



Newton Park Sector Crime Forum

NEWTON PARK GLENHURD ADCOCKVALE EXTENSION

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Community News

APRIL 2009

There has been a significant increase in crime in all areas of our beautiful city which should be of concern to all of us. We all need to do our part in fighting crime by watching over each other and the neighbourhood, noting and reporting anything unusual or suspicious to the SAPS or the neighbourhood watch, including:

- Screams or calls for help
- Someone looking into cars or homes
- A stranger removing items from unoccupied homes or closed businesses
- Vehicles cruising slowly or without lights
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger stopping to talk to a child

Our new committee has been hard at work since our last meeting setting up programme strategies and activities for the year. Join us at our meeting on 14 April and hear all about our new projects and where you can get involved.

Rozanne Biggs

It is with great enthusiasm that I tackle the months ahead. We have a new committee, new portfolios and new ideas.

One of my main objectives for the year is to increase our membership. I would like to see more neighbours sitting side by side at our 1 hour, monthly meeting, all with the same mission in mind:

"WORKING TOWARDS A SAFER AND CRIME FREE COMMUNITY"

Receiving this newsletter and staying informed is just a small part of our duties as members. We have great Crime Prevention projects planned for the year but we need you to get involved and become active. Our projects do not require much of your time, at our meetings you can choose where you want to get involved. It is amazing to see how the committed members have built relationships and become good friends, friends that would do anything to help one another.

Join us for a cup of coffee after our next meeting, I look forward to meeting you.



Basil Mclean



Most of us dream of living in a perfect world. Reality though is very different and perfection does not exist for us. We are all in the same boat but we need to learn to stand together to fight for a safer and crime free community. We have the opportunity, via this forum to do exactly that and I appeal to all to GET INVOLVED. If all you end up doing is phoning

someone to thank them for what they do, or have done, that is being involved. Ten minutes less time in front of the TV is all it takes to make this difference. My appeal is simple - let us all get involved and make a difference.

Fundraising – Deon Engelke, fundraiser

To put all our plans in action and to sustain our current projects we need your support in raising the much needed funds required. **A big thank-you to those members who have already made a donation to the fund.** If you can assist please contact our Treasurer Claude Campbell at Glenhurd Supermarket (041) 3652119 or Deon Engelke deon@inkanyezi.co.za.

Warren Jack Property Group is sponsoring a Mini Golf Day at the Little Walmer Golf Club on 12 May. We appeal to everyone, especially the business community, support us in this fundraising event. Phone Cathy at (041) 365 6200 or Rozanne 083 452 7105 for tee-off times or any queries.

Sector Manager
Inspector K. Pietersen 8 – 4pm
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Chairperson:
Rozanne Biggs

Vice-Chairperson:
Basil Mclean

Secretary
Lyn Marsh

Treasurer
Claude Campbell

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Deon Engelke

NEXT MEETING
14 APRIL 2009 AT 18h00
NEWTON PARK METHODIST CHURCH HALL
CNR. 3RD AVENUE & NEWTON STREET
•Crime Report
•PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Rapid Response Officers
Newton Park South
8–6pm
Emile Terblanche/Cliffie Leat
(041) 3652119 / 082 788 0320
6–6am 0835441344
Newton Park North
Monty Brown/Charlie Liston
0833638888
Patrol Co-ordinator
Lynne Crothall
(041) 365 4671 / 083 518 7268

MEMBERSHIP ID CARDS
WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS PRINTED AND WILL BE COLLECTING NAMES, ID NUMBERS AND ID SIZE PHOTOS FOR THIS PURPOSE AT OUR NEXT MEETING. THOSE WITH OLDER CARDS ALSO NEED TO HAVE THEIRS REDONE AS THE DIRECTOR'S DETAILS HAS CHANGED.

DEADLINE

Crime or community related articles for publishing to reach Lyn at lynda.m@absamail.co.za on or before the 25th of each month - Tel. (041) 3653653 / 083 365 3424

Newton Park Sector Policing Forum
 Assisted by
 Warren Jack Property Group
 invites you to participate in our
 Golf Challenge

Date:	12th May 2009
Venue:	Little Walmer Golf Club
Registration:	10h00
Tee-Off:	11h30 onwards
Format:	4 Ball Alliance- 2 to count

Dinner & Prize Giving to follow
****Proceeds to Sector Policing and Community Programs!!****

To remove your name from our mailing list, please send an e-mail to lynda.m@absamail.co.za

Valley Walk

A few of our members joined by Inspector Pietersen spent a very enjoyable morning walking through our beautiful but sadly neglected valley. It is such a pity that the local community has been deterred from enjoying this asset due to the threat of criminals and neglect.



The aim of the walk was to flush out criminal elements and observe anything suspicious.



Although the valley was very quiet there was evidence of people living there. Clothing etc (pictured above) was collected along the walk and brought back to be destroyed.

We are planning to have a family walk in the near future.

WANTED FOR MURDER R50 000 REWARD



An innocent 36-year old woman was murdered at 6pm on Wednesday 1 April 2009 in the Lakefarm area. The above suspect was stopped on a farm close to the crime scene at Lakefarm. He is about 23 years old, ±1,8m tall, black, dark complexion, very little or no hair. He has three scratch marks on his forehead from his victim. He wore blue denim jeans, navy t-shirt with yellow dots and a black leather jacket. He could speak Afrikaans. He was with an accomplice and ran in the direction of Kragga Kamma road. Your information and identity will be kept strictly confidential.

IF YOU KNOW THE SUSPECT PLEASE CONTACT 10111 (ALL HOURS) OR DETECTIVE MBULELO GROOTBOOM 084 330 4234 / 041 397 6868

THE REWARD WILL ONLY BE PAID TO THE FIRST PERSON GIVING INFORMATION TO THE ARREST AND SUCCESSFUL CONVICTION OF THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS MURDER

WARNING FROM WESTERING FORUM

Just to warn you that there is a white Astra in the Westering area targeting young children with cell phones at gun point.

"My sister, Marlia's son, Jade and a friend was walking from my sister's home from Boshoff Street to MacDonald's, Cape Road when a white Astra stopped alongside them and asked to borrow a cell phone in order to make a call, but they refused. There were 2 white males and 1 white female in the car. All of a sudden a gun was pointed at them and demanding their cell phones. Marlia's son gave his phone as he was scared and was also the nearest to the car, but his friend threw his cell phone into a neighbours yard and fetched it when the robbers left. My sister accompanied them to the Kabega police station and reported the incident. When Jade dialled his cell no at later time, a Nigerian man answered."

Patrols

Our patrol team is growing with regular evening and occasional daytime patrols. People now recognise the vehicles and are showing a lot of interest.

All our patrollers joined by the SAPS recently took part in a mass patrol in Newton Park and Linkside.

Some of our patrollers recently volunteered in a very successful clean-up operation in Central.

To join the team contact Lynne Crothall at (041) 365 4671 / 083 518 7268.

CRIME WARNINGS

A white Monza and a bakkie are reported to be involved in housebreakings in King Edward/Shirley Street between 3rd and 5th Avenue. There are four young males involved. Registration numbers unknown.

A young well dressed and well-spoken male has been robbing people in the Newton Park and Greenacres area. His modus operandi is as follows:

He is very polite and explains that he won't harm you but he needs to rob you to feed his family. As he goes through your house he explains all his moves, even uses soap to get rings off your finger and locks you in a room away from the phone before he leaves.

IF YOU ARE IN THIS SITUATION IT IS IMPORTANT TO STAY CALM AND CO-OPERATE WITH HIM AS HE MAY TURN VIOLENT.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR DOORS/SECURITY DOORS ARE ALWAYS LOCKED TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF THIS SMOOTH OPERATOR.

ADVICE ON SAFETY

Close all windows and doors when you go to bed.

- Set your perimeter alarm - ASK YOUR ARMED RESPONSE PROVIDER HOW TO DO THIS!
- If you hear a noise or your neighbours' dogs barking - HAVE A LOOK BUT DO NOT PUT YOURSELF IN HARMS WAY!
- If you see something that you are not comfortable with, contact your ARMED RESPONSE PROVIDER immediately.
- If the suspect is in your yard or on your stoep, activate your PANIC ALARM and lock yourself into a room immediately - REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR CELL PHONE WITH YOU!
- Phone your Neighbourhood Watch in case of emergency.

ONCE A VICTIM REPORTS A CRIME TO THE POLICE, THE POLICE MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Respond as quickly as they can.
2. Investigate the crime.
3. Take all measures to minimise any inconvenience to the victim.
4. Take the statement of the victim and fill out the forms necessary to register the crime.
5. Refer the victim for medical attention and/or counselling, if required.
6. Interview the victim in private.
7. Interview the victim in a language he or she understands. If the victim is unable to understand the language spoken by the police official, the victim may ask for an interpreter.
8. If so requested by the victim the victim should be interviewed by a member of the police who is of the same sex as the victim (if available)
9. In the case of a sexual offence, the SAPS may request the victim's clothing as evidence. If requested by the victim, the police official should assist in obtaining alternative clothing for the victim.
10. Consult the victim in an environment conducive to confidentiality, privacy and dignity.
11. Request the victim to consent to examination and/or treatment.

TO BE CONTINUED

COUNCIL MATTERS

All municipal matters/issues/concerns can be reported to either Clr. Dacre Haddon at 041 3671670(w) / 0796943788 e-mail: haddon@mandelametro.gov.za OR Clr. Chris Roberts 041 - 3732971 / 082 3048531 ward7@mandelametro.gov.za