.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to all our sponsors for their generous contributions. Your support helped bring this event to life and made it a memorable experience for everyone who attended.

- AfricanBoxWorks Pty Ltd
- Martin Le Roux Motors
- Licks and Slobbers Mobile Grooming Spa
- Harcourts
- Pam Golding
- Chas Everitt
- Nicole Le Roux and all the volunteers

## Events to look forward to

### OAKS EVENTS:

**10 May** – Mother's Day

**16 May** – Wine Festival

**27 May** – Bingo night

### WINE DINNERS:

**23 April** – Vriesenhof Vineyards

**11 June** – Weltevrede Wine Estate

**3 July** – Muratie Wine Estate



We look forward to another wonderful year of connection, celebration, and community at The Coves.

## THE COVES EVENT CALENDAR 2026

### Events in the Surrounding Area

While The Coves hosts a variety of events throughout the year, we recognise that many residents are still exploring the surrounding area. Below are some upcoming local events that may be of interest:

**11 APRIL 2026**

#### PETALS & PRESENCE

A Women's Social Circle with a Wellness Twist

Tickets available on Quicket

#### PICK N PAY FAMILY FUN 7KM RUN/WALK

NG Gemeente Skeerpoort  
Familiefees

Details available on Facebook

**1 MAY 2026**

Juan Boucher Live at Aviators –  
Tickets available on Quicket

**FAMILY FUN RUN**  
**7km**  
**11 APRIL 2026**  
**EAGLESWATER LODGE**

PICK N PAY FAMILY FUN 7KM RUN/WALK  
11 APRIL 2026  
07H30 FOR 08H00  
EAGLESWATER LODGE, OBERON STREET, HARTBESPOORT

ENTRY R150  
RACE PACK  
www.entryninja.com  
T&C Apply

**Pick n Pay**

# Secrets of the Garden

## ADVICE FROM **DI GOODWIN**

Our days at the moment can have four seasons in one day! If we are battling to cope with this, we will understand that our plants need a little bit of TLC!

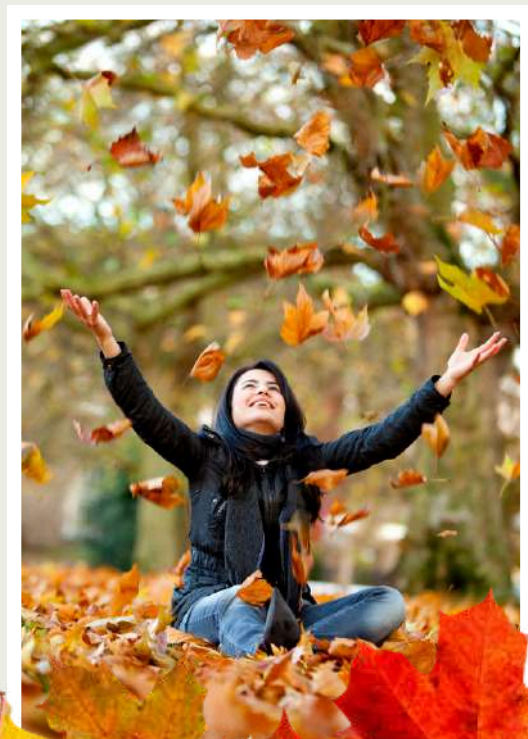
As the seasons begin to change and temperatures gradually cool, autumn presents an ideal opportunity for us to prepare and maintain our gardens. Proper care during this period not only enhances the appearance of our property but also ensures a healthy and vibrant garden in the months to come. Here are some Autumn gardening tips to help you prepare your garden for the season ahead:

- Fallen leaves and plant debris should be cleared regularly to prevent the build-up of pests and diseases. While I encourage composting, remember your excess organic waste should be managed appropriately to maintain a neat and tidy garden in line with the estate's standards. If you want a recipe to make this "Black Gold", feel free to send me an email!
- Although your grass grows more slowly during autumn, your lawn still requires attention. Continue mowing as needed but gradually lower the frequency which means you have more time to relax in your beautiful surroundings.

This is also a good time to aerate compacted soil, apply copious amounts of compost and apply a general organic fertiliser to strengthen roots ahead of winter.

- As rainfall patterns change, adjust your irrigation systems accordingly to avoid overwatering.
- Efficient water use remains a priority so regularly check your irrigation systems for leaks.
- Autumn is a great time for you to plant certain annuals, shrubs and trees, as the soil remains warm while the moisture levels are still high. This allows your new plants to establish strong root systems before winter. Consider incorporating indigenous and water-wise plants to support sustainability within the estate. If you need advice on what to plant feel free to contact me.

I urge you now to sit outside and enjoy your garden during these cooler days before the lower temperatures for us to stay indoors!



# Environmental Matters

## Anti-vaxxers, Organic foods and Raw milk

ADVICE FROM **PROF KEN PETTEY**

Since the Covid pandemic the incidence of anti-vaxxers has increased. These people harbour beliefs against vaccination safety or effectiveness. They refuse vaccines for themselves, their families and often their pets and farm animals. Misinformation is spread via social media impacting on public health. The risk of disease increases dramatically.

Pets must be regularly vaccinated and dewormed to prevent them from getting sick and the humans in contact with those pets from getting diseases like rabies that will cause death and worms that can affect internal organs in humans – including the brain!



Organic food refers to food produced without using synthetic pesticides, artificial fertilizers, or genetic modification, focusing on soil health, pasture quality and animal welfare. No routine antibiotics or growth hormones are used. Livestock receive the necessary vaccinations and deworming to keep them healthy. Organic products are healthy and often more expensive than conventional food and milk.

Many people misunderstand the organic food concept and include raw milk as “organic”. Raw milk is milk that has not been pasteurized to kill harmful germs such as Brucella, Tuberculosis, Salmonella, E. coli, Listeria, Campylobacter, Q-Fever, etc. Many of these germs survive the cheese making process!



Raw milk in South Africa is certified through strict regulatory compliance and local municipal bylaws. Animals used to produce raw milk must be regularly tested free of Brucella and Tuberculosis. Frequent batches of milk have to be tested and proved free of all the problem bacteria. There has to be strict temperature compliance. The quality of the milk will vary from day to day due to environmental contamination (faecal material, mastitis, air) even when high hygiene standards are in place.

- There is no evidence that raw milk is more nutritious or healthier than pasteurized milk. Studies have shown that pasteurization does not significantly reduce the nutritional value of milk.
- Milk from animals on pasture is generally considered nutritionally superior to milk from animals fed conventional, high-concentrate rations.
- By pasteurising milk, a consistent, safe product is consumed.

Biosecurity is important to prevent healthy, disease free animals from becoming infected with the dreaded diseases listed above.

Always wash vegetables well especially if uncooked when consumed. Many of the harmful germs can be found on vegetables grown in soil containing manure and compost.

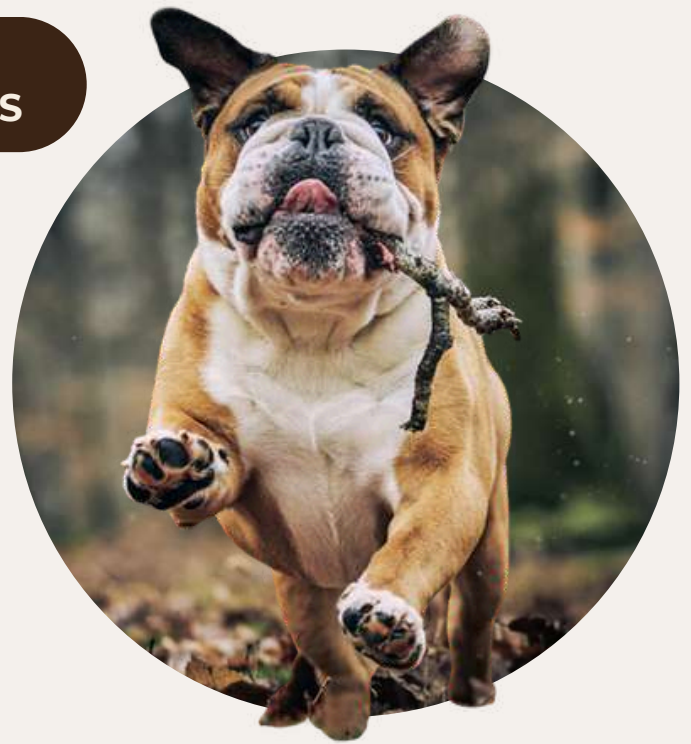
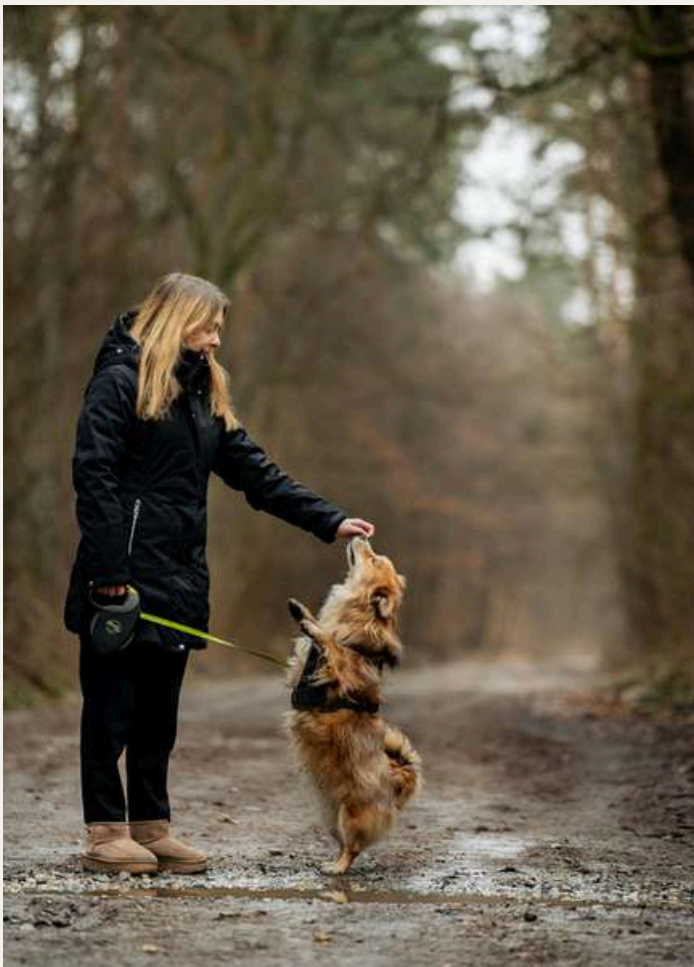
If you know someone who is struggling with a chronic condition and has been exposed to factors mentioned in this article or my previous articles, please consult a doctor who has knowledge of the one health concept.

### ESTATE RULE:

*“12.11. Dogs are to be restricted to the property of the member, occupier and/or tenant. Dogs must be controlled “*

Imagine taking a walk through the estate and, without warning, a dog comes running towards you. In that moment, it is unclear whether the dog is simply seeking attention or poses a potential threat. This uncertainty highlights the importance of adhering to the estate’s pet control rules.

Residents are reminded that the updated estate rules are available from the office, as well as on the website under the “Documents” section. Important documents are also in the process of being uploaded to the Secure Access App for easier access.



In terms of pet control, dogs must remain within the property of their owner, occupier, or tenant at all times. When in common areas, dogs are required to be on a leash and under the full control of the handler.

These rules are essential for maintaining the safety and comfort of all residents and pets. Even well-behaved and friendly dogs can unintentionally cause accidents, distress, or conflict if not properly controlled. Responsible pet management contributes to a safe, peaceful, and enjoyable environment for everyone on the estate.

Please note that dogs found roaming freely will be dealt with in accordance with the estate rules. Repeated non-compliance will result in more severe consequences.

Residents are further reminded to always keep their dogs close and under control. A short leash ensures better handling and contributes to safer, more enjoyable walks for all.

Please ensure that you carry waste bags when walking your dog and clean up after your pet to help maintain a clean and pleasant environment for all residents.

As previously communicated, the Estate has transitioned to a new financial management system, **WeConnectU**. This platform is designed to streamline our billing processes and provide residents with convenient online access to their account information.

Please note that all communication regarding your account and levy statements will now be sent from [noreply@thecoves.co.za](mailto:noreply@thecoves.co.za)

If you have not yet received your registration email, kindly check your spam or junk mail folder. To ensure future correspondence is received without interruption, please add (whitelist) this email address to your safe sender list.

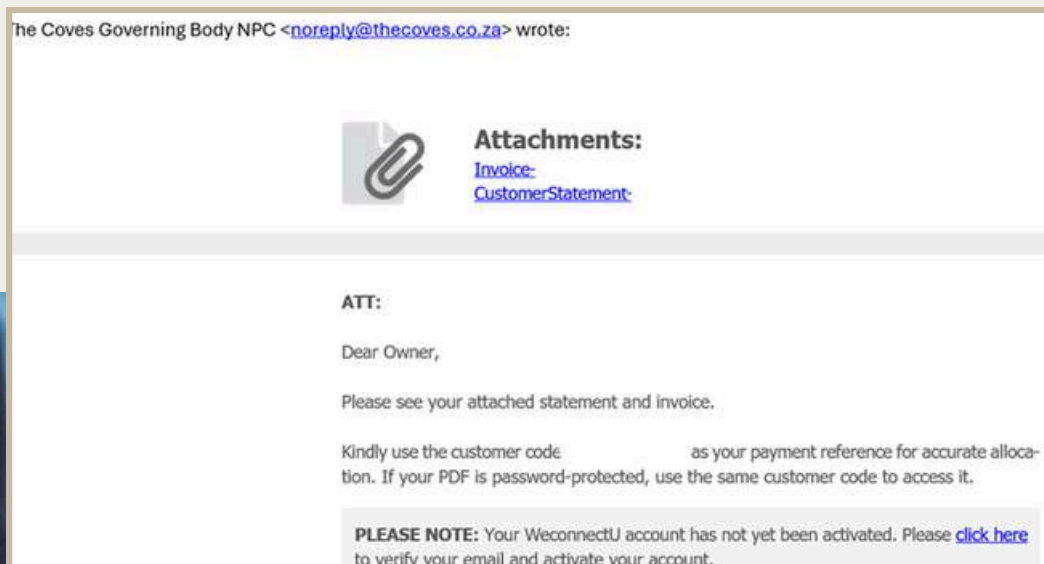
Some residents may have already noticed that the latest levy statements were issued via the WeConnectU Management Solution platform. The email you receive will prompt you to create a password by clicking on the provided link. Once your password has been set, you will be able to log in and access your account.

### Once registered, you will be able to:

- View your levy statements
- Access important documents
- Monitor your account information online

Should you not receive your levy statement, please first check your spam or junk mail folder before contacting the Estate Office.

**Please find below an example of what the registration email will look like for your reference.**





## Contact us

**CONTROL ROOM**  
012 207 1561

**DUTY MANAGER**  
082 382 3073

**SECURITY SITE MANAGER**  
082 768 0424

### REGISTRATION TIMES

Registration is done at the HOA office everyday between 08:00 - 15:00.

Please send the document via email beforehand [community@thecoves.co.za](mailto:community@thecoves.co.za)

### HOA OFFICE

**012 207 1465**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
07:30 - 17:00

### OFFICE

#### Estate Manager



**Michael Kapp**  
[manager@thecoves.co.za](mailto:manager@thecoves.co.za)

#### Community and Administration Manager



**Jean-Mari van Deventer**  
[community@thecoves.co.za](mailto:community@thecoves.co.za)

#### Admin



**Laetitia Frederik**  
[admin@thecoves.co.za](mailto:admin@thecoves.co.za)

#### Maintenance



**Cas Badenhorst**  
[maintenance@thecoves.co.za](mailto:maintenance@thecoves.co.za)

**Secure Access App** You can log a ticket under the Support tab in the app

## INFRASTRUCTURES AND UTILITIES ISSUES

### REPORT TO HOA OFFICE / THE COVES APP:

#### Water leaks

Common properties and before your water meter.

#### Electrical problems


In your home Impact Metering  
**012 763 8200** Common properties **HOA**

#### Defective Streetlights - HOA

**Damaged estate infrastructure** (paving, walls, buildings, gates, etc) - HOA

### AFTER HOURS:

 **Duty Manager:** 082 382 3073

 **Maintenance Manager**  
060 636 0006

## WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

### REPORT TO HOA OFFICE / THE COVES APP:

**Snakes** - Duty Manager

**Blocked stormwater drains or overgrown vegetation** - HOA


**Dead animals** - HOA

**Bee Removal** - Honey Hub

079 881 7948

### AFTER HOURS:

 **Duty Manager:** 082 382 3073

 **Maintenance Manager**  
060 636 0006

## SAFETY AND SECURITY CONCERNS

### REPORT TO SECURITY, HOA OFFICE / SECURE ACCESS APP:

- Suspicious persons of vehicles
- Noise disturbances after hours
- Any criminal activity or offense
- Rule infringements



## EMERGENCIES

### REPORT DIRECTLY TO EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SECURITY FOR ASSISTANCE

#### **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

**10177**

private ambulance Services

**HEMS:** 082 695 1240

**NECSA:** 012 305 3333

#### **FIRE EMERGENCIES**

**NECSA:** 012 305 3333

**Madibeng:** 012 250 2222

#### **POLICE EMERGENCIES**

**10111** (SAPS EMERGENCY LINE) /

HARTBEESPOORT

**SAPS:** 060 987 5533

## GENERAL ENQUIRIES / NON-URGENT MATTERS

### REPORT TO SECURITY, HOA OFFICE / THE COVES APP:

- Suggestions or complaints
- Community Notices