



## Newton Park Crime Prevention Forum

NEWTON PARK GLENHURD ADCOCKVALE EXTENSION

# CPF Community News

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### Do you know that Sector Policing is active in your neighbourhood?

Sector Policing is a joint venture between the **Police** and the **Community**, incorporating all role players that can assist in reducing crime. Sector Policing is an approach to policing whereby the service area of a police station is divided into smaller, manageable areas, known as **Sectors**. For each Sector the SAPS appoints a Sector Manager. Our Sector Manager is **Inspector Kenny Pietersen**. The Sector Manager and the community are active partners in ensuring local safety and security. A **Crime Prevention Forum (CPF)** was created by volunteers from the community for open discussion to provide information and inputs to prevent crime and assist the Sector Manager.

Crime prevention is everyone's business and responsibility. Look after yourself and each other. Put your crime issues on the agenda by joining us at our monthly meetings and find out how you can help in the fight against crime in your neighbourhood.

Please let us have e-mail addresses so that we can reach as many people as possible. We are hoping at a later stage to also have it available in printed form for those without internet.

#### CPF Manager

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#### Chairperson:

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#### OUR NEXT MEETING

9 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7PM

NEWTON PARK METHODIST CHURCH HALL  
CNR. 3RD AVENUE & NEWTON STREET

- Crime Report
- Feedback & Activity Report
- Schedule of Projects

### Thank you from Megan Canter

*I would like to thank the SAPS members and all concerned who arranged and put on the display in Glen Hurd. It was a most enjoyable and informative event much appreciated by my family. We hope the interaction between our community and the police will continue to grow to the good of all concerned. I also want to commend the SAPS members on their interaction with the children. My daughter will remember her morning with the police dogs and horses for a long time to come! It meant a lot to her to be able to come into such close contact with these animals.*

### CRIME ALERT (Inspector Pietersen)

#### INCREASE IN PICKPOCKETING

- Never leave your bag or purse in your trolley, however well hidden by goods.
- Never leave your bag or wallet unattended on a shop counter - not even momentarily and never keep your wallet in your back pocket. Remember, that is when thieves pounce.
- Hold your bag tightly.

#### CAR THIEVES ACTIVE (near Spar) IN WEST, HURD & WILLETT STREET AREA

- Don't leave valuables in your car and don't leave your car out on the verge at night.
- If possible, fit a gearlock and use it when out shopping.



*Our sector manager, Inspector Pietersen, and Constable Baleni with a group of seniors at the start of a walk through the Baakens Valley.*

### SAFETY TIPS – prevent house robberies

- Make sure the outside of your house is well lit at night and that the house number is visible from the street. Don't leave lights on during the day and regularly clear your postbox. Don't leave your gates, garage, front or back door open or partially open - it serves as an invitation to burglars.
- Keep all emergency numbers near the phone.
- Install security gates at all outside doors and keep them locked.
- Before opening the door make sure it is a person you know or someone you are expecting.
- At business premises always check identities of strangers before letting them in.
- Always activate your alarm at night. If your house alarm goes off, or you hear strange noises or your dogs bark switch on the outside lights.
- Make a copy of identity documents of all new employees. Check references and do security clearances at the police.
- Install the best security you can afford, ie the security gates at outside doors. Keep these gates locked. If possible fix a door viewer and latch chain.
- When approaching your house entrance by foot or by car ensure that it is safe to enter and that you have

not been followed. Be aware of persons loitering at the entrance.

- Always keep your keys safe to prevent duplication thereof. Never leave your house keys under a doormat or in a pot plant. Once you have locked your door from the inside remove the key and place it in a safe place.
- Do not leave keys in a hidden place for domestic staff or children and do not give keys to people who do not live on the property or to anyone if it is not absolutely necessary.
- Get to know your neighbours and build a relationship of mutual trust and support. When going away inform them.
- Be ready at all times to come to the rescue of one another in dangerous or suspicious times. Exchange phone numbers or signalling methods when you find yourself in distress. Your strength always lies in how many people are able to support you in an emergency.
- Keep cash and valuables in banks or safes.
- Store your firearms in a safe.

### Letter to the Editor

*I would like to report the following incident to emphasize the importance of having emergency numbers displayed at all businesses and schools.*

*"One Sunday I noticed a young 25/35 year old African male carrying a rather heavy looking kit bag leaving the Newton Tech grounds through their remote controlled gate.*

*As there was no after hours contact number I phoned the headmaster only on the Monday and he told me that they had a break-in and camera equipment was stolen.*

*The headmaster also reported that a coloured held up two of his pupils, one with a gun to his back, and stole their cell phones. This man was seen in the area in a white Opel Kadet."*

*Observer – Newton Park South*

### HAVE YOUR SAY

We would like to hear from you. Send us your suggestions or crime related stories.

**REMEMBER TO REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR OR PERSONS TO 10111**

To remove your name from our mailing list, please send an e-mail to [lynda.m@absamail.co.za](mailto:lynda.m@absamail.co.za)