



Vorna Valley Residents Association

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VVRA Newsletter July 2015

Dear Vorna Valley Residents

Winter has settled in and our landscapes looks dry and dreary but we have amazing sunrises and sunsets. Unfortunately our Vlei was burnt and left many Vorna Valley residents angry that City Parks did not come to the cut the whole of the Vlei as was promised, not to mention the waterway down le Roux that hasn't been cleaned up or repaired.

VVRA AGM

The VVRA AGM will be held at the Swiss Club on the 26th of August 2015 at 6pm for 6:30pm.

Guest speakers Cnr Candice James will talk about our wetland and the police petition and Col Stephen Moodley will talk about crime in the area and community participation and projects initiated between saps and the community

We invite everyone to attend. Please RSVP to info@vvra.co.za.

Siemens Midrand

We would like to say a big thank you to Sarita Gouws from Siemens Midrand for arranging that Siemens went into the Vlei to do their Mandela Day cleaning parts of the Vlei. We appreciate your support Siemens.

Thank you to Pikitup for collecting the bags afterwards.

Vlei Fence

City Parks is busy repairing broken parts of the Vlei fence. This should be completed within the next 2 – 3 weeks. They are also looking at repainting the fences. The VVRA is pleased to say that the right people at City Parks have now been located for these problems.

Joburg Water

Joburg Water again had their hands full with water leaks and blocked sewerage drains. There was a major pipe burst in the Vlei on the Harry Galaun side, which needed excavating to replace and repair the pipe.

City Power

The VVRA was yet again put on hold regarding the broken open electric boxes after taking the matter up with Stuart Webb but he just asked Katlego to get the teams to replace locks on all open boxes, yet again costing the tax payer huge amounts of money.

This led to a phone call to Sicelo Xulu, the CEO of City Power to arrange a meeting with residents in Vorna Valley. He requested emails relating to our problems so that he could look at them and possibly come up with a plan before the meeting.

The meeting takes place on 31 July 2015 at the Swiss Club and Vorna Valley residents will get feed back from this meeting.

VORNA VALLEY VLEI



SIEMENS MIDRAND ON MANDELA DAY CLEANING UP THE VLEI



JOBURG WATER



CPF SECTOR 2 SECURITY PATROLLING INITIATIVE

The Midrand CPF Sector 2 Committee launched on Saturday 4th July an initiative involving a joint venture between security companies and the CPF Sector 2 Committee.

The following security companies have pledged their support in reducing crime in Sector 2 and demonstrated their commitment by taking part in the initial patrol.

CPF Sector 2 Committee, on behalf of the residents, would like to express our gratitude and say a very big thank you to:

- a) ADT
- b) TRS
- c) Ria Sebetsa
- d) Savika

We are hoping that other security companies that are involved in Sector 2 area will join our initiative.

Secondly a big thank you to Colonel S C Moodley of Midrand SAPS and his team, Captain Kgoshdira and Sergeant Molema for attending our launch on Saturday. Colonel S C Moodley confirmed that SAPS will not be part of the patrols, however, assured us of his support and this was confirmed by his presence with his team at the launch.

We look forward to the next patrol.

Shamroc Ave has received a bit more attention, after the VVRA contacted JWater to have a look at the water leak which JRA chose to ignore or not pass on to JWater. JWater came out immediately to deal with the problem. As there is a bitumen shortage all over SA we have to wait and see when this will now be finished off.

Advertising bins in Vorna Valley

Continental Outdoor hadn't moved their bins as promised and we went sent it to JMPD to deal with them as the bins are, according to by laws, illegal.

Continental Outdoor were quick to come back and say they were moving them. So let's see if they do what they promised and if not we will again ask JMPD to step in as only a few have been moved since.

Taxi ranks in Vorna Valley

Unfortunately Armsta Taxis bosses went quiet on their promises and we don't get any response from them re the littering and illegal parking and bad driving of taxis so the

VVRA are now sending these problems to JMPD and hopefully they will attend to these problems.

VVRA Greig Street Garden

A big thank you to Judy of Golden Homes for having her bin moved from the VVRA garden corner Greig and Anton Hartman, which was sponsored by Wendy of Harcourts. We appreciate your gesture.

Illegal street signage

Illegal signs are being dealt with by JMPD. The VVRA and residents were tired of JMPD not dealing with the offenders and hopefully now they will take this matter seriously enough to rid Vorna Valley of these offenders.

Our cleaner and the VVRA will still be taking them down and sending them to JMPD.

PATROLLING INITIATIVE



HARRY GALAUN/ALBERTYN TAXI RANK



ILLEGAL STREET SIGNAGE



Message from Sector Policing Forum for Sector 2:

July has been a very busy month for the CPSF team with celebrations of Mandela day. Cupcakes and snacks shared with our SAPS team whilst giving a hand behind the busy Midrand Station counter. The CPSF is the voice of the community to our local SAPS, and community interaction with CPSF members encouraged. An awareness day for Sector 2 with SAPS on 25 July was also very well received by VV Shoppers.

Summary of criminal activity in our area:

The Major crime stats contributor is still Theft out of Motor Vehicles. We urge all residents to check that their vehicles are locked (Physically Check the door handle) before leaving the car. Remote Jamming incidents have been reported in most shopping centres. Although Shopping centre management are engaging with their car guards in a prevention attempt, the responsibility is still yours to CHECK, and CHECK again before you walk away!

Break-in incidents in Complexes have exceeded the numbers of house robberies and break ins by 93.75%. There has been an 83% increase in armed robberies from 2014 and a 75% decrease in house break-ins. Vorna Valley has had numerous Attempted Hijacking incidents, we encourage residents again to familiarise themselves with Anti-Hijacking tips, and to be alert. Look out for suspicious vehicles and do not enter your driveway if you suspect you might be followed. A robbery has occurred at Cash Converters in VV Shopping centre, as well as attempted theft of motor vehicle.

Woman's Day:

The CPSF will be running a few initiatives this month for Womans day. Please tune in to MixFM on Tuesday, 04 August at 13h30 where the CPSF and SAPS Spokesperson will chat about abuse of woman, means of protection and what steps to take. The woman's day campaign also focuses on our valued domestic workers who have lately fallen victim of mugging incidents. There will be a talk in the Anton Hartman park in August where Pepper spray can be purchased for your domestic, along with a discussion on basic means of defence and precautions.

A special safeguard reminder for woman/nannies to walk/jog away from open veld, and to do so with means of self-defence such as pepper spray. Warning especially for woman who are on the road when daylight is fading.

Whats app group:

The VV Security alert groups has proven a lifeline for many, and passive alerts of suspicious behaviour. We extend the invite to all VV residents to email your Name, Address and cellphone number to info@vvra.co.za to be added to the groups. We have 4 groups with almost 400 residents looking out for each other.

Emergency numbers:

Colonel Moodley, Station commander of Midrand SAPS has approved the sector vehicle cell number to be a primary contact number in emergencies. This is the cell number for the officers in the SAPS vehicle. In the event of no contact made (Line busy, no answer) residents need to immediately call 10111. The officer may be attending to another incident. 0716756110 / 0716756111.. Please also visit the vvra webpage for other emergency contacts: www.vvra.co.za

Sector 2 Police

Thank you to Sector 2 Police for responding withing 5 mins of reporting that people were found in the vlei illegally.

SECTOR 2 IN ACTION AT VORNA VALLEY SPAR!



Celebrating Women's Day



'An educated woman can raise intelligent children, which in turn creates a self-reliant society.'

Celebrate the spirit of womanhood!

Date : 9 August 2015

Time: 14h00

Venue : Anton Hartman Park

- Meet and greet our CPF and SAPS team
- Safety demonstration
- Pepper sprays on sale

THANK YOU TO SECTOR 2 POLICE FOR RESPONDING WITHIN 5 MINS



The Separation @ Source

This project is growing slowly but surely. We need everyone in Vorna Valley to partake in this project so please if you have not yet given your details to be added to this project, please email your full name, surname, street address and no to info@vvra.co.za. A lot of people outside of Vorna Valley are wanting to Separate @ Source too. If you can get a few people in your street to get involved, Pikitup will also come to you to collect and hand out bags. Unfortunately some residents have taken the attitude of “ we didn’t get bags so we won’t recycle anymore”. Pikitup have said that normal bags can be used and they will drop of their bags for you so there is no excuse as to not having Pikitup bags. In future recycling will become a law so everyone needs to get involved as soon as possible. The VVRA do all the effect to try and sort out problems, the least residents can do is to partake and recycle.

Many people in Vorna Valley live in complexes, yet very few complexes Separate @ Source. Please get you trustees or managing agents to get your complex involved in this project. Email the managing agents or trustees details with the complex name to info@vvra.co.za so that we can get them involved.



Whatsap groups

If you are not on the whatsapp VVRA Discussions groups or VV Alert groups please whatsapp your address and email address to 0824608662 so that you can be added. The Alert groups keep us informed at to crime in the area and the Discussions groups are to discuss problems and updates regarding Vorna Valley.



Website and Facebook page

Please remember to go like our Vorna Valley Residents Association (VVRA) facebook page. Here we post news and happenings continuously to keep you informed.

Also visit and register on our website www.vvra.co.za where you can log an incident once you have reported it to council. You will also find the load shedding schedule, Please add your ref. no when logging an incident so that the VVRA and follow up with council. You will also find the current load shedding schedule and helpful links on our website and helpful links.



We are also on Twitter # valleyvorna

We hope that you find our newsletters informative and if there is something you would like to see published in future issues, please feel free to let us know.

“Remember: If you are not part of the solutions, you are part of the problem”.

Best Regards
The Vorna Valley Residents Association

Our Sponsors

Once again a big thank you to our regular monthly sponsors - Wendl Redl from Harcourts Residential Properties, Steven McLaren of Platinum Residential, Mark McDonald of Leogem Properties, Danny Maduray of Ria Sebetsa and Midway Homes. They each sponsor a day a week for our weekly cleaner. Our cleaner tends to the gardens, picks up litter and takes down illegal signage. Also thank you to Heaven's Kitchen for supplying our cleaners with lunch and the Vorna Valley Shopping Centre for using our cleaner to keep their pavement clean and tidy.

We would like to welcome Rob Jones and Nina Baron from Keller Williams Ultimate on board. They will also be sponsoring a cleaner a day a week. Thank you for this sponsorship.

Mark McDonald is leaving LeoGem and sadly LeoGem will not be taking over the sponsorship we have received from Mark. Thank you for your support Mark, good luck with your new venture and hopefully we will see you back as a sponsor soon.

If there are any other companies that would be willing to sponsor the VVRA in any way, please email info@vvra.co.za.

We are looking at putting up notice boards at the entrances to Vorna Valley, and we would like to send a cleaner into the Vlei at least once a week to clean it up.

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