

# Bryanston East Community Forum

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## Newsletter June 2010

### Dear residents and members

Winter has finally arrived, it is mid June and freezing cold in Bryanston.

We are right in the middle of school holidays and the FIFA World Cup Soccer Tournament. Even though Bafana is not doing very well there is still a lot of excellent soccer, and the infectious vibe, to enjoy.

The Gautrain has commenced operations and, amongst others, you'll see busses travelling up and down William Nicol Drive and Rivonia Road. At peak times during the week the trains and buses run every 12 minutes and at off-peak times every 20 minutes. Over weekends and public holidays there are no busses but the trains run every 30 minutes. Stations are at Sandton, Marlboro, Rhodesfield and OR Tambo (the other stations - Rosebank, Midrand, Centurian and Pretoria - are scheduled to start operating in June 2011. The buses travel between the stations and Randburg, Sandton CBD, Fourways, Wendywood, Rivonia and Rhodesfield. For more detailed information, tariffs and route maps please visit [www.gautrain.co.za](http://www.gautrain.co.za).

I would like to thank residents for their support of our project to fix potholes around Bryanston. We will continue to fix potholes, specifically ones that have been logged with JRA but have not been fixed.

The second session of our Domestic Watch project was very successful and an estimated 600 domestics and gardeners were addressed by the ex-convict. We look forward to the 3rd session, which starts on 13 July, where ER24 will be joining Warrant Officer Lee Ramdiyal. The year-end function and prize giving is scheduled for Thursday 2 December. We are expecting a lot more domestics and gardeners than last year and would appreciate assistance and donations from residents to make this a memorable event.

We would love to hear from you. Please send any comments or contributions to [admin@becf.co.za](mailto:admin@becf.co.za).

Elfrieda Loubser



The BECF cleaners with the bakkie they repainted the colours of the South African flag to show their support for Bafana during the FIFA World Cup.



Pothole being fixed by the BECF team.

### 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  
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## PROTEA COIN Update

### SAFETY HINTS & TIPS

Please ensure that you test your alarm system every two weeks to ensure that signals are received in the control centre.

If you have a gate keypad installed at your gate, please change the access code monthly and inform your control centre (Protea Coin Control Centre number: 0861-80-8000)

### Hints and Tips

#### When away from your residence

1. Do not leave notes on the door, underneath the carpet or in the post box to indicate that you are away.
2. Do not leave hidden keys.
3. Leave your house key with a trusted neighbour or the key holder so that access can be gained in an emergency.
4. Do not leave only the outside lights on as this is usually an indication to would-be intruders that the house is not occupied.
5. Leave lights on and the radio playing as this gives the impression that the house is occupied.

#### Electric Fence

1. Check the electric box and make sure that the current is flowing through at the strongest possible level - you will see the strength on the row of little lights flashing on the box.
2. Make sure that there are no tree branches or shrubs making contact with the wires as this would cause a short in the circuit, which would set off the alarm - and maybe cause you to switch off the alarm to stop the irritation of false alarms.
3. Replace normal nails with springs that can handle the expansion and contraction of the wires, due to heat and cold. This would prevent the wires from drooping.
4. Especially on older fences, check that the plastic bobbins between lines are in good condition. These sustain hairline cracks due to exposure to the elements that, if left unattended could lead to short circuits. It's easiest to check these after rain, as water collects in the cracks, causing a click sound.

Tanya Beattie

### Soccer World Cup 2010 – Hints and Tips

The Soccer World Cup 2010 is here and criminals will take advantage of this historical event. They are going to target the tourists and the local community. Let us be pro-active and be aware of our surroundings, whether you are at HOME or at the MATCH.

#### Home invasions

These are likely to take place when the criminals see a number of cars in driveways of homes. This would indicate that there is a group of friends / family watching a match who will be distracted. Normally alcohol is involved and there is usually a door open where the guys have been at the Braai. They will attempt to jump the wall or force open driveway gates, get into the property and rob everyone of their personnel effects.

#### Carjackings

Gangs will target women (normally) in a supermarket and inform other gang members who are in the car park waiting to follow you home. The advice is to pay attention to who else turns the same way as you do at junctions. The car tailing you is likely to be 3 or 4 cars back. If you think you are being tailed head to a petrol station or large shopping centre and get out the car and phone for help. Do not try to get home and get in the front gate. Either phone your security service provider or better still phone 10111.

#### Driveway robberies

Be very aware of who or what is in your street or outside your house when you approach it. If somebody is loitering or if you pass a car with one or two occupants apparently sitting idly, do not enter your driveway, drive pass and contact 10111 and inform the operator that there are suspicious persons lurking around your driveway (give detailed description of suspects). Always pull up parallel to your driveway and open the gate. Never pull up in front of the gate and then open it. That will be the time when you get boxed in by the car full of trouble and you won't have much time to react. They are then likely to steal what you have on you (wallets, handbags, jewellery, mobile phones, laptops, etc) and then shoot off or worst still get you to open the house and go in with you.

#### Pickpockets

For those of you who are going to the games, the trouble you are likely to come across will be either a few drunken characters looking for a fight or pickpockets. The security agencies are aware that major public gatherings like the World Cup will attract international pickpockets from around the world. These guys are experts and you will not know that it has happened until many hours later. Gents wallets are normally kept in the back right pocket of trousers. Move it. Split your money and cards. Be careful.

#### Smash and grabs are also expected to increase

Tourists will leave cameras, phones and bags on car seats. Rich pickings for the smash and grab gangs. If you don't already have the smash and grab film on your car windows go and get it done now. If you can't afford it, the advice is to drive with your windows down about half an inch. This makes it 4 times harder to smash the window. DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES VISIBLE. Valuables should be kept in boot or glove compartment of vehicle.

#### Child abductions

For those with children the World Cup is going to be a particularly bad time for child abductions. In South Africa there are 15 abductions/kidnappings every day and they see this as a crime which will get out of hand over the World Cup period. Human trafficking gangs know that the schools are all on holiday over the tournament. They will target shopping malls, cafes, cinemas, public toilets and toy departments in shops. The borders will not be able to cope with the surge and checks will be cursory in most cases. Babies will be abducted for scrupulous adoption agencies. Children will be targeted for the porn industry and for prostitution. Keep an eye on your children! Do not send them off to the toilets alone. Do not let them go to the toy section while you do the rest of your shopping.

Let us all enjoy this great event and be safe.

Lee Ramdiyai  
Warrant Officer  
Sector Manager