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# Vorna Valley Residents Association

# Newsletter



April 2018

## VVRA Committee

- Marianne Nel - Chairperson
- Carol Thornton - Secretary, S@S
- Hein de Kock - Treasurer, Infrastructure
- Paul Mann - Social
- Carol Barnes - Greens
- Paul Veltman - CPF/Security



### Dear Vorna Valley Residents

The weather has turned it's back on summer as we trudge towards winter. The nights are getting colder but thankfully our days are always nice and warm. Nature's colours are changing as the leaves tumble from the trees, as some trees go for their winter sleep.

We have had power outages on a weekly basis now and residents are fed up with developers and contractors who damage our infrastructure while turning Vorna Valley upside down.

With all the announcements of council officials put on suspension or fired, it is difficult to wrap our thoughts around the fact that residents have been reporting this for years now. Developers are here for the money, not for the residents. When one sees media posts such as :

"ON AIR: The @CityofJoburgZA has discovered that 2000 businesses and developments in Midrand have not been paying for services such as water. @aycawe chats to MMC for Finance, Fuzela Ngobeni about what they found on their visit today. #POWERBusiness"

"@JoburgFinance MMC Finance @FuzelaZA continues to crack down on illegal connections by developers in Waterfall."



after the Midrand Alliance had a meeting with the then MMC of Development and Planning, and basically pleaded for development to be put on hold.



Our petition to have Elizabeth Fry re-opened was, with the help of the ward 132 committee members, handed over to members of the speakers office and the mayors office. (main photo).

Much to our disgust Abland Property Developers contractors were still working until after 18:45 even though their wayleaves says work must stop at 15:30. There were no safety and security measures in place, no points men and several near accidents as residents tried to exit Elizabeth Fry.

The VVRA is fed up with all the illegal activities by developers and contractors and hopefully they will be dealt with in a suitable manner.

**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES FOR WATER GARDENS ON PAGE 6!**

**WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!!!!**



**VICTIM EMPOWERMENT**  
076 445 2451

The Victim Empowerment Centre, comprises of volunteer counsellors who assist victims with debriefing and trauma counselling. If you need counselling after a traumatic violent crime, please contact Nicola Arend on 076 445 2451 to set up an appointment. All counselling is confidential and no charge!

Facebook Twitter Email Website



Whatsapp your details and email address to 082-460-8662 to join the VVRA council issues groups and Alert groups.



We would like to let residents know that the Swiss Country Club on Moerdyk Street is not just for members. Anyone can go there for a good meal. They support the VVRA and it would be wonderful if residents supported them.

Email: courier@hot.co.za  
Cell: 082 561 0063 (Wolfgang)

### Contact details for Sector 2:

Sector Commander - Sergeant Nkatingi  
082 888 7731 (Office Hours)

Sector 2 Vehicle  
071 675 6110 (24/7)

Areas: Vorna Valley, Waterfall Park, Carlswald, Halfway Gardens, Kyalami Hills.



## Harcourts

Here we are.  
With you all the way.

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**City Power**



Once again power outages were a weekly occurrence. Seems developers and contractors have no shame in damaging our infrastructure time and time again. We can only hope that they get heavy fines and penalties..

Again, City Power Midrand's manager, Hamilton and his team were always available for assistance to resolving the issues speedily. We can only hope that other entities learn from them. Thank you once again goes to Hamilton and his amazing team.

**Johannesburg Water**



Blocked sewerage pipes and burst water pipes were abundant again in April 2018.

A major sewerage leak off Allandale behind Chris Barnard caused a stench for surrounding residents, but hopefully JWater has now finally been able to resolve this issue.

The JWater team have mostly been quick to attend to issues and we thank them for this.



**Joburg Road Agency**



Though JRA fixed several of our potholes, some of the major one's have still not been repaired after several months of the VVRA following up with the depot manager.

We urge residents to download the JRA ap - find & fix to report Potholes, Traffic Signals, Stormwater drainage, Signage, Manhole covers, and several other issues relating to JRA.



**Johannesburg Metro Police Department**



A resident reported a truck taking water illegally from a fire hydrant on Anton Hartman near Grieg street.

It was reported to JMPD but unfortunately by the time JMPD got there, the truck had already left. We requested that JMPD track the truck by the reg. no that was supplied, and fine this company.



**City Parks**



JRA contracted City Parks to cut some of the major roads pavements again, which was much needed. The VVRA continuously complained to City Parks that when pavements get cut, the mess and litter gets left behind. It is wonderful to see that they now also send in a team to pick up all this mess and litter. Thank you City Parks.

We still request that residents and complexes maintain their own pavements, and not let them become over grown and an eyesore.

**Pikitup**



Our Landfill sites can not cope and it is each and everyone of us' duty to Separate@Source and recycle with Phambili Services. Details of Phambili further down.

Watch on [Youtube](#) or on [www.pikitup.co.za](http://www.pikitup.co.za) #TheBigIssue - Landfill Sites



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**WHAT IS YOUR HOME WORTH?**  
**PLATINUM**  
residential

*"To waste and destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them."  
Theodore Roosevelt*

**Crime in Vorna Valley**



We would like to thank each and every resident and business that donated towards an evening for this amazing team who help to bring down crime in Sector 2 and offer their services to the community voluntary. They have guts, they have heart and most of all, they have a love and compassion for our community.



Thank you to Wolfgang, of The Courier, for going out of his way to do a most delicious braai for this event.

We ask that pedestrians using Pretorius and Jose by Bel Aire to please be vigilant. Several pedestrians have been robbed at knife point and the criminals flee into the bushes. Do not walk alone, especially late afternoons and evenings. Walk with friends where possible. The VVRA has asked SAPS to look into this matter as there are people living on this open property illegally.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND BE VIGILANT.



*If there are dreams about a beautiful South Africa, there are also roads that lead to their goal. Two of these roads could be named Goodness and Forgiveness.*

*Nelson Mandela*

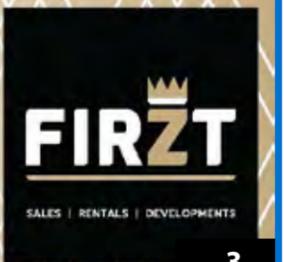


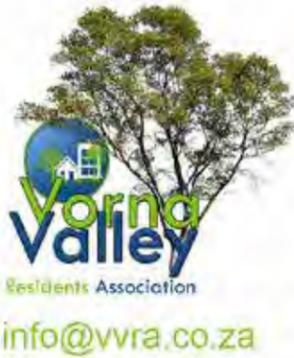
Vorna Valley Specialist

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## Separation @ Source in Vorna Valley

Phambili Services make it so easy for everyone to recycle. They supply residents with blue bags, residents put all their recyclables into one bag and put them out on their allocated day, and Phambili Services come and collect your bags. Non-recyclable waste is placed in the wheelie bins which Pikitup collect



Complexes are also serviced by Phambili Services. Recyclers are allocated to complexes, they come in once a week to separate all the complex bins or skips, which then gets collected on the same day.

Get your body corporates involved, get your Residents Associations involved, get your neighbours involved and let's get the whole of Midrand TO separate their waste and start to RECYCLE!



0860 562 874



PHAMBILI SERVICES (PTY) LTD

0861 767 666

We took a tour of the Phambili Services site to see where our recycling bags go and what happens with our separated@source recycling materials. A video of our visit and what Phambili Services do, can be found on or on [Youtube](#) our [Facebook](#) page.

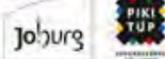
Residents living in complexes are urged to get their body corporates or managing agents to get their complex involved so that we can put a stop to the mess in our streets



### Do's of recycling



Please place the following items into the blue plastic bag provided



#### PAPER

- Photocopy paper
- Letters
- Office paper
- Old books
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Paper Plates
- Cardboard (Flattened)
- Corrugated board
- Tetrapak cartons
- Egg boxes
- Pizza boxes
- Etc

#### GLASS

- Beer bottles
- Wine bottles
- Glass coldrink bottles
- Sauce bottles and jars
- Drinking glasses

#### PLASTIC

- Plastic wrappers
- Cling wrap
- Shopping bags
- Milk bottles (please rinse)
- Sauce bottles (please rinse)
- Coldrink bottles (please rinse)
- Plastic sandwich boxes

#### CANS

- Food cans (please rinse)
- Beverage cans (please rinse)
- Aerosols (must be empty)

### Don'ts of Recycling



Do not place the following items into the blue recycling bag



#### PAPER

- Post-it notes
- Laminated paper and board
- Foiled laminated paper
- Powdered soup and sauce packets
- Carbon paper
- Tissues and paper towels

#### GLASS

- Window glass
- Light bulbs
- Opaque glass
- Ceramics and crockery
- Pyrex dishes
- Crystal
- Mirrors
- Laboratory glass
- Automotive glass
- Laminated glass

#### PLASTIC

- Foil laminated plastic
- Chip packets
- Sweet packets
- Black refuse bags
- Food containers

#### ORGANIC WASTE

- Food waste
- Garden waste

#### HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Fluorescent lights
- Batteries
- Paint tins
- Oil cans

## Clear your clutter. We Collect.

office@animalsindistress.org.za  
078 120 9645 | 011 466 0261



"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

- Robert Swan, Author





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# The Courier

@ The Swiss Country Club

## Mother's Day Menu 2018

### Starters

#### Potato Cheese Rösti

Crisp fried potato cake gratinated with Raclette Cheese

OR

#### Chicken Soup

Creamy chicken soup flavored with mild curry spices and coconut milk garnished with fresh coriander

OR

#### Schwarzwälder Schinken

"Black Forest Ham" garnished with mixed pickles

### Main

#### Sauerbraten

Slow cooked beef roast served with Red cabbage and potato dumplings

OR

#### Seared Salmon

Served on stir-fried vegetables with a soy & lemon rind sauce

OR

#### Züricher Geschnetzeltes

Tender pork fillet strips in a creamy white wine and mushroom sauce on a bed of Spatzle (German Pasta)

### Desserts

#### 1. Chocolate Marquis

Slice of creamy Swiss chocolate with vanilla sauce

OR

#### Schaumschnitte

Foamy custard slice

OR

#### Swiss Roll

Served with custard

R299.00pp

Members 280.00pp

W. Wollauz  
(Sole Member)



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## Ad SPECIALS

If you would like to place an ad in our monthly newsletters, we are running a special of 50% discount from March - July 2018

Please see page 8 below

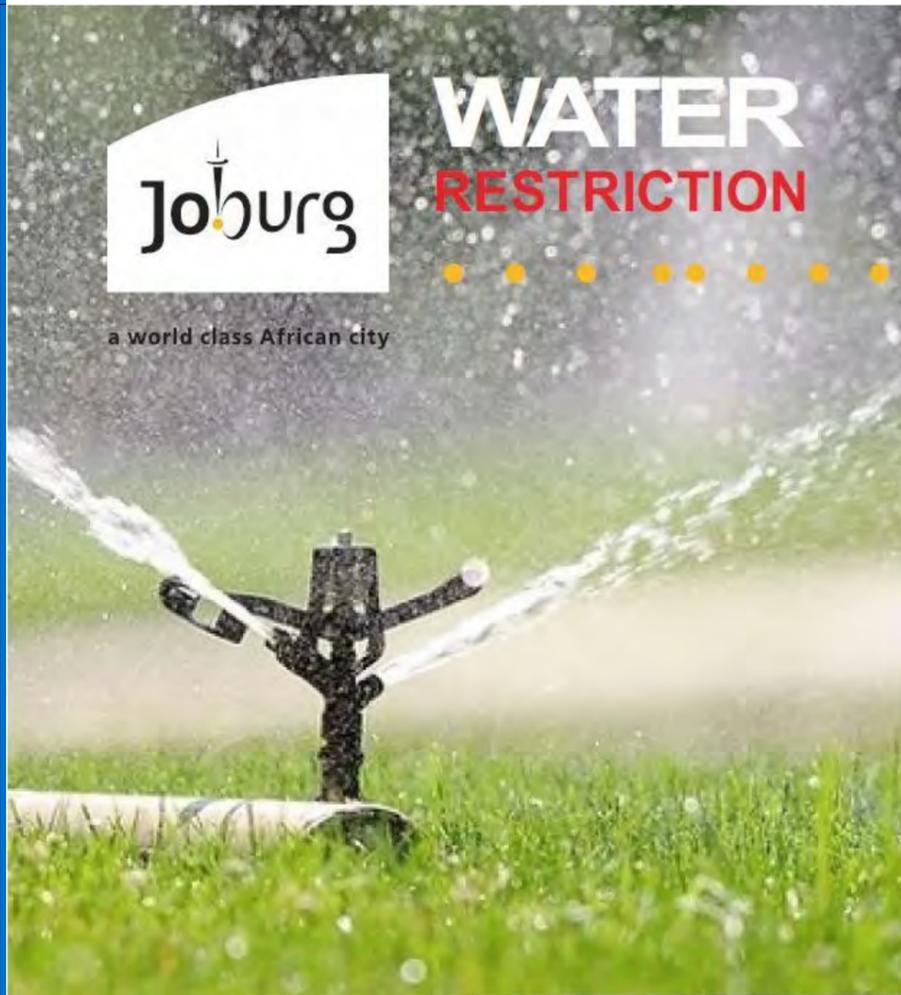
The VVRA together with the VVRA cleaner continuously take down illegal signs and take them to JMPD. Unfortunately it seems as if the culprits never get fined as they just keep on putting up their illegal signs.



The tailor ads have increased in Vorna Valley and JMPD have a hard time keeping up with removing them.



## LEVEL 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS



### Statement

City of Johannesburg residents are requested to reduce their water consumption patterns as water usage has increased at an alarming rate and this is of serious concern given the recent heat wave we have been experiencing since the beginning of 2018 in Gauteng.

When the National Department of Water and Sanitation lifted the water restrictions in early March 2017, it was agreed that the City of Joburg would retain some level of water restrictions. Residents are therefore reminded that Level 1 water restrictions are still in place.

**With Level 1 restrictions, watering of gardens is not allowed between 8am and 4pm in winter months (1 April to 31 August). Furthermore, it is not allowed to wash paved areas and driveways using hose pipes.**

Residents are also urged to continue to report all burst pipes, leaking water meters, open hydrants to:

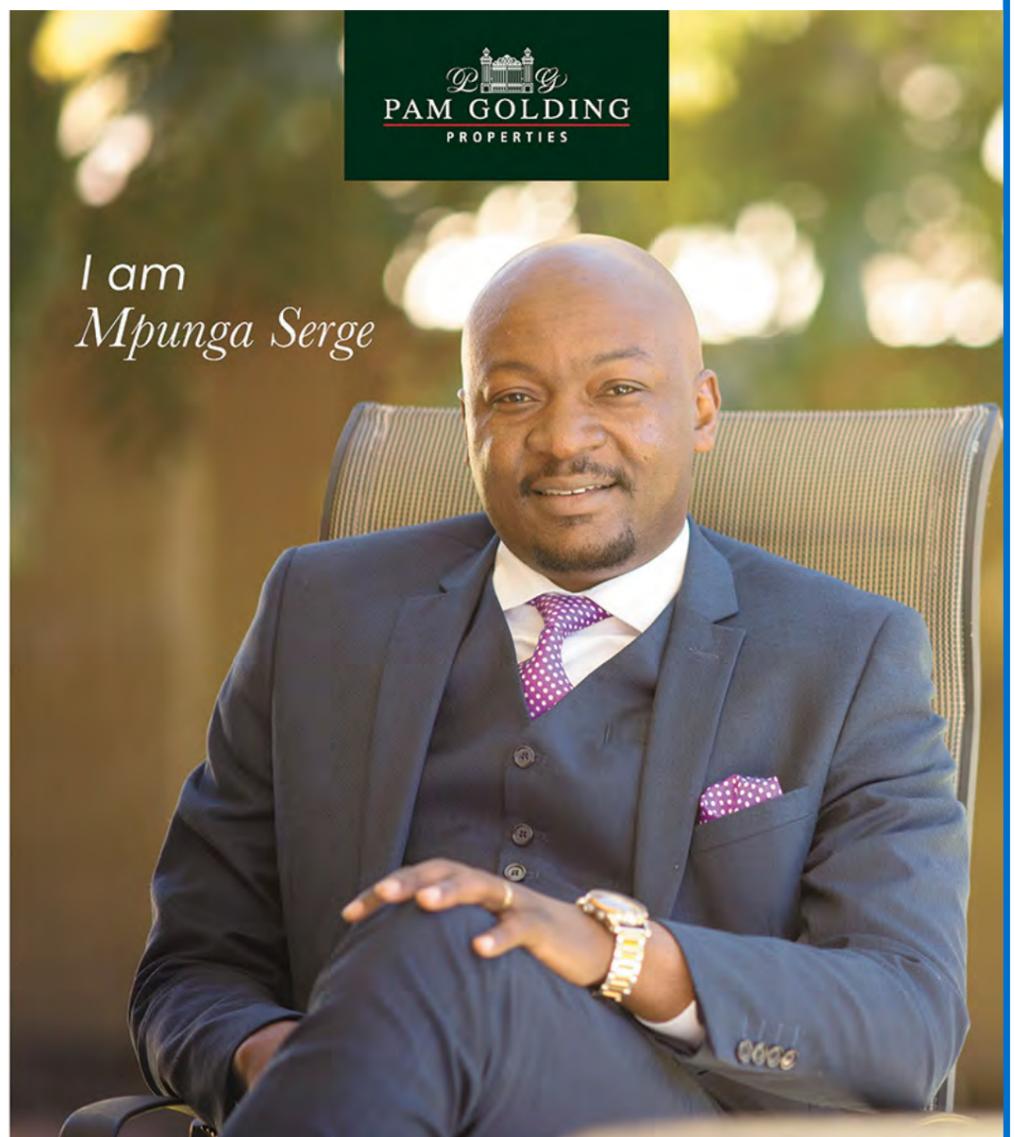
011 375 5555/ 011 688 1699  
SMS 082 653 2143 or  
[www.johannesburgwater.co.za](http://www.johannesburgwater.co.za)  
[customer@jwater.co.za](mailto:customer@jwater.co.za)

Residents can also implement the following water saving tips:

Do not leave taps dripping.  
Wash your car on the grass. This will water your lawn at the same time.

Use a watering-can instead of a hose pipe.  
Shorten your showering time.  
Use a glass of water to rinse when brushing your teeth.  
Take shallow baths. Avoid filling your bath to a depth greater than 100mm.  
Re-use water to water your garden or pot plants.

Water is a scarce commodity and Johannesburg Water is committed to provide a sustainable water and sanitation supply to all residents of the City. Level 1 water restrictions will be enforced by fines to consumers who contravened the Water Services By-law and consumers are urged to report non-compliance by phoning the JMPD 24/7 hotline on 011 758 9650.



*I am  
Mpunga Serge*

**I am here to help.**

I am your Vorna Valley Area Specialist:

**Mpunga Serge** 084 686 5498  
[mpunga.serge@pamgolding.co.za](mailto:mpunga.serge@pamgolding.co.za)



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## WHERE TO LOG SERVICES DELIVERY CALLS

Level 1 water restrictions will be enforced by fines to consumers who contravened the Water Services By-law and consumers are urged to report non-compliance by phoning the JMPD 24/7 hotline on 011 758 9650

Report illegal dumping with an accurate address and where possible a photo on whatsapp to 082-779-1361

Report faulty traffic lights on whatsapp to 082-827-8250

JMPD 24 - hour Traffic Hotline 080-872-3342

SECTOR 2*	Vorna Valley, Waterfall Park, Carlswald, Halfway Gardens, Kyalami Hills, Kyalami Glen	Sergeant Nkatingi 082 888 7731 (office hours)	Sector Vehicle 071 675 6110		
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	<u>Johannesburg Water</u>			<u>Pikitup</u>	
011-375-5555 customer@jwater.co.za SMS 082-653-2143 Anonymous tip-offs 0800-00-25-87 sms charged at R1.50 anticorruption@tip-offs.com	Water Burst	48 Hours	0860 56 28 74 011-375-5555 info@pikitup.co.za www.pikitup.co.za joburgconnect@joburg.org.za	New/additional bin request	7 days
	No Water	1 day		Animal Carcass removal	24 hours
	Sewer	24 Hours		Cleaning of an Illegal Dumping site	7 days
	Meter Leak	7 Working days			
	Fire Hydrant Leak	2 days			
	Bees in meter box	3 days			

	<u>City Power</u>			<u>City Parks</u>	
011-375-5555 0860 56 28 74 http://citypower.mobi www.citypower.co.za and click "Fault Reporting"	No Power to area/property	4 Hours	0860 56 28 74 011-712-6600 10177	Grass cutting in open spaces	Up to 30 days
	Illegal Connection	24 Hours		Grass cutting of parks	Dependent on status of park
	Dangerous Situation	Immediate		Grass cutting in cemeteries	7 days
	Street Light not working	2 working days		Fallen Tree/branches	24 hours
	Meter Conversions	5 working days		Pruning of Tree	30 days
	Faulty Meter	7 working days			

	<u>Johannesburg Road Agency</u>			<u>South African Police Service</u>	
0860 56 28 74 011-298-5001 hotline@jra.org.za	Potholes	3 working days	011-347-1600 Sector 2 SAPS 071-675-6110 Sector 2 SAPS 071-675-6111 Police Emergency - 10111 Capt Chetty - 076 419 1049		
	Manhole Cover missing	3 days			
	Blocked kerb inlet	3 days			
	Road trenches	3 days			
	Road Collapse/Dangerous Situation	Immediate to make road safe			
	Stop/traffic signs damaged/missing	7 days			
	Traffic Signals All Out	24 Hours			
	Traffic Signal Flashing	24 Hours			

	<u>Fire Department and Ambulance</u>			<u>Johannesburg Metro Police Department</u>	
Midrand Fire Department and Ambulance 011-375-5911 10177			011 375 5918 / 5911	Traffic Violations	Dependent on incident and resources available
				Noise	
				Dumping	
				Motor Vehicle Accident	
				Vagrants	

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