



## Newton Park Sector Crime Forum

NEWTON PARK GLENHURD ADCOCKVALE EXTENSION

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# Community News

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## Urgent appeal to business community

Theft from business premises is increasing at an alarming rate and in order to turn this situation around, it is imperative for all business owners to attend our monthly meetings and join forces with us. Our forum members regularly patrol the area and with the co-operation of home-owners have managed to substantially reduce crime in the residential side of Newton Park.

We appeal to the business community to get involved and support us - attend our meeting on 7 July and meet our sector manager and forum committee. Together we can turn the tide against crime.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**7 JULY 2009 AT 18h30**  
NEWTON PARK LIBRARY AUDITORIUM  
4th AVE. (OPPOSITE PICK'NPAY)  
•Crime Report  
•Projects  
•Golf Day report back

## Golf Day

Our golf day was a huge success and raised R8800 - thanks to all our generous sponsors and to everyone involved in organising this fun event. Some of the players had never played before and their excitement soon faded when they discovered that golf isn't merely a walk in the park. They nevertheless had great fun and were able to join in and share a story or two with the more experienced players afterwards.

We were very privileged to have shared the day with some high ranking members of the SAPS and to get to know them on a more personal level,

A special mention must be made of our sector manager, Inspector Kenny Pietersen, definitely not for his golfing style, but for his willingness to assist whenever called upon and for his part in the success of our forum.

**Sector Manager**  
Inspector K. Pietersen 8 – 4pm  
Tel: (041) 3638382 / 082 302 0562  
Flying squad 10111

**Chairperson:**  
Rozanne Biggs

**Vice-Chairperson:**  
Basil Mclean

**Secretary**  
Lyn Marsh

**Treasurer**  
Claude Campbell

**Fundraiser**  
Deon Engelke

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH 24 hr Rapid Response Officers

*Newton Park South*  
(daytime) 8–6pm  
Emile Terblanche/Cliffie Leat  
(041) 3652119 / 082 788 0320  
(after hours) 6–6am 0835441344

*Newton Park North*  
Monty Brown/Charlie Liston  
(all hours) 0833638888

**Patrol Co-ordinator**  
Lynne Crothall  
(041) 365 4671 / 083 518 7268



*Inspector Pietersen teeing off once again, watched by Emile Terblanche*



*Sup. Tafeni (left) came to support the rest of the SAPS officers seen here with Director B.B. Nxabela*

### HAVE YOUR SAY

Anything to report?  
Contact [lynda.m@absamail.co.za](mailto:lynda.m@absamail.co.za)  
Tel. (041) 3653653 / 083 365 3424

OUR BANKING DETAILS  
Newton Park Sector Policing Forum  
A/c No: 74219145072  
Branch: FNB Newton Park Code: 261050

### Advertising

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**Trevor Payne and Monty Brown manning the cooldrink table at golf day**



**Second from left: Freddie van Wyk and his golfing partners with Rozanne Biggs at Little Walmer on golf day**

**PATROLLERS TRAINING**  
**Saturday 25 July at 15h00**  
**Dutch Reformed Church**  
**5th Ave, Newton Park**

Everyone, especially our patrollers, should attend and learn how to protect themselves and how to handle a hostile situation. Basic first-aid will also be included.

**PENSIONERS**

**We urgently need pensioners willing to assist our patrol team during the day.**

**Please phone**  
**Lynne Crothall (041) 365 4671**  
**or Emile (041) 365 2119**

**REMEMBER TO REPORT**  
**ANY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR OR PERSONS TO**  
**ANY OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NUMBERS**  
**LISTED ON PAGE 1 OR BY CONTACTING OR 10111**

**CRIME WARNING**

It has been reported that two males on a scooter has been robbing domestic workers in different areas. Please warn your workers. If anyone does fall victim, try and find a distinguishing mark on the scooter so that it can be easily identified by police as their registration plates are normally removed. It is also important to get a clothing description so that police in the area would recognize the thieves if they drove past them.

**Most criminals smash the glass and kick the bars out**

The incident reports provided by Atlas on the Crime Newsletter show that one of the main methods used by criminals to steal from houses is by smashing a window and bashing the burglar bars.

Atlas spokesman Gareth Wilson said that by looking over recent incident reports, it becomes increasingly clear that criminals are breaking into properties regardless of them having burglar bars.

“As you will see from the list of incidents, in many of the premises thieves gained entry by smashing the window and breaking the burglar bars,” he said. “Time has evolved. In the past burglar bars were a deterrent to criminals but now they are just a stumbling block.”

Wilson said that a definite trend is criminals targeting premises with only burglar bars but where no alarms had been seen. “It is a reality that these brazen thieves don’t mind using a crowbar to bend burglar bars or a brick to smash the window.”

Numerous people in Port Elizabeth still live without alarms and feel safe but are however definitely more susceptible to crime than someone with an alarm and burglar bars. “It is logical; the criminal would rather break into a place with no alarm and bend the bars, than risk getting caught by breaking into a premise with an alarm.”

Police spokesman Captain Sandra Janse van Rensburg said that kicking or breaking burglar bars had been around for years and the only way to curb this was by assessing your own individual security needs. “I would recommend that people get those window detectors as well so that if it breaks, at least the alarm will go off,” she said.

*Note from Atlas:*

*I would suggest that anyone with this problem call the Atlas sales division on 041 401 2222 for a free no obligation risk assessment.*

**COUNCIL MATTERS**

All municipal matters/issues/concerns can be reported to  
 Clr. Chris Roberts  
 041 - 3732971 / 082 3048531  
 ward7@mandelametro.gov.za

1. Major dumping of builders rubble and refuse is taking place in our wards. Please report vehicle’s registration numbers to me and if possible take cellphone/camera photos.

2. The trenching taking place all over the wards is being filled with sub-standard material which leads to collapsing of the top layer. Please report problem trenches you come across to me.

3. Major disruptions will be experienced throughout the wards where the replacement of the current stormwater drainage system is taking place. The system is so old that the pipe diameters are in the region of 30cm! With the huge developments taking place in the Newton Park area all the low-lying areas are flooded during heavy rain as the area cannot drain away fast enough. Please be patient and careful when driving through Newton Park, lanes are designated by cones.