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Dear Councilor

EVENTS AT AND IMPACTING ON JOHANNESBURG BOTANICAL GARDEN: MAY, JULY AND AUGUST 2019

This communication is to notify you and all affected parties about the events that will be held at the Johannesburg Botanical Garden in May, July and August 2019. It should be noted that some of these events are not in the Botanical Garden itself but it has an impact on the users of the gardens as well as surrounding road closures.

Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ) has committed to 6 large events in the gardens – large is described as over 3 000 people attending the event as the facility can host up to 20 000 people. This year the events are closely scheduled together due to the following reasons:

- There is less impact on the grass areas in the winter months;
- There is less impact if the infrastructure for big events is in place for a week instead of moving it in and out – damage caused by trucks, heavy equipment, etc.;
- Once the major events are done the rest of the year from JCPZ perspective will be less intrusive; and
- Big events should be accommodated before the heavy rainfall seasons as the damage on wet grass is magnified and time for repairs extended.

The event dates are the following:

- 4 May: Huawei JHB Day
- 28 July: JHB Walk the Talk – main event at Marks Park
- 4 August: Liefde by die Dam
- 9 August: Divas
- 10/11 August: Parklife
- 24 August: JURA – main event at Marks Park
- 25 August: JUMA – main event at Marks Park

As JCPZ we are committed to the following and have made same recommendations to all events organisers:

1. Communications to residential associations and affected parties by the end of the week (15 March 2019) to communicate dates and rationale for doing most of the events in one month;
2. Early communications about any road closures – soft and hard;
3. Attention to parking and addressing illegal car guards – tow-away zones, clear instructions where to park, designated parking areas, increased security to lessen the impact of residents unable to enter and exit their houses;
4. Gate closures or areas not accessible to public at JBG during event and event set-up inclusive of kids play ground area if applicable;
5. Notification at the gate of JBG of the events;
6. Clear contact details of person responsible for the event in case of queries;
7. Recommendation to advertise the events in the Northcliff Times at least a month in advance of each event – online calendar and in actual newspaper ; and
8. Commitment to have all areas cleaned in the immediate 5 days after the event – all litter, posters, signage, barrier tape etc.

JCPZ has also implemented the following:

1. Each music event or where there is amplified sound must have an acoustic consultant appointed to ensure legal sound levels are adhered to;
2. Each event will have a VOC on site to deal with issues on the day;
3. All events finish at 18.00 and no later; and
4. Refundable deposit to take care of any damage to JBG.

Events do activate our parks and open spaces and provide more security on the actual event as well as set-up and breakdown days. The events are economic propellers and provide an income for a variety of service providers. It is a constitutional right for organisations to apply to host events in open spaces and parks and if events are compliant to the Events Management Act there is no reason to refuse such unless there is transgression of the Act.

Many thanks



Louise Gordon
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