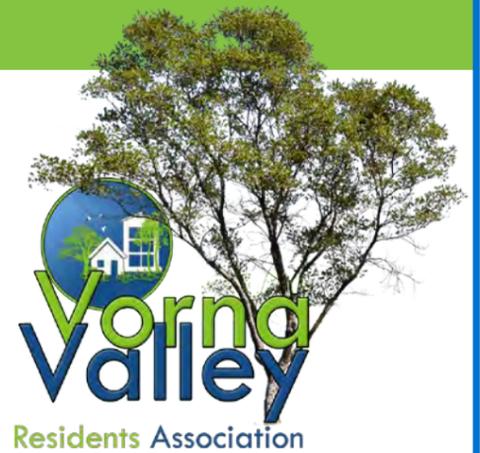


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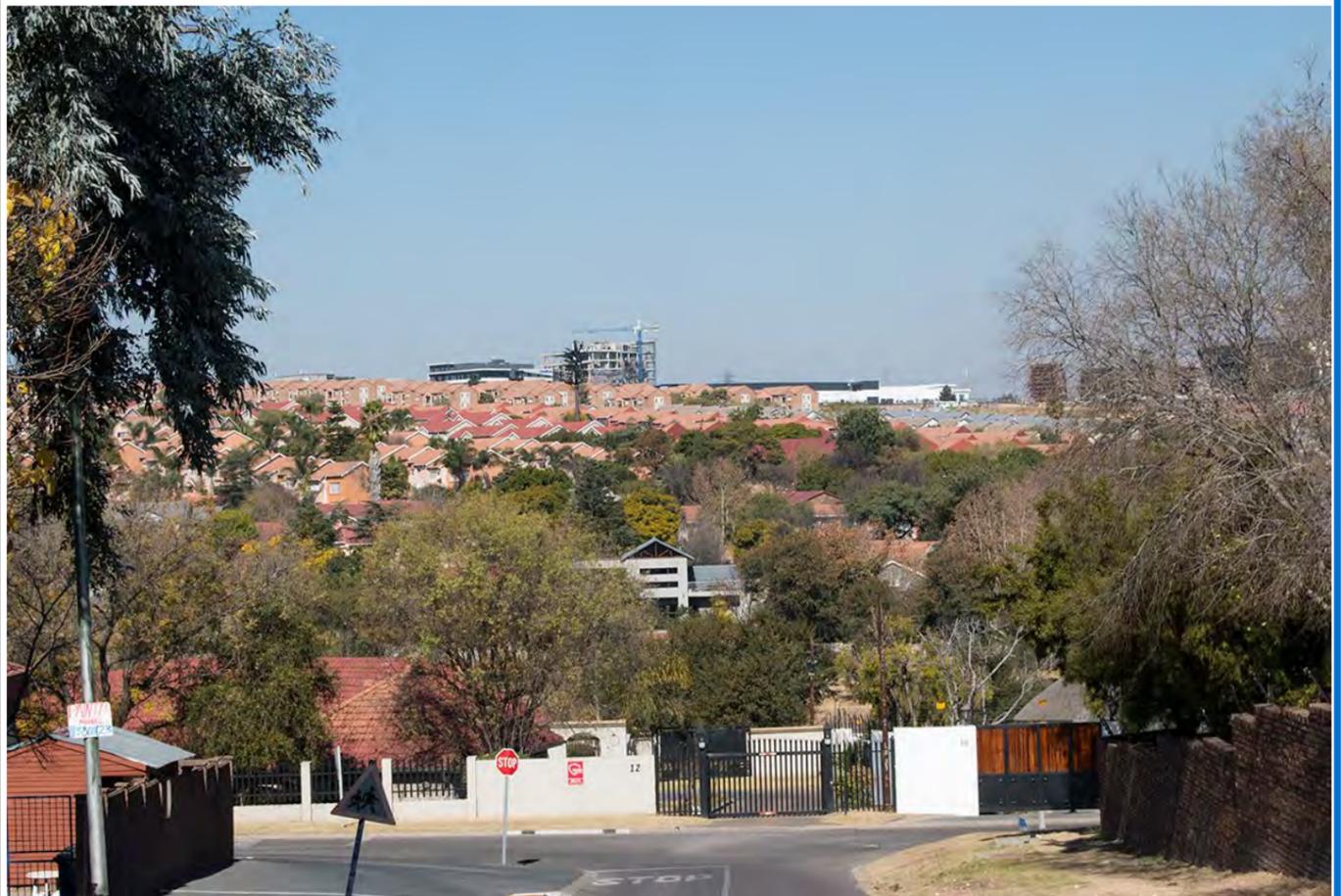
VVRA Committee

- Marianne Nel - Chairperson
- Carol Thornton - Secretary, S@S
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Whatsapp your details and email address to 082-460-8662 to join the VVRA council issues

Contact details for Sector 2:
 Sector Commander - Sergeant Benji 082 888 7731 (Office Hours)
 Sector 2 Vehicle 071 675 6110 (24/7)
 Areas: Vorna Valley, Waterfall Park,



Dear Vorna Valley Residents

All wayleaves regarding installations of cameras have been put on hold or canceled by JRA, hence our cameras have not yet been installed. We are in constant contact with JRA and the likes to get this issue resolved, but JRA can't give information as to why, and we are being sent from pillar to post, but reading the news it seems that "theRighttoKnow" campaign has had all wayleaves for cameras halted.



Right2Know @r2kcampaign
 We managed to stop/block the LPR, AI and CCTV camera rollout in Lonehill (20 in phase #1), with the JRA wayleave (W167663) being cancelled based on the fact the process was irregular, lacked broad public consultation and unconstitutional @CityofJoburgZA @MichaelSun168 @uhuru_thami

7:07 PM - 21 Jun 2019
 3 Retweets 5 Likes

We have set up a survey to get Vorna Valley residents to agree or disagree with putting up of these cameras. If you have not yet done the survey, we request that you do so please.

Thus far we have 99% of our residents who would like to have the LPR cameras installed.

Please click on this link to do the survey, if you have not already done so. **CLICK HERE** It is easy and quick.

Thank you

From Sector 2 CPF:



"Please residents DO NOT make use of the ladies/gents advertising their cleaning/ ironing/ gardening services on the side of the road! You are allowing a complete stranger into your home, most of these individuals do not have papers and no background checks. If something does go wrong now or at a later stage, there is no way of tracing."

The numbers of these people have grown, but only because they are being used by our residents. If we all stop hiring them, the numbers will dwindle. There have been incidents around Midrand, where pedestrians have been mugged in these areas as it goes unnoticed due to the volumn of "beggars" or they turn and look the other way not to get involved.

Everyone's safety and security is at risk here, and it brings with it the selling of drugs to your children even.

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!

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Here we are. With you all the way.

June 2019 saw several days where residents were without power due to City Power doing maintenance. Some residents that went down didn't receive notices, and some residents went down even though they were not on the list for maintenance.

- 14 June 2019 - Berger, Smuts, Fitzpatrick, Boerneef, Rudi Neitz areas were down for maintenance.
- 19 June 2019 - Pretorius and Babara Place without power due to maintenance. No notices received.
- 20 June 2019 - Power Box being broken open to get clients power back up again. No key to open box so it was broken open
- 23 June 2019 - Power outage due to maintenance in Pretorius, Barbara Place didnt happen.
- 24 June 2019 - Power outage due to maintenance in 7th Rd, 3rd Str, Harry Galaun, le Roux, Coertze, Segal, Norfolk
- 24 June 2019 - House in Sparrow without power. This client was disconnected in error due to non payment. The neighbour was the defaulter.
- 25 June 2019 - House in Sparrow still without power and only came back on line around 16:20
- 27 June 2019 - Power outage due to maintenance in Berger, Elizabeth Fry, Albertyn, Gustav Preller.
- 28 June 2019 - Power outage due to maintenance in Indianapolis



Sadly many power boxes are still open and several are broken. Often contactors who can not open these boxes open them with a pick ax, saying that Head Office will come and fix them, but they never seem to get fixed.

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)



Watering of gardens is only allowed between 16:00 and 08:00 in winter months (1 April to 31 August) and furthermore, all consumers are prohibited from using a hose-pipe to clean paved areas, wash cars, roofs and driveways with municipal water.

- 7 June 2019 - Sewerage leak on Gregory
- 7 June 2019 - Pipe burst on le Roux/Bekker by BP. Contractor hit water pipe. Residents without water
- 8 June 2019 - Sewerage leak on Smuts
- 11 June 2019 - Sewerage leak on van Heerden/Visser
- 11 June 2019 - Sewerage leak on Moerdyk near Swiss club
- 13 June 2019 - Major sewerage issues on Albertyn
- 13 June 2019 - Major sewerage leak again on Smuts
- 14 June 2019 - Sewerage leak again van Heerden/Visser
- 14 June 2019 - Sewerage leak on Visser
- 17 June 2019 - Sewerage leak on Smuts again
- 18 June 2019 - Burst water pipe on Fitzpatrick
- 18 June 2019 - Sewerage leak back on Albertyn
- 18 June 2019 - Water leak on Pierneef
- 19 June 2019 - Sewerage leak on Swallow
- 20 June 2019 - Sewerage leak still on Swallow . Discrepancy with the ref no but JWater relogged the call
- 24 June 2019 - 54 Hour shut down by Rand Water due to maintenance.
- 24 June 2019 - Water leak on Bekker/le Roux by BP again
- 24 June 2019 - Sewerage leak again on Norman Eaton
- 26 June 2019 - Manhole cover missing on Anton Hartman
- 28 June 2019 - Water leak on Smuts. Parts of Vorna Valley without water
- 30 June 2019 - Sewerage leak on van Heerden.



The old and the new (photos from Rand Water)



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Many road users do not understand the concept of a STOP sign nor that the red light on a traffic lights means "STOP". Taxis have a total disregard for all rules of the road, riding on pavements, nearly driving over pedestrians, driving on the wrong side of the road when traffic is backed up and stop to off load and pick up passengers where ever they see fit. Unfortunately JMPD can not be everywhere to catch these culprits. Residents are urged to report such cases to JMPD via the number in red below. Send photos or videos with detail of why, when, where and how.

Mark Straw is still pursuing the illegal signs with JMPD and the ombudsman as Central Development continue to put up illegal signs even an hour after they have been taken down. Thank you Mark.

By laws are not enforced by JMPD even if we feed them the information to assist. Vorna Valley is inundated with Uber cars who park everywhere, waiting for someone to hire them. This is an issue as residents don't know if they are prospective criminals scouting our area or not.

If you see anyone driving badly in Joburg, take a video or picture and send it via Whatsapp to JMPD reckless driving hotline 081 410 6338 with details of where, when and what.

Growing concern over adverts

ANDREI VAN WYK
andreivw@caton.co.za

The pavements in Vorna Valley have been crowded with illegal advertisements for almost two years.

Local resident Mark Straw said that the illegal advertisements for different developments are linked to Central Developments Property Group and have become an eyesore in the suburb. Straw added that he has taken a number of advertisements down, but soon new ones pop up.

Chairperson of the Vorna Valley Residents Association (VVRA) Marianne Nel said, "This has been an issue for many years, even before I joined the VVRA. When by-laws are not enforced, these illegal signs just continue to be put up everywhere."

Nel added, "When I joined the Vorna Valley Residents Association in 2014 and subsequently volunteered to be the chairperson, I used to drive around and remove all the illegal signs and take them to JMPD."

"They seemed to remain in the Metro police parking lot for ages and I have also seen them being dumped in a skip bin, but I continued to take them down and take them to the Metro police."

"Due to the fact that the same culprits just continued to put up illegal signs, and there just got to be more and more of them, I started to get our street cleaner



A truck carrying the illegal advertisements waiting to be posted in Midrand. Photo: Mark Straw

to take them down and I would drive around to collect them to take to the Metro police."

Spokesperson for the Metro police Chief Superintendent Wayne Minnaar said, "All we can do is keep on confiscating the signs and handing out R150 [fines] per sign."

He added that residents should

keep on reporting cases, as this will result in the signs being taken down and fines issued.

Communications manager of Central Developments Alda Erasmus said, "This matter has been escalated to director level on our side. We will revert back to you once the situation has been properly investigated."



Major damage to road on Rudi Neitz still waiting to be repaired. (more than a year later)

Damage to roads due to water leaks still waiting to be closed and repairs. le Roux/Janadel, le Roux/Bekker, Anton Hartman/Harry Galaun, Berger/Elizabeth Fry.

Several Potholes have been reported but not fixed yet.

Many stormwater drains are still blocked after being reported several time.

JRA have started to work in the Vlei to rehabilitate the area.



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turnips, carrots, baby onions, mushrooms and
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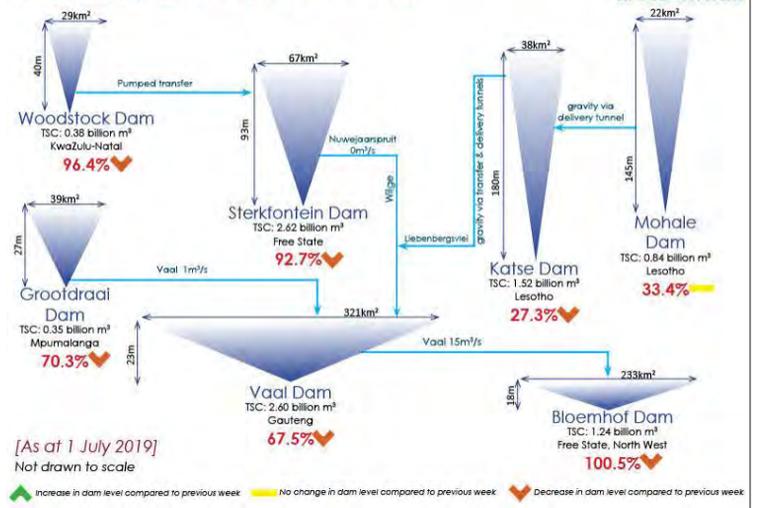
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Before the wastewater arrives at the treatment plant it first must travel through the pipes connected to your home, apartment, business, etc., via network, from there it enters pumping stations that “pump” the water to the next point along the way. If there are no blockages in the pipes this wastewater reaches the treatment plant.

Sewer backups can cause damage to homes, health hazards and threaten the environment. Sewer pipes blocked by grease are an increasing common cause of overflows.

What is the problem and how am I affected?

Sometimes there are blockages in the collection pipes or pump stations. These blockages may cause sewage overflows and back-ups in your home, your neighbour’s home, on public property and just about wherever water can find a way out.

Some of these sewer overflows and back-ups occur because of system failures. Sometime blockages can be attributed to improper disposal of personal items, such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, grease and fat from cooking, towels, rags, etc. into the sewer system. Everything you flush down your toilet, ends up at the treatment works (though, not in its original form).

For instance, suppose you accidentally flush a s down something in your toilet. If it doesn’t block your system and manages to move through your pipes it eventually ends up at the treatment works where it has joined hundreds of other items that block up the pumps and prevent them from working properly.

How much waste really ends up in the system?

JW’s sewer system is not designed to collect garbage. Human waste and toilet tissue are the only products the wastewater system was designed to handle. As our customers this affects you because continued use of our sewer system as a trash can contributes to system failures, added stress and wear, and increased operation and maintenance costs.

How can you help?

Customers are urged to all contribute by maintaining our infrastructure. Please ensure that you do not flush the following items in your toilet:

Nappies, Food, Garbage, Hair, Personal hygiene products, Toys, Paper towels, Toothbrushes, Baby/Cleaning wipes,
With everyone’s help JW can limit the number of sewer overflows due to blockages in the system thereby eliminating the need for costly clean-ups and possible contamination of our rivers/dams and endangerment of public health.
If you would like more information, a tour to JW Wastewater treatment works, please contact at (011) 688 1400

Remember, prevention is key. Keep your pipes and drains clean.



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Illegal buildings, businesses and schools

We believe most residents are at their wits end due to the amount of illegal buildings, businesses and schools, not to mention developments.

The VVRA constantly report and follow up on such issues, but it can take years to resolve. With intervention from the VVRA, we have been able to get 5 illegal nursery schools to close down over the past 2 years. Unfortunately with council not taking residents opinions into consideration, most illegal schools will get away with "consent use" but they never stick to what they initially applied for. I.e. 30 children in a school, yet they take on 50 children. Or they apply for "special needs children" yet there is not a single "special needs child in that school"

It is up to parents now who send their children to these schools to ask for proof of use as a school, health and safety certificates, fire certificates etc. It is in the best interest of your child at the end of the day. Schools have to have a certain amount of parking inside the school where parents can drop off their children and that dropping of your child is down in a safe environment, not on a dangerous bend on a road, blocking other traffic and possibly putting your child and yourself and others in danger.

Tribunals with developers

The VVRA have attended several Tribunals for developments in and around our suburb over the past 5 years, but we find that council just doesn't seem to listen to resident's objections, and just go ahead and approve these developments. Often building is done even before an application it put through to council, yet at the end of the day nothing gets done about it, even after the VVRA keep on sending objections and reminders through to council.

One such case is the Elizabeth Fry road closure. At the tribunal the developer (Abland) could not tell us what the gradient of the road is, which was one of their points to have it closed, saying the gradient was too steep. Our petition of 1200 people for the opening of this road was ignored as the developer said the petition was done before their new application to have it closed. And also, one of the original reasons for the road closure was that this intersection was too close to the one at Elias, where the developer wants to put up traffic lights. Yet they are now also putting up traffic lights at Elizabeth Fry, yet the road remains closed.

Something is amiss at council and developers seem to lead council into decisions ignoring the residents voices. The VVRA appealed the road closure approval, paid approximately R2400 rand to appeal it and to get the recording of the tribunal, as the minutes had nothing in about the tribunal meeting, yet our appeal was ignored, the MMC approved the road closure without even discussing it with the VVRA, and the VVRA wasn't even informed until a month after it was approved. Is this how we want council to work on our behalf?? I think not. Sadly one or two people can not fight this alone as developers have attorneys and laws present at tribunals and they make us residents look like imbeciles and they wrap council around their pinkie.

We have requested a meeting with the MMC but have had no response as yet.

If anyone has suggestions or ideas, or even legal support, you are welcome to email them to info@vvra.co.za.



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An initiative brought to you by



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@vvra.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 for an informal reclaimer to start your recycling.

Each house and complex gets given Phambili blue bags for recycling. We kindly request that resident please use these bags for recycling ONLY and not for other waste or garden waste.



Dear News Editor/ Journalist

Pikitup the waste management company of the City of Johannesburg has addressed the bin shortage issue and advises residents whose bins are damaged or stolen to apply for replacements.

Pikitup has stockpiled a significant number of bins and residents who need their bins to be replaced must follow a certain process in order to have their bins replaced. The process is in line with Pikitup's bin management policy and this is what is required when making an application for a new bin:

1. What to do if your bin has been stolen

Report your bin as stolen at a police station nearest to your place of residence, obtain a case number and have your municipal account ready before calling the City's Call Centre to make an application for a bin replacement. This process applies to domestic as well as business customers

2. What to do if your bin is damaged

Report the damaged bin through the City's Call Centre number and also be in possession of your account number when applying for your bin to be replaced

3. What to do when requesting for an additional bin

Call the City's Call Centre number and remember to have your account available and a reference number will be issued to you which will be used to issue an additional bin. However in such incidences residents will be required to pay for the cost of the additional bins.

The reference number will then be referred to a Pikitup official who will attend to a customer's request. Customers should always sign the bin delivery document as proof that they have received the bin.

Residents and business should also note that no bin request will be processed without a reference number. Furthermore, in terms of Pikitup's bin management policy, a damaged bin will be replaced at no cost to the customer but lost or stolen bins will only be replaced for free once in a bin's useful life. The current useful life span of a bin is eight (8) years.

In relation to sectional title properties,

Pikitup will provide bins equal to the lower number of units in the complex or bins equal to the space available to store bins in such properties. Residents living in such properties should note that only the property owner or the managing agent may apply for a bin on their behalf.

In the event, tenants would like to make applications for bins, their applications will only be entertained once they have a letter of authority from the owner or the managing agent of the property.

Pikitup appeals to residents to immediately place their bins inside their properties after the bins have been emptied to prevent criminal elements from stealing their bins.

The City of Johannesburg Call Centre number: 011 375 5555 or 086 0562874 and press option 4 for Pikitup.

For more information contact:

Pikitup spokesperson

Muzi Mkhwanazi

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