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Vorna Valley Residents Association

Newsletter



May 2020

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

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

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 the VEC on 076 445 2451 to set up an appointment. All counselling is confidential and no charge!

We would like to let residents know that the **The Courier Restaurant** at 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)

COVID-19

Online Resource & News Portal
SAcoronavirus.co.za



health

Department: Health
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Dear Vorna Valley Residents

COVID-19 Lockdown

Day 68 of the COVID-19 lockdown, and we move from level 4 to level 3.

All persons who are able to work from home must do so. However, persons will be permitted to perform any type of work outside the home, and to travel to and from work and for work purposes under Alert Level 3, subject to-

- (a) strict compliance with health protocols and social distancing measures;
- (b) the return to work being phased-in in order to put in place measures to make the workplace COVID-19 ready;
- (c) the return to work being done in a manner that avoids and reduces risks of infection; and
- (d) the work not being listed under the specific economic exclusions in this Table.

SPECIFIC ECONOMIC EXCLUSIONS

- 1 Consumption of food and beverages at or in a place of sale, including restaurants retail outlets, convenience stores or informal traders.
- 2 On-site consumption of liquor.
- 3 Short term home-sharing/letting/leasing/rental for leisure purposes.
- 4 Domestic passenger air travel for leisure purposes, until directions with health protocols and social distancing measures are issued by the relevant Cabinet member responsible for transport.
- 5 Passenger ships for leisure purposes.
- 6 Conferences and events, including sporting events, except as provided for in Chapter 4 of the Regulations.
- 7 Personal care services, including hairdressing, beauty treatments, make-up and nails salons and piercing and tattoo parlours, except those categories of services identified in directions by the relevant Cabinet member, in consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health, as safe to resume, under specified conditions.
- 8 Exclusions relating to public transport services as set out in the directions issued by the Cabinet member responsible for transport.
- 9 Exclusions relating to education services as set out in the directions issued by the Cabinet members responsible for education.
- 10 Tourist attractions, casinos and entertainment activities, except those categories of activities which the relevant Cabinet members, in consultation with the Cabinet member responsible for health, identified in directions as safe to resume under specified conditions.

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COVID-19 STATISTICS IN SA

725125	32683	16809	683	1716
TESTS CONDUCTED	POSITIVE CASES IDENTIFIED	RECOVERIES	DEATHS	NEW CASES



Learn more to be ready for COVID-19: www.southafrica.gov.za | MOC Hotline: 0800 029 899 | WhatsApp: 74 74 0040 123 456



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Here we are.
 With you all the way.



Thankfully it seems as if Pikitup is now fully back on track with waste collections. We have had only one complaint regarding a bin that was not emptied. Thank you Pikitup!



We again had several bad sewerage leaks and Berger Road had another pipe burst. The main water line running down Harry Galaun had a major leak due to valves being stolen. One near Total Garage and one just outside La Ruth complex. Both have now finally been fixed.



Due to COVID-19 lockdown, we have had no loadshedding.

Several residents again had issues with loading power on prepaid. Several areas had power outages again, due to a problem at Noordwyk.

We still have many open or broken power boxes all over Vorna Valley.

Sadly power boxes are still being opened forcefully by contractors and many of them are so damaged, they can not close anymore.



JRA confirmed that they would start working again but needed to have the work place sanitised at the beginning of May 2020.

Seems they had delays in this process and still have not started to fix pot holes.

1 June 2020: JRA Midrand advised that delays are due to having a case of the virus at the depot. They will however have the major potholes temporarily filled to make them safe.

LPR Cameras

We have an average of 3 alerts per day on the LPR system and have had +- 150 alerts since 26 March 2020. Some of these passed the cameras more than once.

Due to the lock down, the regular patrollers are not allowed out on patrol, so we rely on security companies to try and spot these vehicles.

We are still in the learning curve, and hopefully soon everything will be in place and running smoothly.

We would also like to remind residents that as Link Africa was the only company that was willing to bring fibre to the home into Vorna Valley, without a % uptake, and who later sold to Vumatel, but still maintain the main fibre line, that we would still like residents to use Vumatel as their provider. They have many ISP's working via Vumatel which can be found on their website www.vumatel.co.za.

If there is a resident or company that would also like to sponsor the monthly running cost, every cent helps, please contact info@vvra.co.za or on whatsapp on 082 460 8662 (Marianne).



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WHAT IS YOUR HOME WORTH?

PLATINUM residential

0836518888

Please let the VVRA know what you would like to see in the newsletters and if there is someone that would like to do monthly articles you can email info@vvra.co.za.



Brightstar

PROPERTIES



SUSAN JONKER
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Reduce your garden waste removal rates.

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Food collections by VEC

The CPF Victim Empowerment Centre, together with several security companies do ongoing collections for food parcels from residents for those who go hungry due to no income during the lockdown period. Thank you to all that partake in this project whether donating food or assisting in collecting, sorting and distributing the parcels. Thank you to the Barbeque Downs team for sorting all the clothes and getting them ready for hand out.



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Help somebody in Midrand stay warm this winter, one blanket at a time!



BLANKET DRIVE

The Victim Empowerment Centre (VEC), Community Policing Forum (CPF) & SAPS Midrand, will be collecting blankets over March & April for those in need. Blankets can be dropped off at the VEC container at Midrand SAPS, by popping them through the window. Collection can also be arranged, simply email midrandcpfpro@gmail.com



Vorna Valley Specialist

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ACCESS CONTROL (GATE MOTORS, ELECTRIC FENCING, INTERCOM SYSTEMS, ETC)

SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENTS

ANONYMOUS REPORTING NUMBER: 082 998 4303

We also encourage the community to report any suspicious persons or vehicles that they suspect to be involved in criminal activity such as (Drugs related, Stolen Vehicles and/or property) which will be followed up by us together with the relevant authorities



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Advertisement Pricing

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Half Page : R400/month

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Please contact info@vvra.co.za

Small Ad : R50/month

Small Ad : R35/month

Quarter Page : R200/month.

Small Ad : R50/month

Small Ad : R85/month

Recycling

A reminder that recycling is compulsory. Phambili Services collect recycling in Vorna Valley on behalf of Pikitup, every Wednesday.

If you are not yet recycling with Phambili, please contact marianne@phambiliservices.co.za via email or via whatsapp on 082 460 8662 so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

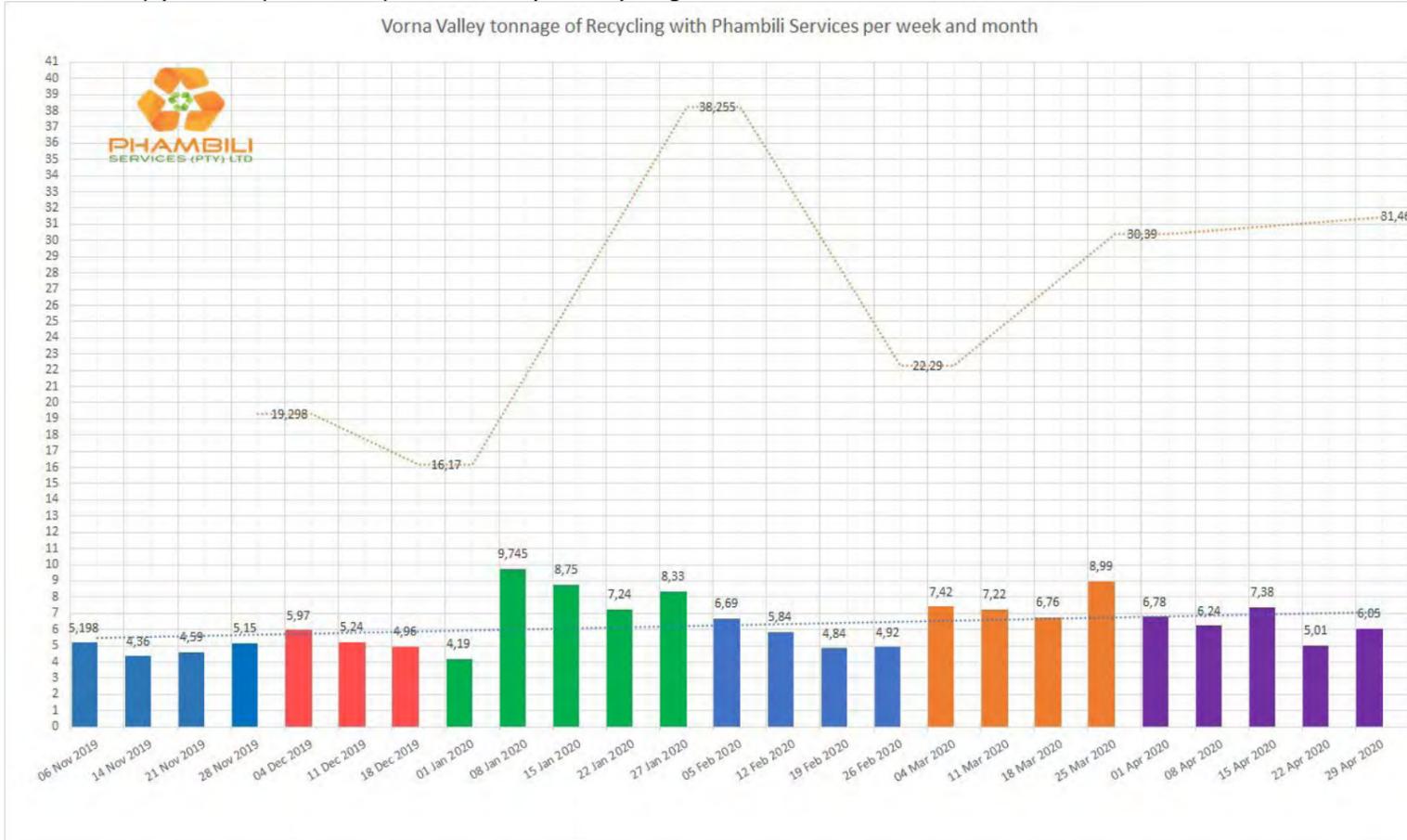
Phambili Services supply blue bags and collect weekly.

All recycling material goes into one bag. (Paper, Cardboard, Magazines & Newspapers, Plastics, Glass, Bottles, Milk and Juice Cartons, Cans, Jars.

Phambili Services now also place informal reclaimers into complexes to do the recycling on their behalf. Phambili then buys back all the recycling they collect, taking them to the depot to weigh and pay.

This will hopefully take many of the informal reclaimers off the streets and afford them a monthly income.

If you would like your complex to join this project, please email your details to marianne@phambiliservices.co.za, so that Phambili can come and setup your complex with a picker to start your recycling.



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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PLEASE NOTE:

Phambili Services will continue collecting the recycling during the 21 days lock down. Please make sure that your bags are out on your allocated day of the week, and new bags will be left for your next week's of recycling.

This is a good opportunity for those who have not yet started to recycle, to get into the habit of separating their normal waste and recycling materials.

Phambili have been dropping off bags at all houses and complexes, even though many still don't recycle. Recycling is compulsory.

Please stay safe during this lock down.

Any queries can be sent to Marianne on 082 460 8662 via whatsapp or on email to marianne@phambiliservices.co.za
Thank you

Dont get a fright but they will be wearing protective PPE



Invasive Plants, Trees, Birds

MOTHER-OF-MILLIONS (*Bryophyllum delagoense*)



Also sometimes called chandelier plant, is an erect, succulent perennial, which is native to Madagascar. It was imported into South Africa as a garden ornamental, but has escaped cultivation to become a serious invader in many parts of the country. Plants reach up to 1.2 m high, and may be leafless or almost leafless while flowering (i). The leaves are grey-green, flecked with contrasting colour, cylindrical, up to 130 mm long and up to 6 mm wide, and produce plantlets at their tips (ii). Attractive tubular flowers, which range in colour from pale orange to magenta (iii), are borne in clusters in mid-winter. These are followed by fruit follicles with numerous small seeds. Mother-of-millions is a declared invader in South Africa and must be controlled, or eradicated where possible. Two closely related plants, *Bryophyllum proliferum* (green mother-of-millions) (iva) and *Bryophyllum pinnatum* (cathedral bells) (ivb), are also declared invaders in South Africa. A further two species, *B. fedtschenkoi* and *B. daigremontianum*, which have not yet been declared but that also have the potential to become invasive, should be removed and destroyed to protect the environment and prevent



their spread.

From: <https://www.arc.agric.za/arc-ppri/Fact%20Sheets%20Library/Bryophyllum%20delagoense.pdf>

Wild tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*)

Nicotiana glauca, in Afrikaans commonly known as jantwak (John tobacco), is an exotic, a declared weed in South Africa, obliging landowners to eradicate it when found on their properties.

Wild tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*) leaves are blue-green, leathery leaves sometimes with purplish tints and smooth margins, evergreen shrub or small tree growing up to 6m high. Fruit/seeds are brown, four-valved fruit capsules with tiny seeds. Yellow, tubular flowers in terminal, drooping clusters appear throughout the year.

From: <https://www.facebook.com/invasivespeciessouthafrica/photos/wild-tobacco-nicotiana-glauca-leaves-are-blue-green-leathery-leaves-sometimes-wi/1380675028684095/>



Category 1a (PROHIBITED) : Listed Invasive Species

A person in control of a Category 1a Listed Invasive Species must comply with the provisions of section 73(2) of the Act; immediately take steps to combat or eradicate listed invasive species in compliance with sections 75(1), (2) and (3) of the Act; and allow an authorised official from the Department to enter onto land to monitor, assist with or implement the combatting or eradication of the listed invasive species.

Category 1b (PROHIBITED / Exempted if in Possession or Under control) : Listed Invasive Species

A person in control of a Category 1 b Listed Invasive Species must control the listed invasive species in compliance with sections 75(1), (2) and (3) of the Act. A person contemplated in sub-regulation (2) must allow an authorised official from the Department to enter onto the land to monitor, assist with or implement the control of the listed invasive species, or compliance with the Invasive Species Management Programme contemplated in section 75(4) of the Act.

Category 2 (PERMIT REQUIRED): Listed Invasive Species

Category 2 Listed Invasive Species are those species listed by notice in terms of section 70(1)(a) of the Act as species which require a permit to carry out a restricted activity within an area specified in the Notice or an area specified in the permit, as the case may be. A landowner on whose land a Category 2 Listed Invasive Species occurs or person in possession of a permit, must ensure that the specimens of the species do not spread outside of the land or the area specified in the Notice or permit. Unless otherwise specified in the Notice, any species listed as a Category 2 Listed Invasive Species that occurs outside the specified area contemplated in sub-regulation (1), must, for purposes of these regulations, be considered to be a Category 1 b Listed Invasive Species and must be managed according to Regulation 3. Notwithstanding the specific exemptions relating to existing plantations in respect of Listed Invasive Plant Species published in Government Gazette No. 37886, Notice 599 of 1 August 2014 (as amended), any person or organ of state must ensure that the specimens of such Listed Invasive Plant Species do not spread outside of the land over which they have control.

Category 3 (PROHIBITED): Listed Invasive Species

Category 3 Listed Invasive Species are species that are listed by notice in terms of section 70(1)(a) of the Act, as species which are subject to exemptions in terms of section 71(3) and prohibitions in terms of section 71A of the Act, as specified in the Notice. Any plant species identified as a Category 3 Listed Invasive Species that occurs in riparian areas, must, for the purposes of these regulations, be considered to be a Category 1b Listed Invasive Species and must be managed according to regulation 3.

Where to log calls

All road and storm related emergencies standby team 060 960 0764 (Midrand, Ivory Park, Diepsloot, Fourways, Woodmead)		
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	For billing assistance kindly contact: 011 358 3614\011 358 3562	
Johannesburg Water		
011-375-5555 or 011-688-1400 customer@jwater.co.za	Water Burst	48 Hours
SMS 076-333-5052	No Water	1 day
Anonymous tip-offs 0800-00-25-87 anticorruption@tip-offs.com	Sewer	24 Hours
Midrand Depot 621 6th Road Erand: 011-205-9500	Meter Leak	7 Working days
	Fire Hydrant Leak	2 days
	Bees in meter box	3 days
City Power		
011-375-5555	No Power to area/property	4 Hours
086-056-2874 http://citypower.mobi	Illegal Connection	24 Hours
https://za4.forcelink.net/forcelink/customportal/cp_mdt/customerportal.html	Dangerous Situation	Immediate
Report illegal connection 080 000 2587 anticorruption@tip-offs.com	Street Light not working	2 working days
Cable Theft and illegal activities: 011 490 7553 or 0800 002 587	Meter Conversions	5 working days
Metering Queries Telephone :011 490 7484 SMS Line :44074 wmcqueries@citypower.co.za	Faulty Meter	7 working days
Pre-paid Queries: Telephone: 011 490 7484 estimations@citypower.co.za		
Johannesburg Road Agency		
Joburg connect: 086-056-2874 011-298-5000 hotline@jra.org.za https://findandfix.jra.org.za:8443/	Potholes	3 working days
Depot: 011 256 8550 6 Dale Road, corner Glen Austin Road, Midrand	Manhole Cover missing	3 days
Report faulty traffic lights on whatsapp to 082-827-8250	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
Pikitup		
Joburg connect 086-056-2874 011-375-5555 info@pikitup.co.za joburgconnect@joburg.org.za http://www.pikitup.co.za/customer-services/	New/additional bin request	7 days
Midrand Depot: 82 Lechwe Street, Corporate Park: 087-357-1378	Animal Carcass removal	24 hours
Bulky Waste Service 087-357-1378	Cleaning of an Illegal Dumping site	7 days
Garden Site: Falcon Street, Rabie Ridge	Street cleaning, Lane flushing, Area cleaning	
Garden Site: Cedar Road, Kyalami	Bulk Waste collections	
Garden site: Dale Road, Glen Austin	Full details and Reg no. of vehicle	Photo if possible
	Illegal Dumping	
	e.g. old mattresses, old furniture, fridges etc	free-once a month
	Paper, Glass, Used car oil, Scrap metal, EWaste, Tins & Cardboard	
	Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil	
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City Parks		
Joburg connect 086-056-2874 or 011 375 5555	Grass cutting in open spaces	Up to 30 days
City Parks and Zoo Switchboard: 011-712-6600 10177	Grass cutting of parks	Dependent on status of park
jcp@jhbcityparks.com or joburgconnect@joburg.org.za	Grass cutting in cemeteries	7 days
	Fallen Tree/branches	24 hours
	Pruning of Tree	30 days
Fire Department and Ambulance		
Midrand Fire Department and Ambulance 011-375-5911 10177		
South African Police Service		
Midrand Police Station: 011-347-1600	c/o Smuts Drive & Oracle Street Halfway Gardens	
Sector 2 SAPS: 071-675-6110		
Relief Commanders: 071-675-6114		
Police Emergency - 10111 gps.midrand.sc.@saps.gov.za		
Crime Stop Tip-Off 08600 10111		
Hawks Anti-Corruption Desk: 012 846 4590 CorruptionReports@saps.gov.za		
Johannesburg Metro Police Department		
011 375 5918 / 5911	Traffic Violations	Dependent on incident and resources available
JMPD 24 - hour Traffic Hotline 080-872-3342	Noise	
Illegal dumping: 082-779-1361 (Whatsapp)	Dumping	
	Motor Vehicle Accident	
	Vagrants	