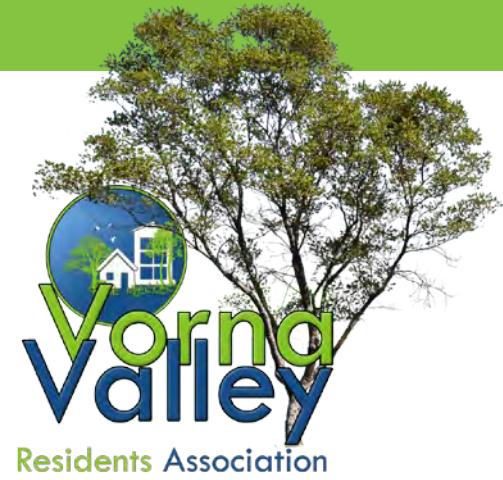


Vorna Valley Residents Association

Newsletter

May 2019



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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,



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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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Dear Vorna Valley Residents

As winter arrived, our horizon becomes polluted with smog and monster developments. This brings with illegal nursery schools and illegal businesses and sadly it takes years to get council to stop this from happening. Owners expand their buildings without getting approval from council first, and allowing neighbours to have their say. We have several nursery schools that have popped up without prior application, and they then get away with it applying for "consent use" which the VVRA very, very seldom see until it is too late.

Residents are up in arms as Vorna Valley is a residential area, yet doctor's rooms, B&B's, nursery schools and businesses pop up illegally all the time.



We had one case where an owner built 2 lapas/buildings with the roof hanging on their neighbours wall and protruding over the neighbour wall. It took the VVRA over 2.5 years to have council get a court order to break down these buildings, and when the owner refused to break them down, the MMC of development was kind enough to have council come and demolish one of the buildings at the owners cost. This is just a lack of respect for your neighbours.

We ask that residents wanting to build, open a business, B&B, nursery school etc., to please take into consideration as to the impact it has on neighbouring residents, our old infrastructure and the crime it brings to our area.

When residents stand together and work together, a lot more can be achieved, than when a hand full of residents try to deal with such cases.

If you feel you have a few hours a week to assist the VVRA, please feel free to email info@vvra.co.za to discuss this.

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Vorna Valley LPR camera



Finally the VVRA have paid for all 8 LPR cameras including installation fees and we are just waiting for the final paperwork to go through so that they can start with installation legally.

There will be an LPR (number plate recognition) camera at all 8 entrances to Vorna Valley. The data will be kept safe by vetted data custodians so that not just anyone can receive this data. Many companies have offered to install cameras free of charge but they keep the data and use it as they see fit. The VVRA want to safe guard this data from being sold to just anyone or any company, hence we went with an independent provider who will only pass on the alerts and information to vetted people such as SAPS.

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.

Please click on this link to do the survey. [CLICK HERE](#) It is easy and quick.

Thank you

Fire in Vorna Valley



MIDRAND Reporter

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Blaze erupts, fire trucks respond 1 hour later

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A fire broke out at a complex in Vorna Valley on 17 May, and members of the community expressed their concerns about the City's fire department after fire trucks arrived at the scene an hour after residents reported the blaze.

Phil Mabela, a nearby neighbour, said that he was awoken by screams at around 10pm, and when he checked through his window, he saw smoke and flames. "I quickly went to the patio to get a better view and saw a big fire coming out of my neighbour's bedroom."

He added, "At that moment I decided to rush everybody in my apartment out before the fire could

reach my apartment."

Mabela said that he then went to check if his neighbour was not harmed, but she assured him she was fine. After that, he and his neighbours tried to put out the fire.

"While we were busy putting the fire out I decided to go to the Midrand Fire Station.

"When I got there, they were not able to help me, so I went to the Midrand Police Station and they called the City's emergency services."

Mabela said a lady from the emergency services told him they were aware of the matter and had already sent a truck to the complex.

Simon Nyakudya, who is the security supervisor of the complex, said that the fire brigade arrived

after an hour to assess and check if the residents did fully stop the fire.

In a response to the matter, Public Safety MMC Michael Sun said a contract for fire engines to be supplied was in place before he came into office.

"We ran with the contract, but the supplier was not capable of delivering the trucks, so an investigation was made into it and the contract was cancelled."

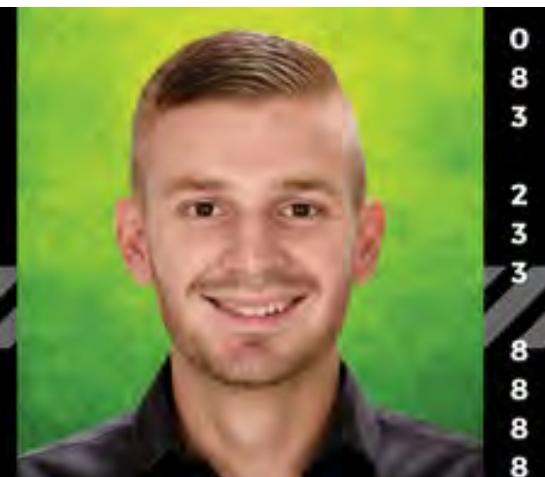
"A few fire engines were salvaged. A tender was re-advertised, which also failed due to a supplier dropping out."

"But plans have been put in place to fix the issue at hand."

A video of the fire was posted on the Vorna Valley Residents Association Facebook Page.

WHAT IS YOUR HOME WORTH?

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- 3 May 2019 - House on Elizabeth Fry without power
6 May 2019 - Power outage due to maintenance in parts of Vorna Valley. Several houses in streets not mentioned on the notice were also down
17 May 2019 - House on Elizabeth Fry without power
20 May 2019 - Most of Harry Galaun without power. Trip at New Road Substation
23 May 2019 - House on Elizabeth Fry without power. All cables pulled out and door left open. City Power waiting for test branch to come and test
24 May 2019 - House on Elizabeth Fry still without power.
27 May 2019 - Power outage due to maintenance in parts of Vorna Valley.



Sadly many power boxes are still open and several are broken. Often contractors 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.

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.



- 4 May 2019 - Sewerage leak on Henkel and water meter damaged on Bosduif
6 May 2019 - Sewerage leak Pretorius affecting several complexes and sewerage leak on Norman Eaton
7 May 2019 - Sewerage leak on Anton van Wouw
7 May 2019 - Sewerage leak on Pretorius affecting several complexes still leaking.
8 May 2019 - VVRA advised JWATER that all too often several leaks flow from San Martino into the storm water drain in San Pablo. They would look

into the problem.

- 10 May 2019 - No water pressure on Sparrow
11 May 2019 - Still low water pressure on Sparrow. JWATER replaced water meter now water pressure better than ever before
12 May 2019 - Major sewerage leak again on Pretorius/Gregory
16 May 2019 - Major sewerage leak again on Pretorius and on Anton Hartman again
17 May 2019 - Sewerage still leaking on Anton Hartman
18 May 2019 - Sewerage still leaking on Anton Hartman
20 May 2019 - Water leak on Anton Hartman
22 May 2019 - Sewerage leak on Bulpin



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 times.

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

Apparently a signage company got lost and planted an advertising signage pole on the corner of Pretorius and le Roux, thinking Pretorius is Pretoria Main Road. JRA has been informed but the sign still stands.



City Parks stopped cutting the vlei areas due to rain, but have still not been back to finish off and some servitudes remain uncut.

Just a reminder to all residents: It is illegal to chop down or even prune trees on pavements. JMPD and City Parks do issue fines.

We should be protecting our trees and not chopping them down.



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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. Resident 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 bad in Joburg, take a video or picture and send it via Whatsapp to JMPD reckless driving hotline 081 410 6338

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Swiss Country Club JOHANNESBURG

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.

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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 bins' 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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071 312 7757

Please Don't Forget To Recycle With Phambili Services Each Wednesday Of The Month.

Recycling is Compulsory



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.



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

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Full Page : R800/month

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Small Ad : R50/month

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