

# Bryanston East Community Forum

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## Newsletter January/February 2010

### Dear members and residents

It is 2010 and as we are the Soccer World Cup hosts it promises to be a big year for South Africa. Some look forward to it and others are pessimistic but whatever your opinion, I hope 2010 is an amazing year for you and your loved ones.

At the Forum things are picking up. In between trying to sort out potholes and getting the long grass cut in the green belt areas, the Domestic Watch meetings have started and if all goes well we will launch one or two new projects later this year. Once a month there will be an open day at the Hans Crescent Bird Sanctuary and banners confirming the date will be put up at the Bird Sanctuary a week in advance.

We need another 95 residents to sign up for us to get our fifth dedicated Protea Coin vehicle so if you or your neighbours are not signed up please seriously consider it.

The proposed development of an open space (to build a safe and clean park along the Braamfontein Spruit), we are working on in conjunction the Riverside Shopping Centre has been approved by City Parks. In the coming months plans will be drawn up for the approval of City Parks and a task team has been appointed to assist with the smooth implementation of the project.

Residents are invited to attend the monthly SAPS Sector Meeting which is scheduled for the first Thursday of every month at the St Michaels Church (cnr Bryanston Drive and Mount Road). The meeting starts at 18:30 and Insp. Lee Ramdiyal shares information on crime trends and other community issues are discussed.

On Friday 12 March 2010 Sandton CPF (Community Policing Forum) will be hosting a Golf Day for the benefit of Sandton SAPS. Please support this initiative by entering a fourball or donating prizes or 'goodie bag fillers'. For more information please contact chairman@sandtoncpf.co.za.

We would love to hear from you. Please send your comments or articles to admin@becf.co.za.

Elfrieda Loubser

### RESIDENT FEEDBACK

#### Domestic saves the day

Thanks to Insp. Lee Ramdiyal and the Bryanston East Community Forum.

We had a fire at our house and our domestic saved the day. She had the telephone list on hand and called the fire brigade, switched the power off at the mains and made sure our dogs were safe. The fire was at the pool pump and by that time the flames were about 12 feet high and some trees were catching alight. We managed to put out the fire but without our domestic's quick thinking we could have had a very serious problem.

Our whole family now has all the relevant telephone numbers programmed on our mobile phones.

Frances Coole

#### Protea Coin ARO lends a helping hand

In mid January, I received call from my mother asking for assistance when she hit a pothole in Bryanston in St Audley Road and had a blowout. Now as these things normally go, the spare was already on the car as she had a flat the earlier in the week. Luckily it was a slow puncture. We went to the garage on Ballyclare Drive and pumped the tyre. Gabriel arrived asking if it was our car, to which we answered that it was. He then followed us to the car and proceeded to change the tyre. Thank goodness Gabriel was there. We felt safe and he was not only helpful and efficient, but also polite and friendly (and we are not even Protea Coin clients).

Christopher Baxter

#### Dear Hamilton Village residents

Bring your kids and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt and "Bring and Braai" at the cnr of Hamilton and Stratton Ave on Sunday 14 March 2010.



### 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
- Electricity Eskom - 086 003 7566
- Water (24 hour helpline) - 011 688 1500

- ER24 - 084 124
- 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
- Tanya Beattie - 082 649 4785  
(Protea Coin Sales & Marketing Manager)

### Dear residents

Few crime related incidents were reported during December but I would like to congratulate the Protea Coin guards who made arrests:

- Kennas Phuravhathu and Dennis Masondo arrested a suspect in possession of goods stolen at the corner of William Nicol Drive and Grosvenor Road.
- A man suspected of assaulting another man was arrested by Leonard Nkomo in Klevehill Park.
- Gabriel Nemananje, Proud Ncube and Andrew Dube arrested a suspect and stolen goods were returned in Quorn Street.
- Two suspects were arrested by Siphon Magubane, Walter Hasane and Proud Ncube. They were attempting to gain access to a property in Petervale. A gardener at a house nearby assisted the officers.
- Proud Ncube, Kennas Phuravhathu and Obvious Tshabangu arrested two suspects involved in a break-in in Astor Road. The third suspect got away but all stolen goods (including a laptop, bags filled with clothes, a dvd player, jewellery and shoes) were returned to the owner.

Well done guys!

**Tanya Beattie**

### DOMESTIC WATCH

In 2009 we had 64 successful Domestic Watch meetings. The 2nd December 2009 was the year-end function. Domestic and Gardeners who attended 4/4 and 3/4 of the meetings received certificates of attendance, which was handed out by the Station Commander of SAPS Sandton, Director Alan Billings. 276 attendees received certificates.

Thanks to the residents who provided financial contributions, BECF for organising and supplying the refreshments, Madison Foods Spar for the cold drinks and Keith for allowing us to use the St Michaels Anglican Church.

This year 2010 presents greater challenges for the Sandton SAPS. One of them being the FIFA World Cup. Another challenge is residents that do not allow their domestics and gardeners to attend the meetings. The residents also benefit from these meetings. The domestics and gardeners leave the meetings empowered and with a feeling of self-worth. A few of the gardeners and domestics prevented house breakings and robberies by following the simple steps I have put in place. Others assisted in apprehending suspects and one domestic prevented her employers home from burning to the ground. Domestic and gardeners receive a cash incentive for assisting in prevention of a crime and providing information that leads to the arrest of suspects or recovery of property.

The meetings are held in the various closures and streets. All the meetings are held at 12:00 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The duration of the meetings is only for an hour. We have a very exciting and interesting year planned for the domestics and gardeners. I urge all residents to send their domestics and gardeners to the meetings. Please contact Elfrieda at admin@becf.co.za for the 2010 domestic watch schedule.

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### FIREARM AMNESTY

**"AWULETHE UMSHINI WAKHO – SURRENDER YOUR FIREARM"**

The residents and business community of the SANDTON Policing area are advised to take note of the following:

- An amnesty period (2010/01/11 to 2010/04/11) has been announced by the Minister of Police and published in the Government Gazette No.111, dated 25th November 2009.
- Individuals who inherited firearms, sold firearms, store firearms for safekeeping: Private Security companies, firearm dealers, gunsmiths and manufacturers with obsolete and redundant firearms and ammunition;
- The general public including Youth groups, Religious Forums, NGO, Sporting Associations are requested to surrender their unwanted, surplus and unlicensed firearms to the Sandton police, SAP 13 store during this AMNESTY PERIOD.

Report illegal firearms to the South African Police Service.

Be responsible – the correct safekeeping of your firearm can save lives.

Together We Can Do More Against Crime!

**FIGHTING CRIME BEGINS WITH ME, WHAT ABOUT YOU?**

**AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF A "SMASH AND GRAB" INCIDENT. DO NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLES LIKE A CELLPHONE, LAPTOP OR HANDBAG ON THE SEAT OF YOUR CAR.**

**SMASH AND GRAB HOTSPOTS:  
CNR. WITKOPPEN & CAMBRIDGE ROADS  
MAIN ROAD, BRYANSTON BETWEEN  
SLOANE STREET & WITKOPPEN ROAD**