

## SRA Levy to continue despite threats of litigation and boycotts

The SRA levy, implemented on 1 July this year and affecting Canals and Village areas only in St Francis Bay, is still on the go.

According to the St Francis Bay residents' association, the St Francis Property Owners association, (SFPO) it has been assured by Kouga Municipality that the latter will proceed with the agreement and the Law. Payments will be made to the SFPO, irrespective of what the other St Francis Bay residents association, the Concerned Residents Association (CRA) is planning, the SFPMaintains.

"The door remains open for the CRA to talk to the SFPO about their concerns," the SFPO said in a statement sent to St Francis Chronicle. "We have discussed this situation with the Kouga Municipality. The municipality maintains it has followed the correct processes as per its SRA By-Law and Policy in approving the SFPO's SRA application."

The SFPO says it has two firms of attorneys to guide it through this process. "The municipality will pay the levy monies to the SFPO NPC as legislated, because the

legislation compels it to do so. The municipality cannot not stop billing this amount nor paying it over as it is legally obligated to do so."

The SFPO says also the municipality has advised the SFPO to spend the money on agreed projects as specified in its application (See CCTV cameras, p13), so it is not going to delay its projects.

"If the CRA does go ahead with its plans to litigate, then they will be taking the municipality to court and not the SFPO. Unfortunately the Municipality will then have

to waste rates' revenue (rates contributors) defending its case.

"We do not expect to spend our levy on revenue on legal bills. If we are required to join the defendant in this case, then we will use a combination of pro bono offers from several attorneys and advocates who are properly owners in St Francis Bay, together with our reserves in the SFPO association. We will continue to press for constructive dialogue between the parties."

A spokesperson for the CRA, declined to comment.

## CSF Safety measures proposals

After the recent home invasion in Cape St Francis, concerned homeowners, Civics members and security companies brainstormed ideas and plans for further tightening up the security in Cape St Francis.

The first proposal was the extension of the Air Park fence along the dust road where the old dump turn-off was, to join with the R330, and to extend the fence on the other side of the R330 to join the Rebels Rus fence. This intersection would be the only way in and out of Cape St Francis. It was further proposed to have the intersection lit up with street lights and post a security vehicle to monitor foot traffic. Furthermore, the fence would be electrified and sunk underground, it will have cameras on it for monitoring purposes.

This idea has been met with enthusiasm from residents, and has tacit approval from FOSTER and the Kromme Enviro Trust. It was

further discussed that there is an opportunity for a possible quad bike patrol to monitor the fire breaks in the reserve, as well as the possibility of a dog-unit brought in from one of the security companies that who attended the meeting.

It was agreed that better synergy between the security companies operating in the area would be extremely beneficial, and companies present agreed to this.

In the meeting there was talk about residents beefing up their own security by ensuring all doors are locked, windows shut, and where applicable, alarms and beams activated and LEDs on, Panic buttons should also be tested regularly.

The security companies also spoke about a culture of training, upgrading and staying ahead of security technology, and they advised that a five - year old srf or more inf contact Civics on CSFCivics@gmail.com

## Sea Vista pupil is a 'Wow' at spelling



Sea Vista Primary School pupils took part in the WOW District Spelling Competition and Shamima Yousef was placed first, automatically qualifying for the National championship to be held in Stellenbosch on 20 October. Four other pupils qualified for the recent Provincial Championship in Port Elizabeth. See here are: Shamima Yousef, teacher, Mrs Alexander, Shana Baatjies, Kaymin Kapang and Jocelyn Jansen.

## St Francis Runners Nautical Half marathon

Excitement mounts for St Francis Runners as their Club is hosting its first Nautical Half Marathon on 23 September.

Entries have been received from all over South Africa to run in a beautiful route from Quayside Restaurant in Sea Glades Drive through the greater St Francis area, through Santarame through a magnificent reserve, out to Cape St Francis, around the lighthouse and back to Quayside via the R303R18. It's a stunning run, with magnificent scenery and beautiful views. Enter now online, through [entrytickets.net](http://entrytickets.net)

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