

# Bryanston East Community Forum

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## Newsletter March 2010

### Dear residents and members

Welcome to the March issue of the Community Newsletter.

Since our last newsletter we have managed to get some assistance from JRA to have a number of potholes fixed and City Parks has finally started cutting the grass along the Braamfontein Spruit. Every week our cleaning team picks up rubbish in the streets and along the river.

In the last month, the Protea Coin boom guards and ARO's have assisted in making some arrests and I would like to thank them for their crime fighting efforts in Bryanston East, Riverclub, Petervale and Klevehill Park.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the River Rangers and Protea Coin we will be seeing more regular horse patrols along the river and in the suburbs.

The next Domestic Watch session starts at the end of March and we are looking forward to a special speaker addressing the domestics and gardeners. Inspector Lee Ramdiyal will, once again, share information on current crime trends and lookouts in the area.

Please get involved in community projects and attend the monthly SAPS Sector Meetings scheduled for the first Thursday of the month at St. Michaels Church (cnr Bryanston Drive and Mount Street). Due to the Easter long weekend the next meeting is scheduled for 15 April 2010 at 18:30.

I hope our newsletter keeps you informed of community activities and also provides you with relevant and helpful information on crime prevention. Thanks to all who contributed and keep the news and feedback coming. Contributions can be sent to admin@becf.co.za.

Elfrieda Loubser

### MODUS OPERANDI

Be aware of the following:

#### Robbery

Criminals follow you from shopping centres, banks and schools. You are picked up by the expensive jewelery you wear (i.e. Rolex watch), expensive vehicle you drive and large amounts of cash drawn at banks. You are then followed home and while you parked in your drive way waiting for the gate to open or pull into your garage you are confronted by these criminals and robbed.

To prevent this from happening, when driving home watch that you are not followed and if you notice anyone suspicious lurking around your driveway DO NOT pull in. Drive past and alert your security provider and 10111.

Other criminals are opportunists who drive around in the suburbs and look for easy targets. Criminals also pose as service providers (plumbers, electricians etc). They target your domestic workers and gardeners.

#### House breakings

Criminals gain access to your premises by lifting driveway sliding gates off the rail and driveway swing gates are being pushed open. To prevent this, sliding gates should be fitted with anti-lift brackets. Swing gates can be fitted with magnetic locks and all gate motors must be secured with anti theft brackets.

#### Security measures

I have noticed that some of the security measures (electric fence, CCTV, alarm system) that residents have in place is either insufficient, incorrectly installed or not utilised. Some premises have no security measures in place at all. A common point of entry to your home is thru sliding doors and unprotected windows.

#### Theft of motor vehicles

Vehicles are mainly stolen from schools and shopping centres. These vehicles are parked in unsecured parking areas where there is no lighting or security guard. In other instances vehicle security devices are inadequate or not being utilised.

#### Theft out of Motor vehicle

Vehicles that have been broken into had valuables visible i.e. laptop or cell phone. Smash and grabs are a problem due to residents leaving valuables visible while travelling in peak hour traffic. Valuables should be stored either in the glove compartment or boot of your vehicle.

Inspector Lee Ramdiyal

## 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

#### Dear Resident

We have had a few incidents in the greater Bryanston area. Although we would much rather see no incidents, we are counting ourselves lucky, as some of our other areas are inundated with armed robberies on a daily basis and more than one murder in the last week. Please keep your eyes and ears peeled for things that "don't seem right" and report these to the Protea Coin armed response vehicles.

Also keep an eye on your neighbor's property. We often find that after incidents happen, and the neighbor would say, "I thought it was strange that..." If these "strange" things are reported to us we would hopefully be able to stop at least some of the crime in the area.

We are pleased to report that the domestic watch meetings are going well, with the theme "blow the whistle on crime" in the first quarter. The second quarter starting on the 30 March will see an ex-convict, that has been rehabilitated, visiting the domestic watches. He will be talking about what to watch out for, how criminals plan robberies and what makes homes and people vulnerable. We have used him at many functions in other areas and find the information that he gives the domestics very valuable. Please try and attend at least one of these meetings, as it is important that not only the domestics but our residents also know what to look out for.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Tanya Beattie

### MONTROSE OPEN DAY

Montrose Primary School & Pre-Primary School in 12th Street Parkmore, Sandton will be holding its Open Day on Saturday 17 April from 9am - 12pm.

We cordially invite community members with children of (or nearing) school going-age to Montrose Primary School to see what this Exceptional School has to offer. The Principal of Montrose Primary School, Mrs Sylvia Buschberger, will give her address at 10am in the main school hall. Tea and eats will be provided by the Montrose Parents Association.

### New park development

City Parks has given provisional approval for the park which will stretch from opposite the Riverside Shopping Centre, along The River Road, to the Scout Hall near Hans Crescent. The project is a joint venture between BECF and City Parks.

The project will be funded by the owner of Riverside Shopping Centre but help will be needed from corporate sponsors to keep it maintained.

A fence will be erected around the area and there will be parking bays for cyclists and residents, wanting to walk their dogs. There will be benches, play and picnic area, extra lighting, security guards and regular cleaning and maintenance.

For more information or to make suggestions and provide assistance please contact BECF at (011) 463-6066 or admin@becf.co.za.

### CONCEPTS - OUTDOOR GYM

