

Bryanston East Community Forum

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Dear residents and members

As we are swiftly moving towards the end of 2011, people are planning Christmas holidays and we have to be more diligent of safety at home and more aware when travelling as there is usually an increase of crime towards the end of the year. Things to keep in mind:

- Wait for the gate to close when you leave or arrive home.
- Be aware of anyone following you home from a shopping centre or bank, especially if you had just withdrawn a large amount of cash.
- Cut back trees close to the perimeter wall and gate so that there is nowhere to hide or climb over your wall.
- Do not take the "wheelie bin" out the night before Pikitup collects rubbish as these can be used to scale wall.
- Do not leave doors open around the house.

If you notice anything suspicious please press your panic button or contact the dedicated SAPS vehicles.

If you are not yet a member of BECF please consider joining for only R100 per month. Your contribution goes a long way in supporting projects like domestic watch and cleaning up the suburb.

Comments and contributions to the newsletter can be sent to admin@becf.co.za.

Elfrieda Loubser

UPDATING DATABASE

Recently our Community Policing Forum ("CPF") was established. What has become apparent is the need to maintain an accurate database of our residents in order to communicate more effectively as and when required. Another benefit to maintaining such a database is to enable us to work with the police in predicting trends within our area should we be party to all the necessary information. This would mean information such as your name and contact details as a minimum would be required. We would also encourage you to inform the BECF of all incidents, potential incidents, unpleasant encounters, suspicions and so on, if we are to ever gain a full picture of our environment. In terms of the recently legislated Consumer Protection Act, all members of a database have to opt in to participating as a member of any database.

The BECF will not at any stage divulge your information to any third party. It will be used only in circumstances of when you need to be contacted or informed of any incidences or events relating to the Bryanston East area. Should you not have submitted your contact information prior to this and you would like to receive correspondences via SMS, kindly send your mobile number to elfrieda@becf.co.za.

If you would like to ensure that you are not contacted or would like to formally opt out of all communiqués, kindly reply to the abovementioned e-mail confirming this.

Karen Soderholm
(Resident and Sector 2 CPF sub forum committee member)

ENQUIRIES REGARDING FIREARM LICENSE CARDS AND COMPETENCIES

Gauteng police are appealing to members of the communities who have applied for firearm licenses and competency certificates at various stations and have not picked up their cards to urgently collect them at their respective stations (If you applied for your license at Gallo Manor, please collect from Sandton Police station).

A central check point for the license cards or the competency certificates has been set up. Community members can call in with their identity numbers to verify whether the cards are available or not. People wanting to enquire about their license cards and competencies can call the following numbers: 011 497 7749; 011 497 7748; 011 497 7296; 011 497 7332. These numbers will be in operation from 07:00am till 22:00pm throughout the week.

As per www.crimeline.co.za

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
- **Joburg Connect** - 011 375 5555
- **Electricity Eskom** - 086 003 7566
- **Water** (24 hour helpline) - 011 688 1500
- **Control Room** - 086 12 12 400
- **R-01** - 082 461 5054
- **R-03** - 083 411 2674
- **R-04** - 083 701 2199
- **R-15** - 082 053 3547
- **Dedicated SAPS Vehicles** - 071 675 6096
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ADT AND EUROP ASSISTANCE (EASA)

As from 1 September 2011 ADT offers enhanced medical emergency assistance via Europ Assistance.

Throughout South Africa EASA offers a wide network of ambulance service providers and this will allow ADT to better serve the needs of their clients. All clients linked to ADT's monitoring service can make use of EASA's services.

In the event of a medical emergency you should call the ADT Emergency Control Room number. The ADT operator will transfer you to Europ Assistance where a qualified operator will assess the nature of the emergency and will then arrange for the appropriate medical transport to be dispatched at no cost to you. If you do not call ADT first or call another service provider you will be liable for the account.

Other than emergency medical services EASA also offers a Nurse Line and Trauma Counseling for victims of violent crime. Both of these are 24-hour helplines.

The ADT Control Room can be contacted on 086 12 12 400.

Pieter Venter

DOMESTIC WATCH

We have started the last domestic watch session for 2011. Europ Assistance are addressing the domestics and gardeners and those who attend 4/4 meetings during the year are receiving a certificate and coffee mug.

We are also giving all attendees lunch and would appreciate some financial assistance from residents.



Please support BECF by joining MySchool. For more information please contact the BECF offices or visit their website on www.myschool.co.za

SECTOR 2 CPF FEEDBACK

As reported in our last newsletter, the Sector 2 Community Policing Forum (CPF) has been elected.

This is a committee of people who represent the community in the entire sector - Bryanston East, Klevehill Park, Petervale and parts of River Club.

One of the crucial tasks of the CPF is communication and co-operation between the SAPS and communities i.e. notifying police of trouble spots so that police can move in and stop crimes before they're committed. At the same time, the forums should - under the original charter - make sure the police are also doing their job. The draft regulations, too, refer to their involvement in "improving transparency and service delivery in the SAPS".

The Sector 2 sub forum meets once a month and projects we have initiated and gotten involved in include the following:

Database update

We need an accurate database of the residents and businesses in the area in order to communicate more effectively as and when required i.e. to send information on crime trends or lookouts.

Another benefit to maintaining such a database is to enable us to work with the police in predicting trends within the area.

Business against crime

Making contact and building relationships with businesses in the shopping centres in the area. These include the Bryanston, Petervale, Riverside and Riverclub Shopping Centres as well as the Hobart Grove Centre.

ADT river clean up

This is a project planned for later this year in which we would like to get residents and businesses involved in getting to know each other whilst cleaning the Braamfontein Spruit.

Domestic watch

This is an ongoing project where BECF assists with arranging the meetings and speakers to address the domestics and gardeners at different venues throughout the area.

There is still a need for more people to be involved in this structure especially business owners and/or managers. Please get involved with the Sector Policing Forum.

All residents and business owners are invited to attend the **monthly meeting** at **St Michaels Church** on Mount Street on the **first Thursday of the month at 18h30**. At this meeting feedback is given on current projects the CPF sub forums are involved in as well as feedback on crime trends, modus operandi, lookouts etc.