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Vorna Valley Residents Association

Newsletter



September 2018

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Dear Vorna Valley Residents

Thankfully Pikitup is back on track and hopefully by now have caught up with the back log. We still have non collection on our Pikitup day (Thursday) due to 4 trucks breaking down, but collection was resumed on the next day (Friday).



Greig/Allandale was left with illegal dumping due to the Pikitup shutdown, where residents thought it a good idea to dump illegally.

Thank you to Pikitup, who came to remove all the illegal dumping. Sometimes one can only wonder what kind of mentality people, who dump illegally, have.



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 (Sue Klingenberg) on 076 445 2451 to set up an appointment. All counselling is confidential and no charge!

Contact details for Sector 2:

Sector Commander - Sergeant Benji
082 888 7731 (Office Hours)
Sector 2 Vehicle
071 675 6110 (24/7)

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



Swiss Country Club

JOHANNESBURG

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
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Several power boxes were reported open and City Power came to attend to these issues.
01 Sept 2018 - Power outage in parts of Vorna Valley and Halfway Gardens



Many blocked sewerage pipes and several leaking or bursts were reported.
Rand Water throttled JWater and some reservoirs ran very low.

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 driveway using hose pipes



JRA's contract with supplier expired more than a month ago, and wasn't renewed on time, so JRA are unable to rent the equipment needed to fix major road works until the contact has been put in place again.



Several residents have requested City Parks to supply them with trees for they pavements, for which the residents need to dig the holes and tend to watering them. If anyone still wants to receive trees from City Parks, please send an email to info@vvra.co.za so that we can make the necessary arrangements for you.

Please note that City Parks have to apply for a way leave for planting of trees on pavements and this can take up to 3 months.

JMPD again fail to remove reclaimers, who have been damaging and littering in our wetland off le Roux, permanently, and they have once again built shacks, chopped down trees, make fires and dump their rubbish in the river.



Several cases of theft have taken place at the homes along the wetland.

These reclaimers all live in a nearby township, yet they do not get removed, even while they are breaking several laws and by laws.

Thank you to Inspector Singh for arranging for JMPD to monitor traffic on Harry Galaun. Hopefully this will be done often.



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This Spring,
 why not meet me and discuss the best ways to prepare your home for sale and plant the seed that could sell your home.

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Reclaimers in our Vlei area



Recycling became compulsory as from 1 July 2018, and Phambili Services were contracted by Pikitup to service all of Midrand. Phambili do buy backs from informal reclaimers but many of them, being illegal immigrants, refuse to work with Phambili, and they take over open property and even the Vorna Valley open vlei area. They build make shift shelters, chop down trees, make fires and burn rubble, dump waste they don't want into the river and have done an enormous amount of damage to the wet land, and sadly council are unable to remove them permanently and more and more reclaimers now occupy these open spaces.



Council is arranging the monthly A Re Sebetseng to take place here in October 2018, but until this area can be fenced off, the reclaimers will continue to return.

A promotional banner for Platinum Residential. On the left, there is a large green question mark and the text "WHAT IS YOUR HOME WORTH?" in white and green. Below this is the "PLATINUM residential" logo. On the right, there is a portrait of a smiling man with short brown hair, wearing a dark shirt. To the right of the portrait is a vertical column of numbers: 0, 8, 3, 2, 3, 3, 6, 8, 8, 8.

Vorna Valley Vlei Fence

A Big thank you again to Prega of APSS for once again fixing and securing our vlei fence.



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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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Developers at it again

WhatsApp Chat:

Kobus Potgieter... last seen today at 11:49

14:54 ✓

So Abland continues to bulldoze down the trees on Elias Disgusting to say the least 14:55 ✓

Marianne, please get your facts right. Firstly Abland no longer owns that property, secondly, have you gone to the effort of looking at proposals for landscaping and streetscaping once the precinct is done, I guess not. 15:02

Really. You told us Abland would never sell it so if you didnt inform us how do you think we are suppose to know 15:03 ✓

Not true, we said at the public meetings we are not residential developers however all conditions would be carried forward to any new owner, which is indeed the case. 15:26

Please give me details of the new owner 15:50 ✓

I will send it in the morning, currently out of the office 15:52

21 SEPTEMBER 2018

The developer of the site is Craft Homes on behalf of the owner. Discussed the matter with them and they will respond to you comments. Contact nr 08600CRAFT. 09:10

Type a message

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Developers on Pretorius/Jose/Langeveld putting up signs without first informing all neighbouring residents and no way leave on site.



They have also mutilated some of the old trees on the sand road part of Pretorius Street



We later found out that these beautiful old thorn trees were part of the developers property. The fence was misleading.

Most of us are trying to save trees but developers just go and bull doze them down because they are on THEIR property. These trees can never be replaced.

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Teacher Hantie van Niekerk from Vorna Valley and Stiaan Scheepers (9) attended the recent JMCWC in Bielefeld Germany. Stiaan competed against 25 children in the age group 8-11 - children from 14 countries in the world.

What makes this so phenomenal? Except for the basic add, subtract, multiply and divide these kids were tested with fractions, ratios, square roots, cube roots, prime factors, sums of squares, brackets etc.

The exam (24th September) was 2 hours and the kids had to complete as many sums as they could of the total marks of 2523!

ALL WITH ONLY MENTAL CALCULATIONS!!! No scrap paper for calculating. Answer only allowed to be striped out once and replaced with another answer.

A+Students is a Japanese Soroban mental calculation program where we incorporated the Germany advanced school maths if the children reach level 4. We also offer Mathematics tutoring from Grade 4 to 12.

Our centre is at 181 Bekker Street, Vorna Valley

Hantie van Niekerk
hantievn@aplusstudents.co.za

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgFg2QRhvDk>

Shot hole borer beetle threatening South Africa's trees



The coming tree apocalypse

How to identify and control the beetle that is threatening South Africa's trees

2mm

Polyphagous shot hole borer beetle

Approximate actual size

The borer infects a tree with a fungus that it feeds on and that kills the tree. Both indigenous and exotic trees have been affected

Treatment of infested trees

Some trees can be rescued by injecting fungicides and insecticides

Reported infestations of shot hole borer beetle

Johannesburg, Hartswater, Bloemfontein, Durban and Pietermaritzburg, Cape Town, George and Knysna, Mpumala

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A plague of tiny beetles is tearing into our trees and killing them. The unprecedented crisis has led to towns, cities, companies and universities scrambling to find an urgent solution.

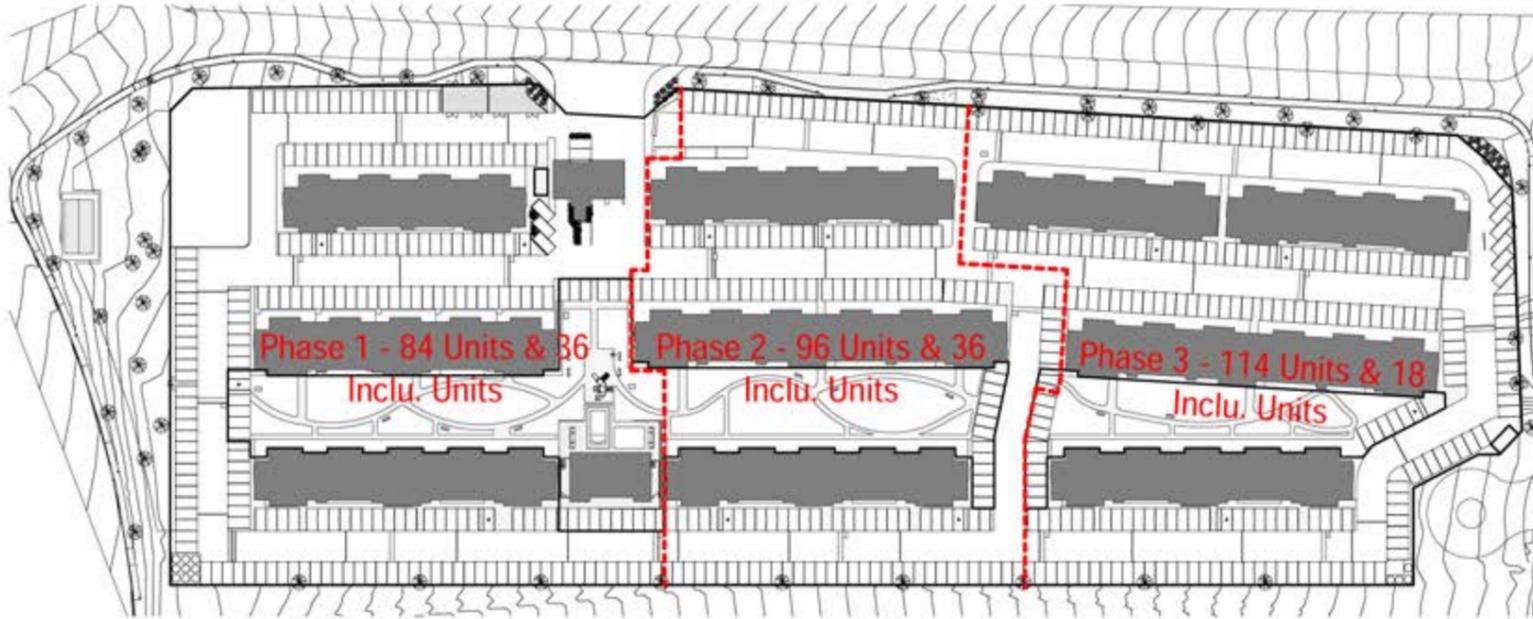
The innocuous-looking villain is the 2mm-long shot hole borer. An invasive alien species from Asia, the borer burrows deep into trees to create a nest for its eggs.

It then secretes a fungus (*Fusarium euwallacea*) to feed its larvae. The fungus feeds on the capillaries of its unwilling host and starves the tree of water and nutrition. The first sign that a tree has been invaded is shotgun-like holes on the outside. Dark-red resin then starts to ooze from the holes. A single tree can host up to 100 000 beetles.

Follow this link from Mail&Guardian to read the full article
<https://mg.co.za/article/2018-09-21-00-tiny-beetles-cause-a-giant-crisis/>

More development on our old infrastructure

Abland - Craft Homes will be putting up 294 units on Elias opposite Cedar Roc just off Harry Galaun.



Phasing Plan
SCALE: 1 : 1000

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PROJECT	PHASE	DISCIPLINE	BLOCK/SERIES/SUFFIX	REVISION
GAF	1	AR	1009	A
DRAWING STATUS		GENERAL		
INFO	TENDER	CONSTRUCT		
DRAWN BY: Stephane van Rooyen		CHECKED BY: Jensen Bjornstad		
DATE: 12/05/17		SIGNED:		

REV	DATE	DRAWN	DESCRIPTION
A	05/11/2017	Stephane	1st issue for Client

Waterfall Ridge

Phasing Diagram

SCALE: 1 : 1000 @ A3

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M&T will be putting up 672 units on Pretorius/Jose/Langeveld



For those of you who have been asking about the development on Hoogenhout/Pannevis Vorna Valley ext 88, Central Dev. have decided to wait until the economy picks up before they continue with the development

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