



We are excited that our community website www.harfield-village.co.za is under a revamp. We now have 200 businesses listed and the number is growing. Apart from news and events, the objective of the site is to promote local businesses, with the site acting like a mini 'Google' for the area.



Events:

A reminder that the annual Harfield Village Street Carnival will NOT be taking place on the last Saturday of November as in previous years. It is scheduled for 1 March 2014. The reason for the change is due to the unpredictability of the weather during November. To see loads of photographs, reviews and a video of previous years' carnivals [click here](#).

SAVE THIS DATE: Carols in the Park 22nd December - more info to follow in our next Newsletter and on our Facebook Page.



Pets Corner:

Kenilworth Vet continues to provide care to our special pets in the area. This month they are highlighting the importance of detecting arthritis early in your pets. [Click here](#) to find out what to look for and suggested treatment plans.

Train Times:

Train times on the southern suburb line changed on Monday, 11 November. Importantly more express trains will be introduced, some of which will bypass certain stations (including Harfield), stopping only at selected stations. The new times will be posted at Harfield station.



Be a Night Owl:

The Night Gallery is open from Wednesday to Saturday, 6pm – 10pm. The current exhibition is a group exhibition and is their holding collection at the gallery with various contributors. It is entitled 'There & Back Again'. Credit card facilities are available. See the listing [here](http://www.waltphotography.co.za/night-gallery) or www.waltphotography.co.za/night-gallery.

Support Local Businesses:

Julie Eachus, a resident of the village, has started her own company called Julie's Gift Hampers. She makes gift hampers for special occasions like house-warmings, anniversaries, baby showers etc. Julie designs her food hampers herself. They always include delicious homemade treats. Julie also provides catering for birthday teas, baby

showers, kitchen teas etc. You can reach Julie by email jc.eachus@gmail.com or her cell number is 082 446 4402.



Gift a Tree:

A gift to bear in mind for the end of the year rush, is a tree from Heartwood Trees. Based in Harfield Village, Jenni Rowe (also the owner of Harfield Guest Villa) is the brainchild behind this wonderful concept. These are gifts which really do keep growing, living and greening our environment. Click [here](#) to see more.

Village DVD:

The Village DVD offers an amazing range of titles (over 7000), with new imports arriving on a weekly basis. Latest television series include; 'House of Cards', 'Boss', 'Justified', 'Mad Men' and 'Nurse Jackie'. New imported movies available include; 'Arbitrage', 'The Reluctant Fundamentalist', 'Broken City', 'Rust and Bone'. Browse online, make your selection and pop in to collect on your way home. See more information [here](http://www.thevillagedvd.com) or www.thevillagedvd.com for more information.



New to the Village:

Olga Leonard recently moved into the village and is a piano teacher, as well as songwriter and performer. You can reach Olga via email olga@takenotemusic.co.za.

Tutoring and Extra Classes:

If your children require extra tuition or holiday lessons, Monique Lyddell, an experienced teacher, has started her own tutoring business. She operates from home and provides a range of extra lessons to children aged 7 – 17. You can reach Monique via email monique@moniquetutoring.co.za or connect to her Facebook page, Monique's Tutoring.



Thank You's

The HVA continues to do a great job beautifying the village. A big thank you to all community minded residents of our village who give up their time and/or give of their pocket to continue making this village a special place to live. Have a wonderful Spring / early Summer and may the rush towards the end of the year be as gentle and stress-free as possible.

From the Principal's pen:

Buying a home in the southern suburbs can be a very frustrating experience. The reason for this is that with the limited stock on the market, demand is far exceeding supply, putting pressure on buyers to act extremely fast and put in good offers. Norgarb Properties recently listed a home which, attracted 36 buyers, multiple offers and a 50k more than asking price sale for the sellers. Those who need to sell their homes first run the risk of losing out to buyers who either have cash funds available or who simply need a bond.

Should they decide to sell their home and not find another suitable one, they not only run the risk of having to go the rental route, which would mean moving twice, but also the risk of paying increased prices in the future, as property values are steadily rising.

So what do you do if you are in a 'sell to buy' position? Sell first and run the gauntlet? Offer 'subject to' and lose out time and again on the house of your dreams?

The good news is that there IS another way. There is a way to succeed in a seller's market even if you have to sell to buy. Give us a call for a strategy that can work for you. Norgarb Properties. Serious about real estate. Passionate about people. (Follow us on Facebook, click [here](#).)





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