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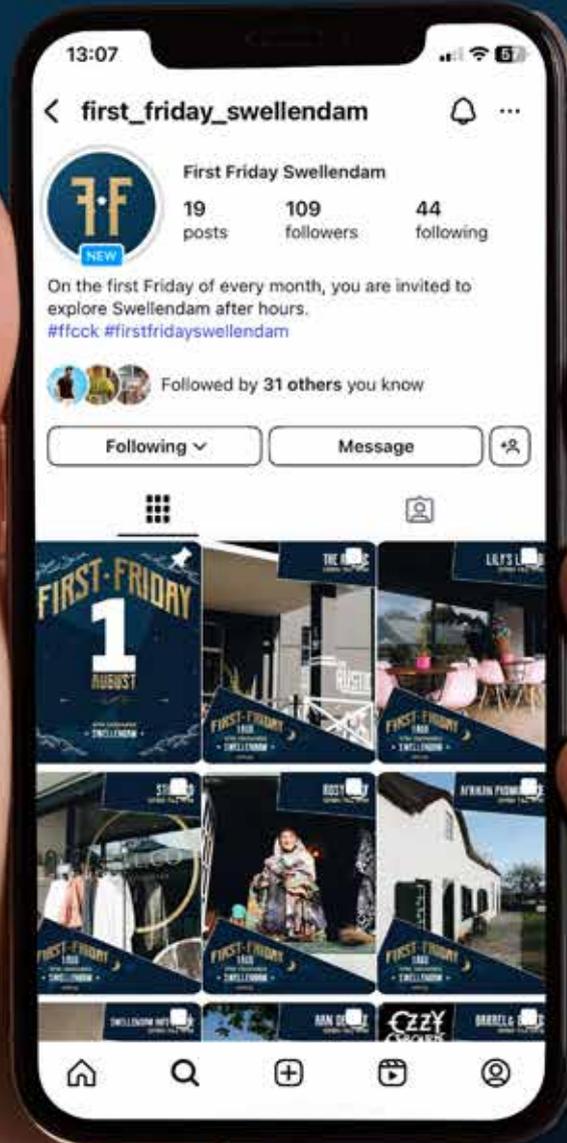
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# ABOUT FIRST FRIDAY

## ART. FOOD. STORIES. CONNECTION.

First Fridays Swellendam is a monthly celebration of local culture — a community-powered evening where creativity spills into the streets, galleries stay open late, and the town lights up with art, food, wine and a vibe. On the first Friday of every month, artists, shops, eateries, and studios across Swellendam open their doors after hours to welcome locals and visitors alike into spaces filled with soul. From contemporary galleries and historic homes to cafés and thrift shops and boutiques.

At its heart, First Fridays is powered by a grassroots spirit — no big budgets, just people saying yes to showing up. This is a night for curious feet and open senses — it's about moving through the town, stopping for a slice here, a sip there, a spark of inspiration around the corner, wandering from one venue to the next. Trying a snack at one café, a drink at another, lingering briefly in a gallery before drifting to thrift.



## WHY WE DO IT:

- For art, music, food; for wander and wonder. And because Swellendam is rich with talent, history, and heart — and First Fridays is a way of shining a collective light on it. Come out and meet your neighbors.

Join us in Swellendam, every First Friday of the month.



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## WEATHER FORECAST

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

• Early evening temperatures hovering around 15°C, fading to around 11°C by the time the town lights up.  
• Expect mostly cloudy skies through the day, and tiny chunks of sun before it sets  
- creating that moooi art-night glow.



### BY EVENING:

- Layer up: a warm mid-layer like a sweater or cardigan.
- Bring a jacket or coat to stay comfy between venues.
- Closed shoes or ankle boots are ideal as the temperature drops.
- A scarf or wrap adds both warmth and style to your look.



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## THOMAS RED

OPEN TILL 9PM

Thomas Red blends elegant, trend-aware women's fashion with a refined sense of style that flows from wardrobe to home. The label is known for delivering "luxury for less" and timeless design, newly reborn in our charming town. Sip on some bubbles as you browse exclusive in-store specials for stylish finds and festive feels.



## HAND PRINTING STUDIO

OPEN TILL 9PM

The Hand Printing Studio in the Swellendam area is a creative atelier dedicated to bespoke, hand printed fabric art. Led by Esme Kruger and her team, they work with 100% cotton fabric and water based inks to produce one-off scarves, table linens, cushion covers, and more. They'll be stationed outside the Thomas Red shop, bringing their tactile prints to life under the evening sky.



## GLORIA ZIMMERMANN

OPEN TILL 9PM

Gloria Zimmermann is a visual artist, working in a contemporary style that often blends vivid colour and expressive form. Her pieces reflect a personal aesthetic and an intuitive approach to image-making—bold, playful, and engaging. You'll find Gloria outside the Thomas Red boutique, sharing her expressive artworks live in a street side showcase.

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## ANAMI

OPEN TILL 9PM

Expect an evocative blend of artistic voices — from earthy, abstract landscapes and bold gestural brushwork to textured mixed media and refined sculptural forms. Paired with Cabernet Sauvignon and a seasonal tasting menu — subtle flavours served in small thoughtful bites that mirror the tone of the evening.



## BONAFIDE WINE BAR

OPEN TILL LATE

Swing by Bonafide Wine Bar — or as the locals call it, Mitches — for good wine, great beer, and even better company. With a curated wine shop, a laid-back bar vibe, and fresh pours from the Swellenbrew, there's something for every kind of sipper. Whether you're into a crisp lager, or a glass of something smooth, come for a drink and stay for the conversation.



## SCHOONWINKEL

OPEN TILL 9PM

The coffee's excellent, the baristas are golden, and the food menu's full of comforting, simple favourites made with care. This First Friday, Schoonwinkel will be doing pizza and vino till the buzz blows over. Swing by, settle in, and let the evening take care of you. Enjoy a free glass of wine with every pizza order, or feel free to bring your own bottle to share the love.

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## MISS RUBY PETIT CINEMA **OPEN TILL 9PM**

Miss Ruby Petit Cinema invites you in for something a little different this First Friday - a short film screening in an intimate, homegrown space where story and soul take centre stage.

Screening times: 19:00–19:45 & 20:15–21:00

Space is limited, magic is not. Come curious. Bookings: 082 448 8166



## BARREL & BLUES **OPEN TILL LATE**

Join Barrel and Blues Roadhouse this First Friday and pay tribute to late Ozzy Osbourne, a true rock 'n roll icon, jamming out to the best of Ozzy and Black Sabbath throughout the night. R50 pizza slice and beer special!



## SWD INFO CENTRE **OPEN TILL 9PM**

Housed by one of Swellendam's oldest landmarks, the Info Centre offers a quiet window into the town's layered past - a perfect contrast to the bold, contemporary works next door at Anami.

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## AFRIKAN PROMINENCE

OPEN TILL 9PM

This 260-year-old space brings together culture and cuisine in the most soulful way — whether you're joining us for a nourishing lunch or a festive dinner, come savour a truly African dining experience at Afrikan Prominence — where food is more than flavour, it's a story, a connection, a celebration.



## ROSY POSY

OPEN TILL 9PM

The vision of designer Vanessa Hulley- Pfothenhauer, whose bespoke, handmade clothing draws from the rich textures, colours, and stories of Africa. Each piece is a celebration of culture, creativity, and connection, blending comfort and versatility with a deep respect for craftsmanship and sustainability.

Find Rosy Posy this First Friday at Afrikan Prominence.



## STILL.CO

OPEN TILL 9PM

A beautifully curated space by a mother-and-daughter duo, where elegance meets intention - Still.Co, located at the Swellengrebel Complex, invites you in after hours this First Friday.

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## AAN DE EIKE

OPEN TILL 8PM

Aan de Eike Guesthouse is bringing the flavor with a street-style twist and a little winter cheer.

A gourmet hotdogs + chips, complimentary glühwein shot and 2 Aperol Spritzers for R100 only this First Friday!



## ARTERIE

OPEN TILL 8PM

Arterie Gallery invites you to linger a little longer and step into a world of shifting themes and vibrant conversations, curated rhythms of contemporary works in varied media — each piece responding to an evolving bi-monthly theme, each artist offering a fresh perspective. Whether you're coming for the art, the energy, or the after-hours ambiance, you're most welcome.



## BARGAIN QUEEN

OPEN TILL 9PM

A treasure trove of pre-loved and new gems, from chic apparel to unexpected accessories - Bargain Queen is staying up late this First Friday — and you're invited to sip while you thrift. Come rummage. Find treasure. Leave fabulous.

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## LILY'S LIVING

OPEN TILL 7PM

Lily's Living is your one-stop gift haven this First Friday a treasure trove of scents, textures, and treats that spark serious joy. From soy wax candles and handmade soaps to stylish handbags, garden gems, and a fabulous lineup of Maddison coats, it's the kind of place where something always sneaks into your bag.



## THE RUSTIC

OPEN TILL 9PM

The Rustic is a fresh new space in town, open after hours this First Friday for coffee lovers, creatives, and the quietly curious. Clock Peaks Coffee Roasters will be serving their signature Rustic espresso blend, with tasty bites from Wrap't Deli for the wellness warriors. Enjoy a complimentary Mojito upon arrival.



## ENCHANTÉ BOUTIQUE

OPEN TILL 8PM

Enchante Boutique is where elegance meets a little temptation - silky fabrics, statement jewellery, shoes, delicate lingerie, and the kind of pieces that turn heads (and keep them turned). Whether you're shopping for someone special or indulging your own divine self, you'll find a fit.

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## CHOCOLAT ETC

OPEN TILL 8PM

The go-to boutique in town for handcrafted Belgian chocolates, beautiful truffles, and elegant giftware — plus a curated selection of jewellery, dresses, and nightwear. Enjoy a delicious 50% off all dresses and nightwear, alongside chocolate delights that'll have you swooning.



## OISHII FOODS & DELI

OPEN TILL LATE

For a sharp flavour detour during your First Friday wander, Oishii Foods & Deli delivers deli-style treats, woodfire pizzas and bistro style food, to take away or sit and enjoy on Wagenweg deck, with a beautiful view of the Langeberg mountains. First Friday special includes wine/beer with a biltong quiche for R50



## REPUBLIC

OPEN TILL 9PM

Reviving a 1795 legacy, Republic serves up South African tradition with a modern twist—right under the oak trees at 25 Swellengrebel Street. Indulge in classic dishes like slow-cooked Cape Malay chicken curry, pizza, burgers, local wine, award-winning gin, and assorted craft beer.

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## ART DE OLIVIA

OPEN TILL 8PM

The creative home and gallery space of Olivia Botha, a multidisciplinary artist whose work spans monotypes, paintings, textiles, ceramics, and curated gifts. Enjoy 10% off everything in store and a golden-hour coffee & cookie combo for just R25 to fuel the evening's meander.



## SIGN RIGHT

OPEN TILL 8PM

Located in Carlton Mall, Shop 12, their dynamic team of five brings fresh energy and creative expertise to every project. At Sign Right Overberg, they specialise in high-quality, custom printing, and branding solutions for individuals, businesses, and events.



## HOUSE & CO

OPEN TILL 7PM

House & Co is your destination for gifts that spark delight and toys that inspire growth. They're also Swellendam's premier supplier of bedding, linen, and educational toys for curious kids and design-conscious households alike.

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## MARS GROWERS CLUB

OPEN TILL 7PM

Mars Growers Club has landed — quietly quirky and just a little off the mainstream radar. Tucked into Shop 2 at Carlton Mall, this low-key members-only space is all about curiosity, quality, and the slow art of expanding perception, and joins the First Friday lineup bringing a cosmic twist.



## WOODPECKER PIZZA DELI

OPEN TILL LATE

Woodpecker Pizzadeli (affectionately known as Woodies) is your go-to for crisp pizzas, classic pasta dishes, schnitzels, burgers, and feel-good food served in a laid-back, family-friendly space. This First Friday, come raise a glass of complimentary bubbles as we toast to celebrating life — great food, good people, and moments that matter.



## THE WOODS

OPEN TILL 3PM

In the spirit of gifting, you're invited to our first-ever free sundowner music session, happening every First Friday of the month - with good people, good energy, and the kind of setting that invites you to slow down and tune in.

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A selection of Stetty for  
**R100.00**  
Offer Valid from 5pm to 9pm

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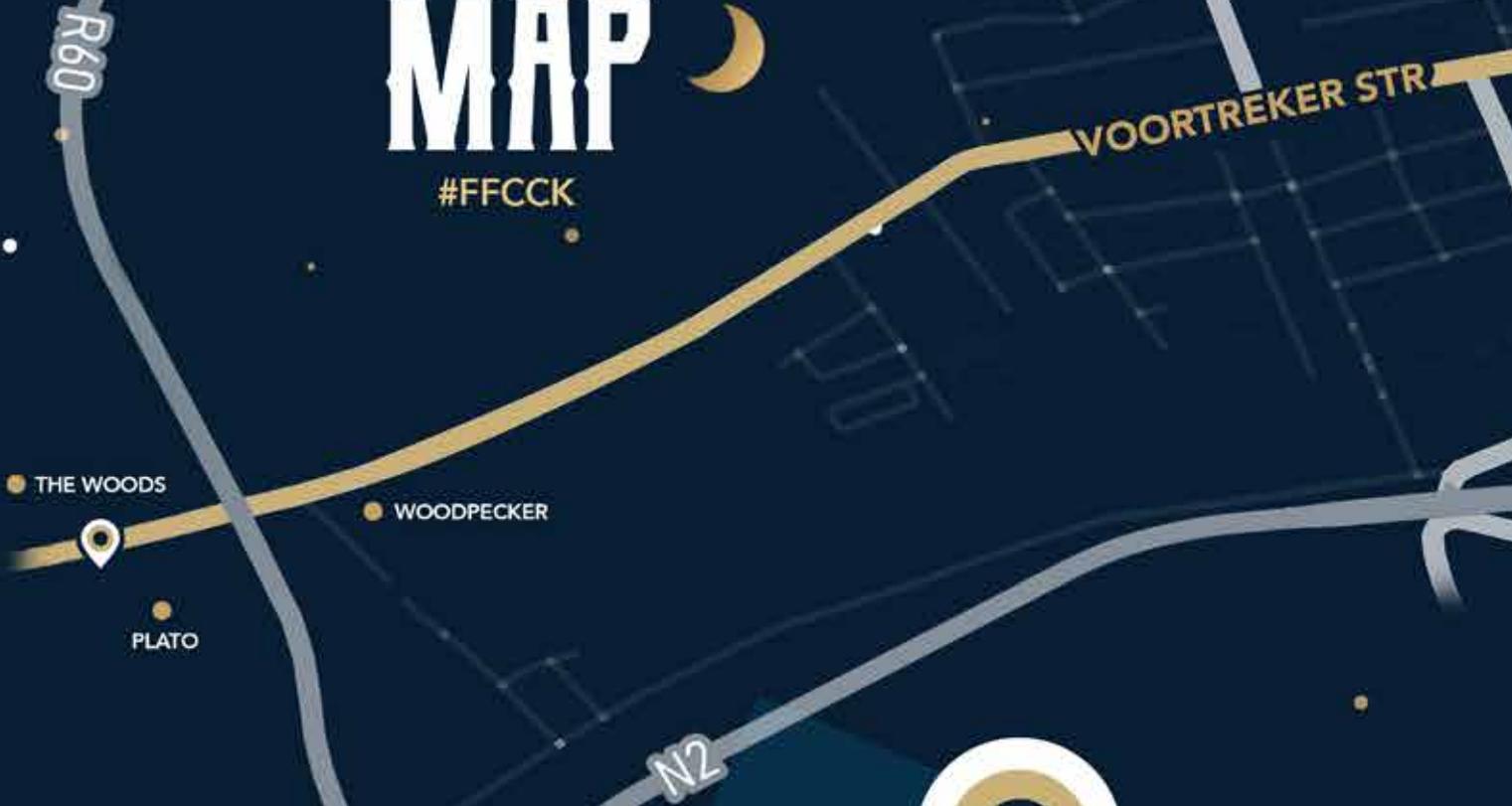
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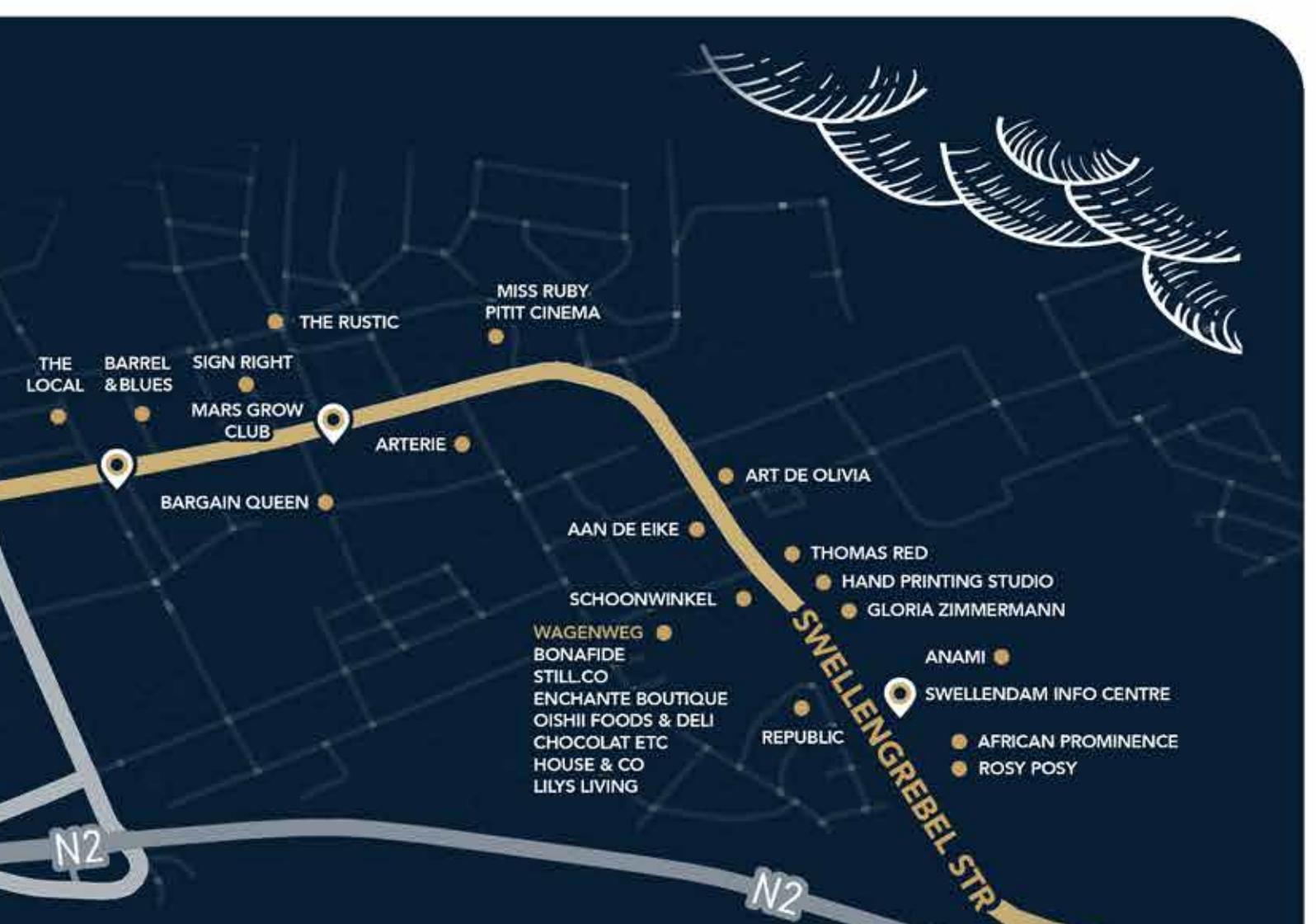
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# COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE SERVICE

5PM TILL 9PM - PICKUPS EVERY 30MIN

## 4 CONVENIENTLY LOCATED PICKUP POINTS:

- SWELLENDAM INFO CENTRE
- CNR OF VON MANGER STREET
- CNR OF ANDREW WHYTE STREET
- THE WOODS

FIRST TRIP AT 17:00 FROM THE SWELLENDAM INFO CENTRE

LAST TRIP FROM THE WOODS AT 20:30PM

FULL SCHEDULE AVAILABLE ON OUR INSTAGRAM

EMERGENCY CONTACT: FAIZEL+27 72 329 4566

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