

Vorna Valley Residents Association

Newsletter

April 2020



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Areas: Vorna Valley, Waterfall Park, Carlswald, Halfway Gardens, Kyalami Hills.



**VICTIM
EMPOWERMENT**
076 445 2451

The Victim Empowerment Centre comprises of volunteer counsellors who assist victims with debriefing and trauma counselling. If you need counselling after a traumatic violent crime, please contact the VEC on 076 445 2451 to set up an appointment. All counselling is confidential and no charge!



We would like to let residents know that the **The Courier Restaurant** at the Swiss Country Club on Moerdyk Street is not just for members. Anyone can go there for a good meal. They support the VVRA and it would be wonderful if residents supported them.

Email: courier@hot.co.za
Cell: 082 561 0063 (Wolfgang)



COVID-19

Online Resource & News Portal
SACoronavirus.co.za



health

Department:
Health
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Dear Vorna Valley Residents

COVID-19 Lockdown

Day 37 of the COVID-19 lockdown, and we move from level 5 to level 4.

1. It is now compulsory to wear a cloth face mask.
2. Curfew from 8pm to 5am.
3. People may walk, jog, cycle, but not in a group, from 6am to 9am in a 5km radius of their home.
4. For those going back to work, public & workplace screens must be done.
5. Live in staff and staff providing care to the sick, mentally ill, elderly, people with disabilities and children, may go back to work but screening must be in place according to regulations.

For the gazetted document please click on this link: https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/202004/43258rg11098gon480.pdf

Stay informed on #COVID19
Join the WhatsApp support for South Africans

Say "Hi" to
0600 123 456

or go to www.sacoronavirus.co.za



Please let the VVRA know what you would like to see in the newsletters and if there is someone that would like to do monthly articles you can email info@vvra.co.za.

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LOCKDOWN UPDATE

ESSENTIAL CONTACTS

Coronavirus Hotline	0800 029 999
Coronavirus WhatsApp	060 012 3456
National Institute for Communicable Diseases	0800 029 999
Presidential Hotline	17737
South African Police Service – Crime Stop and Anonymous Tip-offs	08600 10111
Reporting undue price increases	0800141880
Support to SMMEs in distress	0860 663 7867
National Crisis Line	0861322 322
Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit	0800 150 150
CB VF-related service complaints	0800 333177
Gender-based violence command centre	0800 428 428 or *120*7867# (free)
Women Abuse Helpline	0800150150
Persons with disabilities	SMS 'help' to 31531
National Human Trafficking Helpline	0800 222 777
Child line	0800 055 555
Suicide Crisis Line	0800 567 567 / 0800 456 789
AIDS Helpline	0800 012 322
SASSA call centre	0800 60 10 11
PostBank call centre	0800 53 54 55
Department of Trade and Industry	080 000 6543
Department of Home Affairs	0800 601190
Department of Water and Sanitation	0800 200 200
Department of Tourism	0860 868 747



WHATSAPP SUPPORT
0600 123 456
EMERGENCY NUMBER
0800 029 999
sacoronavirus.co.za

The national lockdown
is for 21 days from
23:59 on 26 March to
23:59 on 16 April.



Harcourts

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Here we are.
With you all the way.

Allandale Road upgrade update



Century Development started with the by pass road but due to COVID-19 lockdown, they have been unable to continue.

Council Issues

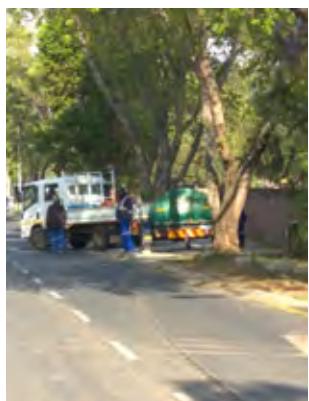


Pikitup seems to be back on track and collecting on our allocated day. Only a few complaints were received were bins weren't emptied, but this could be because they were put out late.



We again had several bad sewerage leaks and Berger Road had a pipe burst a few times on different section, and Barbara Place also had a burst water that had burst previously.

The Birds areas had issues with low water pressure



Due to COVID-19 lockdown, we have had no loadshedding.

Several residents had issues with loading power on prepaid but City Power was quick to assist these residents.

Several areas had power trips.

Open or broken power boxes is still on going.



Sadly power boxes are still being opened forcefully by contractors and many of them are so damaged, they can not close anymore.



Sadly JRA are not repairing any potholes since the COVID-19 lock down. The Vorna Valley roads are deteriorating rapidly and there are some huge pot holes, causing major damage and danger to motorists.

WHAT
IS YOUR
HOME
WORTH?

PLATINUM
residential

0 8 3
5 7 8
3 5 1
1

0 8 3
6 5 1
8 8 8
8

Food collections by VEC

We would like to give everyone who donated food parcels for our community that are without an income and therefore without food, a BIG thank you. The Victim Empowerment Centre, together with several security companies drove around collecting these food parcels from residents and the VEC then made up parcels which were delivered to these people.



This is an ongoing project to support those less fortunate.



LPR Cameras

We are happy to announce that 6 LPR cameras are up and running and have, since 26 March 2020 caught 25 vehicles passing these cameras that were triggered with an alert on the system. Some of these passed the cameras more than once.

Due to the lock down, the regular patrollers are not allowed out on patrol, so we rely on security companies to try and spot these vehicles.

We are still in the learning curve, and hopefully soon everything will be in place and running smoothly.



We would again like to thank Century Development with their sponsorship towards these cameras and Vumatel for their sponsorship towards the fibre connections. Also a BIG thank you to Hawkeye for sponsoring towards the monthly costs of running the cameras. And last but not least, thank you to the residents sponsoring the power. Much appreciated :)

We would also like to remind residents that as Link Africa was the only company that was willing to bring fibre to the home into Vorna Valley, without a % uptake, and who later sold to Vumatel, but still maintain the main fibre line, that we would still like residents to use Vumatel as their provider. They have many ISP's working via Vumatel which can be found on their website www.vumatel.co.za.

If there is a resident or company that would also like to sponsor the monthly running cost, every cent helps, please contact info@vvra.co.za.



Vorna Valley Specialist

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Reduce your garden waste removal rates.

Boombadotmobi is a small waste management business that cares about the environment and ensures that your waste is disposed responsibly (i.e. It doesn't end up in rivers or illegally dumped). We even send you pictures of the final destination of your waste.

We already have clients in your area that will make it affordable for you to share garden waste removal costs. We come once a month and the costs remains the same regardless of the size of your waste.

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For more info: 060 688 4004

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Help somebody in Midrand stay warm this winter, one blanket at a time!



The Victim Empowerment Centre (VEC) , Community Policing Forum (CPF) & SAPS Midrand, will be collecting blankets over March & April for those in need. Blankets can be dropped off at the VEC container at Midrand SAPS, by popping them through the window. Collection can also be arranged, simply email midrandcpfpro@gmail.com



For all your security related services, you most welcome to contact us on **083 796 4303**

Services offered

GUARDING (RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, SPECIAL EVENTS.)
BODY GUARDS, VIP & COVERT ESCORTS (HVG), SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATIONS
MONITORING, RMED RESPONSE
CCTVS, ALARM (RESIDENTIAL, COMEMERICAL & BIOMETRIC INSTALLATIONS)
ACESS CONTROL (GATE MOTORS, ELECTRIC FENCING, INTERCOM SYSTEMS, ETC)
SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENTS

ANONYMOUS REPORTING NUMBER: 082 998 4303

We also encourage the community to report any suspicious persons or vehicles that they suspect to be involved in criminal activity such as (Drugs related, Stolen Vehicles and/or property) which will be followed up by us together with the relevant authorities

**HAWKEYE SECURITY
SOLUTIONS
083 796 4303**

NEIGHBORHOOD STATS



Vorna Valley

MARCH

16118

14732

2

4

3

AVERAGE KM's
PATROLLED THIS
MONTH

ALARM & PANIC
SIGNALS RECEIVED
THIS MONTH

DEDICATED
VEHICLES IN YOUR
AREA

BACK UP VEHICLES
FOR YOUR AREA

SWAT VEHICLES IN
YOUR AREA

OPERATIONS IN AND AROUND YOUR AREA



DID YOU KNOW?

TRSS IS FULLY SAIDSA COMPLIANT?
- BOMB PROOF CONTROL ROOM
- 2ND BACKUP CONTROL ROOM
- 3RD OFF-SITE CONTROL ROOM
- SAIDSA COMPLIANT IN:
ALARM MONITORING, ALARM INSTALLATIONS,
CCTV MONITORING, CCTV INSTALLATIONS
- 100% PSIRA AND SD6 COMPLIANT

DID YOU KNOW?

- TRSS HAS OVER 75 VEHICLES IN THE NORTHERN SUBURBS
- WE HAVE 9 STANDBY ARMED VEHICLES IN THE EVENT OF A
BREAKDOWN/ACCIDENT = 100% UPTIME!
- SWAT 5 x 24 HOUR SPECIAL OPERATIONS VEHICLES
CARRYING OUT PRO ACTIVE WORK
- 2000 STAFF MEMBERS
- 245 000 AVERAGE KM'S PATROLLED PER MONTH

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Advertisement Pricing

Would you like to place an ad in our monthly Newsletter?

Half Page : R400/month

Full Page : R800/month

Please contact info@vvra.co.za

Small Ad : R50/month

Small Ad : R35/month

Quarter Page : R200/month.

Small Ad : R50/month

Small Ad : R85/month

Recycling

A reminder that recycling is compulsory. Phambili Services collect recycling in Vorna Valley on behalf of Pikitup, every Wednesday.

If you are not yet recycling with Phambili, please contact marianne@phambiliservices.co.za via email or via whatsapp on 082 460 8662 so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Phambili Services supply blue bags and collect weekly.

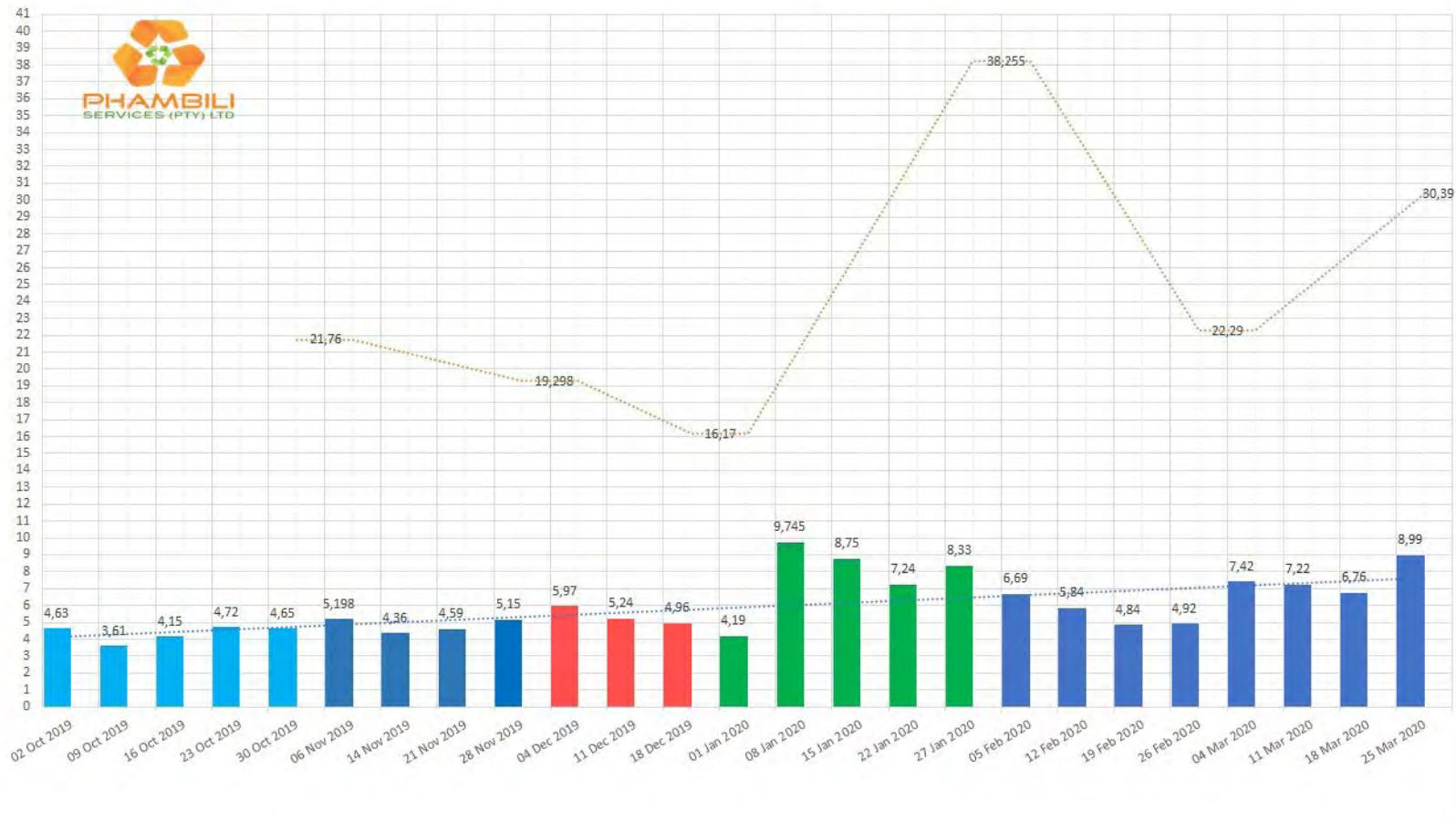
All recycling material goes into one bag. (Paper, Cardboard, Magazines & Newspapers, Plastics, Glass, Bottles, Milk and Juice Cartons, Cans, Jars.

Phambili Services now also place informal reclaimers into complexes to do the recycling on their behalf. Phambili then buys back all the recycling they collect, taking them to the depot to weigh and pay.

This will hopefully take many of the informal reclaimers off the streets and afford them a monthly income.

If you would like your complex to join this project, please email your details to marianne@phambiliservices.co.za, so that Phambili can come and setup your complex with a picker to start your recycling.

Vorna Valley tonnage of Recycling with Phambili Services per week and month



Recyclables to be placed in plastic bags are:

Paper	Cardboard	Magazines & Newspapers	Plastics	Glass	Bottles	Milk and Juice Cartons	Cans	Jars
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PLEASE NOTE:

Phambili Services will continue collecting the recycling during the 21 days lock down. Please make sure that your bags are out on your allocated day of the week, and new bags will be left for your next week's of recycling.

This is a good opportunity for those who have not yet started to recycle, to get into the habit of separating their normal waste and recycling materials.

Phambili have been dropping off bags at all houses and complexes, even though many still don't recycle. Recycling is compulsory.

Please stay safe during this lock down.

Any queries can be sent to Marianne on 082 460 8662 via whatsapp or on email to marianne@phambiliservices.co.za. Thank you

Dont get a fright but they will be wearing protective PPE



Invasive Plants, Trees, Birds

Agave americana L. Family: Agavaceae Common names: American agave, American aloe, century plant (Eng.); Amerikaanse aalwee, Amerikaanse aalwyn, blou-aalwee, blougaerboom, gareboom, kaalgaarboom, makaalwyn (Afr.); lekhala (Sesotho); xikwenga (Xitsonga)



Century plants are popular ornamental plants that are native to Central America, southern North and northern South America. *Agave americana* is no exception and as a result of its widespread cultivation, has become naturalised in many regions globally, including South Africa. Although it is often called the 'American aloe', it is not at all related to members of the genus *Aloe*, many of which are indigenous to South Africa.

From: <http://pza.sanbi.org/agave-americana>



Look out for Indian shot (*Canna indica*) also called unomatananga in isiXhosa.

This invasive alien plant (Category 1b) can be seen invading streambanks and road sides. Indian shot has red, yellow or orange flowers, which usually flower all year round.

Indian shot (*Canna indica*) originates from tropical America, has become problematic in KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern and Western Cape, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Gauteng.



From: <https://www.facebook.com/invasivespeciessouthafrica/posts/look-out-for-indian-shot-canna-indica-also-called-unomatananga-in-isixhosathis-i/1541669565917973/>

Indian Myna (Acridotheres tristis)

The Indian Myna, *Acridotheres tristis*, is native to southern and south-eastern Asia and was introduced to South Africa in about 1900.

A few individuals introduced into Natal multiplied into millions, and are now found over a large portion of eastern South Africa. They are now considered as one of the world's 100 worst alien invasive species (Global Invasive Species Specialist Group) and do not warrant protection. Myna's compete aggressively with many indigenous species, and tend to replace them in areas where Myna populations are well established.

From: https://www.sanparks.org/groups/birders/alien_birds.php



Category 1a (PROHIBITED) : Listed Invasive Species

A person in control of a Category 1a Listed Invasive Species must comply with the provisions of section 73(2) of the Act; immediately take steps to combat or eradicate listed invasive species in compliance with sections 75(1), (2) and (3) of the Act; and allow an authorised official from the Department to enter onto land to monitor, assist with or implement the combatting or eradication of the listed invasive species.

Category 1b (PROHIBITED / Exempted if in Possession or Under control) : Listed Invasive Species

A person in control of a Category 1 b Listed Invasive Species must control the listed invasive species in compliance with sections 75(1), (2) and (3) of the Act. A person contemplated in sub-regulation (2) must allow an authorised official from the Department to enter onto the land to monitor, assist with or implement the control of the listed invasive species, or compliance with the Invasive Species Management Programme contemplated in section 75(4) of the Act.

Category 2 (PERMIT REQUIRED): Listed Invasive Species

Category 2 Listed Invasive Species are those species listed by notice in terms of section 70(1)(a) of the Act as species which require a permit to carry out a restricted activity within an area specified in the Notice or an area specified in the permit, as the case may be. A landowner on whose land a Category 2 Listed Invasive Species occurs or person in possession of a permit, must ensure that the specimens of the species do not spread outside of the land or the area specified in the Notice or permit. Unless otherwise specified in the Notice, any species listed as a Category 2 Listed Invasive Species that occurs outside the specified area contemplated in sub-regulation (1), must, for purposes of these regulations, be considered to be a Category 1 b Listed Invasive Species and must be managed according to Regulation 3. Notwithstanding the specific exemptions relating to existing plantations in respect of Listed Invasive Plant Species published in Government Gazette No. 37886, Notice 599 of 1 August 2014 (as amended), any person or organ of state must ensure that the specimens of such Listed Invasive Plant Species do not spread outside of the land over which they have control.

Category 3 (PROHIBITED): Listed Invasive Species

Category 3 Listed Invasive Species are species that are listed by notice in terms of section 70(1)(a) of the Act, as species which are subject to exemptions in terms of section 71(3) and prohibitions in terms of section 71A of the Act, as specified in the Notice. Any plant species identified as a Category 3 Listed Invasive Species that occurs in riparian areas, must, for the purposes of these regulations, be considered to be a Category 1b Listed Invasive Species and must be managed according to regulation 3.

Where to log calls

All road and storm related emergencies standby team 060 960 0764 (Midrand, Ivory Park, Diepsloot, Fourways, Woodmead)		
Level 1 water restrictions will be enforced by fines to consumers who contravened the Water Services By-law and consumers are urged to report non-compliance by phoning the JMPD 24/7 hotline on 011 758 9650	For billing assistance kindly contact: 011 358 3614\011 358 3562	
Johannesburg Water		
011-375-5555 or 011-688-1400 customer@jwater.co.za	Water Burst	48 Hours
SMS 076-333-5052	No Water	1 day
Anonymous tip-offs 0800-00-25-87 anticorruption@tip-offs.com	Sewer	24 Hours
Midrand Depot 621 6th Road Erand:	Meter Leak	7 Working days
011-205-9500	Fire Hydrant Leak	2 days
	Bees in meter box	3 days
City Power		
011-375-5555	No Power to area/property	4 Hours
086-056-2874	Illegal Connection	24 Hours
http://citypower.mobi	Dangerous Situation	Immediate
https://za4.forcelink.net/forcelink/customportal/cp_mdt/customerportal.html	Street Light not working	2 working days
Report illegal connection 080 000 2587	Meter Conversions	5 working days
anticorruption@tip-offs.com	Faulty Meter	7 working days
Cable Theft and illegal activities:	011 490 7553 or 0800 002 587	
Metering Queries Telephone :011 490 7484		
SMS Line :44074		
wmcqueries@citypower.co.za		
Pre-paid Queries: Telephone: 011 490 7484		
estimations@citypower.co.za		
Johannesburg Road Agency		
Joburg connect: 086-056-2874	Potholes	3 working days
011-298-5000	Manhole Cover missing	3 days
hotline@jra.org.za	Blocked kerb inlet	3 days
https://findandfix.jra.org.za:8443/	Road trenches	3 days
Depot: 011 256 8550 6 Dale Road, corner Glen Austin Road, Midrand	Road Collapse/Dangerous Situation	Immediate to make road safe
Report faulty traffic lights on whatsapp to 082-827-8250	Stop/traffic signs damaged/missing	7 days
	Traffic Signals All Out	24 Hours
	Traffic Signal Flashing	24 Hours
Pikitup		
Joburg connect 086-056-2874	New/additional bin request	7 days
011-375-5555	Animal Carcass removal	24 hours
info@pikitup.co.za	Cleaning of an Illegal Dumping site	7 days
joburgconnect@joburg.org.za	Street cleaning, Lane flushing, Area cleaning	
http://www.pikitup.co.za/customer-services/	Bulk Waste collections	
	Full details and Reg no. of vehicle	Photo if possible
Midrand Depot: 82 Lechwe Street, Corporate Park: 087-357-1378	Illegal Dumping	
Bulky Waste Service 087-357-1378	e.g. old mattresses, old furniture, fridges etc	free-once a month
Garden Site: Falcon Street, Rabie Ridge	Paper, Glass, Used car oil, Scrap metal, EWaste, Tins & Cardboard	
Garden Site: Cedar Road, Kyalami	Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil	
Garden site: Dale Road, Glen Austin	Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil	
City Parks		
Joburg connect 086-056-2874 or 011 375 5555	Grass cutting in open spaces	Up to 30 days
City Parks and Zoo Switchboard: 011-712-6600	Grass cutting of parks	Dependent on status of park
10177	Grass cutting in cemeteries	7 days
jcp@jhbcityparks.com or joburgconnect@joburg.org.za	Fallen Tree/branches	24 hours
	Pruning of Tree	30 days
Fire Department and Ambulance		
Midrand Fire Department and Ambulance 011-375-5911 10177		
South African Police Service		
Midrand Police Station: 011-347-1600	c/o Smuts Drive & Oracle Street Halfway Gardens	
Sector 2 SAPS: 071-675-6110		
Relief Commanders: 071-675-6114		
Police Emergency - 10111		
gps.midrand.sc.@saps.gov.za		
Crime Stop Tip-Off 08600 10111		
Hawks Anti-Corruption Desk: 012 846 4590		
CorruptionReports@saps.gov.za		
Johannesburg Metro Police Department		
011 375 5918 / 5911	Traffic Violations	
JMPD 24 - hour Traffic Hotline 080-872-3342	Noise	
Illegal dumping: 082-779-1361 (Whatsapp)	Dumping	
	Motor Vehicle Accident	
	Vagrants	