

Bryanston East Community Forum

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Newsletter

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Dear members and residents

The last month has been busy and celebrating the change of season we focused on some community projects like two open days at the Hans Crescent Bird Sanctuary and cleaning up a stretch of the Braamfontein Spruit.

We also hosted a successful meet and greet session with representatives of SAPS, Protea Coin, River Rangers, CityPower, JRA, Pikitup and Metro Police. I look forward to all parties working together to make a difference in Bryanston East.

The fourth, and final, session of our 2009 Domestic Watch project starts mid October:

Kievehill Park	13 October
Petervale	14 October
Cadogan	20 October
Pine Forest (Ebury & Sloane)	21 October
Culross	27 October
Hamilton Village	28 October
DPE and surrounds	3 November
Portman	4 November
Bruton	10 November
Baker	11 November
Davies/Porchester	17 November
Westbourne	18 November
Wilton, Hans & surrounds	24 November
Charles/Arlington	25 November
Arklow	1 December
Riverclub	2 December
PRIZE GIVING	3 December

All domestics and gardeners are invited to attend these informative meetings.

I hope our newsletters keep you informed of community activities and also provide you with relevant and helpful information to prevent crime. Please send comments and/or contributions to the newsletter to admin@becf.co.za.

Kind regards
Elfrieda

Where do your monthly contributions go?

The Bryanston East Community Forum focuses on two specific aspects namely security and environment. Monthly contributions received from residents are spent on a number of projects and issues:

- A **dedicated team cleans** the streets, taxi rank, park areas and along the Braamfontein Spruit weekly.
- Assisting residents with contacting and **logging complaints with agencies** like JRA, CityPower, Pikitup, City Parks, Metro Police etc.
- Four dedicated **Protea Coin vehicles patrol** the area 24/7 and can be contacted directly by any resident for assistance. They also keep an eye out for suspicious people and activity.
- **Domestic Watch** meetings are held four times a year in sixteen designated areas. At these meetings Insp. Lee Ramdiyal (SAPS) and Protea Coin representatives address domestics and gardeners keeping them up to date and informed on crime trends, vehicle lookouts and so on. ER24 teaches them basic first aid and answers whatever medical related questions they might have.
- **Rewards** are paid to Protea Coin guards and armed response officers who assist the police in arresting suspects and return stolen goods.
- The community forum organizes **events** like Open Days at the Hans Crescent Bird Sanctuary, River Clean Ups, Annual SAPS Potjieskos Competition and meet and greet sessions with all the role players in the area to promote co-operation between all parties.
- Residents are kept informed by our **monthly newsletter** hand delivered at residences and sent by e-mail.

A project that we would like to initiate in the next few months involves residents and recycling. At the moment there are recycling points at the primary schools as well as shopping centres in the area. If enough Bryanston residents show interest, the community forum will arrange for home collection of environmental dry waste like glass, cans and plastic. Paper will still be collected by Mondl (the orange Ronnie Bags).

Elfrieda Loubser

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
(City Council, parks, water & electricity)
- **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
- **Chris van Zyl** -082 649 4785
(Dedicated Coin Sales Consultant)

Mounted Unit

The Protea Coin mounted unit is utilised for crowd control during industrial mass actions, festivals, major sport events, general crime prevention, and cable patrols along railway lines and in car parks.

When visiting the Bryanston East area the horses, of the "Friesian" breed, are stabled in Parkmore at the Field and Study Centre stables, from where they can easily access the Braamfontein Spruit. This unit visits the Bryanston East area one weekend a month and also participates in community events like the River Clean Up on 5 September 2009.



Sabelo Mzinyane and Titus Mazibuko with the mounted unit.

River Clean Up

On Saturday 5 September residents, Protea Coin and pupils from nearby schools joined forces to clean up a section of the Braamfontein Spruit between Ballyclare and Bryanston Drive. ER24 was on medical standby and the River Rangers organized pony rides for the kids. BECF provided cold drinks and boerewors rolls.

Bryanston Shopping Centre sponsored a computer with printer for the school with the most pupils participating in the clean up initiative. St. Peters came out tops beating Bryanston Primary and St. Stithians and winning the prize, which they donated to a school in Diepsloot.

We would like to thank everyone who supported this community initiative and hope to see more residents getting their hands dirty in the future.

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Domestic Watch

Recently an analysis on robberies, specifically residential robberies was done for the Sandton Police area.

In most of the residential robbery cases it was found that the domestics and gardeners were either involved in or were victims of these robberies. In January 2009 I started up a domestic watch program for sector 2 (Bryanston, Klevehill Park, Petervale and Riverclub). The sector has been divided into 16 priority areas and 4 meetings have been scheduled per area. Domestic workers and gardeners from these areas are invited to attend these crime prevention meetings. Various crime topics and crime trends are covered during these sessions. I advise them on safety tips at home as well as what to do if they see suspicious persons or vehicles in the areas they work and live in. At these sessions, emergency numbers are also handed out to the domestic workers and gardeners.

One important issue has been raised at these sessions: **PANIC BUTTONS**. A lot of the domestic workers and gardeners do not have access to remote panic buttons or do not know how the panic buttons work. I urge all residents to provide panic buttons to their workers, teach them how it works and to test the remote and the security system at least once a month to ensure that it is in working order all the time.

ER 24 is present during these meetings. They talk, advise and teach the domestic workers and gardeners about basic first aid and safety around the house.

From January to date I have addressed 529 domestic workers and gardeners. Of these 529 attendees 392 have attend all three session with one session left for the year.

A prize giving is planned for the 3rd December 2009. At this event all the domestic workers and gardeners that have attended three out of four and four out of four of these sessions will receive an attendance certificate. The function will be held at the Bryanston Methodist Church on Grosvenor Road, Bryanston from 14:00 - 17:00. Transport and refreshments will be provided.

I urge the residents to allow the domestic workers and gardeners to attend these sessions and the year-end prize giving. After all they are responsible for the safety of your children and property in your absence.

Please contact Elfrieda at (011) 463-6066 or email me at lee@becf.co.za for further enquiries about the domestic watch programme.

Inspector Lee Ramdiyali

