

# Bryanston East Community Forum

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## Newsletter

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### Dear members and residents

The year is now in full swing and Christmas and holidays are but a memory.

With International Earth Day (20 March) on our doorstep the focus is once again creating a sustainable society. Earth Day is based on the simple philosophy that ordinary people, acting together can achieve extraordinary things every action matters. Of major concern is protecting the environment and one of the ways we can contribute to this is by recycling waste. If we recycle and reuse we reduce the impact on the environment. In this newsletter we discuss paper recycling and in the months ahead we will also share information on the recycling of other waste like plastic, cans, glass and metals.

Our Domestic Watch project is in full swing and we have hosted more than 6 meetings so far. Attendance has been excellent with between 20 and 50 domestics and gardeners joining us at these meetings. As mentioned previously, we have planned 4 domestic watch meetings per area (please contact our office for more details or a list of dates). The first session of meetings ends towards mid March and special speakers will be joining us for the next session starting towards the end of April. I would like to thank everyone involved especially residents and Inspector Lee Ramdiyal for supporting this project.

I would like to urge residents to please assist with donations towards these meetings. Things like biscuits, cold drink (i.e. orange squash) and even paper for the printing of notes will be greatly appreciated.

Other projects we are working on at the moment include the building of a Community Centre, plans for Arbor Day, River Clean Ups and Hans Crescent Bird Sanctuary Open Days.

If you would like to share your comments, become a member or get involved in any of our Community Projects please e-mail me at [elfrieda@becf.co.za](mailto:elfrieda@becf.co.za).

**Elfrieda Loubser**

### PAPER RECYCLING

Paper recycling is the process of recovering waste paper ("scrap paper") and remaking it into new paper products. Today recovered paper is the most important raw material in paper and paper board production. Recovered paper is an international commodity, with over 36 million tons traded annually.

#### Why should we recycle?

- Recycling supports a cleaner environment as trees are put to other uses, there is a reduction of coal and electricity based emissions.
- Frees up space at landfill sites - for every ton of paper recycled, 3m<sup>2</sup> of landfill space is saved (Visualise about 1million tons of paper at a landfill site).
- It creates jobs in South Africa, 35700 people earn an income directly or indirectly from collection paper and board for recycling.
- Reduces costs to local authorities like municipalities specifically transport and the running / maintenance of landfill sites.
- It decreases the necessity to import raw materials.
- For every ton of paper recycled, a substantial amount of energy is saved.
- Energy saved from paper recycling per annum is sufficient to provide electricity to 512 homes for a year.



#### What can we recycle?

Old memos / letters  
Computer paper  
Used photocopy paper  
Windowless envelopes  
Old books  
Pale coloured paper (invoices, etc.)  
Newspapers  
Magazines  
Cardboard (Flattened)  
Clean polystyrene or paper cups and plates

#### What cannot be recycled?

Sweet / chip wrappers  
Blueprint paper  
Cigarette ends  
Tissues and paper towels  
Plastic wrapping  
Carbon paper  
Post-it notes  
Waxed cartons . . . or anything else you are not sure of. . .

As residents of Bryanston East, Petervale, Kleve Hill Park and Riverclub (and also inhabitants of this planet) we need to promote a culture of recycling and through this preserve and protect our environment. We need to become aware of the benefits and importance of recycling.

Residents can drop off recyclable paper at the Wholeearth depot at the Hobart Shopping Centre in Bryanston.

For more information please visit these interesting websites:  
[www.wholeearth.co.za](http://www.wholeearth.co.za)  
[www.prasa.co.za](http://www.prasa.co.za)  
[www.paperpickup.co.za](http://www.paperpickup.co.za)

Residents must please ensure that swimming pools are secured with either a fence or net. This could avoid drownings.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **Metro Emergencies, Ambulances, Accidents** - 011 375 5911
- **Police** - 10111
- **Fire** - 10177
- **Sandton Police Station** - 011 722 4200/4355
- **Victim Support** - 082 774 7564
- **Inspector Lee Ramdiyal** - 083 775 4674
- **Joburg Connect** - 011 375 5555  
(City Council, parks, water & electricity)
- **Electricity Eskom** - 086 003 7566
- **Water** (24 hour helpline) - 011 688 1500
- **Coin Control Room** - 086 180 7000
- **Coin Vehicle N12** - 082 053 3547
- **Coin Vehicle N17** - 082 825 3763
- **Coin Vehicle N18** - 082 461 5054
- **Coin Vehicle N19** - 076 629 0902
- **Chris van Zyl** - 082 649 4785  
(Dedicated Coin Sales Consultant)



### COIN Update

Incidents of crime in Bryanston East are still lower than incidents of crime in other sectors. We believe this is due to our dedicated patrolling and special operations being done with the police and other security companies. During the special operations we chase vagrants from the river and clear out vagrants sleeping on vacant residential stands. The Protea Coin mounted unit assists with patrols on the river to disperse unwanted vagrants every third weekend.

Incidents of smash and grab have occurred again at the intersections of Main and Sloane as well as Cambridge and Witkoppen. Please be cautious when approaching these intersections and don't leave anything like handbags, cellphones and laptops in plain sight.

Please be on the lookout for a white bakkie with four males clothed in blue overalls. These men have been implicated in a number of robberies.

Be careful when approaching your home as residents have been followed home from schools, shopping centres and the airport. If you are wearing expensive jewelry in public also be cautious as residents have been followed home and robbed of the jewellery in their driveways. If you think suspicious persons are hanging around your home or following you call your security company or 10111.

JP Kuijper



**The Braamfontein Spruit after a cloudburst on 28 January 2009**



Residents that have CCTV systems at their homes should please consider utilizing recording facilities (DVR or video). This could assist in solving crimes happening in the area.



### National Police Day

On the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 National Police Day was celebrated by all members of the South African Police Service.

The Station Commissioner, Director Allan Billings, management and members of the Sandton SAPS together with local businesses attended a function at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

This remarkable day has been celebrated since 2005. It is to honour those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This day is also to establish partnerships between the community, businesses, residents and SAPS especially Sandton SAPS.

A certificate of understanding was signed by Mr. Gary Clarke, company secretary of JSE, Mrs. Judith Taylor on behalf of the Sandton Community and Director Allan Billings of Sandton SAPS.

The South African Police Services has adopted the "ACT" programme:

A = Against; C=Crime; T=Together.

The Police service adopted this programme to forge relationships with the role players in the community and to create public awareness about the trio crimes (house robberies, business robberies and hi-jackings)

Communities are urged to report any crime to the South African Police Services 08600 10111 or can use the "SMS crime line" 32211.

SAPS once again urge the community to work with the members of SAPS to combat crime, to contact SAPS if any suspicious people or vehicles are spotted, Not to buy stolen and pirate goods. To report any fraud and corruption from the SAPS side to the station. If the local community, businesses and SAPS work together and have a positive outlook we can reduce crime in Sandton.

Inspector Lee Ramdial  
Sector Manager - Sector 2

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