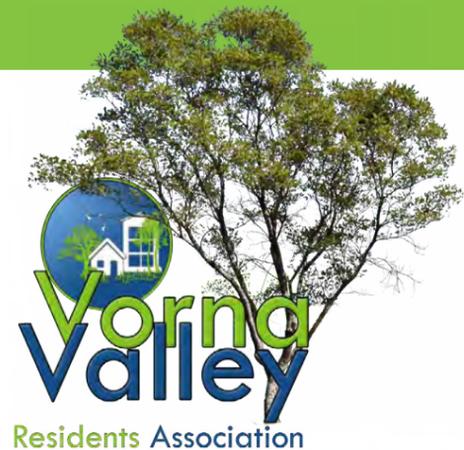


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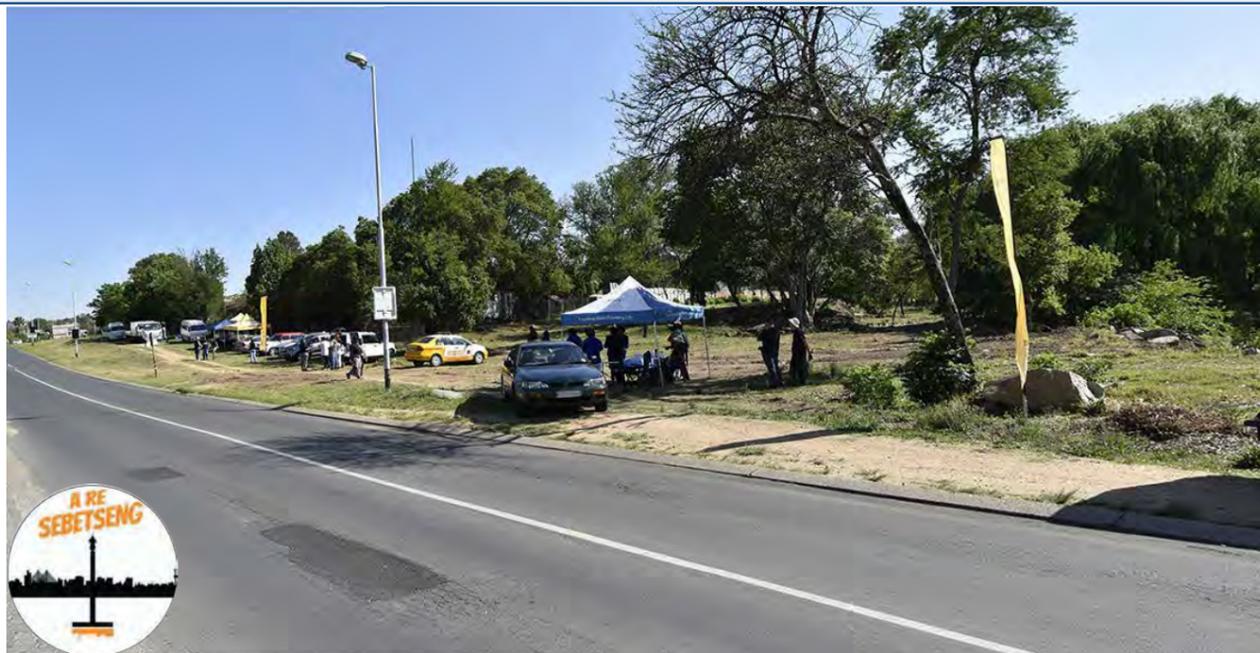
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Whatsapp your details and email address to 082-460-8662 to join the VVRA council issues groups and Alert groups.



Dear Vorna Valley Residents

Thank you to those residents that came to help clean up this part of the Vorna Valley Vlei. Thank you also goes to council for making the arrangements and brings all the different entities of council to assist. Last but not least, thank you to Phambili Services who came to assist once again and removed approximately 150 bags for us.



Sadly some fires were lit to burn rubbish and we requested that they be put out immediately, as Midrand is a "no fire" zone and also doesn't have fire trucks and the gentleman from the fire department only had a small canister to put out a fire. Some of the fire started travelling along the dry grass and they got a big red bucket to put out the fire.

Contact details for Sector 2:
Sector Commander - Sergeant Benji
082 888 7731 (Office Hours)
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Areas: Vorna Valley, Waterfall Park, Carlswald, Halfway Gardens, Kyalami Hills.



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Here we are.
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The VVRA has invited Santa to come visit the children again this year.

Place: Swiss Club on Moerdyk

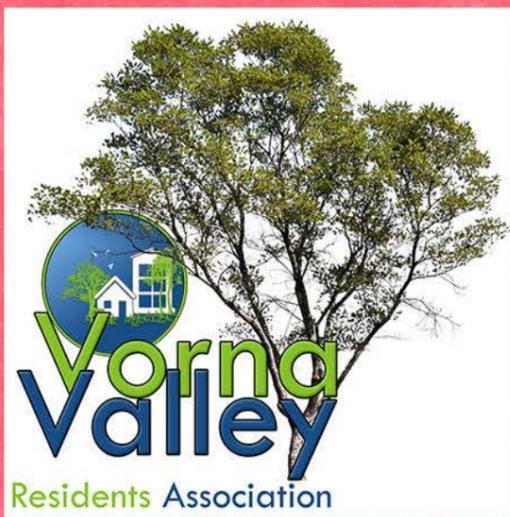
Date: 8 December 2018

Time: 09H00 - 11H00

RSVP by 1 December 2018 (info@vvra.co.za) with the following details:
Childs full name, age and gender.

The VVRA request a donation of R100 per child for the Santa Event. Once we have received your childs details, an invoice will be sent for payment to be made on or before 1 December 2018

Parents are to please bring with a small gift for their children, which Santa can hand to them on the day. Gifts to be clearly marked with childs name.





Vorna Valley was plagued by several power outages, some of which residents didn't receive notices for, and then City Power switched on the power again until they could notify the residents first.

01 Oct 2018 - Parts of Waterfall Office Park without power for several hours

13 Oct 2018 - Several parts of Vorna Valley without power for several hours

17 Oct 2018 - Several parts of Vorna Valley without power for several hours.

22 Oct 2018 - Several parts of Vorna Valley and Halfway Gardens without power for several hours and after restoring power, a portion tripped again leaving residents without power even longer.

25 Oct 2018 - Several parts of Vorna Valley without power due to maintenance, and some areas that were not on the notice were also off all day.

28 Oct 2018 - Several parts of Vorna Valley without power again, leaving residents without power for several hours.

30 Oct 2018 - Several parts of Vorna Valley without power again, leaving residents without power for several hours.



02 Oct 2018 - Water leak on Andre Brink

04 Oct 2018 - Sewerage blocked Anton Hartman again

05 Oct 2018 - Water leak in Royal Kyalami Country Estate

06 Oct 2018 - No water or low water pressure in parts of Vorna Valley

06 Oct 2018 - Sewerage blocked in Visser street

07 Oct 2018 - Sewerage blocked in a complex in Vorna Valley

08 Oct 2018 - Water leak at Kyalami Hills Estate

08 Oct 2018 - Water leak in Royal Kyalami Country Estate still not sorted.

09 Oct 2018 - Low pressure or no water in Birds street

09 Oct 2018 - Major sewerage leak from Waterfall Heights on Jason Close into Pretorius Street.

10 Oct 2018 - Sewerage leak in Frans Oerder Street

12 Oct 2018 - Sewerage still running into Pretorius street

13 Oct 2018 - Sewerage still running into Pretorius street

13 Oct 2018 - Sewerage blocked in Pierneef street

14 Oct 2018 - Major burst water pipe on Langeveld. (Complex's responsibility as it is behind the water meter)

16 Oct 2018 - Sewerage still running into Pretorius street. Seems the call logged was incorrect so JWater didnt have it on record so a new call was logged.

17 Oct 2018 - Burst pipe on le Roux

17 Oct 2018 - Sewerage still running into Pretorius street

21 Oct 2018 - Major sewerage leak on Pierneef

22 Oct 2018 - Sewerage leak on Smuts Drive

26 Oct 2018 - Water leak on Pretorius by new development.

30 Oct 2018 - Major sewerage leak Smuts/Fitzpatrick

30 Oct 2018 - Major sewerage leak Allandale/Greig

30 Oct 2018 - Major sewerage leak 7th by Clinic

31 Oct 2018 - Major burst water pipe le Roux/Bekker

Watering of gardens is not allowed between 6am and 6pm in summer months (1 Sept to 31 March) and furthermore, it is not allowed to wash paved areas and



JRA advise that the contract was now in place but Ivory Park and other areas would be dealt with first before coming to Vorna Valley.

JWater had to fix a major water leak on Moerdyk/Baker street, 26 July 2018, leaving a major hole in the one lane. Motorists had to swerve out into the oncoming traffic to miss hitting the hole in the road.

To date, this has still not been fixed. JRA only seem to have fixed minor pothole this past month.



Several residents are still waiting for a wayleave to be approved to plant trees on their pavements since 14 June 2018. One wonders how developers get wayleaves approved withing a day or two.

If you request trees for pavements from City Parks, please note that City Parks have to apply for a wayleave for planting of trees on pavements and this can take more than 4 months.

Part of the Vlei was cut again between Allandale and Harry Galaun. Hopefully they will cut the reeds on the oppisite side of Harry Galaun as soon as possible too.



JMPD seem to have removed the illegal reclaimers in the Vorna Valley Vlei as part of the A re sebetse on 27 October 2018. Hopefully they will stay away for good now. We request that if residents see them return, to report it to us immediately.

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From: www.midrandreporter.co.za / Diary

Monthly residential complex forum meeting

The Midrand police have invited body corporates and trustees to a monthly residential complex forum meeting on 21 November.

Midrand Police Station spokesperson, Sergeant Matome Tlamela said the purpose of the meeting is to address the escalating crime in residential complexes in the area and to discuss ways of improving security there.

When: From 12 noon until 1pm on 21 November

Where: Midrand Police Station.



Spokesperson for Midrand Police Station Sergeant Matome Tlamela.



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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 nappie down 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:

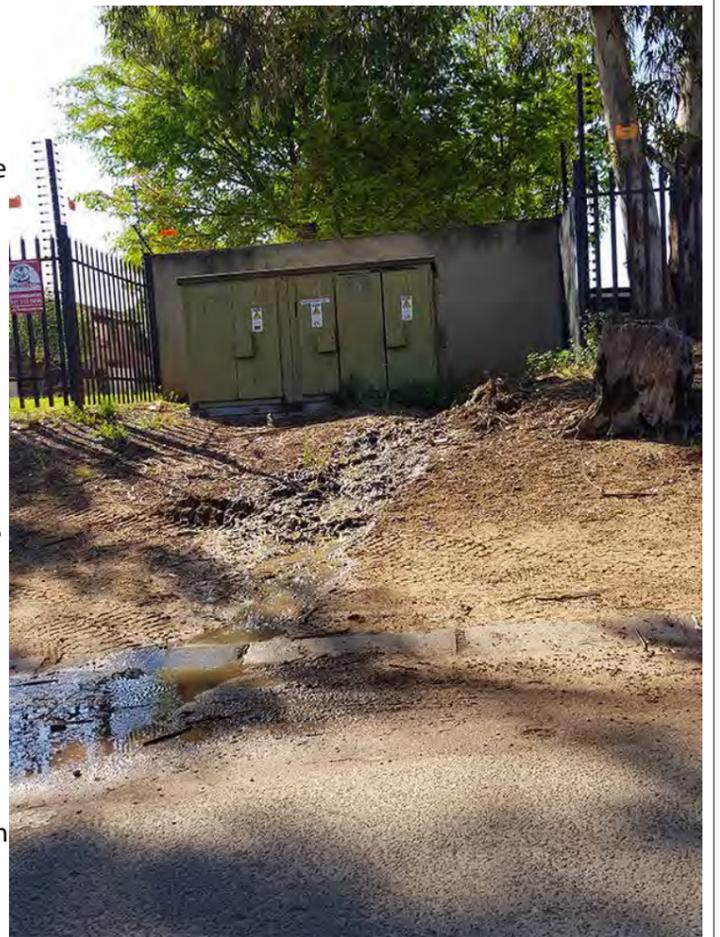
Nappies, Food, Garbage, Hair, Personal hygiene products, Toys, Paper towels, Toothbrushes, Baby/Cleaning wipes etc.

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/>



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Midrand Community Police Forum
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Recycling with Phambili Services

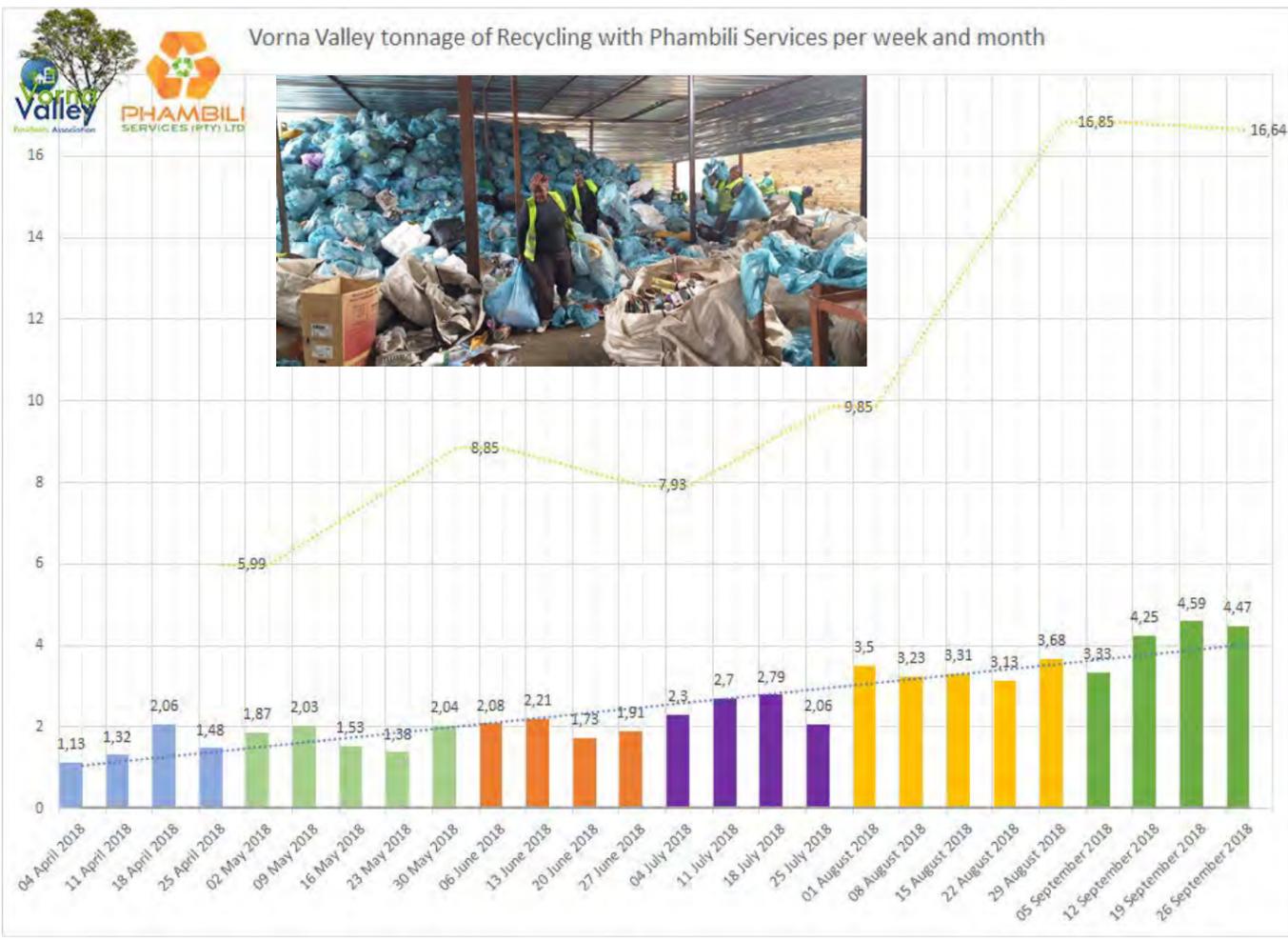
Over the past few years several recycling companies started pilot projects to get recycling off the ground in Midrand. Vorna Valley was on board each time but each time a pilot project ended, residents became hesitant to start recycling again, especially complexes, as they adapt their recycling and refuse collecting to streamline the process.

We are proud to say that Vorna Valley is doing well with recycling, and though many are still not recycling, we hope to grow month by month. Only 2 complexes in Vorna Valley have not joined the recycling project, but hopefully they will join shortly.

So if you are not yet part of the recycling project with Phambili Services every Wednesday, please email your details to secretary@vvra.co.za for free standing houses and info@vvra.co.za for complexes.

Inform your neighbours, inform your trustees and managing agents, and let's get more residents to start recycling.

Phambili Services also tries to bring the informal reclaimers on board by doing buy backs from them directly.



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Email: courier@hot.co.za

Cell: 082 561 0063 (Wolfgang)



A SAFER LIFE IN THE VALLEY

While crime in our neighbourhoods remains an ever-present reality, by considering certain safety precautions, home owners in the Vorna Valley can better protect their homes. A little know-how can make a massive difference towards keeping you safe.

Stay safe with these tips from the Vorna Valley Residents Association, in partnership with Fidelity ADT:



To prevent being a target for smash-and-grabs and hi-jackings, ensure that you are vigilant while driving.



Ensure you are aware and alert when approaching crime hotspots.



Ensure that you have adequate perimeter security on your property.



Request a free risk or security assessment to help you upgrade your system.



Ensure that your gates and doors are locked at home, even when you are with guests.



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Diepsloot wetland being used for illegal dumping

From Kristin Kallesen: <https://www.facebook.com/kristin.kallesen/videos/2419018631447195/>



“Rubble from a nearby construction site being dumped illegally in the Diepsloot wetland. In the space of 30 minutes I saw three trucks dumping at three different parts of the wetland. All large contractors, these are not small bakkies doing backyard work.

This has been reported to JMPD but all businesses and developers need to be aware - there is no legal dumping site in Diepsloot or surrounds and most of the rubble is ending up in wetlands.” Residents are also asked to question the rubble removers they use as to where they dump their rubble, and to request a receipt from the dumpsite to prove the rubble was dumped legally.

Sadly Midrand has become a dump site for many illegal rubble removers and in the end, our tax money gets used to have it removed and taken to a legal dumpsite.

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2) Send proof of payment and your details to: jhbsmallwildlife@gmail.com

3) Await notification that calendars have arrived, come to our hospital and collect your gorgeous calendar!
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 – Tony Robbins

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Willem Snyman the intrepid River Ranger reports on the Restoration of the Hennops

From: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/555944104597542/>

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19 October 2018 – Day 1

We were joined by a delegation from DEA as well as Jhb Environment - all were shocked at the state of the pollution and huge volumes of waste. The wetland is being systematically filled in with building rubble, levelled, and shacks erected in a widespread grab and destruction of the Kaalfontein Spruit at the headwaters of the Hennops.

This has been reported and we hope that a stop can be put to this deliberate lawlessness. We introduced Effective Micro-organisms (EMs) into the stream and hope that toxicity will be broken down ahead of tomorrow's community cleanup day. The atmosphere around the wetland is relaxed and such a feature of the area. The lower part is in danger of complete destruction - hope it can be saved by the intervention of the authorities.

20 October - Day 2:

An improvement in water quality was already visible after the EM applications. Yesterday the water was a completely opaque grey, now there's almost 5cm visibility - the top layer clearing up.

To assemble local residents community leaders blew a "cleanup whistle". After a fairly long explanation the people set to work with enthusiasm, equipped with DEA gloves, masks and bags. The plastics and other waste on the banks and in the stream were pulled out of the thick layer of black sludge on the bottom.

felt good to be part of this initial turn-around to confront the chaos and to start to clean this stream and reclaim their environment. EMs were used to disinfect hands and feet afterwards and given to all to drink to prevent disease.

Numerous rubbish bags were taken out of a smallish area and much remains, but a start was made against apathy and chaos. The word will spread. Already the families in the houses in front have committed to use bags and stop throwing rubbish into the stream.

After a long discussion with the dump truck drivers and their leader an agreement was hopefully reached to stop dumping building rubble on the banks. It seems the community wanted a park but are now levelling and putting up shacks out of frustration at not getting houses. They want to force government in this way to provide RDP houses. Pipelines and infrastructure are being inaccessibly buried and rehabilitation will be costly, but a communal park is the only way forward.

We're slowly winning some battles to shift the pollution tide. Tomorrow (Sunday) is the Wetland Spirit Day on the banks to unite people, emphasising the value of clean water and nature. Starting at 9am, there will group yoga at 10am, as well as Apostolic and ZCC ceremonies, followed by a small shared lunch by Living Word. Talks and discussions on the wetland and river will follow after that.

Accolades for Midrand Brigadier Station

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Accolades for local Brigadier Station



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Midrand Police Station Commander Brigadier David Tsotsotso could not hold back his excitement after his station was named as second runner-up for the Best Brigadier Station of the Year in the province.

Tsotsotso said he dedicated the prize won at the Gauteng Police Excellence Awards on 26 October at the Birchwood Hotel in Boksburg to his team, stakeholders and the Midrand

'We will continue to strive for excellence and make Midrand safe for all'

community. "I am giving over this award to my management team, members of the station, local security companies, various forums and subforums, community members and especially the community policing forum headed by Steven Johnstone," he added. Appointed less

than two years ago as station commander, Tsotsotso said that although there would always be challenges, he and his team have put measures in place to accelerate the fight against the escalating crime rate. Since his tenure, the station has increased the allocation of vehicles from two to five in each of the five sectors.

"I wanted more but that was what was available at the time. "We will work on acquiring more to increase police visibility. We have also established a Crime Prevention Team which has five vehicles, one for each sector which was not there before."

Tsotsotso also boasted about the station's bi-weekly detective tracing operation for known suspects, undercover operations and social crime prevention unit.

"Despite the challenges of a lack of physical and human resources, there has been a vast improvement with the assistance from the provincial office.

"We have two more vehicles per sector deployed... to increase police visibility and conduct stop-and-searches."

The 48-year-old commander regards himself as a young and energetic leader who attributes his success to his team.

Tsotsotso has served in the police force for 26 years and has headed two other police stations namely, Tembisa South and Rabie Ridge.

"Together with my management, the team and stakeholders, we will continue to strive for excellence and make Midrand safe for all," he concluded.

Sooner or later, we will have to recognise that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution. What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans.

- Evo Morales

Midrand Police Station Commander Brigadier David Tsotsotso holds the second runner-up Best Brigadier Station of the Year award.

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