



Vorna Valley Residents Association working for you

VVRA Newsletter
May 2017

Let's stand together and work together.....

Dear Vorna Valley Residents

Temperatures are dropping rapidly as winter creeps closer, and mother nature starts to turn greens to golds, leaving our Vlei vulnerable to fires started by unethical residents.



We have urged City Parks to cut the boundaries which was to have been done in May 2017. This year we will make sure that the Fire Department investigates the cause of fires in the Vlei as we will no longer tolerate this kind of behaviour.

Schools and business are popping up all over Vorna Valley in our residential areas illegally. The VVRA have reported them

to council and the process is long and tedious but we will not give up the fight to keep Vorna Valley RESIDENTIAL and not have it turned into a business hub.

We also have an enormous problem with people building on their property without consideration for their neighbours, our open areas, and do not have legal consent from council to build.



We have council investigate

such cases, and they get drawn out by these culprits but the VVRA will fight tooth and nail to get them to comply or breakdown illegal buildings.

Please save this number 082 779 1361 to report illegal dumping. The VVRA have reported several cases and JMPD come out almost immediately and deal with the issue.

This includes people dumping their building and garden rubble on pavements.



A BIG thank you to those residents who make the effort to report such issues to the VVRA. Without you we can not do what we do.



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- Marianne Nel - Chairperson
- Carol Thornton - S@S
- Hein de Kock - Infrastructure
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- Paul Mann - Social
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Whatsapp your details and email address to 082-460-8662 to join the VVRA council issues groups and Alert groups.



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 Nicola Arend on 076 445 2451 to set up an appointment. All counselling is confidential and no charge!

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We would like to let all residents know that 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 support them.

Email: courier@hot.co.za
or phone Wolfgang
on 082 561 0063

Work to be done by council in June 2017

The budget has been approved and we now await to see if council will have enough funding for delivering services to our residents.



CITY PARKS:

City Parks have cut grass on some roads but failed to cut the boundary in the Vlei. The VVRA have requested for this to now be done urgently.

City Parks have this habit of leaving branches from pruned trees and grass cutting on the pavements and forget to have it removed, leaving such areas an open invitation to illegal dumping. The VVRA have informed them of this and most of this has been removed.

Please continue to send emails to Carol at carolbarnes1001@gmail.com if trees need trimming in your area as well as areas where the grass is long and needs cutting.

We ask that each resident, complex and business keep their own pavements neat and tidy. The long grass is a haven for criminals to hide in and attack pedestrians and vehicles.



JRA:

Residents have been struggling to get JRA to fix up some serious potholes but hopefully this will be attended to shortly. Our storm water drains are still blocked and due to the fact that the whole of Region A has only (1) one vacu truck, it will take a long time before it comes to Vorna Valley.

Please report pot holes to JRA at 011 298 5001 or hotline@jra.org.za and copy info@vvra.co.za in on your email or download the JRA find and fix app on your cell phone to report JRA issues. (<http://www.jra.org.za/find-and-fix-mobile-app>).



JWATER:

Vorna Valley was once again plagued with "no water" for several days due to a major pipe burst in a neighbouring suburb. Some residents are still experiencing low water pressure and we hope the JWater will resolve this issue soon. We have also had some serious sewerage leaks which JWater attended to promptly.

Please report water leaks and sewerage leaks to 011 375 5555 or customer@jwater.co.za as soon as possible and whatsapp the details and ref. no. to 082 460 8662 or in the VVRA council issues whatsapp groups.



CITY POWER:

We have had to report several open power boxes again as City Power are not resolving the issue to the cause of this. Several residents also had "no power" issues, which were resolved quickly, thanks to City Power Manager, George.

Please report open power boxes to info@vvra.co.za as soon as possible. Any power issues to be reported to 011 375 5555 or https://za4.forcelink.net/forcelink/customportal/cp_mdt/customerportal.html# and your ref. no to be sent to info@vvra.co.za or on the VVRA council issues whatsapp groups.



PIKITUP:

Please get involved in the Separation @ Source in Vorna Valley with Pikitup. Collections for recycling bags are done every Wednesday. If you have not started recycling yet, please email Carol Thornton at secretary@vvra.co.za. Bags are supplied by Pikitup.

Any issues with bins not being emptied or recycling not being collected, please also email Carol Thornton. When you report non collection to Carol, would you advise if it refers to the whole street or just your own house. If the latter, please send her your street number.

S@S has had some set backs and the VVRA wrote to Pikitup and got the following reply:

Dear Marianne

Thanks for your feedback and eagerness to make sure that the S@S Programme succeeds. The partnership with D& H in your area was an informal arrangement and the current situation is just an intervention from our side to make sure that the service was not totally cut when D& H stopped. However, we are at the final stages of appointing a service provider to service your area for a period of three years. This service provider is expected to partner with local local SMMEs and Waste Pickers currently operating in the area.

Collection in your area is expected to start in the next two months or so. Please bear with us for a while as we are working on fixing the challenge.

Kind regards

Nelly M Rampete

Manager: Separation at Source

Pikitup

We therefore urge all complexes to email details of a person that can be contacted regarding S@S at complexes, so that we can get Pikitup to liaise with them and thus get this upcoming project off the ground.

PIKITUP BULKY WASTE SERVICE:

Get rid of unwanted bulk waste items with Pikitup in order to curb illegal dumping. This is a free service. You can log on to: <http://www.pikitup.co.za/customer-services/> register and log a call or call 087 357 1378 to request the bulky waste collection service.

Midrand Pikitup collect once a month, last week of the month (Wednesday).

Bulky waste can include, but are not limited to:

- Furniture;•Lamps;•Carpet (Roll carpet into a bundle 4 feet long by 2 feet in diameter and tie it with rope);
- Mattresses;•Appliances that do not have refrigerants in them, like dishwashers and washing machines;
- Items which are too big to fit into a 240 Litre Bin.

Unacceptable Items:

Some items cannot be collected by Pikitup. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Hazardous, flammable or explosive materials;
- Auto parts and tyres;
- Refrigerated appliances (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, heat pumps, water coolers and air conditioners);
- Garden waste, trees/branches and tree stumps;
- Soil, animal faeces, and dead animals.



JMPD:

Illegal Signs:

Several residents help to take down illegal signs and report them to JMPD. Unfortunately JMPD don't seem to take action so the culprits just keep on putting them up. Our cleaner continuously takes them down as well, but it is an ongoing battle.

Illegal trailer advertising will now be taken away by JMPD. Unfortunately they have to wait until they can get the necessary truck to have them removed, but hopefully this will happen in the next week or two.

Please do report them to info@vvra.co.za, especially where they block a motorist view, too close to an intersection and too close to the road.

JMPD 24-hour Traffic Hotline

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Luke 076 970 3512 and 082 335 2260

MEDIA STATEMENT: No embargo

04 April 2017

Johannesburg still needs to use water sparingly

The City of Johannesburg has since lifted some of the water restriction measures following the announcement by the department of water and sanitation to lift water supply restrictions in Gauteng. This simply means that section 44 (3) of the Water Services By-law will only apply as follows:

- Watering of gardens is only allowed between 18:00-06:00 (1 September and 31 March); and between 16:00-08:00 (1 April and 31 August). Residents are now able to use irrigation systems and hose pipes.
- It is still prohibited to use hose pipes to clean paved areas and driveways with municipal water.
- Residents can now fill up their swimming pools with a recommendation that they invest in a cover as this significantly reduces evaporation.

The Johannesburg Metro Police Department will continue to enforce compliance. Consumers are still encouraged to continue reporting non-compliance by phoning the JMPD 24/7 line: 011 758 9650.

In September 2016, the city applied the water restriction tariffs as a means of discouraging excessive water use during the low rainfall months. Water consumption will now be billed through these normal

tariffs as from April 2017 until further notice as water restrictions fall away.

Domestic Water Tariff – Metered Areas

| | Kilolitres per connection per month | 2016/17 Tariff (R/kl) |
|----|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | 0-6 | Free |
| 2. | > 6-10 | R 7.14 |
| 3. | >10-15 | R 12.07 |
| 4. | >15-20 | R 17.65 |
| 5. | >20-30 | R 24.03 |
| 6. | >30-40 | R 25.81 |
| 7. | >40 | R 32.27 |

We urge consumers to remain active partners in reducing the amount of water used in the City of Johannesburg, and to report any form of vandalism and theft of water infrastructure to 0800 00 25 87.

Residents are encouraged to subscribe on our website, to our SMS notification service for alerts on planned or unplanned service interruptions. More information can be obtained on twitter: @jhbwater; facebook: Johannesburg Water and our website www.johannesburgwater.co.za.

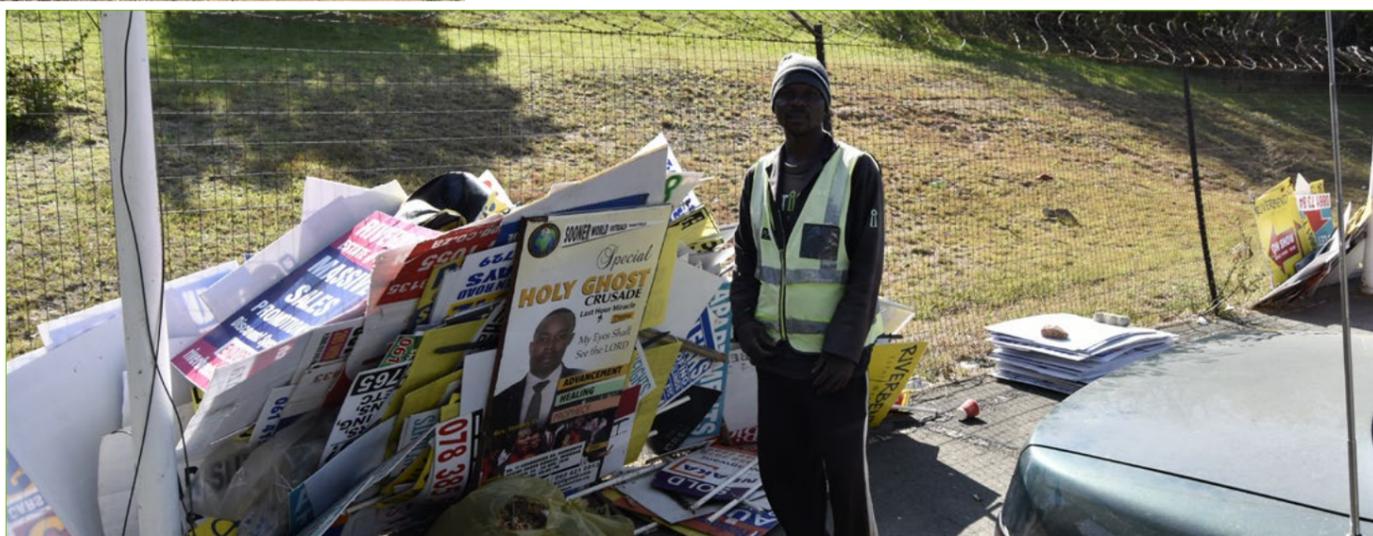
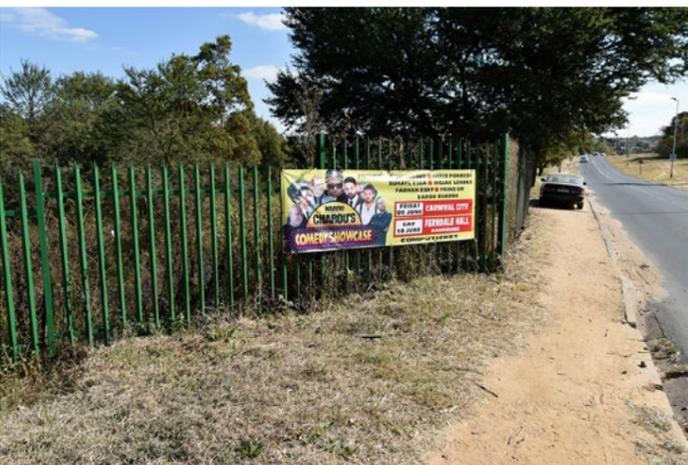
Harry Galaun/Elizabeth Fry Garden

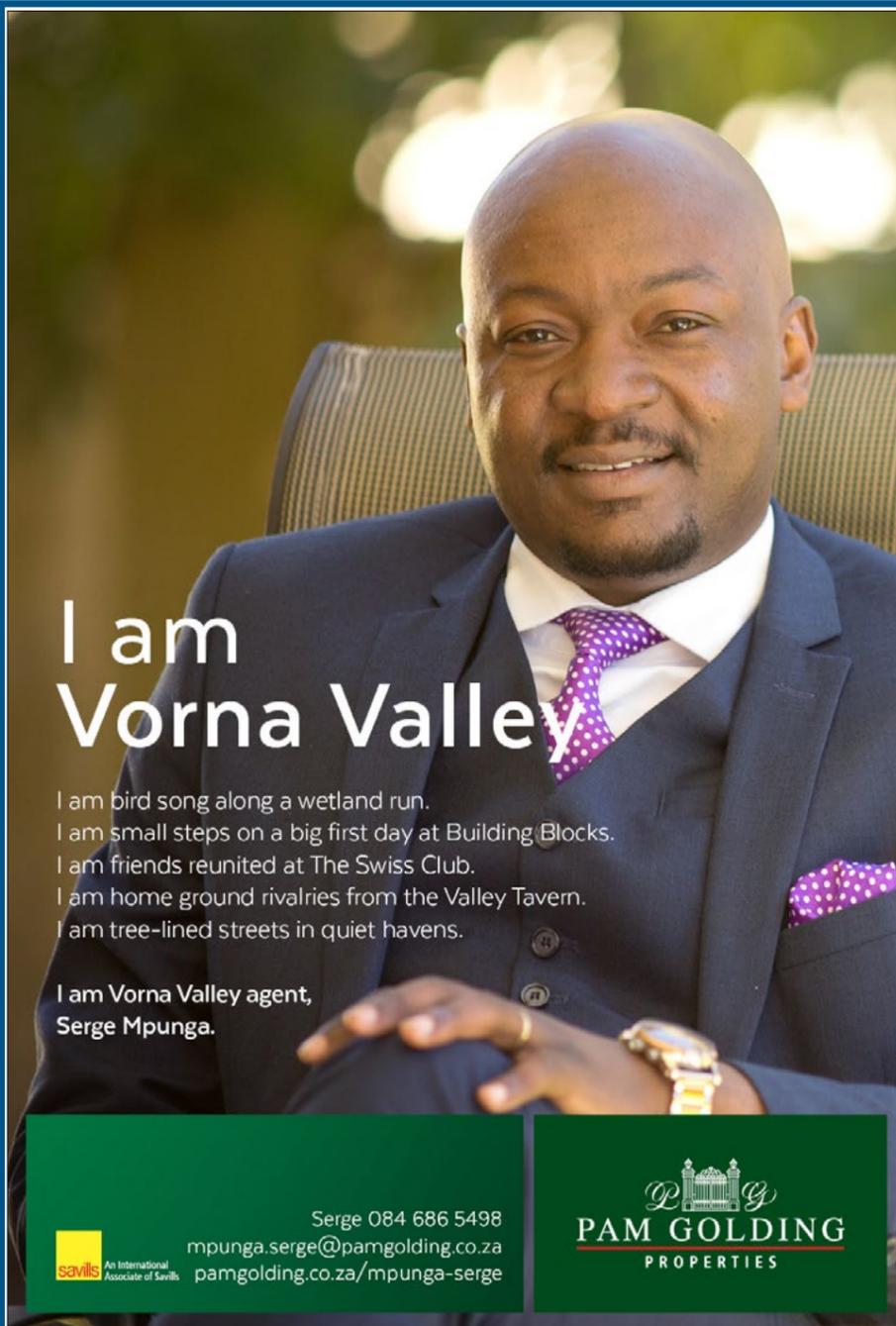
Thank you to Carol and K8 for your support and input to cleaning up this garden which was initially sponsored by Platinum Residential.



Illegal signage

Illegal signage is getting out of hand again and together with some residents, our cleaner and Marianne, they are taken down and handed to JMPD. We have had a discussion with the Chief Sup of JMPD as to how we are able to stop these unwanted signs in Vorna Valley. If JMPD dont start fining these culprits, we will never be rid of them so the VVRA will keep on following up with JMPD bylaw department.





I am Vorna Valley

I am bird song along a wetland run.
 I am small steps on a big first day at Building Blocks.
 I am friends reunited at The Swiss Club.
 I am home ground rivalries from the Valley Tavern.
 I am tree-lined streets in quiet havens.

I am Vorna Valley agent,
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Invasive Species

Mallard | Anas platyrhynchos

Mallard are becoming a common site around many dams and waterbodies in Gauteng and the Cape. Mallard reach a body length up to 58cm. The male has a glossy green head and a white neck collar, as well as a bright yellow bill and chestnut-brown breast. The female is mottled brown with an orange or black bill. Mallards are detrimental to our indigenous water birds as they are capable of interbreeding with the yellow-billed duck (*Anas undulata*).



Additional Info
 Common name: Mallard
 Scientific name: *Anas platyrhynchos*
 Alternative common names: Mallard duck (English); mallardse eend (Afrikaans)
 Where does this species come from? : Northern Hemisphere
 What is its invasive status in South Africa? : NEMBA – Category 2

Where in South Africa is it a problem?: Escapees have established feral, self-sustaining populations, primarily in the Western Cape and Gauteng.
 How does it spread? High reproduction success




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Why is it a problem? Hybridizes with endemic duck species, such as the yellow-billed duck (*Anas undulata*) threatening the genetic integrity of these indigenous ducks. Mallards also compete against indigenous species for the same resources, such as food and nesting sites.

What does it look like? : Description: The mallard is about 58cm in length. It has a blue patch on the top side of its wings with a white line around it. The male mallard is brightly coloured and has a green head and neck with a white ring bordering it. It has a brown chest, a whitish-grey underside, brown wings and a yellow bill. The female mallard is mottled brown and tan with a white tail and an orange bill. Habitat: Vegetated wetlands, including estuaries and lagoons. Breeding: Breeding occurs in early spring. Nests are depressions in the ground, not too far from water and the nest is lined with down and is usually hidden in tall grass. Egg clutches may consist of 5-14 eggs laid at about 1 egg per day; Incubation is performed by the female for about 30 days. The male will leave once incubation has begun.

FROM: <http://gauteng.invasives.org.za/index.php/itemid-fix-k2-categories/item/115-mallard-anas-platyrhynchos>

Our Sponsors

Wendy Redl from Harcourts Residential Properties sponsored the garden and balls on Greig street and one day a week for a cleaner, and bottled water for the Vlei Clean up - 2016.



Wendy Redl
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