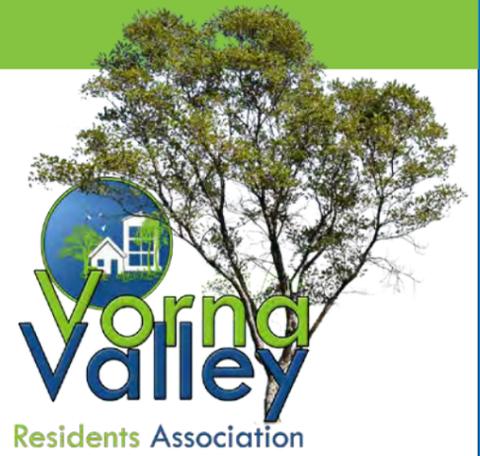


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Vorna Valley Residents Association

Newsletter



November 2020

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- Paul Veltman - Secretary, Infrastructure
- Hein de Kock - Treasurer, Infrastructure
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Dear Vorna Valley Residents

As 2020 comes to the end, we have endured bad services delivery, COVID-19, developers who develop without a thought for their neighbouring residents, load shedding, a rise in crime, taxis and ubers taking over our pavements bringing with it litter, urination, noise pollution and becoming threatening towards residents who dare to complain.

Sadly it has become a norm to break council rules and regulations. People start up businesses, schools and vending spots all over Vorna Valley, yet council is slow to assist in putting an end to this. Vorna Valley, as are many other suburbs, is slowly becoming an unsightly suburb. No one seems to care anymore, most just complain and sit back to have someone else fight the problem. Standing and working together has long ago left the building, and a handful of people who still care, do what they can to resolve issues. Just imagine all these great by laws and rules and regulations, but no one to monitor and act on enforcing them so why would anyone stick to them knowing they will not be caught and fined or prosecuted.

A senior council member often said to me, on days I just wanted to give up, "Marianne, remember, residents pay our salaries and we work for them". Yes there are a handful of council employees that go the extra mile with what is available to them, but all too often one hits a brick wall and issues often take years to get attention let alone be resolved.

We had a beautiful Vlei with many birds and animals living in it, but in the last two years it has been turned upside down with the rehabilitation to the river the JRA contractors have done.

So I would like to thank the VVRA committee, who tried their best to assist in resolving issues, without you it would all be pointless.

And last but not least, a big thank you to all our contributors to the LPR cameras and our sponsors who help pay for our cleaner to keep our street free of litter.

From the VVRA committee we would like to wish each and every resident a safe and happy festive season, and always stay alert of your surroundings.



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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



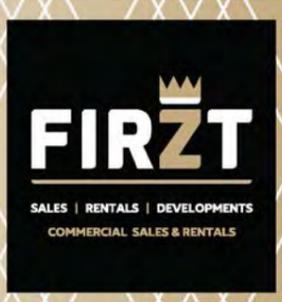



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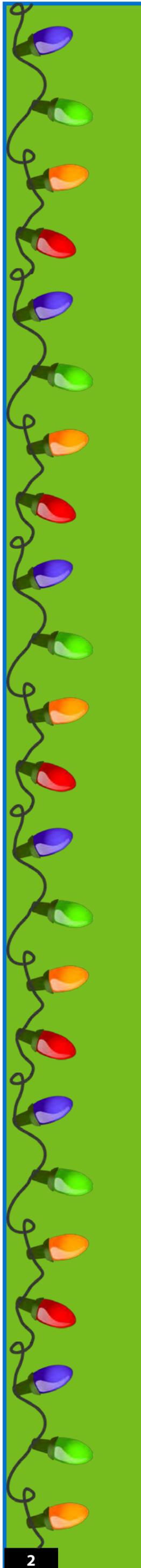


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Phambili Services

Sadly Pikitup have not extended the Phambili Services contract to collect the recycling, as they will be doing it inhouse. We did speak to Pikitup to ask where they were going to take the recycling, but they didn't have a solution for this as yet, nor the trucks to handle this project.

After 3 years of Phambili getting Midrand residents to recycle, growing over this period, seems this project will fail dismally yet again. Phambili has however said that if residents pay them R16 per household per month, they will continue to collect. For more information please email jaco@phambiliservices.co.za.

Update: Phambili Services continues to collect the recycling until all the SLA's with residents are in place. So let us continue to support Phambili with the recycling please.



J Water



JWater dug up the road on le Roux/Janadel due to a major water leak. The road was left unsafe and dangerous and even though JRA was called out to attend to it, but it was only made slightly safer. Sad part now is that it could take months before it is repaired.

Pierneef street had a major sewerage leak that ran for days into the wetland until finally JWater came to unblock it.



City Power

City Power has been doing some maintenance in and around our suburb. Several areas were without power due to faults and a few residents has issues with loading their pre paid meters.

Street light have been repaired but as they are repaired the criminals seem to steal the breakers again. In the past we have received video footage of informal reclaimers walking past with their trollies, while one of them go to the street light pole and remove the breaker.

Sadly more and more power boxes are left open or broken open and a solution for this problem has still not been attended to.

Some residents who's meters were faulty, has to be connected by by passing the meter so they could have power as new replacement meters weren't available for several weeks.



City Parks

City Parks has been cutting grass on more pavements and have gone into the Vlei to cut fire breaks. Hopefully more with be cut in the near future.

Most complexes also tend to their pavements and hopefully the rest will start looking after their pavements in the near future. Residents living in a complex with a unkept pavement are welcome to inform their Trustees and hopefully they will make the necessary arrangements to also keep their pavements neat and tidy.



Property News

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As 2020 comes to an end there are some important issues to consider to keep our suburb attractive and ensure that prospective buyers are keen to come and live here.

When people are looking to invest in a property the first thing they look at is convenience (and we all know that Vorna Valley is ideally situated) and then they drive around to see what the area looks like and how well it is maintained.

Unfortunately over the years we've lost lots of potential buyers because the area just looks untidy.

There has definitely been an improvement and a lot of that can be attributed to Marianne who heads up the Vorna Valley Residents Association and works tirelessly with the municipality to get things done – it's not an easy task! So Thank You to Marianne we really appreciate you.

Residents have an important part to play: look after your own verges; mow the lawn, clear the rubble etc.. Many residents make a huge effort and their pavements look fantastic but a lot don't care at all – please it makes a huge difference to an area. The market value of your property will be affected.

Wishing everyone happy holidays and all the best for 2021.



 **WHAT IS YOUR HOME WORTH?**
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VVRA LPR Camera Project

We would like to welcome TRSS and 345 Nursery School as contributors to the running costs of the VVRA LPR Cameras and thank you Hawkeye for contributing for several months already.

A thank you also goes to a few complexes that are contributing and the few residents that have also contributed.

When we work together things start to happen for the better of our community.

If there are more residents or businesses that would like to contribute, kindly contact info@vvra.co.za.

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It is with great sadness that we say farewell to one of our extremely dedicated and courageous Reaction Officers who tragically lost his life in the line of duty.

He was a member of our TRSS family and he will be sorely missed. We send our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.

We have had an overwhelming response from members of the community who have offered to make a donation to the fallen hero's family during this very difficult time.

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Indigenous Trees



Dombeya rotundifolia, the dikbas or "South African wild pear" (it is not related to pear trees), is a small deciduous tree with dark grey to blackish deeply fissured bark, found in Southern Africa and northwards to central and eastern tropical Africa. Formerly placed in the Sterculiaceae, that artificial group has now been abandoned by most authors and the plants are part of an enlarged Malvaceae.

Dombeya rotundifolia was originally described by Hochstetter. The *D. rotundifolia* of Bojer is now *Dombeya spectabilis*.

Trees are normally 5–6 m tall with a single well-defined trunk, growing on deep soils, river banks and rocky places.

Leaves and flower buds are densely covered in stellate hairs. One of the first species to flower in spring, often with *Erythrina lysistemon*. Flowers are abundant and sweet-scented, usually white but occasionally pale pink. Flowers (15–20 mm diameter) inconspicuous round fruits form at the centre of the brown, dead, persistent petals. Wood is bluish-grey, dense, hard and extremely tough, and was sought after during the era of building wagons and carriages.



Dombeya rotundifolia

The dikbas or "South African wild pear"



The Crown is densely branched and rounded. The spread of the branches is up to 26m. This Tree may reach 14m and occasionally 18m high. It can be a shapely rounded tree with a single Trunk up to 1,9+m in diameter.

The stem may also be twisted and multi-stemmed. Under poor environmental conditions, it can be a stunted shrub. In young branches the Bark is initially smooth with raised Lenticels (usually raised corky oval or elongated area on the plant that allows uncontrolled interchange of gases with the environment).

The striated bark becomes rough, grey to dark brown or blackish, and may be fissured. It may also flake in vertical strips. Young branches are pale green to grey and distinctly squarish in cross section. No Thorns or spines are present. Roots can penetrate up to 7m deep.

From: <http://tresa.org/olea-europaea-subsp-africana/>



Olea europaea subsp. africana

African Olive, Wild Olive, Olienhout, Ironwood, Ysterhout



It has extremely hard, dense and attractive timber, and is only spared from intense exploitation because of its strongly twisted trunk which does not lend itself to long planks, and its tendency to develop heart rot. The bark is rough, dark grey and flaking, while the strong, paired hooked thorns are a formidable deterrent on young plants. Twigs which may vary in hairiness from densely puberulous to pubescent or tomentose. Due to its variability the species has been described under many names, some being listed below.



Senegalia caffra is deciduous and older plants are resistant to frost, fire and drought. Its appearance may be confused with that of *Senegalia ataxacantha* or with *Senegalia hereroensis*, though the former has scattered prickles and the latter has more robust prickles. Together with *Dombeya rotundifolia* and *Erythrina lysistemon*, this species is one of the earliest to flower in spring, producing strongly scented flower spikes. From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senegalia_caffra

***Senegalia caffra*, also known as hook-thorn or Acacia caffra**



The ouhout is often a straggly shrub or a dense, small, evergreen tree, which grows up to 7 metres tall to 5 metres wide. It is single or multi-stemmed and branches low down. The bark is rough, reddish brown in colour and flakes off to reveal a smooth light brown under-bark. The leaves are alternately arranged, compound and covered with silky, silver hairs. Each leaf possesses 3 to 4 pairs of leaflets. The veins on the leaves are deeply sunken on the upper surface and protrude on the lower surface. The leaves are a dark green colour above and a lighter green colour below. The margins of the leaflets are deeply serrated. When the leaves are crushed they have a strong herb-like smell.

The flowers are greenish-yellow in colour, star-shaped, and grow in spikes at the ends of young shoots in spring (August to September). The fruits are nut-like and about 3 mm in diameter (December to January).



The flowers and young shoots of this plant are browsed by cattle and goats in spring. The ouhout produces nectar which is probably utilised by bees and other insects.

From: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leucosidea>

***Leucosidea sericea*, commonly known as ouhout in Afrikaans**



Where to log calls

WHERE TO LOG SERVICES DELIVERY CALLS

All road and storm related emergencies standby team 060 0764 (Midrand, Ivory Park, Diepsloot, Fourways, Woodmead)		060 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 MPD 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		
vmcqueries@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
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Report faulty traffic lights on whatsapp to 082-827-8250	Stop/traffic signs damaged/missing	7 days
	Traffic Signals All Out	24 Hours
	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	
	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
0177	Grass cutting in cemeteries	7 days
cp@jhbcityparks.com or joburgconnect@joburg.org.za	Fallen Tree/branches	24 hours
Fallen Trees: 011 375 5555	Pruning of Tree	30 days
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011-375-5911		
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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		
saps.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
MPD 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	

