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### NATURE'S VALLEY HOLIDAY GUIDELINES, Dec. 2010

We would like to welcome you to Nature's Valley and, if you are a homeowner, a hearty welcome back! We are pleased that you choose to spend your holidays in these quiet, pristine, natural surroundings. To ensure a pleasant stay in our unique village we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- Ø Through hard work and constant vigilance we have, through the years, managed to preserve the character of our village and we ask that you respect this attitude. Nature's Valley has a barely adequate and very vulnerable infrastructure and we request that home owners make sure that there are not more guests in your house than the infrastructure can support.
- Ø Keep the streets and our beach clean and safe by obeying the regulations pertaining to fires, glass, old fishing gear and other kinds of littering.
- Ø Please fasten your boats to the railings provided for them and do not dump derelict and broken boats on the banks of the lagoon.
- Ø Limit noise, such as motor bikes, barking dogs, loud music, quad bikes and rowdy parties, as much as possible.
- Ø Bright lights, especially outside, are confusing to wildlife and a nuisance to your neighbours. For these reasons we have chosen not to have streetlights in Nature's Valley.
- Ø The indigenous forest in which Nature's Valley is situated is a national asset and we are sure that most people would like to keep it so. In terms of the National Forest Act (Act 84 of 1998), and in terms of your own title deeds, no indigenous trees or shrubs may be removed or damaged - even those growing in your own erf and even those you planted yourself. If it is absolutely necessary that an indigenous tree or shrub be chopped down or pruned, you must obtain a permit from DAFF (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) in Knysna. To make this process a little easier, the NVRA has arranged for knowledgeable persons in the Valley to do the necessary inspection and make recommendations for issuing permits. Contact NVRA office: 044531 6829 or Danie Muller: 044 531 6790 and 082 320 1833.
- Ø Do yourself a favour and visit the Fynbos Reserve and the Phyl Martin "Botanical Garden" and Nursery, where indigenous trees and shrubs are available at a very reasonable price. Let's keep Nature's Valley indigenous.

#### SAFETY, SECURITY AND TRAFFIC

- Ø Our streets are narrow and there are no ordinary sidewalks. Please use your car as little as possible and avoid parking on street verges. Do not park in emergency entrances to the beach and at the lagoon.
- Ø It has become a tradition that children, wild animals and pets can move safely in Nature's Valley's streets. Please respect this tradition by being especially careful and keeping to the speed limit of 40km/hour or even slower.
- Ø National traffic regulations pertaining to unlicensed and under-age driving are applicable in Nature's Valley.
- Ø Except for NSRI (National Sea Rescue Institute) emergency vehicles and helicopters, no motorised vehicles or aircraft are allowed on the beach or the banks of the lagoon. Illegal landings and low-flying aircraft can be reported to Civil Aviation : 011 545 1209, or to the NVRA office.

- Ø No motor boats are allowed on the lagoon.
- Ø Please obey the lifeguards on the beach. When and where lifeguards are not on duty, you swim at your own risk.
- Ø No fireworks are allowed in Nature's Valley. They terrify wild animals and pets, and may cause fires.
- Ø Even in Nature's Valley, crimes such as house-breaking and theft do occur. Lock your house when you are not at home and store bicycles and other valuable items indoors at night.
- Ø Although we are very proud of the wildlife in Nature's Valley, we have to warn you that snakes, Bushpigs and Bushbuck can be dangerous when confronted. Monkeys and baboons often enter homes and they can wreak havoc. A pamphlet with useful information is available at the NVRA office. Please comply with the following regulations:
  - Keep all doors and windows closed when you are not in your house, even if you are braaing in your backyard.
  - Do not feed wild animals or put food out for them.
  - Refuse bins must be tightly closed and garbage bags must only be put out on the street on municipal removal days.
  - SANParks is not responsible for and will not act against wild animals in urban Nature's Valley.

In case of emergency, refer to the accompanying list of emergency telephone numbers.  
Display this list prominently in your home.

#### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

HELP LINE (FOR THE SEWAGE TANKER, ELECTRICITY AND WATER): 086 124 8686

- Ø Water restrictions are still in force in Nature's Valley. Use water sparingly and keep to the municipal regulations contained in the CLO (Community Liaison Officer) pamphlet attached hereto.
- Ø Garbage removal: Please refer to the accompanying directive from the CLO. We request especially that no builders' rubble, broken furniture or appliances be dumped at the waste transfer station.
- Ø Sewerage: Monitor your septic- or conservancy-tank regularly and order the tanker ("honeysucker") timeously.
- Ø Garden refuse: Bitou Municipality does not remove any garden refuse and the responsibility is your own. We would like to encourage the practice of keeping organic garden refuse on your property. Use wood for braaing and leaves and lawn cuttings for compost.
- Ø Dogs and other pets: Please read the accompanying directive from the CLO about the by-laws pertaining to pets. We support these by-laws and ask that you keep to them for your own and the community's sake. The NVRA has made available free hygiene bags for dog droppings. Find them at the entrances to the paths over the dune, at the office, and at the shop.

#### SANPARKS REGULATIONS

Nature's Valley is surrounded by a national park and, moreover, has a contractual national park which is managed as a national park within our borders.

- Ø No pet animals are allowed anywhere in national parks. In Nature's Valley, this means no pets are allowed on the foot paths behind Forest Drive, at the Grootriver Lagoon or the eastern lagoon banks.
- Ø In the Nature's Valley Contractual National Park (the whole of the dune and the western lagoon banks), dogs must be kept on a leash and are only allowed on the boardwalks. Dogs may only be walked in these areas before 9h00 or after 16h00.
- Ø Littering in any of these areas is an offence.
- Ø No open bonfires may be made in any of these areas.

ENJOY NATURE'S VALLEY!