



Newton Park Sector Crime Forum

NEWTON PARK - GLENHURD - ADCOCKVALE EXTENSION

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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

Hope you are all rested after the holidays and ready to tackle all the challenges ahead of us in 2010. Hoop julle het goed gerus gedurende die vakansie en is gereed vir alles wat vir ons voorlê in 2010.

OUR VISION

Our vision as a forum is to create a caring neighbourhood, one in which members of the neighbourhood watch out for one another and connect at an interpersonal level. When we care for each other, lines of communication will open up, information will be shared, and we will be able to help one another to create a safer neighbourhood. All our campaigns, like patrols, safety awareness meetings, engagement with the Police and other role-players will begin to pay off.

A few dedicated residents work together patrolling your streets by giving up their time to help make it a safer place – ARE YOU? Being part of the forum keeps you in the loop about local issues like crime, safety and community issues. Why not join NOW and benefit. We need all the help we can get. Can you patrol, hand out flyers, do marketing etc? PLEASE JOIN AND ASSIST IN ANY WAY YOU CAN, SO ALL RESIDENTS CAN BENEFIT.

PATROL CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

Lynne Crothall, our patrol co-ordinator, has resigned after serving in this position for a year. The committee and the patrollers would like to thank her for her commitment and dedication. We are looking for someone to take over this very important position. If you are available please send an e-mail to the editor or contact any of the neighbourhood watch officers.

There was an increase in crime during the holiday season, with most instances reported at business premises in Mangold, Pickering and Newton Streets and house break-ins (or attempted) in Lucas Street, Willet Street, 2nd, 4th, 7th Avenues, Handsworth Street (Glenhurst), armed robbery in Alexandra Road and student tied up during robbery in Essenhigh Road (Adcockvale Extension).

NEXT MEETING
2 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 18h30
 NEWTON PARK LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
 4th AVE. (OPPOSITE PICK'NPAY)

- Crime Report
- Alerts
- Projects

**PLEASE
NO HAND OUTS TO
BEGGARS ON THE STREETS**

Your well-intentioned gift of money, food or clothing to a street child serves only to keep them on the streets, away from safety, and enables them to remain on the streets for the rest of their lives! You are giving them the means to stay away from school and depriving them of their potential by giving them a reason to remain on the streets. They are exposed to the dangers of drugs, sexual abuse and diseases. It also endangers you and other members of your community, as street children often turn to violence and other crimes to survive. These children may well be observing, some are known to have cellphones and could be reporting your movements to criminal gangs!

RATHER A HAND-UP THAN A HAND-OUT

Important contact numbers:
 Dr Trudie Basson (Maranatha Place of Safety) 041 586 0017
 Inspector Dillon (SAPS) 041 363 8382
 Sergeant O'Brien 079 392 3252
 Street worker and former street kid
 082 514 7550

**Employment
wanted**

A Newton Park resident with experience as a carer of ill patients (stoma & cancer-Hospice reference), an assistant creche teacher and general office worker is in urgent need of employment in one of the above-mentioned fields
 References available

PLEASE CONTACT ODETTE 0798736929
 OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO THE EDITOR
 TO ARRANGE A PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Advertising

To advertise in this newsletter for a minimum donation of R250 please phone 083 3653424
 or send an e-mail to the editor

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

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

We would like to become aware and gather information as to what is happening in our Sector.

**REMEMBER EYES OPEN AND
GATES LOCKED...AND MAKE A
NOTE TO BE AT OUR MEETING
ON 2 FEBRUARY**

CHARLIE'S ELECTRICAL

Office – Tel/Fax: 041 365 7120
 Cell: 073 017 5264 / 084 621 7536

33 Sargent Crescent
 Newton Park, Port Elizabeth

Child suspected to be used in burglary

Walmer resident, Lesley, tells how she suspects a young child managed to squeeze through her homes burglar bars and gain entry into her house: "We live in Main Road Walmer. On 16/1/2010 we had someone access our house late at night (after 12) after we had all gone to bed. It must have been a child as the only way they could have got in is via one of the front windows facing the street-there are burglar bars but a child could have got in through one of the small panes.

Access via the back of the house is virtually impossible as two large dogs sleep right next to the back door and no windows were open and the sliding doors were locked. We leave a small paned window open in the front for our cats.

A cell phone and two pairs of trainers were stolen - all these items were in the entrance hall of our house. Strangely enough a handbag was left untouched as was my husband's wallet which was lying on top of a dresser. This further reinforced that this was probably a child as they would not have recognised the unusual shape of the handbag and the wallet was above a small child's eye level. We suspect that a recent contracted painter might have been involved as he is known to have peered in windows when he was working to suss the place out and he would also have noticed where the dogs slept and the fact that we left the front windows slightly open at night. He also did not turn up for work that Saturday but rather arrived 3 days later to borrow money with a small boy in tow!!

My husband had been parking his 4X4 in the yard in front of the lounge windows thereby providing cover for our thief. We suspect that someone might have been watching the house as the burglar knew exactly when to strike-does not look like an opportunistic crime. Our dogs also sleep at the back and would not have heard what was going on at the front. We have a dog warning on the gate but the burglar still came so this further indicates that he knew where the dogs would be at night and that they would be unlikely to hear him at the front.

The learning's from this experience were the following:

1. Burglar bars at small paned windows will not stop a child from getting in - close your windows at night.

2. Don't obscure the front of your windows by parking a vehicle in the front yard in front of your windows -provides cover for small burglars 3. Take wallets, handbags and cell phones to your bedroom at night-don't leave them in entrance halls-particularly in double story houses like ours. Install a security gate at the top of the stairs as a further precaution.

4. If you have a painter working at windows, close the curtains and the windows so he cannot see inside or see that access can be gained despite the burglar bars.

5. Possibly check out the street before you go to bed to check for loiterers. If they know that you have seen them this often discourages random burglaries.

FRAUD Alert warns internet users to beware of yet another fraudulent website looking to attain personal information. This method of fraud is called Phishing and usually aims to attain personal information such as credit card, bank account or other confidential information.

According to the alert service, the website, even though perceived to be legit, is fraudulent and aims at attaining personal information.

Internet users are drawn to the site by means of an e-mail with a deceptive subject line, forged senders addresses and disguised hyperlinks.

Fraud Alert also warns of genuine looking content which could fool most viewers.

Internet users are warned not to fill in the information form on the website as it is used to attain personal and sensitive information.

Warning received via e-mail

Over the weekend one of our teachers Desmond Ruddy was driving down Vitry Ave, Lorraine at about 10pm. He passed a car that did not have its lights on so he flicked his lights, as we all do, to tell the driver to turn on lights. This car then turned and chased him until they cornered him. He was pulled from the car and badly beaten up by a gang. His children were both in the car with him at the time. They fortunately were not harmed by this gang, but I am quite sure that they will need some sort of counselling to get over this trauma.

Please warn everyone not to flick their lights at other cars that don't have their's switched on. I have heard of this happening before but thought it was a hoax – obviously it is not.

Take pride in your neighbourhood & keep undesirables out

REFUGE COLLECTION

It is the responsibility of all residents to keep their verges clean

It is **ILLEGAL** to put black bags out the day before collection - dogs or people scratching through the bags leave a mess behind

Leave your bags on your **OWN VERGE** and **NOT ON** your neighbour's verge

If bags are not collected at the end of the day, take it back inside

WEEDS

We've been assured that street sweepers will shortly be appointed to get rid of weeds growing in the gutters all over town

NMMM Waste Management Department

Phone (041) 3737675

WATER SHORTAGE – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The Metro's water supply has reached a critical stage and serious savings are essential. Communities are not only encouraged to implement water savings at home but to also report any leaks or wastage of water in public areas to 0800205050 (Call free) or waterleaks@mandelametro.gov.za

Stringent control over water useage will become effective from Monday 01 February 2010. Households will be restricted to 500 litres per household. No Municipal water may be used for watering the garden or filling swimming pools from this date. All residents are requested to work together in saving water. Residential rate from 1 February 2010 up to 500 litres daily R5,80 per 1000 litre. (Any amount in excess will be R14.91 per 1000 litres)

Should you have any complaints relating to the social consultants dealing with the door to door awareness campaign in the Wards, please direct it to the office of Uhambiso Consult (tel: 041 373 – 0180 or fax: 041 373 – 0102).

DANGEROUS TRAFFIC SITUATIONS AT SCHOOLS

I want to ask schools and parents to please speak to their children about dangerous driving on our roads – especially in the vicinity of our schools.

I have noticed some school children on motorbikes in the streets around the schools without helmets and or lifting one another. I have requested the traffic department to do regular checks so as to eliminate a possible accident.

HEINRICH MÜLLER, Ward 9 Councillor

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