



# Bryanston East Community Forum

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## Welcome to the May 2007 news letter

Hi everyone

Welcome to the May 2007 BECF news letter.

We decided to start this news letter by telling you where your money goes :

Rewards for all information leading to arrests or prevention of a crime in our area. This probably happens twice a month.

Paying our cleaning team of four full time cleaners who clean every street and open public space in our suburb once a week. (They are currently removing about three skips of rubbish a week).

They clean the river on a weekly basis as well.

Running our community office which at this stage is staffed during normal office hours. Avril reports and follows up on about 10 "municipal" problems a week. These cover pot holes, building sites and host of other problems.

Running domestic forums where the domestic workers and the SAPS work together to combat crime in our area.

On the crime fighting side of BECF, we work actively with SAPS and COIN combating crime in our area. In the past month we have had about 30 cases reported to BECF. These vary from break-ins and smash and grabs to armed robberies. This is high but it is about 50% down on when we started this initiative.

The SAPS have put in a huge effort in the past two months, with teams of reservists working in our area around the clock. They have also been actively sorting out the squatter problems along the river and in the other gathering areas. Unfortunately this problem will never go away and needs to be addressed on an on-going basis.

We now have over 530 COIN clients which means we are less than **70 COIN clients short of yet another vehicle in the area**. This would be a really significant achievement and would allow us to have four dedicated patrol vehicles in our area. Please think about this very seriously – all you have to do is sign up with COIN at R275 / month for normal armed response and R100 / month for your BECF membership i.e. a total of R375 / month which is still cheaper than any other security provider.

We are investigating rolling out an SMS notification system where the community office and SAPS can send a watch out SMS to all members

of the community. This will also allow the domestics in the area to get hold of the SAPS or COIN without a cost to the domestics.

We are seriously looking at building a community hall in some of the public space in our area. As a community we have nowhere that people can get together safely / comfortably for community events or sports. This is a major project and could take a few years to get off the ground. If anybody is interested in getting involved (or wants to donate the money or a suitable property to build it), please get hold of us at any time.

We end with our normal appeal.

Please stop complaining about the crime levels in our area if you are not prepared to do anything about it. All it takes to get involved is to sign up with BECF and COIN which will probably take an hour of your time and save you money at the same time.

Regards

Everyone at BECF

## Success stories

The SAPS and COIN have had some great successes in our area in the past month or two. These include :

1. The arrest by the SAPS of the robbers who robbed Glen Agliotti in our area.
2. The arrest by the SAPS of the robbers who held up the Spar at Riverside. This involved a long chase and a shoot out.
3. COIN prevented a hijacking in Arlington Road by responding to a suspicious vehicle. Unfortunately after shots were fired at the COIN guards the hijackers escaped.
4. The arrest by COIN of 3 housebreakers in George Street.

As a resident you can always contact Lee (083) 775-4674 or the COIN armed response vehicles in the area on the following numbers (even if you are not signed up with COIN or BECF) DPE / Petervale (082)053-3547, North (082)461-5054 and South (082)825-3763.

Lee is also asking for volunteers from the area to join the SAPS as D class reservists and volunteers to assist with administrative work at the station. The D class reservists will assist Inspector Lee Ramdiyal to reduce the crime in the area. These reservists will assist with specific operations which are not too dangerous. Any interested parties can contact Inspector Lee Ramdiyal on (083)775-4674 or Avril Hannah at BECF on (011)463-6066.

