



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Newton Park Sector Crime Forum & Neighbourhood Watch www.pe.co.za

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The vision of our forum is not only about reducing crime - it's about creating a community that cares. Strong community involvement is important because neighbourhood unity can deter crime that threatens residents' peace and safety. Bring your concerns and suggestions to our next meeting on 6 April and make a positive contribution towards crime prevention and building a sound support base. Our residents who are housebound can also do their bit by reporting suspicious activity or persons to our rapid response neighbourhood watch team.

The Mowbray Street Dutch Reformed Church is planning to provide a service to the community by running a website with links to all the available resources. They have gathered all the relevant information but need the help of a volunteer to design the site for them. If you are able to assist them to get this much needed service off the ground or know of someone who may be able to help them, please contact the secretary at daniela.b@absamail.co.za.

They are also hoping to meet with all the role players to find a solution to the beggars and street children problem in our area - read article on page 2.

Street Children is a social and governmental problem and should be treated as such. Aids, alcoholism, poverty, lack of parental control are some of the main reasons these children run away from home. Some mothers have taken their children out of school and forced them onto the streets to make money by begging and prostituting themselves. There should be a system in place to prosecute these parents.

MONTHLY MEETING
6 APRIL 2010 AT 18h30
NEWTON PARK LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
4th AVE. (OPPOSITE PICK'NPAY)
•Alerts
•Speaker - John Preller on
human trafficking

SAPS urges SA citizens to voluntarily hand in all illegal firearms before 11 April.
For more information call National Firearms Call Centre 012 353 6111

Message from our Chairman

I would like to thank you all for showing confidence in me. Although I am currently over committed and will lack the time needed to give justice to this position, I am confident that with my dedicated and supportive committee behind me, we will move this forum forward.

I doubt that anyone reading this newsletter hasn't been effected by crime in one way or another or doesn't know someone who hasn't been a victim. Crime affects us all, rich, poor, male or female, black or white and we would all like to live in a crime-free country and community. This can be achieved if we learn to work together. I would therefore like to add the word TOGETHER to our Mission Statement, to read "**Working towards a safer and crime free community TOGETHER**". Crime in our country is not just a judicial matter, it is also about ethics and morals. We are living in a community with very little respect for human life and property and a call for help to our leaders or Government is falling on deaf ears. Therefore we need to do something about it on our own by standing together and working towards our mission statement.

Our main focus will be on increasing our membership and having more organised patrols. Please help us by inviting your neighbours to join you at our meetings. We are most grateful to the members who have already stepped up to offer assistance and invite others who have time to assist us in achieving our goals to contact one of the committee members.

We will be organising events over the next few months to raise the necessary funds needed to purchase patrol equipment and to keep our office running, ie radios, computer with internet access for e-mailing, keep the website up to date and on-line SMS facility that will allow us to communicate with all members in an instant. We will keep you informed.

May God bless you all.

Basil Mclean

Message from Insp. Rigby

Att.: All Businesses and Community Committees & Members

During the Station Crime Combatting Forum Meeting the

following was brought under Management's attention, for alerting the Community:

1. The Businesses must take special precaution and safety measures to guard against Business Robberies, especially in the North End vicinity and Housebreaking Business, especially in Newton Park, North End and Deal Party vicinity.
2. Theft out of Motor Vehicle, especially after hours in Newton Park, Sunrdige Park, Mill Park and Perridgevale vicinity.
3. Warning: There have been a number of reports of false R200-00 notes in circulation with the same serial number : AF 8776125 E. Report this to SAPS 10111, immediately.

Your support in this regard would be most appreciated.

On 31 March at midday a concerned resident spotted two suspicious males in 1st Avenue Newton Park and alerted ADT and Chubb who gave chase and apprehended them. They admitted stealing goods from 5 Handsworth Street and were arrested by SAPS. A lawnmower and speaker were found in their possession.

WELL DONE TO ALL CONCERNED

Street Children in South Africa

Street children represents a worldwide phenomenon despite cultural differences.



THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN OF SOME OF THE CHILDREN LIVING IN APPALING CONDITIONS ON THE STREETS OF NEWTON PARK

Pull factors include: excitement and glamour of living in great cities; hope of raising own living standard; and financial security and independence. Push factors include: natural population increase above carrying capacity; international trend of urbanization; cost of living; search for additional income; child abandonment and neglect; family size; and disintegration of the traditional family.

Many children come from structurally disadvantaged homes where poor living conditions result in many difficulties. Parental loss through death or abandonment and/or family conflict or shortage of housing may force children onto the streets. In many cases the move to street life is an adaptive response to the stress and severe oppression experienced by families living in a society of conflict. Thus, the move to the streets often represents a desire to take control of one's life and displace old values and conditions with new ones.

RACE AND GENDER

In Johannesburg, as elsewhere in the world, street children are predominantly male...it appears that girls are abandoned less frequently, and when the family disintegrates, relatives and neighbours are more willing to take them in than boys, since the girls assist with household tasks and child-minding. When girls drift onto the streets in their teens, they tend to become prostitutes and find accommodation rather than remain on the streets.

The findings of a recent research verify previous data, namely that South African street children are predominantly black males.

Many street children do not have a clear concept of time. They often do not know how old they are or how long they have been on the streets. It would appear that the longer children are exposed to street life, the more they are distanced from possible rehabilitation resources and thus become absorbed into the street life culture.

In a Third World country like South Africa, children tend to stay on the street for longer periods than do children from First World countries -- primarily because they have no alternative accommodation or feasible family setting.

Children interviewed cited the following reasons for leaving home: family violence, parental alcoholism, abuse, poverty, and mostly personal reasons.

Reason given by a street was: When my mother drank she skelled us out, she said we were----! It was so ugly we couldn't take it anymore. She used to chase us out of the house and we had to go and find somewhere to sleep. Then she started to sleep with the man next door and they used to skel every day. We became ashamed, my sister and I, and I thought, 'No, I'm not going to stay here anymore'. This is a description of a broken home characterized by alcoholism, violence, and desertion by family which, cause 90% of street children to leave home. Although

Street children is a social development issue where child friendly and therapeutic services are vital in the process of empowering street children to be able to leave street life and be integrated back into society



some children flee in search of excitement, adventure, personal freedom and self-fulfillment, a comfortable, independent, and financially secure life, and to become part of the "action" in society (personal factors), the majority leave as a result of socioeconomic and other factors within the family or immediate environment. These family factors may include: abuse of alcohol and drugs; financial problems and poverty; family violence and family breakup; poor family relationships; parental unemployment and resulting stress; physical and/or sexual abuse of children; parents absent from home as a result of personal or financial reasons (e.g., a migrant labour system); collapse of family structure and collapse of extended family.

Reasons for children leaving home can be categorized as "push" and "pull" factors.

PE Bank Robbers shot and killed after Kwadwesi heist

POLICE shot and killed five out of seven men who had robbed a bank in a shopping centre in Kwadwesi on Wednesday afternoon.

According to the police, they arrived at the scene as the men were fleeing and a shootout took place in the parking lot of the complex, leaving one man wounded and another was arrested without any injuries. Police confiscated two weapons and a bank bag full of money from the two men.

The remaining five men fled in an Isuzu bakkie, but the police caught up with them in Booysens Park, where a second exchange of gunfire took place, leaving all five occupants of the vehicle dead. Police recovered another money bag as well as a further five firearms from the bakkie.

The injured man is currently under police guard at Livingstone Hospital. The two surviving gunmen are facing charges of attempted murder, armed robbery and car hijacking.

Artikel ontvang van Cobus Joubert

Hierdie is ernstig. Ons het gisteraand so net voor 10 by die huis gekom en opgemerk dat daar 'n coke bottle (250ml) voor op ons gras lê en wys af in die straat. Ek het net daar omgedraai en die bottel gevolg. Elke 3de huis links en regs het 'n bottel gehad, as jy om die hoek gaan dan wys die bottel ook vir jou in watter rigting om te gaan, soos ek gery het, het ons al die bottels opgetel, simba pakkies, wit lappies, rooi sakkies, wit sakkies, mieliestronke, blikkies koeldrank, klippe wat in die drive-way van die mense se huise gesit word, bakstene, ek het 'n asblik van my kar gemaak, maar gewet ek beskerm ons buurt, ons het die bottels gevolg tot waar dit na die spesifieke huis toe aandui. Ons het die mense wakker gemaak en gevra of alles reg is en hulle gevra om asb. lig te slaap. Dit was ou mense.

Ons het twee huise gisteraand gekry wat gemerk was. Ons het seker 6 blokke skoon gemaak wat van alle rigtings in ons buurt na die huis toe merk. Elke blok vat jou direk na die huis toe, maak nie saak van watter kant jy af ingekom het nie, ons was na die huis toe gelei. Vir die afgelope twee weke het die honde elke oggend tussen 1H30 – 2H30 verskriklik geblaf, as jy mooi lê en luister kan jy hoor hoe blaf die honde straat af soos hulle loop. Na ons al die gemors opgetel het, het ons 2H00 by die huis gestop, en nie een hond het geblaf vir die res van die oggend nie. Hoekom nie, want daar was geen aanduiding vir hulle waar en om in watter huis te gaan roof nie.

Let asb. op as julle honde blaf of julle hoor 'n geblaf in die straat van ander honde, moenie dit as lastig vat nie. Kyk asb. na julle erf voor in die straat voor julle gaan slaap vir enige van die genoemde op julle voor gras, bure, oorkant die straat. Wees bewus van julle area as julle huis toe ry, kyk op die kante van die mense se gras en in die straat, as julle meer as twee bottels in 'n straat sien volg maar, iemand is 'n teiken, klop die mense wakker en hoor of alles OK is, en verduidelik vir hulle wat aangaan.

Vind uit waar en wie in julle omgewing doen buurtwag, sluit aan, dit hang seker van area tot area hoeveel 'n radio kos, ek was gesê R150.00 per maand. Dis die moeite werd.

“Bottom line:- as jy nie na jouself kyk nie, wie gaan?” jy moet gee om te kan ontvang. Wie weet, more ry daar ander mense verby ons huis en tel al die gemors op en ons kan dalk n teiken gewees het. Jou lewe beteken vir hulle NIKS, sekerlik beteken dit iets vir jou geliefdes.

Moenie die ou wees wat gaan sê: - as ek maar net aandag aan al die waarskuwings gegee het, was.....

VERTEL SOVEEL MENSE SOOS JULLE KAN, DIT KAN DALK JULLE EIENDOMME OF MOTORS OF MOORDE KEER.

Die is 'n samestelling van 'n praatjie op 25 Februarie 2010 en die volgende is bespreek. Miskien kan die inligting vir jou waardevol wees

Kyk uit vir die volgende:

- **As daar 'n z op stopteken of op pad geverf**

is, is daar 'n paar huise in die straat wat geroof word

- **As daar 'n klomp klein klippies opmekaar gestapel word - daar is honde**
- **As daar twee groot klippe langs mekaar is - 2 ou mense**

- **Daar word ook klippe langsmekaar in 'n ry gesit om aan te dui hoeveel mense in die huis bly.**

"Swatsika" teken op pad geverf of op stoptekens - ook 'n paar huise in straat. - Die rigting waarin die "swatsika" wys is die huis wat geroof word.

Kleure:

Rooi - coke blikke, rooi lap ens - dui daarop dat weerstand verwag - gewoonlik persone met vuurwapens. Mense wat in die nag skiet, weet jy het 'n wapen. Gewoonlik 2 coke blikkies - coke blik opkant na huis - gemerk - iemand tuis

coke blik regop staan - niemand in huis

Wit - maklike teiken, sorghum boksie, wit plastieksak

- sorghum boksie na huis toe wys - gemerk
- wit plastieksak in heining of draad - gemerk maklike teiken

Groen - rigting aanduiders

- Die rigting waarheen die groen bottel ens wys, wys die rigting aan waarheen hulle moet beweeg.

Blou - iemand in die huis is bereid om saam te werk by 'n clicks sakkie - blou en wit - maklike teiken en iemand wat saam werk

As hond skielik dood is of braak en daar is swart kolletjies in die braaksel, of wit poeier naby hond is of in braaksel - kontak die polisie dadelik en hulle sal die braaksel en hond verwyder - moet nie daaraan vat nie dit is baie gevaarlik. As honde blaf in die nag luister na die tipe blaf

Simba chips pakkies - gewoonlik 'n pakkie wat netjies gevou is, of 'n duidelik gesiggie gesien kan word.

- Chips pakkies as gesiggie na jou huis wys - baas by die huis

- Chips pakkies as gesiggie weg van jou huis af wees - baas nie by die huis.

Skoene of skoensole by die hek - gewoonlik aanduiding dat daar niemand bly. As ingebreek word die roete aangedui deur skoene of skoensole - roete om te hardloop.

Pasop vir die volgende "sagte" voorvalle wat die diewe gebruik:

1. Bel jou huis of selfoon om te hoor of jy by die huis is.
2. Skakel krag af by boks - as jy uitgaan om te gaan kyk is die huis oop en dat jy en die mense binne ook 'n sagte teiken.
3. Vreemde voorwerpe - as jy by die huis kom en daar staan skielik 'n asblik, kartonboks, baksteen of buurman se boontak - ry verby, want as jy uitklim op dit te verwyder is jy sagte teiken. Skakel die polisie.

4. 'n Baksteen is gewoonlik om 'n kar te steel. 2 of 3 bakstene wys op huis rowe - gewoontlike nuwe bakstene

Wat maak jy?

1. Vat die tekens onmiddellik weg en gooi sulke goed in die asblik. Daar was al gevalle waar 3 keer die tekens weggevat is - dan is die outjie in die moeilikheid wat dit moes plant

2. Probeer ook om die geverfde tekens te verwyder deur oor dit te verf

Barend Smit - het hom die tekens gewys en almal in die omgewing is geroep om daarna te kyk. Toe hy later in die pad afry, is daar 'n tak in die pad - die merker het in die boom gesit toe almal daar was. Niemand het opgekyk nie!

Mense in komplekse en woonstelle is nie so veilig nie - 'n persoon maak of hy vir iemand in die komplekse te kom kuier en teken die boek in en daar is iemand in die katebak, laai die persoon af en na die tyd word die persoon weer opgelaa en ry uit. Hou sypaadjies netjies en gras kort sodat niks daarin gegooi kan word wat jou as 'n teiken kan identifiseer nie.

Advice to business owners taken from Atlas newsletter

All crawl spaces, ventilation windows, and other openings should be secured to prevent access through them. Make sure that window air conditioners are installed securely and cannot easily be removed from the outside. Also secure or alarm hollow walls or attics that are shared with an adjoining business.

Ladders, trees, fences, drain pipes, and adjoining rooftops can provide access if measures are not taken to deny such access. Do not leave ladders lying around, cut back tree limbs that could provide access and secure rooftop skylights, ventilation shafts, air conditioning and heating ducts, and other possible entry points on the inside with grills or grates. Those that cannot be secured should be alarmed. Also consider placing barbed or razor wire around pipes that could provide access.



SAP had a meeting this week about the 2010 world cup. They (the SAP) say that we have to guard our children more than gold (this goes for girls AND boys) and women should not go to shopping centres during May, June, July, without having a male to escort them – we must remember that loads of Nigerians & other foreign nationals, so forth will be coming to SA and that sex & drug trading is a reality, please take it seriously.

Best would be to stock up on necessities so you don't need to go to town often, things like fuel, water, food, ect.

Rather over prepare and nothing happens, than not be prepared and something do.

Please forward to others that have children – even if they don't, they might know people with children.

**“WE ARE THE EYES AND THE EARS OF THE POLICE”
Please report any suspicious persons or activities to the
neighbourhood watch and to 10111**

Thanks to Leigh Armstrong for passing on these two articles

TIPS FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

- **DO NOT WAIT 24 HOURS BEFORE REPORTING YOUR CHILD MISSING!!!**
- Basic safety tips: know where your child is at all times, with whom they are and always make a mental note of what your child is wearing.
- Always keep a recent photograph of your child in your purse/wallet or on you cell phone. In case of an emergency, then the photograph would be readily available.
- Know the names, addresses and numbers of all your child's friends. Be cautious of every friend they make and make an effort getting to know your child's friends.
- Be involved in your child's live. Build a trusting relationship, but do not over-do it. Spend quality time with your children. Make your house a place where your child WANTS to be and also where he/she WANTS to bring his/her friends to. This way you will most of the time have your child right under your nose and your child will feel confident to share information with you.
- Teach your children their own names, addresses as well as your name and telephone number.
- Keep your children (especially the small ones) close to home and teach all your children to NEVER EVER walk alone, but always take a friend with them. (The Buddy System) Never ever send your children to the shop or anywhere else alone.
- Get ID bracelets or other means of identification with your phone number on it. If you do not have an ID bracelet or something similar, when you go out to public places, make sure to write your telephone number on your child's arm or somewhere visible.
- Take your children to the nearest police station/hospital/clinic and show them how to get there. Point out land marks, to prevent them from getting lost. Teach them to take the same route to and from places (school, shopping centers, friend's house). This way when your child is missing, you can start looking on the discussed route.
- Teach your children to make loud noises, to scream in order to attract attention when they are in trouble.
- Back to basics: teach them that they should not trust a stranger, should not accept anything from strangers or go anywhere with a stranger. Get a CODE WORD... when your child is approached by the stranger and the stranger does not know the CODE WORD, the child should know not to trust the person.
- Parents who allow their children to have MxIT or Facebook, get a way to monitor it. Know who your child is talking to, show you are interested, familiarise yourself with the technology, the networks, slang language and always be one step ahead.
- Teach your children other important numbers for:

POLICE - 10111
CELL PHONE HELP - 112
MISSING CHILDREN SA - 072 MISSING
SAPS CRIMESTOP - 08600 10111
CHILDLINE - 08000 55 555

For more safety tips and other safety equipment visit:
www.kidsforafrica.co.za
www.4akid.co.za

IS THERE A NEED FOR A SAFE HOUSE IN OUR AREA?

Street lights not burning?
Please take down the number on the pole and report all faulty street lights to 041 374-4434

TIPS FOR CHILDREN

1. Never ever go anywhere alone. Make sure you are in a group with friends or with an adult you personally know and whom your parents trust.
2. Never go anywhere without telling your parents where you are going. Make sure your parents have the phone numbers of your friends who you are with. Always let your parents know if your plans change.
3. Learn your parents' telephone numbers off by heart. And your mom's and dad's name and surname. Also learn an aunt's or uncle's number in case you can't get hold of your parents.
4. Don't go to places that you don't know. If you get lost in a shopping centre, (or anywhere else) go to the security immediately and ask for help. Don't try to look for your parents yourself... get help!
5. Don't go with people you don't trust. Don't go to public toilets on your own. Go with friends or with your parents.
6. Don't take sweets, money, gifts or cool drinks – don't take anything – from strangers.
7. Don't accept lifts from strangers. Never ever get into a stranger's car or go anywhere with them.
8. If someone is following you...Run!!!!!! And scream!!!! Make loud noises!!! Rather be safe than sorry.
9. Write your name on the inside of your clothes and your schoolbag.
 As well as your parents' phone numbers. Never on the outside where strangers can see it.
10. Don't play in the streets alone! It is easy for a stranger to stop next to you, grab you and pull you into the car.

REMEMBER the BUDDY SYSTEM: ALWAYS take a FRIEND / BUDDY with you, WHEREVER you go! Hold onto your friend! This way you can help each other when you are in trouble – anywhere you go!!!

COUNCIL MATTERS

All municipal matters/issues/concerns can be reported to Clr. Chris Roberts
 041 - 3732971 / 082 3048531
ward7@mandelametro.gov.za
 Clr. Retief Odendaal 082 462 0668
rodendaal@mandelametro.gov.za

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

Municipal Account

Queries: 041 506-5555
Electricity Emergency: 041 374-4434
Traffic Emergency: 041 585-1555
Water Emergency: 041 360-1330
 (a/h: 041 360-7811)
Tree Maintenance: 041 506-5411

WARD 7 INFORMATION REPORT

1. **Street sweeping:**
 Due to union interference there are currently only 15 sweepers employed to cover the area from Russell Road to Greenbushes. Please report crisis areas to my office whereafter we will send in a "reaction" team.
2. If any trenches in the roads are left unstarred for an unduly lengthy period, phone my office, give an address and we will get it repaired.
3. **Please continue to use water sparingly!**
5. **Pre-paid electricity vending machines:** Budget has been approved for an additional 50 machines which will make for more convenience for all.
6. The Newton Park indoor swimming pool has now been 90% completed – a real asset to our City!

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