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NEWSLETTER

Vorna Valley Residents Association

May
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Vorna Valley Residents Association
working for you

We cordially invite all residents who live in Vorna Valley, property owners in Vorna Valley, and Businesses in Vorna Valley, to our Zoom AGM on 23 June 2021.

We request that your questions and suggestions be emailed to us by 19 June 2021, to give us time to find information, so that it can be discussed with all the residents and owners at the AGM. (info@vvra.co.za)

Time: 18H30 to 19H30

RSVP by 19 June 2021 as we would need your verified email address for you to join the Zoom meeting.

We need volunteers!!



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People. Passion. Property

Property Market



The Property Market in Midrand especially for free-standing homes has picked up and the demand is such that the sellers are achieving very reasonable prices.

Once again, it is best to present your property in the best possible way and the very first impression that buyers 'scouting the neighbourhood' see is the pavements.

Whilst we know that the pavement belongs to the Council, we also know that we need to keep them clean, tidy and if possible, attractive.

If every resident took care of their own verge the whole of Vorna Valley will be uplifted and the overall impression much much better.

Please don't dump your rubbish anywhere except in your own garden / dustbin.



VVRA LPR Cameras



The VVRA installed the 8 LPR cameras, 1 at each entrance to Vorna Valley for the safety and benefit of all our residents. We have had several outcomes from these cameras thanks to Hawkeye Security supporting this initiative as well as TRSS's support. Several residents have been assisted via these cameras as well, after an incident in our area.

We therefore urge residents and complexes to contribute towards the monthly running costs and maintenance of these cameras. Please chat to your trustees about contributing as a complex. Every rand helps.

We have approximately 14 - 15 thousand residents in Vorna Valley but we only have 2 residents, 4 complexes, 1 nursery school and 2 security companies contributing each month.

Anton Hartman Potholes

JRA are busy fixing potholes and a stretch of the road on Anton Hartman currently and hopefully they will get to the rest of the roads that need urgent attention.



"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." – Mother Teresa



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Lions Midrand
we serve

Not everyone is going to have a
warm winter



This is where the Lions Club of Midrand is stepping in. We are collecting winter blankets (new or used) to make a difference on a cold winter's night. Please assist by donating a blanket or two to this worthwhile project.

If you're able to make a donation, please contact Tracy at 083 8451134 or tracy@valadao.co.za

Vaccinations

The vaccine is available for anybody over the age of 60 at Midrand Fire Station, c/o First rd and Smuts drive, Halfway Gardens.

Please take along your ID document, passport or drivers license. Should you still not be registered on the National Health Dept website, the staff at the venues will assist you on site to register.

The timelapse between the normal annual flu vaccine and the Covid-9 vaccine is 2 weeks, so if you received the normal flu vaccine less than 2 weeks ago, please wait till 2 weeks have passed

Please note that this is the Pfizer vaccine, which requires 2 doses, you will therefore need to return to the sites for a second shot

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller

Midrand SPCA

From Midrand SPCA

Report cruelty directly to the local SPCA and don't put it on groups, Facebook etc, this alerts the culprits, so they remove all evidence and we are then unable to open a case.

STRAY DOGS BITING / CHASING PEOPLE

The mandate of the SPCA is to prevent cruelty to animals. However the local Municipality in each town is responsible for complaints regarding stray animals (animals in the street causing a nuisance or attacking people). The SPCA is mandated to act in terms of welfare concerns related to the Animals Protection Act no 71 of 1962 which protects animals against cruelty; the SPCA has no jurisdiction in terms of the Municipal by-laws.

Animal related complaints related

to the By-laws should be directed to the local Municipality or Metro Police. We recommend that the complaint is in writing so that there is record of the complaint. We also suggest that neighbours are also requested to complain so that it is not just one complaint, as this will result in a quicker response from the relevant authorities. Some examples: stray dogs, aggressive dogs, dogs chasing vehicles or people, dogs being a nuisance, barking excessively, ripping open rubbish bags, defecating in public places, etc.

If a dog were to attack a person, a case can be opened at the local police station by the victim in terms of the Animal Matters Amendment Act No 42 of 1993 in order to claim medical costs and damages, and to request the Magistrate to issue an order regarding the dog in question. If an animal was attacked by the stray dog, then the owner can lay a charge of damage to property at the local police station

in terms of the Criminals Procedure Act No 51 of 1977 and could request that veterinary costs, damages could be paid, as well as requesting that a decision is made by the court regarding the dog.

If there are welfare concerns we suggest that you report the matter directly to the Midrand SPCA so that they may investigate the matter.



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"Living my dream everyday and helping people make one of life's best decisions, motivates me to sell for you!"

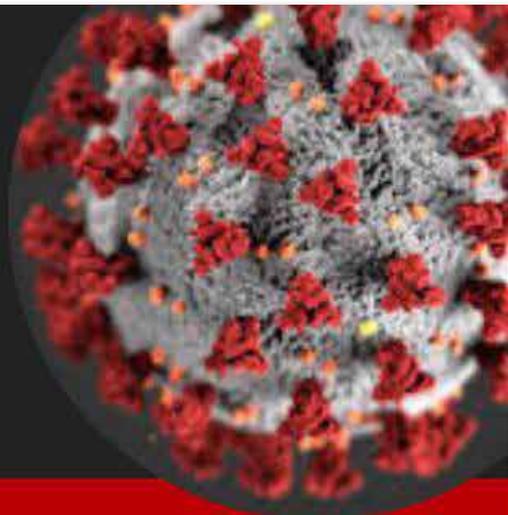
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APPROVED TARIFFS 2021/22

The City of Johannesburg has approved tariffs for the financial year 2021 – 2022. These approved tariffs will take effect from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

SERVICE	YEAR 2020/21	YEAR 2021/22	NARRATION
Property Rates	4%	2%	Decreased to provide cushion to ratepayers.
Electricity	6.2%	14.59%	Up due to 15.09% increase granted to Eskom by NERSA.
Water	6.6%	6.8%	Increased due to bulk water charges by Rand Water.
Sanitation	6.6%	6.8%	Slightly up
Refuse	5.2%	4.3%	Decreased to provide cushion to ratepayers.

*Effective 1 June 2021 – 30 June 2022.



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Indigenous Trees

Aloe arborescens, the krantz aloe or candelabra aloe



Aloe arborescens is a species of flowering succulent perennial plant that belongs to the genus Aloe, which it shares with the well known and studied Aloe vera. The specific epithet arborescens means “tree-like”. Aloe arborescens is valued by gardeners for its succulent green leaves, large vibrantly-colored flowers, winter blooming, and attraction for birds, bees, and butterflies.

Aloe arborescens is endemic to the south eastern part of Southern Africa. Specifically, this range includes the countries of South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe. It has the third largest distribution amongst the aloe genus.[3] Although Aloe arborescens has adapted to many different habitats, its natural habitat usually consists of mountainous areas, including rocky outcrops and exposed ridges. Its common name krantz aloe refers to the Afrikaans word “krantz”, which means a rocky cliff. Its habitat can vary, and it is one of only a few species of aloe that is found growing from sea level up to the tops of mountains.

From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aloe_arborescens



The Rocketal wine (Aloe peglerae) is an aloe native to Gauteng and North West, where it is found on the Magaliesberg and Witwatersberg. The plant is small and stemless and grows mainly on the northern slopes of the mountain in small groups. The leaves are grey-green and tend to bend inwards. The plant blooms in July and August.

From: <https://af.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vuurpylaalwyn>

The Rocketal wine (Aloe peglerae)



The long-tailed widowbird is a species of bird in the family Ploceidae. The species are found in Angola, Botswana, the DR Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zambia. The long-tailed widowbird is a medium-sized bird and one of the most common in the territories it inhabits. Adult breeding males are almost entirely black with orange and white shoulders (epaulets), long, wide tails, and a bluish white bill. Females are rather inconspicuous, their feathers streaked tawny and black with pale patches on the chest, breast and back, narrow tail feathers, and horn-colored bills.

When flying, male long-tailed widowbirds are readily visible due to their extremely long tails. Between six and eight of their twelve tail feathers are approximately half a metre (approximately 20 inches) long. The tail during flight display is expanded vertically into a deep, long keel below the male as he flies with slow wingbeats 0.5 to 2 metres (20 to 78 inches) above his territory.

From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long-tailed_widowbird

Indigenous Birds

The long-tailed widowbird (*Euplectes progne*), also known as the "Sakabula"



Male

Female



Southern Fiscal
Lanius collaris



Juvenile

A common black-and-white shrike of open country that perches upright. Singles and pairs are conspicuous on perches 1 to 10 meters above the ground in grassland, light and dense woodland, savanna, and modified habitats. They perch for extended periods and swoop down on insects and small vertebrates that they catch on the ground; these are sometimes impaled on thorns and stored for later consumption. The underparts of the similar Northern Fiscal are cleaner and whiter than the dingy gray underparts of the Southern Fiscal.

From: https://ebird.org/species/soufis1?siteLanguage=en_ZA

Female



Male

Where to log issues

WHERE TO LOG SERVICES DELIVERY CALLS

All road and storm related emergencies standby team 060 960 0764 (Midrand, Ivory Park, Diepsloot, Fourways, Woodmead)		Region A COVID-19 testing site: Market/Moritz, Halfway House, 011 805 3112
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	Water Burst	48 Hours
customer@jwater.co.za	No Water	1 day
SMS 076-333-5052	Sewer	24 Hours
24 hour hotline: 0860 562 874	Meter Leak	7 Working days
www.johannesburgwater.co.za	Fire Hydrant Leak	2 days
Midrand Depot 621 6th Road Erand: 011-205-9500	Bees in meter box	3 days
City Power		
011-375-5555	No Power to area/property	4 Hours
086-056-2874	Illegal Connection	24 Hours
http://citypower.mobi	Dangerous Situation	Immediate
https://za4.forcelink.net/forcelink/customportal/cp_mdt/customerportal.html	Street Light not working	2 working days
Report illegal connection 080 000 2587	Meter Conversions	5 working days
anticorruption@tip-offs.com	Faulty Meter	7 working days
Cable Theft and illegal activities: 011 490 7553 or 0800 002 587		
Metering Queries Telephone :011 490 7484		
SMS Line :44074		
wmcqueries@citypower.co.za		
Pre-paid Queries: Telephone: 011 490 7484		
estimations@citypower.co.za		
Johannesburg Road Agency		
Joburg connect: 086-056-2874	Potholes	3 working days
011-298-5000	Manhole Cover missing	3 days
hotline@jra.org.za	Blocked kerb inlet	3 days
https://findandfix.jra.org.za:8443/	Road trenches	3 days
Depot: 011 256 8550	Road Collapse/Dangerous Situation	Immediate to make road safe
6 Dale Road, corner Glen Austin Road, Midrand		
Report faulty traffic lights on whatsapp to 082-827-8250	Stop/traffic signs damaged/missing	7 days
	Traffic Signals All Out	24 Hours
Download claim form from: www.jra.org.za/customer-service	Traffic Signal Flashing	24 Hours
Pikitup		
Joburg connect 086-056-2874 or 011 375 5555	New/additional bin request	7 days
Call Centre: 010 055 5990	Animal Carcass removal	24 hours
info@pikitup.co.za	Cleaning of an Illegal Dumping site	7 days
joburgconnect@joburg.org.za	Street cleaning, Lane flushing, Area cleaning	
http://www.pikitup.co.za/customer-services/	Bulk Waste collections	
Illegal dumping: 080 087 3342 or info@pikitup.co.za	Full details and Reg no. of vehicle	Photo if possible
Midrand Depot: 82 Lechwe Street, Corporate Park: 087-357-1378	Illegal Dumping	
Bulky Waste Service 087-357-1378	e.g. old mattresses, old furniture, fridges etc	free-once a month
Garden Site: Falcon Street, Rabie Ridge	Paper, Glass, Used car oil, Scrap metal, EWaste, Tins & Cardboard	
Garden Site: Cedar Road, Kyalami	Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil	
Garden site: Dale Road, Glen Austin	Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil	
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	Grass cutting of parks	Dependent on status of park
10177	Grass cutting in cemeteries	7 days
jcp@jhbcityparks.com or joburgconnect@joburg.org.za	Fallen Tree/branches	24 hours
Fallen Trees: 011 375 5555	Pruning of Tree	30 days
To claim damage: 3 quotes, copy of ID, and photos of evidence of damage msebatjane@jhbcityparks.com CC jndou@jhbcityparks.com		
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 / 011 758 9620	Traffic Violations	Dependent on incident and resources available
JMPD 24 - hour Traffic Hotline 080-872-3342	Noise	
Illegal dumping: 082-779-1361 (Whatsapp or SMS)	Dumping	
Anti Corruption Hotline: 0800 203 712	Motor Vehicle Accident	
	Vagrants	

