



# Bryanston East Community Forum

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Bryanston East  
Community Forum  
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## Welcome to the March 2007 news letter

Hi everyone

Welcome to the March 2007 BECF news letter. We have decided to go back to our original format and get it out more often because its much easier to organise and print this way.

The level of crime in our area was not good during December and January but has settled back to our normal "relatively" low figures. Our statistics show that it has dropped by about 50% since we started the Community Forum, which is largely due to the excellent interaction and communication between the SAPS and COIN Security.

The Sandton SAPS under Commissioner Billings have been putting in a big effort with limited resources and we really believe that they deserve our support and thanks. Our sector policeman Inspector Lee Ramdiyal has also been very busy with rolling road blocks and numerous raids on building sites. Unfortunately these raids are often only half successful because generally only the illegal residents can be arrested. We would really appeal to anyone who is building or developing in our area – please work with the SAPS to ensure that your building sites don't turn into squatter camps.

On a related note, anyone residing in the BECF area who would like Inspector Lee to address their domestics and gardeners can contact Avril to set up a date and a time. The domestic watch session teaches all who attend to be on the lookout for anything suspicious that they see and to be vigilant at all times. They are also instructed on whom to contact in the event of an emergency and Inspector Lee also explains how the BECF reward initiative works.

On the Community Forum initiative we are pleased to say that we have revised our service level agreement with COIN to simplify it and it really is working well. We are now starting to roll out our BECF inspectors who will randomly inspect any COIN personnel in our area to ensure that they comply with the SLA.

We now have over 500 COIN clients which means we are less than **100 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.

You may have seen the news about Parkmore's equivalent structure, who have had difficulties with their current service provider, SAS. We are now working actively with Parkmore and actually see significant benefits in sharing security company COIN and potentially other infrastructure. More on this in the months to come.

We now have four full time cleaners working for BECF. We are busy allocating them fixed areas and a logging system so that we will know that the entire suburb has been cleaned on a regular basis.

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 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

### Crime in our area

Crime in our area is still unacceptably high and there are still some really shocking incidents that occur. We still have about 30 incidents a month which are regarded as serious—these range from armed robbery to smash and grab and exclude the lesser crimes. Having said that, crime has dropped by about 50% since we started this initiative, largely due to the work done by COIN and the SAPS sector manager Inspector Lee Ramdiyal and his new partner Capt Belinda Gafoor.

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)481-5054 and South (082)825-3763.

The COIN guys have had some great successes in the past two months and have made several arrests. These include :

1. An armed robber who robbed two houses and raped one of our residents. He was subsequently chased through the suburb and arrested by the COIN armed response guards who handed him over to the SAPS.
2. A robber who was trying to rape a domestic worker and then tried to escape.
3. A car thief who stole a car in the area. This was reported to Lee who then got hold of the COIN vehicles who found the vehicle and chased it through to Randburg where the SAPS and COIN arrested the thief.

## Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help us out with the following:

1. Writing of articles for the news letter. Anything that is relevant to the community would be welcomed.
2. Volunteers to organize community events. If we can get enough volunteers this would simply involve each person or group organizing one event a year. This could be a picnic in the park, a braai for the police or a river clean up. It is not a huge amount of work, but just needs a bit of focused effort.
3. Re-building and maintaining our web site.

If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact us.

## Who's who?

We have just started a daily parade of all the COIN personnel working in our area (which you are welcome to come to at any time). To be honest it was very embarrassing because we didn't know the names and faces of most of the security people who work in our area.

As a result we will be running a series over the next few months of who's who, but to start with we decided to just publish a photo of the team for one shift. Its quite amazing that we now have over 20 COIN personnel on duty in our area at any one time.

They really do deserve our thanks and appreciation. Without their willingness to risk their lives we would never have got to where we are today.

## Lee's lookouts

1. The community is urged to be more vigilant and aware of their surroundings as robberies are currently a problem in the Sandton area.
2. People are being followed from the airport, shopping malls and banks. If you suspect that you are being followed contact 10111 or your security company.
3. Be aware that criminals are placing cable ties on gates so that they do not open when the remote is pushed.
4. Do not leave security and driveway gates open.



# BRYANSTON EAST COMMUNITY FORUM

## REGISTRATION FORM

Your Name: Mr./ Mrs./ Miss./ Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ I.D. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

|                         |                       |                                      |        |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
|                         | (First Names)         | (Surname)                            |        |
| Physical Address: _____ | Postal Address: _____ | Do you live in a road closure? _____ | Yes/No |
| Suburb: _____           | Suburb: _____         | Name of closure: _____               |        |
| Code: _____             | Code: _____           |                                      |        |
| Tel (Home): _____       | Tel (Work): _____     | Do you have armed response? _____    | Yes/No |
| Cell No. _____          | E-Mail: _____         | Name of company: _____               |        |

Preferred method of payment \_\_\_\_\_

### DEBIT ORDER ADVICE IF REQUIRED

I, the undersigned, authorise Bryanston East Community Forum to deduct an amount of R\_\_\_\_\_ per month. I understand that all withdrawals shall be treated as if signed by me personally. I understand that this instruction can be cancelled by me by giving Bryanston East Community Forum 30 days written notice.

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| Bank: _____              | Branch Code: _____     | Branch Name: _____     |
| Account No: _____        | Account Holder: _____  | Type of account: _____ |
| Amount per mth: R_____   | Amount in words: _____ |                        |
| First payment date _____ | Date: _____            | Signature: _____       |

### OUR BANKING DETAILS

Beneficiary Details: BRYANSTON EAST COMMUNITY FORUM

Bank Name: Nedbank

Branch Name: Sandton

Account No: 1970842695

Branch No: 197005

Account Type: Current