



# Vorna Valley Residents Association working for you

VVRA Newsletter  
August 2017

Let's stand together and work together.....

## Dear Vorna Valley Residents

And so we survive the winter during which we were sometimes left without power and/or water due to old infrastructure, our Vlei got burnt again, and several sewerage leaks, some of which ran into our Vlei waterway.

We have had many days of gridlock on our roads, especially when there was an accident on the highway and motorists chose to take a shortcut through the Midrand residential areas.

And this won't get any better as more and more new developments add to the problematic infrastructure without a promise of upgrades to our infrastructure.



## VVRA Committee

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

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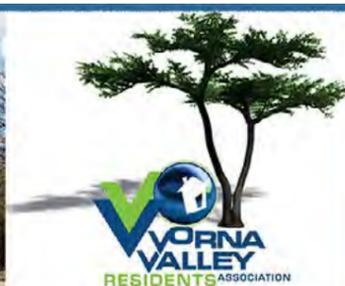
Whatsapp your details and email address to 082-460-8662 to join the VVRA council issues groups and Alert groups.

**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!

**Please don't forget to RECYCLE!!**

## Vlei Clean-up 23rd September 2017



The Vorna Valley Residents Association invites you and your family to join us in our yearly Vlei clean-up

**Date:** Saturday, 23rd September 2017  
**Time:** 09H00 - 11h00

**Starting points:** Le Roux Ave, entrance closest corner Berger Street and Chris Barnard Street

**End Point:** Harry Galaun, closest corner Anton Hartman

Please wear sensible shoes/boots long pants and a cap  
Dogs on leashes are very welcome  
Please note that there are NO ablutions facilities.

Indemnity forms must be filled in and signed before entering the Vlei.  
Plastic bags will be supplied.

### SPONSORS:

Wendy Redl of Harcourts Midrand - Bottled water.  
Vorna Valley SPAR - Cooldrinks.  
Ria Sebetsa - Security  
Mark Mc Donald of Firzt Realty - Gloves.  
Steven McLaren - of Platinum Residential - Special Prize for most "unique clean-up item"  
Netcare 911

**NB Please RSVP before the 15th of September 2017 - info@vvra.co.za**



Shop 1 Vorna Valley Shopping Centre  
Tel :011 039 0401



We would like to let all 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 support them.

Email: courier@hot.co.za  
or phone Wolfgang  
on 082 561 0063

## Vorna Valley Residents Association AGM held on 16 August 2017



We would like to thank everyone who attended our AGM. Your support is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Brig. Tsotsotso and Lt. Col. Mahloromelo for attending and thank you for the very enlightening talk you gave us. Thank you to last year's committee members who have agreed to stay on for another year. Your dedication is highly appreciated.

Our BIG thanks goes to Wolfgang of the Courier (Swiss Club) for always supporting the VVRA.

## Illegal Dumping

Illegal Dumping is still rife in Vorna Valley and will not be tolerated. Residents are asked to please read the by-laws regarding the use of council owned pavements for dumping building rubble, garden rubble and building materials.



If you are busy building, kindly first make the effort to go to the walk in centre to apply for a permit to keep building materials and rubble on your pavement while building.

The VVRA reports any dumping on pavements of any nature to JMPD who come out to investigate and inquire if a permit was obtained. If not, JMPD will issue a notice to remove such dumping and if not removed within 48 hrs fines will be imposed.

If you see dumping on pavements please report it to 082 779 1361 via whatsapp with a photo and accurate address.

## Midrand Community Policing Forum Sector Two



Vorna Valley falls under Sector Two. Each sector has a vehicle with a dedicated cell phone. Sector Two's number is as follows:

**071 675 6110.**

If there is no answer from the sector phone, please contact the 24 hour relief commander number :

**071 675 6114.**

For ease of reference:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| - Sector Commander Benji Nkatini                            | - 076 010 2970  |
| - Lieutenant Colonel Mahloromela - VISPOL                   | - 082 467 8492 or<br>gp.midrand.head.vispol@saps.gov.za   |
| - Captain Chetty  | - 076 419 1049 or<br>captainchetty@myscf.co.za            |
| - Detective Koekemoer                                       | - 082 467 8451 or<br>gp.midranddetectivecomdr@saps.gov.za |
| - Capt Hulk - Crime Intelligence Information and Statistics | - 079 877 6509 or<br>midrand.head.cio@saps.gov.za         |

If you are totally unhappy with the service received - please contact:  
Brigadier Tsotsotso at 082 828 6032 or midrand.head.cio@saps.gov.za

**We urge complexes to join in with the Complex Forum Meetings with Midrand SAPS. The next one will be held on 20 September 2017 at 12H00 at the Midrand SAPS.**

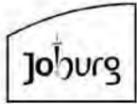


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**City Power outages for maintenance**



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**Public Announcement from City Power Johannesburg**

You are hereby notified of a planned power interruption on **Monday the 4th of September 2017 at 22h00** and the following areas will be affected:

Halfway Gardens EXT.3,4,11,14,23,40,43, 64,66,67,100,125,126	Kyalami Park	Kyalami Gardens EXT.1,12,13,14,15,16,19, 21,22,23,24
Halfway House Estate	Vorna Valley	Willaway
Kyalami	Vorna Valley EXT.2,14,19,21,25,27,29, 30,43,46,48,50,51	Kyalami Hills
Kyalami Estate	Vorna Valley EXT.6,52,53,54,55,56,57, 58,59,60,63,66,67	Willaway A.H.
Kyalami Estate EXT.1,2,3,4,5,7,8,10,12, 14,15,17	Vorna Valley EXT. 7,8,70,71,72,73,74,75,76, 80,83,86,87,88	Kyalami Hills EXT.1,2,5,8,9,10,14
Kyalami EXT.2,3	Waterval EXT.2,4	Willaway EXT.2,5,6,7,9,10,11,12, 13,14

The power interruption is necessary to do essential maintenance work on our network which is part of our program of constantly striving to provide better service.

The interruption will take place from 22h00 until 06h00 the following morning of the 5th of September.

As the supply may be restored at anytime, customers are urged to treat their electricity supply points as live at all times.

City Power regrets any inconvenience that may be caused by these interruptions. Should you require further information or clarity kindly contact Call Centre at 0860 JOBURG or 0860 562 874.

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**Public Announcement from City Power Johannesburg**

You are hereby notified of a planned power interruption on **Wednesday the 20th of September 2017 at 22h00** and the following areas will be affected:

Erand A.H.	Midridge Park EXT.1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 12,13,14,15,16,17	Halfway Gardens EXT.7,8,67,70,73,74,76,77, 78,80, 84,85
Erand Gardens EXT.49,57,78,81,84,92,100,106	Vorna Valley EXT.13 Pls see map	Halfway Gardens EXT.2,9,86,87,90,91,92,94, 96,97, 98
Halfway Gardens EXT.1,100,103,104,105,112,113, 115	Waterval EXT.4	Midridge Park
Halfway Gardens EXT.3,20,24,25,30,31,34,37,42, 43,45	Halfway Gardens EXT.14,16,117,119,120,12 4,127, 128	Halfway Gardens EXT.5,46,48,54,56,57,60,6 1,62, 65,66

The power interruption is necessary to do essential maintenance work on our network which is part of our program of constantly striving to provide better service.

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## Johannesburg Water



29 March 2017

Release: Immediate

It has come to my attention that the residents of Johannesburg are unsure about how the City's decision to partially lift Level-2 water restrictions affects them on a daily basis.

In an effort to maintain a culture of water conservation, the City decided to only partially lift Level-2 water restrictions according to section 44 (3) of the Water Services By-law. This means that:

**Watering of gardens by way of hosepipes and irrigation systems are only allowed between 18:00-06:00 (during the period between 1 September and 31 March annually); and between 16:00-08:00 (during the period between 1 April and 31 August annually); Residents are prohibited from using hosepipes to clean paved areas and driveways with municipal water; and Residents may fill their swimming pools, but are recommended to invest in a pool-cover, as this significantly reduces evaporation of the water.**

The Johannesburg Metro Police Department (JMPD) will also continue to enforce by-law compliance in this regard. I also encourage residents to continue reporting instances of non-compliance by phoning the JMPD 24/7 hotline on 011 758 9650.

In September 2016, the City implemented water restriction tariffs as a means of discouraging excessive water use during low rainfall months.

However, as Level-2 water restrictions are now partially lifted, restriction tariffs will no longer apply as of April 2017. I am pleased to announce that water use will now be billed through these normal tariffs until further notice:

### Domestic Water Tariff – Metered Areas

Kiloliters per connection, per month	2016/17 Tariff (R/kl)
0-6	Free
> 6-10	R 7.14
>10-15	R 12.07
>15-20	R 17.65
>20-30	R 24.03
>30-40	R 25.8

I urge consumers to remain active partners in reducing the amount of water used in the City of Johannesburg, and to report any form of vandalism and theft of water infrastructure to 0800 00 25 87. Residents are also urged to keep on using grey water for watering gardens and flushing toilets; and to install water saving devices.

I encourage residents to subscribe to the Joburg Water SMS notification service to receive alerts about planned and unplanned service interruptions. Information is also available on Twitter: @JHBWater; Facebook: Johannesburg Water; and the Joburg Water website: [www.johannesburgwater.co.za](http://www.johannesburgwater.co.za).

The implementation of by-law enforcement is crucial for Joburg to be a City that works.

The success of our interventions depend on all of us working together to ensure that our taps do not dry up in future.

## UNDERSTANDING SANITATION

Do you ever think of what happens after you flush?

“Out of sight, out of mind” is the attitude most of us have when it comes to flushing the toilet, running the dishwasher or popping the bath. But all that dirty water leaving your residence is called “wastewater” which has to end up somewhere. That “somewhere” is at the JW Wastewater Treatment Works. The JW wastewater process removes solids, dissolved solids and harmful bacteria. The treatment process last between 8 to 16 hours until water is clean enough to be used as a daily source of clean, fresh water.

Before the wastewater arrives at the treatment plant it first must travel through the pipes connected to your home, apartment, business, etc., via network, from there it enters pumping stations that “pump” the water to the next point along the way. If there are no blockages in the pipes this wastewater reaches the treatment plant.

Sewer backups can cause damage to homes, health hazards and threaten the environment. Sewer pipes blocked by grease are an increasing common cause of overflows.

### What is the problem and how am I affected?

Sometimes there are blockages in the collection pipes or pump stations. These blockages may cause sewage overflows and back-ups in your home, your neighbour's home, on public property and just about wherever water can find a way out.

Some of these sewer overflows and back-ups occur because of system failures. Sometime blockages can be attributed to improper disposal of personal items, such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, grease and fat from cooking, towels, rags, etc. into the sewer system. Everything you flush down your toilet, ends up at the treatment works (though, not in its original form).

For instance, suppose you accidentally flush a s down something in your toilet. If it doesn't block your system and manages to move through your pipes it eventually ends up at the treatment works where it has joined hundreds of other items that block up the pumps and prevent them from working properly.

How much waste really ends up in the system?

JW's sewer system is not designed to collect garbage. Human waste and toilet tissue are the only products the wastewater system was designed to handle. As our customers this affects you because continued use of our sewer system as a trash can contributes to system failures, added stress and wear, and increased operation and maintenance costs.

How can you help?

Customers are urged to all contribute by maintaining our infrastructure.

### Please ensure that you do not flush the following items in your toilet:

**Nappies, Food, Garbage, Hair, Personal hygiene products, Toys, Paper towels, Toothbrushes, Baby/Cleaning wipes**

With everyone's help JW can limit the number of sewer overflows due to blockages in the system thereby eliminating the need for costly clean-ups and possible contamination of our rivers/dams and endangerment of public health.

If you would like more information, a tour to JW Wastewater treatment works, please contact at (011) 688 1400

Remember, prevention is key. Keep your pipes and drains clean.

From: <https://www.johannesburgwater.co.za/water-and-sanitation/understanding-sanitation/>

**Separation@Source with Pikitup and Phambili services**



**Separation@Source is coming to your area**

**What is Separation@Source?**

Separation@Source means separating and placing your recyclable material into the refuse bag provided and placing non-recyclable waste into the black wheelie bin.

**Recyclables to be placed in plastic bags are:**

Paper	Cardboard	Magazines & Newspapers	Plastics	Glass	Bottles	Milk and Juice Cartons	Cans	Jars
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An initiative brought to you by



Phambili Services will be taking over the Separation@Source shortly. They will be handing out bags which residents will use for ALL their Separation@Source. Paper no longer needs to be put into separate bags. They will also collect every Wednesday and will replace bags once collected.

Complexes will also need to get involved and Phambili will work on getting the best system for complexes to work. They endeavor to work together with the "informal recyclers" and thereby we hope that the mess, nuisance and security risks they pose, will be resolved in the long run.

We urge everyone to partake in Separation@Source and if you have any questions please feel free to email K8 on secretary@vvra.co.za who can then liase with Phambili for answers.

Pikitup will still collect the remaining refuse on Thursdays.



*Clean with Purpose*  
this Spring



**Open your pantry, closets and drawers - and donate!**

Spring is a time for renewal. As part of the incredible Midrand community, we believe in inspiring our neighbours to make the most of their homes and continue to turn your annual spring clean into something special.

During the spring season we're once again going door-to-door collecting boxes of unwanted things such as clothes, toys, books, sports equipment and anything else you may want to donate. Are you in? Email [springclean@platinum.co.za](mailto:springclean@platinum.co.za) when you're ready for us to collect your box and we'll make sure it goes to a good home!

Join us! It's a small thing, but it could make a big difference to someone in your neighbourhood.



## Invasive Species



Common name: Spear thistle  
 Scientific name: *Cirsium vulgare* (Asteraceae)

Alternative common names: Scotch thistle; bull thistle; plume thistle (English); daggapit; speerdissel; Skotse dissel; disseldoring; karmedik; skaapdissel (Afrikaans); hlaba (Sesotho); ntsoa-ntsane (Setswana)

Spiny, herbaceous biennial which forms a large, flat rosette of leaves and a deep tap root in the first year and numerous branched stems up to 1,5m high in the second year. Stems have spiny wings. Dark green leaves with stiff hairs above and white woolly beneath. Pink to mauve thistle-like flowers surrounded by spiny bracts appear from September to April. This plant invades grassland, roadsides, vleis and dam margins and river banks in cool, high rainfall areas

### Additional Info

Where does this species come from?

Europe, Asia and North Africa

What is its invasive status in South Africa?

Existing legislation: CARA 2002 – Category 1 NEMBA – Category 1b

Where in South Africa is it a problem?

Common throughout the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo and North West Provinces

How does it spread?

Seed dispersal - birds eat the seeds and also collect the silky plumes for their nests. Seeds are also spread when caught up in bales of contaminated stock feed

Why is it a problem?

It causes heavy infestations that reduce the carrying



capacity of the veld and can cause injury to man and animals

What does it look like?

General description: Branching, erect biennial growing up to 1,5m tall.

Leaves: Leaves are deeply lobed and hairy - there are coarse hairs on the leaf tops and woolly hairs on the underside.

Flowers: Flower heads are 'gumdrop' shaped and spines extend all around the base of the flower heads. Flowering occurs from September to April. Fruit/Seeds: Grey with longitudinal darker markings, smooth

Does the plant have any uses?

No, this is a problem weed

Taken from: <http://www.invasives.org.za/legislation/item/225-spear-thistle-cirsium-vulgare>

## Helpful Contacts:



0860 56 28 74  
 011-375-5555  
 info@pikitup.co.za  
 www.pikitup.co.za  
 joburgconnect@joburg.org.za



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011-375-5555  
 0860 56 28 74  
<http://citypower.mobi>  
[www.citypower.co.za](http://www.citypower.co.za) and click "Fault Reporting"



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 10177



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 hotline@jra.org.za



011-347-1600  
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 Police Emergency - 10111  
 Capt Chetty - 076 419 1049



011-375-5911  
 10177

**Our Sponsors**

Wendy Redl from Harcourts Residential Properties sponsored the garden and balls on Greig street and one day a week for a cleaner, and bottled water for the Vlei Clean up - 2016.



**Wendy Redl**  
Property Specialist  
T 011 206 5900 C 082 451 8365  
E wendy.redl@harcourts.co.za  
harcourtsmidrand.co.za

**Harcourts Midrand**  
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Here we are.  
With you all the way.



Steven McLaren of Platinum Residential sponsors one day a week for a cleaner and Platinum sponsored the garden on Harry Galaun/Elizabeth Fry.



**PLATINUM**  
residential  
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**STEVEN McLAREN**

ADT sponsors one day a week for a cleaner.



**FIDELITY**  
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Mark McDonald of Firzt Realty sponsored gloves at the Vlei Clean Up 2016 and sponsors one day a week for a cleaner.



Vorna Valley Specialist  
**Mark McDonald**  
084 096 1111  
mark@firzt.co.za  
www.firzt.co.za



Danny Maduray of Ria Sebetsa sponsors one day a week for a cleaner



**RIA SEBETSA**  
SECURITY SERVICES

The Vorna Valley SPAR sponsored cooldrinks for our yearly Vlei Clean-up 2016.



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Heaven's Kitchen supplies our cleaners with lunch



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Paul Mann of AV Unlimited supplied the sound system for our 2015, 2016 and 2017 AGM.



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Veggie Divine Foods sponsored the replacement gate to the Vorna Valley Vlei on le Roux Ave.



**Veggie**  
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Netcare 911 supported our yearly Vlei Clean-up 2015 and 2016



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