

The end of 2013 marks a significant milestone in the 12 years since Pinehurst was established.

This year, major new strides have been made in the infrastructure of your suburb, including the completion of arterial roads, the construction of a shopping centre, the start of a retirement village, and planning for a large community recreation area.

These new developments are in addition Pinehurst's schools, crèches and churches, a storage facility and a service station that will be opened next year.

With a strong community spirit well established in Pinehurst, residents have formed very effective individual neighbourhood watch groups and it is hoped that this will shortly become a formidable combined project.

The safety of residents is uppermost for Garden Cities, and we have taken the initiative to install 10 monitored street security cameras on Pinehurst Drive, to be in operation early in the new year.

The Pinehurst Convenience Shopping Centre on Brackenfell Boulevard is on land allocated in the planning stages of the suburb, along with others such as school, community and service industry sites and also recreational open spaces. These are the kinds of

facilities that Garden Cities considers essential to a well-established community and which we include in all our suburbs.

The shopping centre will serve the Pinehurst community and a wider market of nearby residents, giving Pinehurst an even stronger significance in the general population of the northern suburbs of Cape Town.

Its establishment has been supported by major stores such as Pick n Pay and a full complement of smaller retailers who have taken space in the 7 090m² with its 392 parking bays, with the opening of the first phase on 5th December 2013.

Exciting developments at the centre include the opening next year of a Wimpy and Saddles restaurant and the highly popular Food Lover's Market.

There are currently 1 422 homes in Pinehurst housing a population of nearly 3 000 residents and plans are now at an advanced stage for the development of further neighbourhoods to accommodate the building programme of between 15 and 20 houses a month.

Within Oakwood itself, our target is to call our first Annual General Meeting once a minimum of 600 units are sold and registered. With the current building program we envisage this date to be in the first half of 2015. To accommodate the increased flow of traffic,

the second guard house will be operational from mid-February 2014. A friendly reminder that from 1st November 2013, your monthly levy has increased to R250.

The extension of Brackenfell Boulevard right through from Wildebees Road to New Langeberg Road gives Pinehurst direct routes to Wellington Road, Durbanville, on the one side and Kuils River on the other.

Pinehurst's provision for residents at all stages of their lives will be complete with the development of Rochefort, a village for the over-50s, which will consist of 143 single residential houses in an access-controlled precinct, with private roads and its own park and clubhouse.

'Pinehurst is a Garden Cities project of which we are very proud and we look forward to further developing the suburb to its planned conclusion. We wish the residents an enjoyable festive season and a new year that brings good fortune and good health,' said John Matthews, Garden Cities' Group CEO.

