



Bryanston East Community Forum

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Welcome back

Welcome back to another year of the Bryanston East Community Forum.

We now have about 170 households actively contributing to our Forum. The number does not seem to have changed for a while, but we have been cleaning up our list of members (who probably made once off payments to make us just go away). The members that we now have all actively contribute on a regular basis, and in fact we are averaging just under 10 new members / month.

We are also happy to say that the crime situation over the December holidays was not bad in our area. Unfortunately this is fairly normal because the building sites all close down and the bad guys take their Christmas break just like the rest of us.

We have had some great successes in our relationship with COIN and most of this news letter is dedicated to letters from the community thanking the guys on the ground who make it happen. As we said in our previous news letter our deal with COIN Security is working very well. They have now signed up about 140 new clients in the area and at least three road closures. All the COIN guards and armed response personnel are on the same radio link and are actively working with the SAPS in our area.

Once again we would appeal to all our residents—please consider signing up with COIN and giving the community more buying power and clout in our work. Just phone (0861)002323 and ask for one of their sales guys to come and see you.

Signing up with COIN will cost you R250 per month for armed response which is a lot cheaper than your current armed response and is governed by a service level agreement with the BECF on your behalf.

Unfortunately one our sector policemen Constable Sascha Wittmann has transferred to the crime reaction unit. Fortunately he is still based out of the offices that we have provided for this team so he is still actively involved in our area.

On that note, we now have eight SAPS personnel based out of our offices. They do cover an area much greater than just our area, but their presence seems to have already shifted the crime away from the lower parts of our sector. Now we just need to get it out of our area completely.

We hope to see you at our regular sector meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 18h30 at St Michaels Church in Mount Street

We end with our normal appeal to all the residents—without your support (and money) our initiative will not grow. If you are not a member please fill in the attached form and fax it to the community office. We do need the support, so please stop saying :

- I have never heard of BECF.
- I keep meaning to pay but don't know who to get hold of .
- I pay my rates so why should I pay more?

If you sign up with COIN as per our agreement you will only be paying R250 / month which is a lot cheaper than your current armed response, so you can easily afford R100 / month as a member of BECF.

Regards

Russell Kleyn and Gail Prior

Hans Crescent Bird Sanctuary

If like us you have driven along Hans Crescent or River Road near the scout hall, you may have seen the piece of fenced bush and wondered who it belonged to. Well—it belongs to Joburg City Parks and is a really nice piece of secure bushveld in the middle of suburbia. City Parks have been quite surprised that our community might be interested in helping them, but to give them credit they are now getting actively involved and fixing the fences etc.

From a Community Forum point of view we would like to help them by employing someone in the bird sanctuary on a full time basis to keep it clean, to remove exotics and to generally upgrade the sanctuary under the environmental eye of City Parks. The idea would be that eventually he would become a “ranger” who could educate the children in our area and give them somewhere to go which would be safe and environmentally educational.

To make this happen, unfortunately we need money, and we are appealing to any company in the area who would be interested in sponsoring the park in exchange for some good publicity public awareness. It would cost about R2 000 / month—BECF would employ the person and manage him / her. All we need is the money.

If you are interested in helping out in any way please feel free to contact us and lets see how we can work it out together.

Other news

- Depending on how many people remember to make their monthly payments we are getting in about R17 000 / month at this stage and are running on a cash flow neutral basis. (A more detailed financial summary is available on our web site www.becf.co.za).
- About 9% of the community are contributing on a regular basis and we are probably getting 2 or 3 new members every week.
- We hope to be able to increase our clean-up team over the next few months so that we can have people working in all the different areas at the same time. They will also act as eyes and ears for the security team. Unfortunately this as always needs money.
- We are still negotiating with City Parks to work with them from both a cleaning and security point of view in our open areas. This is a slow and painful process but we will continue.

Crime stats

Once again we have managed to put together some fairly accurate statistics of the crime in our area for the period of one month. These figures are a lot lower than the previous month, but the SAPS will tell you that the criminals also take a break during December.

Our sources of information include people phoning the community office, the armed response companies and the domestics who work in our area. For obvious reasons we cannot confirm these against the SAPS statistics, but we do believe that they are accurate and if anything slightly under counted.

These obviously do not show the crimes that people do not report because they consider them trivial and not worth the hassle of visiting the charge office. We are hoping to eliminate this irritation in the not too distant future.

Theft out of motor vehicle	6
Car-jackings	1
House / business robberies	3
House breakings	17
Rape	0
Theft of motor vehicle	4
TOTAL	31

Residents letters

Dear Sir,

We are in Westbourne road Bryanston, contracted to Coin. We were "hit" in the early hours of 30 November, and a large TV and 3 component Hi Fi were stolen. No one harmed, but as before a lot of damage.

SAP and Coin staff were very efficient a quick on the scene, and this was reassuring.

There were however 2 men who deserve special mention, and those are your Proud and Norman. They were particularly careful in trying to ascertain how the burglars moved through 2 adjacent properties to get to ours; what the "escape" route was, and so on. An hour later they retrieved the Hi Fi from the river, clearly place there for later retrieval. They have called us and last week paid a visit just to see if we were OK.

We found their whole approach very professional and very impressive, and nice to know you have calibre men like that on your staff.

Well done to Coin, and especially well done to Proud and Norman.

With best wishes,

Rob Lloyd

Dear Avril

I would like to record my reasons for choosing this week to switch to Coin in the New Year, after having failed to date to overcome the inevitable inertia involved in making such changes.

One evening last week, I called upon my current (large) security firm, being concerned about a suspicious vehicle on Hamilton Park opposite my property. In the event, I was told by the guard who arrived that he could take no action. I should call the police.

On Friday afternoon, two Coin guards in their separate vehicles - Jafa Khosa and Sabelo Sibiya - alerted by their Coin boom-guard colleague (Jan Malau) on Hamilton Park, interrupted a car/driver hijacking in active progress, also very close to my property, and arrested the two perpetrators prior to calling in the police.

I knew immediately, by practical demonstration, what Coin means when offering to BECF and the local residents a "pro-active" approach to security services.

As to comparative costs, I have found that the monthly savings by going with Coin's charges to BECF residents, compared with my current, "doubtfully pro-active" security firm, more than covers my existing BECF membership, with enough in addition to cover all of next year's Xmas boxes or whatever.

With thanks for all of BECF's initiatives this year as well as to yours and Russell's efforts.

Peter J Hinton-Green

BRYANSTON EAST COMMUNITY FORUM

REGISTRATION FORM

Your Name: Mr./ Mrs./ Miss./ Dr. _____
(First Names) (Surname)

I.D. No.: _____

Physical Address: _____	Postal Address: _____
Suburb: _____	Suburb: _____
Code: _____	Code: _____
Tel (Home): _____	Tel (Work): _____
Cell No. _____	E-Mail: _____
Do you live in a road closure? Yes/No	Name of closure: _____
Are you linked to Armed Response? Yes/No	Name of company: _____

Preferred method of payment _____

DEBIT ORDER ADVICE IF REQUIRED

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OUR BANKING DETAILS

Beneficiary Details: BRYANSTON EAST COMMUNITY FORUM

Bank Name: Nedbank	Branch Name: Sandton
Account No: 1970842695	Branch No: 197005
Account Type: Current	

Please complete the above form and drop it off at our office at the Scout Hall on River Rd, or Fax to **463-5310**. Alternatively contact the office and someone will collect it.

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