

Vorna Valley Residents Association working for you

VVRA Newsletter
February 2016

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

New Development in Vorna Valley

The VVRA and a few residents had a second meeting with Abland regarding the development to start towards the end of 2016. The VVRA advised Abland that residents aren't happy with entry to the new development via Harry Galaun, Elias and Langeveld, as the traffic in Vorna Valley is already a major problem with no talk of JRA widening roads to accommodate the already overloaded roads in Vorna Valley.

All the information is on our Facebook page.



Vorna Valley Vlei



JRA finally came on 18 January 2016 to try and help sort out the water flowing towards the houses on Chris Barnard. We hope that this will keep the houses on the Vlei from flooding again.

The VVRA have been informed that the R5 Million that was to have gone into the Vlei to sort out all the issue, has been taken away yet again.

JRA advised the VVRA, that after just over a year of promises to fix our Vlei with the R5 Million, budgets were cut by 50% and the Vlei Funding was once again taken away from us.

Our Regional Director, Abigail Ndlovu said in an email on 15 February 2016 "The vlei issue was today tabled at our Joint Operation Committee. I was told by JRA that there is no budget for it. This will not stop us from fighting for the allocation as the lives of the community is at danger during flooding, I have recommended that they come up with interim interventions whilst waiting for funding."

Councillor Candice James and the VVRA will not stop to fight for the Vlei funding.

Illegal Dumping in Vorna Valley

Illegal dumping continues on the Maple/Robin Road sand road after all the effort Pikitup put in to clean it up.

The VVRA closed off at both the Kyalami side and the Vorna Valley side, but some people decided to open it up several times, so the VVRA is now waiting for JRA to deal with the matter.



Swiss Country Club

We would like to let all residents know that the Swiss Country Club 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.

VVRA Committee

Marianne Nel - Chairperson
Carol Thornton - Secretary
Hein de Kock - Infrastructure
Carol Barnes - Greens
Desiree Pather - Business

Finance done by Sue Klingenberg

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



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RATES AND TAXES INFO SESSIONS: REGION A MIDRAND

City of Johannesburg had a public meeting to review residents views regarding the Rates and Taxes Policy.

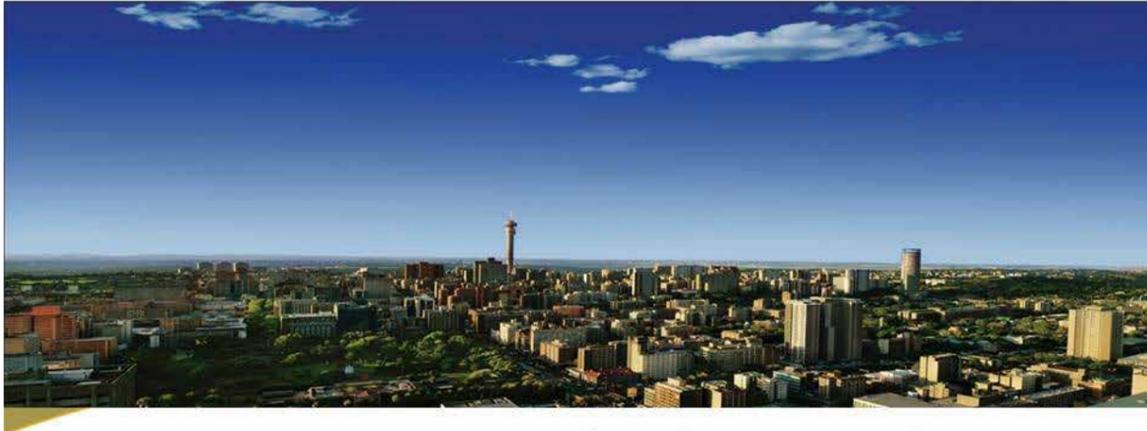
Several residents attended and had many questions to ask regarding their Rates and Taxes.

All questions were noted and where possible explained to the residents.

VVRA wanted to know how it is possible that open land can fall behind with R3m and that no record can be found of the owner, and what about businesses run on property zoned as residential. COJ is losing alot of Rates and Taxes due to this fact. The response was that these problems become a legal matter and take very long to resolved.

Questions can still be emailed to:

RatesComment@joburg.org.za;
 pumzaj@joburg.org.za;
 tandisizwes@joburg.org.za
 or faxed to 086 447 7567.



City of Johannesburg

**REVIEW OF RATES POLICY 2016/17
 Section 79 Finance**

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City Parks

City Parks had schedules the pruning of all trees in Vorna Valley for January 2016, but unfortunately very few trees were attended to.

The VVRA is awaiting an updated schedule from City Parks as to when

this will be done and when grass on pavements will be cut as only a portion has been attended to. Le Roux grass was cut last month but they dumped some of the cuttings into the waterway down le Roux and the VVRA have taken it up with City

Parks to have it removed to no avail.

City Parks started cutting grass in the Vlei but have not completed this task yet and we await their return to the Vlei.



JRA and JMPD

Due to another serious accident last week Friday on Canart Street, residents are angry that people speed and don't stop at stop streets. Councillor Candice James has requested a meeting with JRA and we await a date for this to take place. We URGE motorists to stick to speed limits and to stop at stop streets. Residents and their children walk along these roads and motorists don't seem to understand that disobeying the rules of the road can cost some

ones life or cause major injury to someone. Speed limits are there for our safety on roads as are stop streets. You may not be a speedster but do you actually stop at a stop street? The VVRA arranged a meeting with JMPD and invited Councillor James and Barry from the CPF as well. We discussed all our issues and JMPD are very willing to assist where they can. JMPD has been reshuffled and we

now have a working relationship with them. We request that residents keep sending issues on the whatsapp groups or email info@vvra.co.za, so that we can get JMPD to deal with them as soon as possible. Lets support JMPD and make Vorna Valley safer:

Photos from Netcare 911 below. Occupants of both cars are in hospital improving.



Nursery School check list.

Our children are precious to us so we urge parents to make sure that the nursery school you choose for your children is legal and complies with council rules and by laws.

A few points of what to look for and ask:

1. Zoning Certificate
2. Public Health Permit for Child Care Services, incorporating the FCC (3.)
3. Fire Clearance Certificate
4. Certificate of Acceptability Regulation R962 – Food Handling
5. Department of Social Development

6. Certificate of Occupancy

These should be displayed for everyone to see.

Noise Pollution

Information and procedure with regard to Noise Nuisance Complaints.

Information with regard to a noise nuisance that did not occur in the presence of the responsible Noise Control Officer of Council (Investigating Officer) therefore addressed in terms of Regulation 9 of the Noise Control Regulations of Gauteng 1999

Regulation 1 of the Noise Control Regulations of Gauteng 1999 (Provincial Gazette, Extraordinary no 75 of August 1999) defines a noise nuisance as "any sound which disturbs or impairs or may disturb or impair the convenience or peace of any person".

The person, whose convenience or peace is disturbed or impaired by any noise, is therefore entitled to lodge a complaint with this Department.

The official of the Department investigating the complaint does not evaluate the noise in the case of noise nuisances (transgression that did not occur in the presence of the Noise Control Officer) but issues a Statutory Notice on the person causing the noise nuisance, or allow it to be caused or all such persons, on strength of the information provided by the complainant/s. in his/her official complaint supported by sworn statement/s (Subjective Assessment).

The Statutory Notice will instruct such person/s to cease causing a noise nuisance with immediate effect and inform such a person/s that, officials of this Department will enter the premises to take sound level measurements and gather further evidence (Objective Assessment) to be used in legal action to be instituted, if the instruction and/or requirements of notice is not adhered to.

The complainant will be informed that such a notice had been served and must be prepared to forward an additional (supplementary) affidavit and avail him/herself as state witness as he/she will be subpoenaed as such if the notice is not adhered to and the matter is taken to Court.

Therefore, if a person wishes to lodge a complaint with this Department with regard to a noise nuisance, it should be in the form of a sworn statement (Affidavit).

1. An affidavit;

1.1 is an, usually written in the first person, individualised, voluntarily statement of fact made by a person (deponent) about an incident/matter and how he/she experienced the incident and/or witnessed the incident, under oath and/or affirmation that it is the truth.

If more than one person experienced and/or witnessed a particular incident/matter each must make his/her own individualised, voluntarily statement of fact under oath and/or affirmation that it is the truth.

Deponent (a person who makes a statement and signs it under oath)

1.2 must be sworn and/or affirmed as being the truth and the deponent must sign in the presence of a person authorized in this capacity by law, whom is to certify in terms of the Regulations Governing the Administering of an Oath or Affirmation, R 1258 of 21 July 1972 as Amended, that the deponent has acknowledged that he/she understands the contents of the statement, has no objection in taking the prescribed oath and/or affirmation, and considers the prescribed oath and/or affirmation binding on his/her conscience

This serves as evidence to the statement's authenticity and is required for legal action and court proceedings.

2. An Affidavit must;

2.1 identify the individual making the statement (deponent).

2.2 affirm where he/she resides.

2.3 state;

2.3.1 when

2.3.2 where

2.3.3 what happened

2.3.4 and how it effects and/or has impact on the deponent and what led up to the statement.

2.4 be to the point about the incident and facts related to it and verification thereof.

2.5 refer to and identify supporting evidence affixed, if any.

2.6 be signed by the deponent in the presence of the authorised person certifying that he/she acknowledges the content of the statement to be accurate and the truth and that he/she considers the prescribed oath and/or affirmation binding to his/her conscience.

3. An Affidavit may not;

3.1 be addressed to a specific person.

3.2 address unrelated incidents.

3.3 make assumptions or reflect hearsay as fact.

3.4 make demands.

3.5 be on behalf of a group of people.

4. By signing the affidavit, the subject is making an oath of honesty. All facts within the document must be true. If they are found to be false, the person making the statement may be punishable by law and/or guilty of contempt of Court.

Refer to;

Danie Geldenhuys

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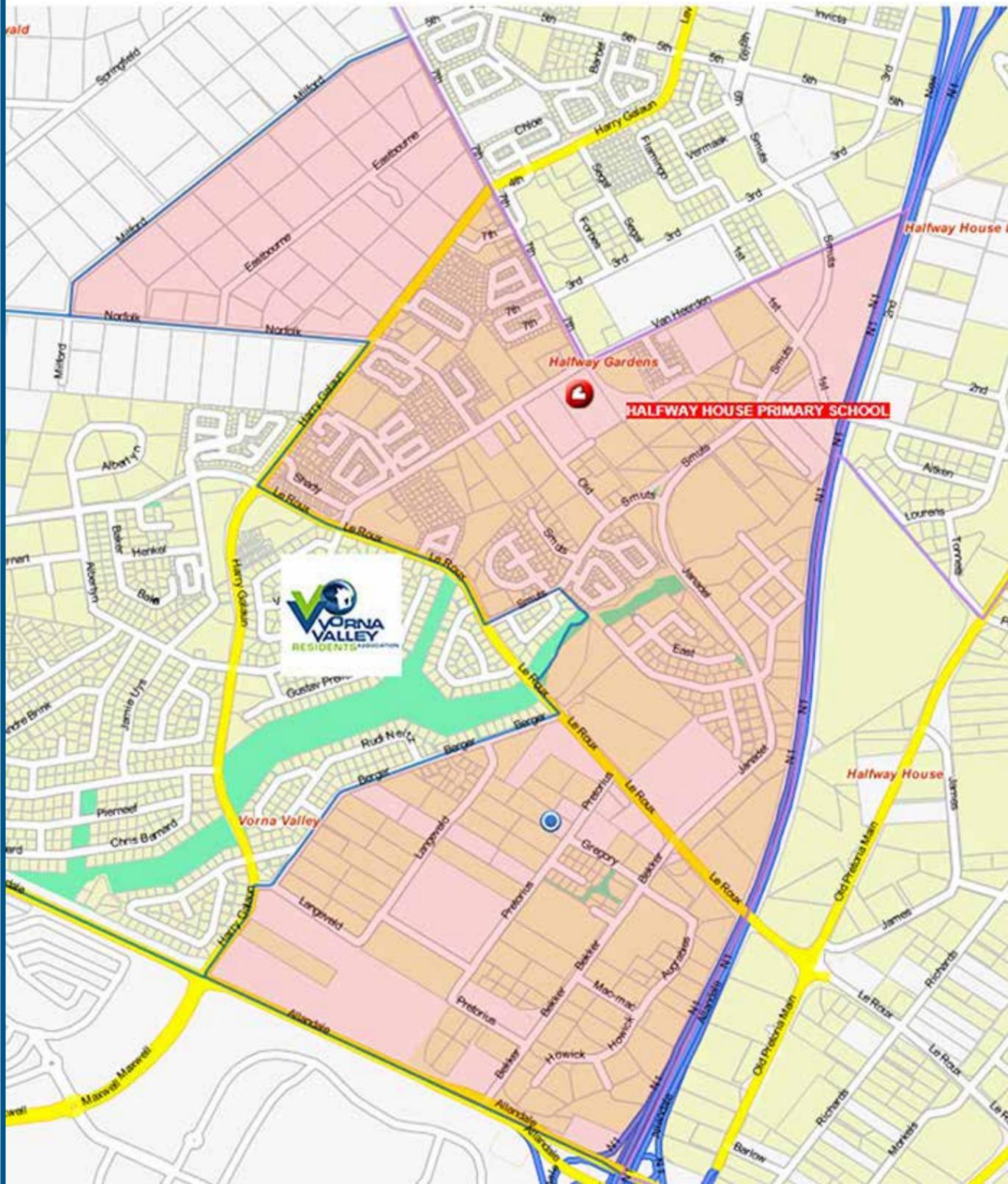
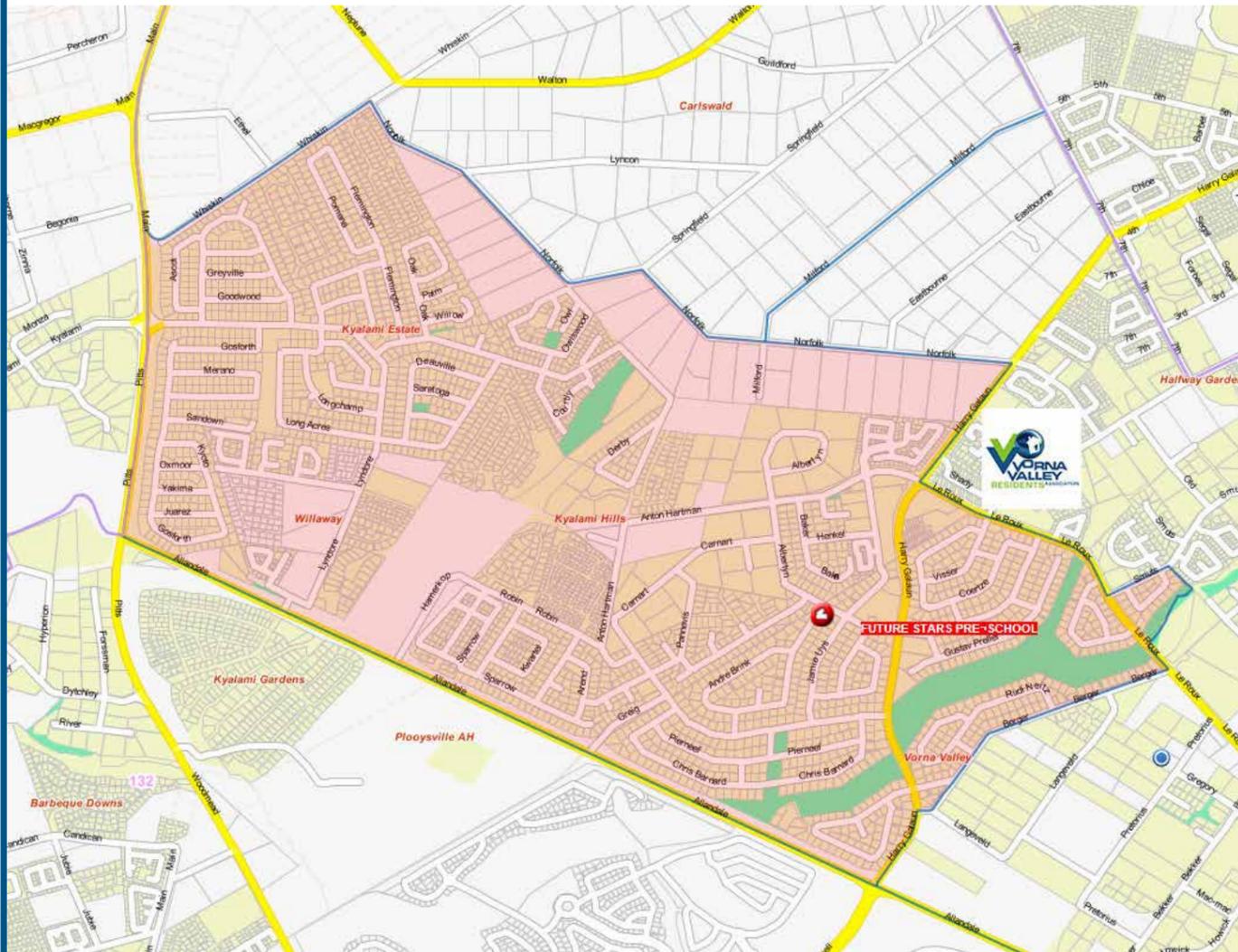
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Register to Vote: 5 - 6 March 2016 from 8am - 5pm

Follow this link to see if you are registered: <https://www.elections.org.za/content/For-voters/My-voter-registration-details/> .
 Election map: <http://maps.elections.org.za/vsfinder/> Photos below show where the voting stations for Vorna Valley Residents.



Helpful Contacts:



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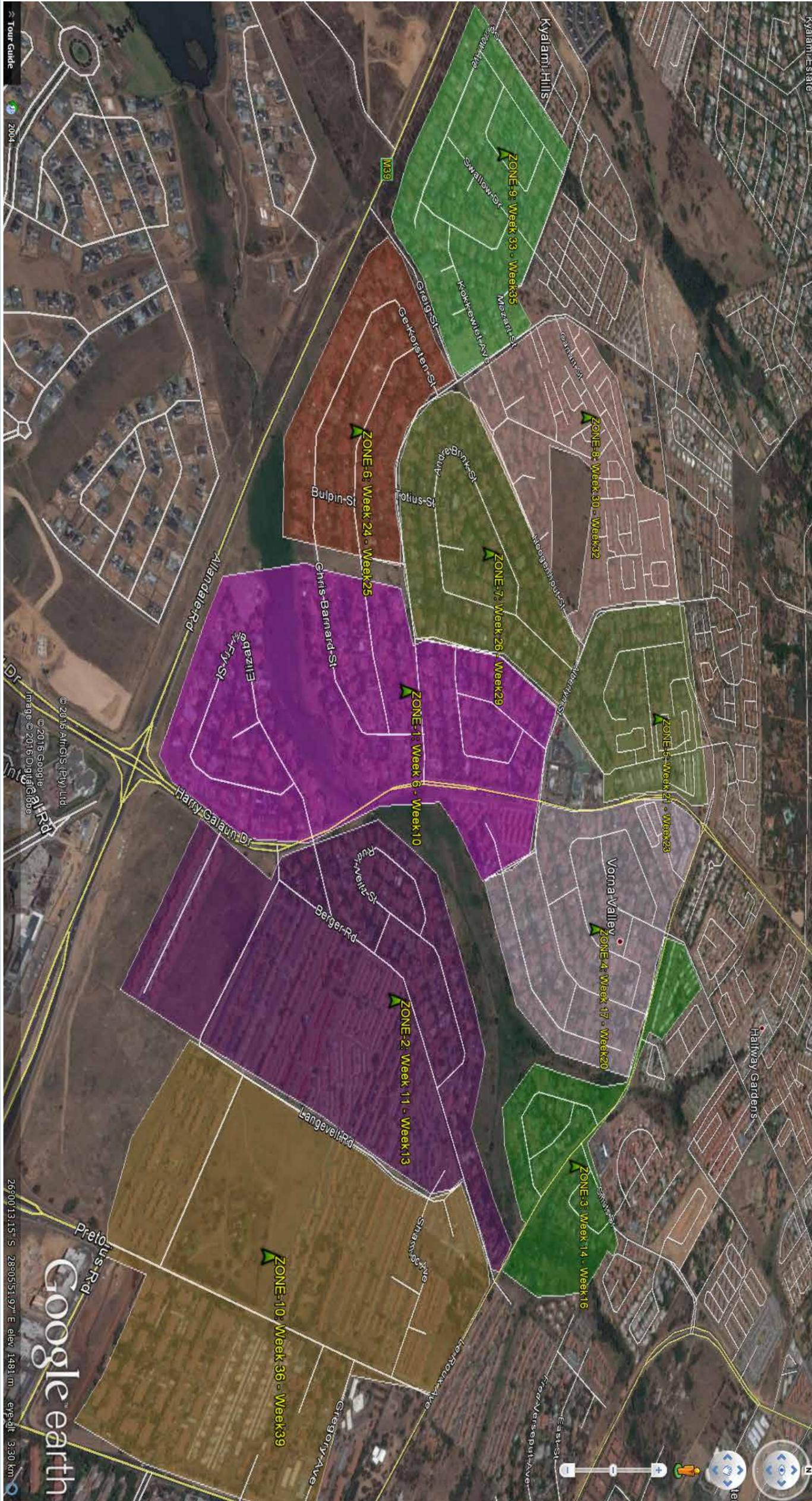


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Fiber to the home in Vorna Valley

The Vorna Valley Fibre to the home Steering committee met again this week to get updates on the progress of FTTH.

1. Within the next 3 weeks, Link Africa will be ready to roll out the Vorna Valley Fibre in Zone 1.
2. Maboneng will have a website up and running by then, with all the Internet Service Providers with pricing, that you can use to get fibre to your home.
3. If you are in a complex, please make sure that we have the managing agents or Trustees contact details to make arrangements for your complex.
4. Once Vorna Valley is completed, Link Africa will move to neighbouring areas so please get your contact details to us so that Link Africa can bring you fibre too.



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Our Sponsors

Wendy Redl from Harcourts Residential Properties sponsored the garden and balls on Greig street and one day a week for a cleaner.

Wolfgang Wollauz of The Courier at the Swiss Country Club accommodates the VVRA meetings and AGMs

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

Kwultimate Keller Williams Realty sponsors one day a week for a cleaner

Lindsay Steinhobel of Pam Golding Properties sponsored one year subscription to the Green Gazette.

The Vorna Valley Shopping Centre sponsors one day a week for a cleaner to keep the shopping centre's pavement clean and tidy.

Eugene Vorster of Central Development sponsors two days a week for a cleaner.

Heaven's Kitchen supplies our cleaners with lunch

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

Midway Mica sponsors locks for the Vorna Valley Vlei from time to time and the loan of their bolt cutter.

Mark McDonald of Firzt Realty sponsored gloves at the Vlei Clean Up and the suit and transport for the Santa event 2015.

Paul Mann of AV Unlimited supplied the sound system for our 2015 AGM.

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