



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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Monitoring the efficiency of the SAPS

Our mission statement: WORKING TOWARDS A SAFER AND CRIME FREE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

To achieve the aims and objectives of the forum and to promote effective communication between Mount Road and the community we need your involvement. Our projects do not require much of your time and you can choose where and to what extent you want to get involved. Please assist us in reporting all suspicious behaviour and instances of crime to 10111 and also to the neighbourhood watch. We need this information to measure and get a realistic picture of crime in our area, to arrange more patrols where needed and to monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the SAPS.

PATROLLERS: Monty Brown has taken over as our patrol co-ordinator and is looking for more people to join the team. Full training will be provided free of charge and all equipment will be provided. Sign up at our meeting on 4 May or give Monty a call on 083 363 8888.

ADT offers you a number of personal safety tips to help you avoid dangerous situations. Your personal safety should be your top priority at all times as there's no telling when you might fall into harm's way.

Crime Prevention with Our Personal Safety Tips

- Know all emergency numbers by heart.
- If in doubt about the safety of an area, phone a police station for advice.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- Try not to walk around remote places at night.
- Locate points of help like of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals and restaurants, or stores that are open late.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- Inform people of your whereabouts.
- Limit your trips at night or at least take someone along with you.
- Watch out if people start milling around you. This could be a sign you are about to be robbed.
- If a stranger wants to use your phone and you want to help, leave him/her outside and phone on his/her behalf.
- Always appear calm and confident, and know where you are going.
- Don't resist, especially if the perpetrator has a weapon, give up your purse or valuables, with no questions asked and move away.
- Before you go to bed, pre-set the police station's telephone number on your telephone, all you have to do in an emergency is to push re-dial.
- Do not wear extravagant jewellery in public.
- Avoid carrying a large amount of money.
- Carry a purse or bag close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Our personal safety tip would be to put a wallet in an inside coat or front trouser pocket not a back pocket.
- Always carry your handbag in such a way that it will not be easy for someone to snatch it.
- Avoid suspicious schemes.
- Security lights are an important aspect in the prevention of theft and assault on both interior and exterior parts of a building, carports, stairs, alleys and patio's.
- Keep your firearms in a good quality safe.
- Never leave your firearm unattended in a vehicle.
- Avoid using laundry facilities in an apartment complex by yourself, especially at night time, team up with a neighbour or friend.
- Don't wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movements.
- When leaving your house for long periods, don't mention it on your answering machine.

MONTHLY MEETING
4 MAY 2010 AT 18h30
NEWTON PARK LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
4th AVE. (OPPOSITE PICK'NPAY)
•Alerts
•Speaker - Mike Mills on general security

News in brief
Membership recruitment: Door to door visits are currently being carried out to meet and recruit new members. Please afford them a couple of minutes of your time.

The Mowbray Street Dutch Reformed Church will shortly have their citizens advice centre and website up and running. This much needed service will be available to all and will be invaluable to all the frail, elderly people living in our area.

Street children: A meeting is being arranged with the churches, SAPS, social workers and all relevant departments to discuss and find a holistic approach to reaching out to them and integrating them back into society.

Drawing money from the bank: Reports are still being received of people being followed from the bank and robbed after drawing large sums of money. If possible always take someone with you and be vigilant at all times.

Counterfeit R200 notes still in circulation: It is suspected that R1 million of these counterfeit notes are in circulation, so one or more of these notes may end up in your hands if you don't take precaution.

- The counterfeit R200 notes are signed in orange and are written 'president governor' and the legitimate ones are signed in grey/black and written 'governor' at the bottom of the signature,
- The counterfeit note has a big R200 printed on the top right hand corner of the governor's signature whereas the real note has R200 printed on the top left and bottom right corners with smaller fonts,
- The counterfeit R200 note is about 3mm shorter than the real note,
- The silver strip that runs across the R200 note is thinner on the counterfeit note and thicker on the real note,
- The counterfeit notes are more orange in colour than the real notes.

Human trafficking: Please take extra care during the world cup.

WARNING
Theft out of a
motor vehicle
on the increase



Read vehicle security tips
below

Maximising Vehicle Security

Your vehicle is one of your most valuable assets, which makes it an easy target for crime.

A criminal needs only a few minutes to break into or steal your vehicle. The following safety tips will help you to prevent car theft, whether you are at home or just popping into the shops for a short while.

How to prevent car theft

- **Parking:** Park your vehicle in a safe place that is well lit. If you can, park your vehicle behind locked gates or in the garage. The most common place where vehicles are stolen is in the street outside your home.
- **Security systems:** Install a tracker, immobiliser and alarm system in your vehicle. Remember to activate your alarm system and other security equipment at all times.
- **Locking:** Lock your vehicle and close all the windows properly, whether at home or in a public place.
- **Valuables:** Any valuables such as handbags, cell phones and shopping parcels are a temptation for any criminal. Put them out of sight in the boot of your vehicle.
- **Be alert:** Be on the lookout for suspicious persons in the area – ordinary vagrants are not the people who steal vehicles.

Vehicle security tips

- Always keep your vehicle in a mechanically sound condition in order to avoid breakdowns of any kind. This is when you are most vulnerable.
- Ensure that your vehicle has a lockable fuel tank cap.
- Ensure that your vehicle has an efficient immobiliser and alarm, if possible. Carry a vehicle steering wheel lock and use it whenever you leave and lock your car.

Things to carry in your vehicle

- A tow rope
- Jumper leads for your battery
- A torch or spotlight which must be regularly tested
- A road map
- Any medical alert information regarding your health and requirements
- A complete first aid kit
- A fire extinguisher that is suitable for vehicle fires.

Things not to be left in your vehicle

- The vehicle registration papers
- Any documents giving your name and address, or those of your family
- Family photographs
- Firearms
- Vehicle and house keys
- Cheque books and credit cards
- Anything of value that might tempt someone to break into your vehicle, like car radios, CD players and CD's

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

Newton Park Sektor Polisie Forum Patrollies

Die buurtwag patrollies word gedoen om ons eie woonbuurte en huise 'n veiliger plek vir almal, en veral ons families te maak.

Op die oomblik word daar meestal patrollies gedoen van Maandag- tot Donderdag-aande van ongeveer 20:00 tot 23:00. Daar is ook vrywilligers wat deur die dag en oor naweke patroleer. Alle patroleeders het geel bibs aan met driehoek magnete op die voertuig sodat hulle ten alle tye sigbaar kan wees en sodoende 'n afname in krimienele aktiwiteite kan verseker.

Die probleem wat ons in die gesig staar is dat ons nie genoeg lede het wat betrokke is by patrollies nie. Huidiglik probeer ons om 'n minimum van vier persone op 'n slag op patrollie, twee per voertuig, te hê. Ons doel is om eintlik genoeg lede te hê sodat elke lid slegs eenmaal 'n maand patrollie sal doen en dat daar byvoorbeeld meer voertuie 'n slag op patrollie is. Baie mense sal voel dat dit 'n mors van tyd is, maar sigbaarheid van patrollies het alreeds 'n afname in krimienele aktiwiteite in ons area teweeg gebring.

Indien die patroleeders iemand sien wat verdag lyk, word hulle verwilder of indien die situasie dit vereis, word die polisie ontbied.

Ons moedig ook mense aan om indien hulle iets vreemd opmerk, hetsy dit dag of nag is, ons buurtwag (*nommers of bladys 1*) of 10111 te skakel en dit te rapporteer. Ons het almal se oë en ore nodig om misdaad te bekamp. Wees eerder pro-aktief as om te reageer wanneer dit te laat is.

Indien daar persone is wat wil betrokke raak kan hulle gerus die Patrollie Koördineerder, Monty Brown, skakel by 083 363 8888. Indien daar persone is wat belangstel om te help met patrollies op Woensdag-aande, kan hulle my, Cobus Joubert, direk skakel by 084 355 1022.

U betrokkenheid sal die las op almal se skouers ligter maak en boonop sal dit ons buurt 'n veiliger plek maak.

The purpose of the neighbourhood watch patrols is to create a safer environment to live in.

At the moment the patrols are mainly from Monday to Thursday, between about 20:00 to 23:00. During the course of the day and over weekends there are also other volunteers busy patrolling. All patrollers wear a bright yellow bib and have a triangle neighbourhood watch magnet on the side of the vehicle to ensure visibility to all.

The biggest challenge at the moment is the lack of volunteers. We currently try to have a minimum of four people per night, two per vehicle. We are striving to get enough volunteers so that a person only have to do patrols once a month instead of every two weeks, give or take.

During the course of a patrol, the patrollers will take action against any perpetrators if the situation allows it, or they will phone the SAP reaction unit.

We urge people to be more observant about our area and to report any funny looking situations or people to either phone our neighbourhood watch (*numbers appear on page 1*) or 10111. Please try to be pro-active at all times instead of only doing something once it is too late. We are trying to stop crime moving into our area.

If you have any queries, or would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact the Patrol Coordinator Monty Brown on 083 363 8888. Should anybody want to volunteer on a Wednesday night, you can contact me directly, Cobus Joubert on 084 209 7269.

Please let us stand together and fight crime in our area.

Right on our doorstep...

Please be aware that irrespective of the fact that there may be car guards in the area, professional vehicle thieves are still brazen enough to break into and steal a vehicle in public areas.

Make use of your steering lock mechanism whenever you park the vehicle.

It would be wise to invest in a gear and/or steering lock as well as an immobiliser if your vehicle is often going to be parked in an insecure area.

Vehicle alarms and early-warning satellite tracking systems will give a high probability of getting your vehicle back, as will an anti-hijack system.

If you note what appears to be a vehicle theft in progress, contact 10111 immediately and report with as much detail as possible.

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

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

WARNING: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau

"Be cautious about giving info to Census Workers"

by Susan Johnson

With the South African Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 Census workers will count every person in the South Africa and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

If a Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your identity number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the Census.

REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.** The Census Bureau will not ask for bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Anyone asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.

AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by e-mail, so be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the Census.

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS."

NEW HIJACKING STYLE - PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE

Please be careful and warn everyone you know!

We all hear about these incidents and hope it never happens to anyone we know, however the latest styles used by would be hi-jackers are far more horrific than ever before .

Because of the new gun laws and stricter rules regarding ammunition, Hijackers have turned their attention to using Pool Acid, this acid is kept in a syringe or even a small plastic and then used to blind daze and disorientate the driver of the vehicle, it also assists them with getting away from the scene more readily.

Please do not wind down your windows, even a small bit at any intersections whatsoever.

Please see below attached report from Discovery Health

Lets be careful out there

Regards

Deirdre' Viljoen

Junior Forensic Investigator

Special Investigating Unit

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Fax: 0866 182 879

Attached Report

Gavin Osmond (one of our engineers at Discovery) was involved in an attempted hi-jacking on Wednesday night in Rivonia, where a young perfectly nice-looking white guy convinced him into winding down his window at a robot, informed him that he wanted his car and then threw ACID IN HIS FACE!!! Gavin's face was burned extensively and the membranes have been burned off his eyes. He was temporarily blind for a few hours. He is undergoing daily treatments and it will be several months before his eyes recover properly.

DO NOT WIND DOWN YOUR WINDOW FOR ANYONE!!! - Tell your friends and family to be careful.

**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR
SUBURB
PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR
BLACK BAGS OUT BEFORE
COLLECTION DAY
& CONTINUE TO SAVE WATER**

Organisations involved in recycling – Port Elizabeth:

Arlington Waste Disposal Site: all general waste (Situating near the Arlington Race Course, alongside Victoria Drive, off the Schoenmakerskop Road, Port Elizabeth) - 041 366 1052

Recycling sites in Port Elizabeth

Friends of the Walmer Library: newspapers for recycling as well as books & magazines for resale (Main Rd, Walmer) - 041 581 4111

Friends of the Linton Grange Library:

books & magazines for resale (Old Cape Rd, Linton Grange) - 041 360 1255

Mondi: white paper, newspapers, magazines and cardboard (at Warehouse 8, 137 Grahamstown Rd, Deal Party)

Reclaim bin on the North Campus of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University: paper

PE: glass (5 Old Grahamstown Rd, Deal Party, next to the Shell truck stop)

Wandiles bottle dealer: whole no-deposit bottles (near New Brighton)

Reclamation Group: steel (Burman Rd)

Reclamation Group: other metals e.g. copper, brass and aluminium (123 Grahamstown Rd)

Vest Design Seven: rubber and plastic (94 Govan Mbeki Ave)

Care Haven Psychiatric Centre: cans, craft items, old CDs, records etc (14 Belmont Terrace, Central) contact John on 041 585 9334

St Francis Hospice: clothing, household items, 1 litre yoghurt containers, 2 litre icecream containers and large pill boxes - contact Helen on 041 582 3304

Lake Farm Centre: jars, bottles and magazines (Lakeside Rd, Kragga Kamma) - 041 379 1555

Motherwell Recycling Centre and

Noziqhamo Arts & Crafts: most types of plastic including bottles and plastic packets, scraps and offcuts of materials, craft leftovers, plastic bags etc (Motherwell - also has drop-off points: Lifeline at 7 Cooper St, Children's Feeding Trust at the Walmer Town Hall - contact Maureen on 041 581 4371, Eunice on 073 008 7595 or Jenny on 082 853 0700)

Mecer: old electronic equipment including anything from old computers to kettles and printer cartridges (Pickering St, Newton Park) - contact Gail on 041 397 8700

St John the Baptist Anglican Church: bottlebank and items for Centre of Concern (8th Avenue, Walmer) - 041 581 3157

St John's Methodist Church: items for Centre of Concern (Havelock St) - 041 503 8400

Dangerous Signals to Criminals - a similar article appeared in Afrikaans in our last issue

We haven't checked it out, but BE AWARE of anything suspicious.

The following points were made recently in a discussion with members of SA Police Services on Radio IFM.

"We are not aware any of these signs are being used by criminals in our area but I feel it is good that you be warned."

When there is a Z painted at the Stop sign – a few houses are being robbed in that street

If there is a heap of small stones in front of a house – There are dogs

If there are two large stones placed next to each other – two old people

Sometimes they pack a few stones in a row next to each other – the number of people in the house.

Colours :

Red coke can, red rag etc' means the occupants can defend themselves
Coke can on its side – somebody at home
Coke can standing straight up – nobody at home.

White: sorghum box pointing to house - marked to break in

White plastic bag on fence – easy target

Green: directions, the direction the green bottle is showing – the direction they should move

Burglaries

Even though a home alarm system is a great way to keep your home safe, you can never be too careful when it comes to home security. We offer a number of home security tips that will encourage burglary prevention in the event that your house is targeted by criminals.

Home Security & Burglary Prevention Tips

•Ensure that all valuables and important documents are photocopied, authenticated by a Commissioner of Oath and securely locked away. If you do not have a fire proof home safe, lodge these copies with your bank for safekeeping.

•Ensure that perimeter doors are fitted with adequate locks. The front door should have a safety chain or safety latch and, if the door has no vision panel, a door viewer. If keys to perimeter doors are mislaid, those locks should be replaced.

•Fit suitable "spacers", locks or bolts to all sliding doors to prevent them from being lifted off their tracks (the most common method used by burglars on sliding doors and windows).

•Ensure all windows are fitted with adequate locks or burglar bars that cover all glass.

•Ensure that all duplicate keys are locked away if not in use. Do not leave in doors or make unnecessary copies.

•Install a safe for weapons and valuables. Duplicate house keys could be kept in this safe. Wall safes are usually not fire proof and therefore not suitable for face-value documents and money.

•Keep the garage and tool shed locked when not in use. Would-be intruders should not have access to any item that can be used as a weapon or burglary tool.

•Install outside lights that can be remotely

Blue: any blue bag, paper etc. – Somebody in the house prepared to help you.

Black: Stock Theft.

If your dog suddenly dies or is vomiting and there are black dots in the vomit or any white powder next to the dog then contact the police, they must remove the dog and the vomit immediately. Do not touch anything, it is dangerous.

If your dog barks at night - listen to the type of barking

A Kiewiet makes one noise when seeing an owl but a different noise when seeing a human being.

Simba Chips packet: it is folded neatly, If face on packet is pointing towards your house – Boss at home

If face is pointing away from home – Boss not at home

• If they see footprints by your gate, they know somebody stays there.

•They phone your house number to find out if you are at home.

•They switch off your power at your (unlocked) mains box, if you go out to check your box,

your home is open

For them to slip in or you are a soft target outside alone in the dark.

•Strange object: Arriving at home in your car, a strange object, dustbin, carton box, brick, tree branch, go past it, if you get out to remove the object, you are a soft target.

•What Must You Do:

•Remove all these loose signals in front of your house, and throw them away

•There have been cases where the "signs" were removed three times and the suspect who planted the signs got into trouble

•Try and remove the painted signs, paint over them.

Report any signs or signals you think were planted again after you had removed them once - to 10111, to your security company, or to the neighbourhood watch for investigation

The original info was sent by Willie Bosch, Chairperson, Farm Comm, Cell: 083 2286 303"



'FIGHT THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME' - REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR TO 10111 AND TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

entry unless identity has been checked through a vision panel or door viewer and with the company concerned.

•Do not allow strangers into your home to make telephone calls. Rather offer to make the telephone calls for them while they wait outside.

•If you note suspicious vehicles, individuals or groups in your neighbourhood, contact the neighbourhood watch, your security company or 10111.

We found a very neglected, but beautiful and friendly young German Shepherd male on Friday in the Greenacres Parking area. It is clear that he has been lost for some time as he is extremely thin.

We took him to the Southern Cross Veterinary Clinic in Mill Park and have made arrangements for medical treatment to get him back on his feet. Unfortunately we will not be in a position to foster him at home when he comes out of hospital and will be taking him to Save-a Pet. If anyone has lost their German Shepherd or can give foster care until a loving home is found, please contact myself on 0840175414.

**Many Thanks
Hanri Rossouw**