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NEWSLETTER

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2021

Vorna Valley Residents Association



Vorna Valley

October was quite an eventful month with load shedding, power faults, sewerage leaks and elections.

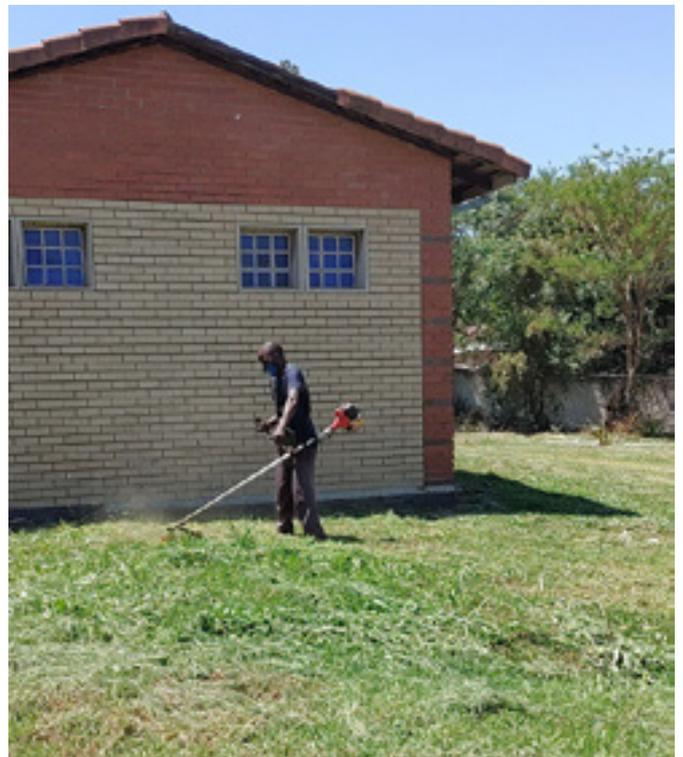
As we work our way to December and Christmas we would like to thank Firzt Properties for coming on board by contributing towards the VVRA LPR cameras.

Thank you also goes to KG Rentals & Sales, Firzt Properties and Platinum Residential, who have contributed towards our cleaner for many years, to help keep Vorna Valley clean.

Hawkeye Security Solutions, Firzt Properties, 345 Nursery School, several complexes and several residents who contribute towards the VVRA LPR cameras, thank you for your loyal support, without all of you, this project would not be possible.

If anyone, be it a complex, a business or a resident would like to contribute, please feel free to email info@vvra.co.za for more details.

“If you define the problem correctly, you almost have the solution.” - Steve Jobs



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City Power

Load shedding is back, bringing with it infrastructure damage and failures.

On 25 October 2021, around 18H59 we had severe lighting and many Vorna Valley residents lost power. Several faults seemed to have emanated from this including at the Vorna Valley substation.

City Power team worked day and night to find all the faults, waited too long for a new mini sub to be released to replace the badly damaged one on Gustav Preller.

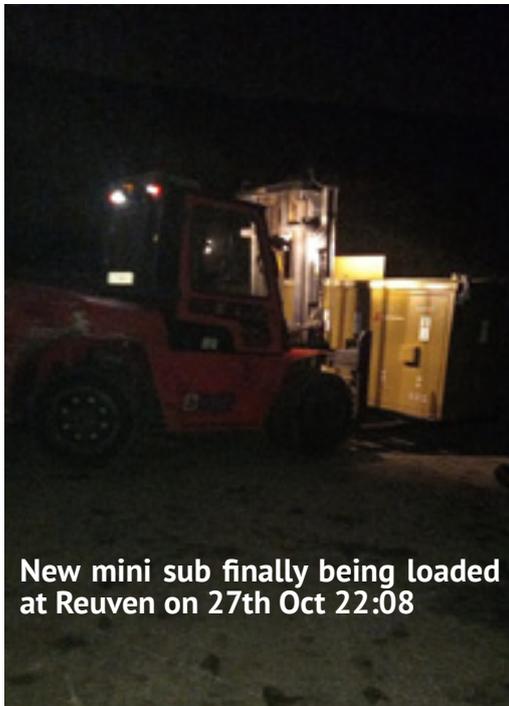
A resident reported smoke coming from a mini sub on Langeveld and City Power went to investigate immediately only to find a person running away on their arrival. Seemingly a fire was started in the mini sub by a vandal, and it blew up. This vandal was burnt but managed to run away.

Thank you to the residents that reported it immediately on our whatsapp groups.

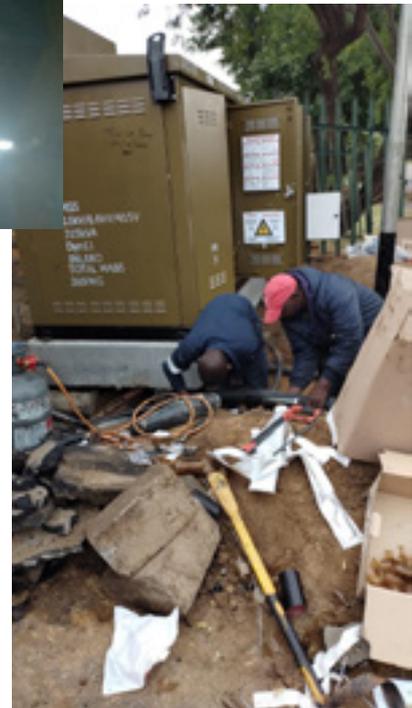
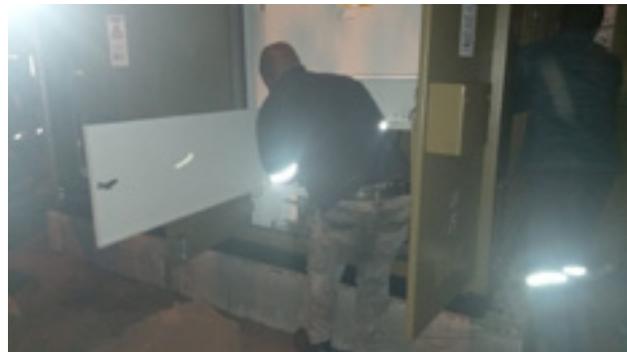


This City Power team worked tirelessly all through the night and the next day to get residents, who had been without power since the afternoon of 25 Oct around 18H59 until 28th Oct 15H42 only minutes before load shedding started. Thankfully, when load shedding ended, everyone had power again.

We are thankful for teams at City Power that are dedicated to serve the residents and give them a BIG thank you from all the residents affected by this long outage. I personally, would like to thank Lazarus, Itani and Malindi for all the updates and phone calls so that we could keep the affect residents informed.



New mini sub finally being loaded at Reuven on 27th Oct 22:08



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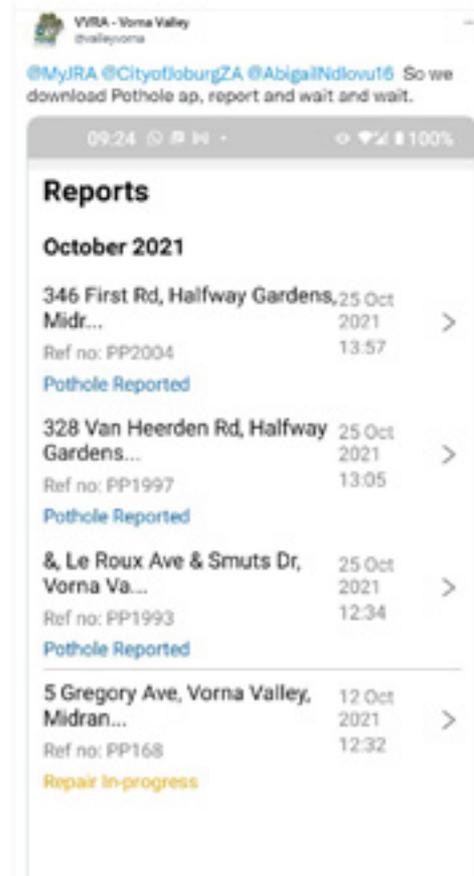
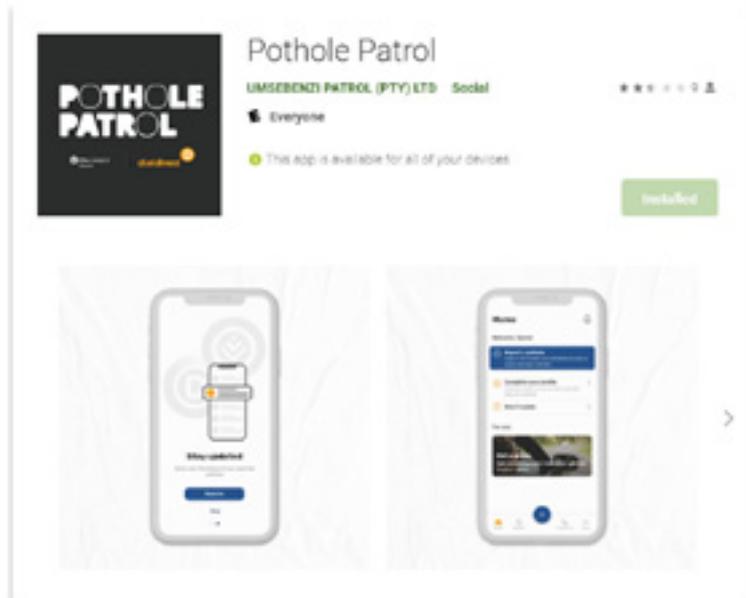
JRA



Potholes are still an issue in Vorna Valley and residents are urged to report pothole and street lights that are not working. The more people that report it, the better. Then send the ref no and details to the VVRA on whatsapp so it can be escalated.

Discovery and Dial Direct Pothole Patrol app can be downloaded on your cell phones. The VVRA have reported several potholes (see below) but we are still waiting for them to be repaired.

After escalating it on twitter, our Regional Director followed up and hopefully they will get repaired in the next few days. Thank you Abigail



Visionary people face the same problems everyone else faces; but rather than get paralyzed by their problems, visionaries immediately commit themselves to finding a solution.

- Bill Hybels



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Joburg Water

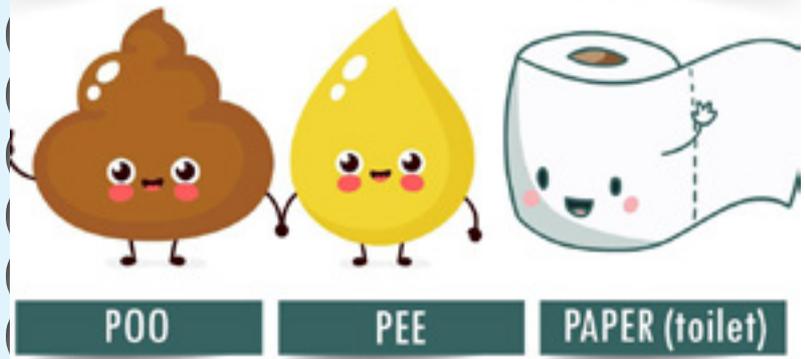


A few sewerage blockages created by tree roots and/or foreign objects this past month, caused a bit of havoc for residents.

We remind residents not to throw foreign objects down their sewerage, as this affects all your neighbours.

We ask that if a residents notices a sewerage leak, report it, even if someone else has reported it, the more people reporting it , the better.

Remember: ONLY FLUSH THE THREE P'S



WHAT DO YOU FLUSH DOWN YOUR TOILET??

Please DO NOT flush the following down your toilet or drain



Hair



Dental floss



Tampons



Sanitary towels



Nappies



Ear buds



Wet Wipes



Old rags, towels, face cloths



Masks and gloves



JMPD



JMPD have been taken down some illegal signs and hopefully fining the culprits. As has the VVRA cleaner, which we then take to JMPD in Midrand. The worst offenders are developers who don't stick to bylaw rules and just keep on putting up illegal signs.

Sadly, Firzt Properties, who was assisting Residents Associations with cleaning up the areas, had their display boards taken down by JMPD. Not all illegal signs, only Firzt signs. What does this say to us, other than the waste of JMPD resources. If people can be this childish, and our Cllr can waste resources by getting JMPD out, one can understand how corruption creeps into our society.



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From: https://joburg.org.za/documents/_Documents/By-Laws/OUTDOORADVERTISING_bylaw2017.pdf

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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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Street Names (Brahms)

JOHANNES BRAHMS



Widely considered one of the 19th century's greatest composers and one of the leading musicians of the Romantic era, Johannes Brahms was born of very poor parents in May in Hamburg, Germany.

His father was a double bassoonist in the Hamburg Philharmonic Orchestra in Hamburg 1833 and the young Brahms began playing the piano at the age of seven.

Something that was frequently ignored by early biographers of Brahms was what he did musically during his formative years. Coming from a very poor family, the young Johannes was sent to play piano at the local inns, brothels and taverns to supplement the family income

His music is deeply influenced by folk and Gypsy music. This was a result of having met the Hungarian refugee violinist, Eduard Remenyi in 1850 when Brahms was only 15. Remenyi had been banned from Hungary due to his taking part in the Hungarian Revolution in 1848. The two of

them subsequently toured together in 1853.

In 1853 Brahms was introduced to the renowned German composer and music critic Robert Schumann. The two men quickly grew close, with Schumann seeing in his younger friend great hope for the future of music. He dubbed Brahms a genius and praised the "young eagle" publicly in a famous article. The kind words quickly made the young composer a known entity in the music world.

Brahms never did marry (he did get engaged briefly to Agatha von Siebold in 1859, but he broke it off), and remained alone for the rest of his life.

Brahms became a wealthy man through his composing although he didn't show it. He lived in a small apartment and happily gave money to friends and aspiring musicians. He was also known to give candy to children in the streets, which was probably an OK thing to do back then. He was known to eat in the cheapest restaurants and dressed like he was homeless with a large safety pin to hold his coat together.

Brahms didn't work very quickly; he was a perfectionist. After destroying all his early music because he thought it no good, he then wrote over 20 string quartets before finally presenting his first official one. His first Symphony (Opus 68 in C minor) took 22 years from first putting pen to paper to a performance.



Brahms was, apparently quite a disagreeable, grumpy character. He did have a lot of friends, however, and enjoyed cigars and beer; he drunk in the Red Hedgehog Tavern in Vienna on a daily basis.

Brahms died almost a month to the day after hearing a performance of his Fourth and final Symphony (Opus 98 in E minor). It was his last public appearance and he died of suspected liver cancer aged 63.

When he died, he was buried in the Vienna Central Cemetery where, if you were deemed worthy enough, you were placed in a special area; Brahms was buried close to Beethoven and Schubert and was later joined by Johann Strauss and Arnold Schoenberg. There is even a memorial to Mozart; Salieri, Mozart's great adversary, didn't get put in the same special area, however.

Grave in the Vienna Central Cemetery; monument designed by Victor Horta and sculpture by Ilse von Twardowski

New Dev. 6 Anton Hartman

Vorna Valley is a Residential 1 area and yet some keep on trying to make it into a business area. 6 Anton Hartman want's to develop as per below:

Zoning	:	"Residential 3"
Primary Rights	:	As per Scheme; including a health spa and salon
Height	:	2 storeys
Density	:	40 du/ha (5 dwelling units)
Coverage	:	32%
F. A. R	:	0,3
Parking	:	13 bays
Building Lines	:	As per Scheme

Yet another health spa and salon which has been running illegally and now trying to get legal. Council has investigated this property as there were complaints of a SPA being run here, towels were being boiled in pots over a wood fire, and loud parties being held with only men present at first and later "ladies" joining in very interesting outfits.

Would you want to live next door to this? We therefore request as many residents to object to this please. We need to stand together if we want to keep Vorna Valley a residential area and not allow just any Tom, Dick or Harry to open all kinds of unwanted businesses.

See next page for what is now and what is planned.

Please send objections to: ObjectionsPlanning@joburg.org.za, mzinyanesp@gmail.com and copy info@vvra.co.za

From Government Gazette:

LOCAL AUTHORITY NOTICE 1449 OF 2021

ERF 259 VORNA VALLEY

APPLICABLE SCHEME: CITY OF JOHANNESBURG LAND USE SCHEME, 2018.

Notice is hereby given, in terms of Section 21 and 41 of the City of Johannesburg Municipal Planning By- Law, 2016, that we, Inkanyiso Planning Developments (Pty) Ltd, intend to apply to the City of Johannesburg for the simultaneous removal of restrictive condition in title and amendment to the land use scheme. SITE DESCRIPTION: Erf/Portion: 259 Suburb Name: Vorna Valley Code: 1686

APPLICATION TYPE: Rezoning from "Residential 1" to "Residential 3", permitting 40 du/ha residential units, a health spa and a salon, subject to conditions. APPLICATION PURPOSES: to develop 5 dwelling units, a health spa and a salon.

The above application will be open for inspection from 8:00 to 15:30 at the City's Metro Link, 158 Civic Boulevard, Braamfontein, which has been identified as the public point of entry for Development Planning walk in services. Alternatively, the application will also be available on the City's e- platform for access by the public to inspect for a period of 28 days from 03 November 2021. A copy of the application documents can also be provided via email, upon request to the authorized agent

(contact details below).

Any objection or representation with regard to the application must be submitted to both agent and the Registration Section of the Development Planning at the above address, or posted to: P.O. Box 30733, Braamfontein, 2017, or a facsimile sent to (011) 339 4000, or an e-mail sent to ObjectionsPlanning@joburg.org.za by no later than 01 Decemer 2021.

AUTHORISED AGENT: Inkanyiso Planning Developments (Pty) Ltd. Postal Address: 1896 Mpane Street, Orlando East, 1804, (t) +27 11 935 1847, (c) +27 78 574 3228, (e) mzinyanesp@gmail.com

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
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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
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http://citypower.mobi	Dangerous Situation	Immediate
https://za4.ferrellink.net/ferrellink/customportal/cp_mdt/customerportal.html	Street Light not working	2 working days
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anticorruption@tip-offs.com	Faulty Meter	7 working days
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SMS Line :44074		
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est.malions@citypower.co.za		
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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
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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
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City Parks		
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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
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South African Police Service		
Midrand Police Station: 011-347-1600	c/o Smuts Drive & Oracle Street Halfway Gardens	
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Relief Commanders: 071-675-6114		
Police Emergency - 10111		
ops.midrand.sc@saps.gov.za		
Crime Stop Tip-Off 08600 10111		
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CorruptionReports@saps.gov.za		
Johannesburg Metro Police Department		
011 375 5918 / 5911 / 011 758 9650	Traffic violations	Dependent on incident and resources available
JMPD 24 - hour Traffic Hotline 080-872-3342	Noise	
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	Vagrants	



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