Vorna Valley Residents Association
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VVRA Newsletter March 2015

Dear Vorna Valley Residents

Well the end of March hit us all with a bit of load shedding, but thankfully for the most part of March we were lucky with little load shedding. On that note please check your alarm back up batteries to ensure that they have a minimum of 4 to 6 hours back up life. Also double check the schedule with respect to load shedding and if your power does not come back on at the required time please check, it may be a faulty, or your trip switch went when load shedding started or your electricity box on the road has been tripped. Please also check that your alarm system is in working order by phoning your security company and then doing a test run. Please we reiterate here you need to notify your security company before to notify them that you are testing your alarm. Also please check that your main electric box on your pavement is locked so that it cannot be tampered with. If your box isn't locked, criminals are able to switch off your power from outside allowing your alarm system's batteries to run down making access to your property easier.
Please follow us on Facebook: - Vorna Valley Residents Association (VVRA) or Twitter @valleyvorna for more updates about our suburb throughout the month.

Post Office at the Vorna Valley Shopping Centre
The Post Office inside the Spar at the Vorna Valley Shopping Centre has closed down as of the 30 March 2015. All parcels and other postal services will now be attended to at the Post Office at Boulders Shopping centre. The post boxes will still be kept at the Vorna Valley Shopping Centre.

Vlei Fence
Thank you to Mel Worman for starting up and driving the initiative to fix the vlei fence and supplying refreshments.
Thank you's also to:
a. Kishore Doodnath from Gustav Preller for organising the welder with welding machine.
b. Barry and Nicky Snow from Gustav Preller for the use of their generator and supplying the fuel. Rodger for assisting with supervision and carrying equipment up and down.
c. Chris Hallendorff from Halfway Gardens for coming to support us.
d. Danny from Ria Sebetsa security for sponsoring the welder and welding machine and materials.
It is wonderful to see how Vorna Valley residents step in where the council fails us.
If anyone can sponsor more towards fixing the rest of the Vlei's fence please let us know on info@vvra.co.za.

Recycling
Please note that the regional depot of Pikitup in Midrand will relocate from its current location on Sixteenth Road, to new premises in Corporate Park on Old Pretoria road on 27 March 2015. The relocation will NOT affect service delivery.
A quick reminder to get involved with Pikitup's recycling projects. Contact incidents@vvra.co.za with your details to be added to the list ASAP.

If you live in a complex you can get your managing agents or trustees to contact:
Lilly-Girl Hentcho
D&H Recycling and Waste Management Services
011 039 8023
072 356 3591/072 356 3575
fax no: 086 215 1823
e-mail address: dhrecycling@gmail.com
They come to your complex, recycle your skips or bins and very little waste is left behind for the Pikitup weekly collection. This will also stop the bins etc to be raided in front of your complex on Pikitup collection day.

LOAD SHEDDING

VORNA VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER POST OFFICE

Post Office

REPAIRS TO VLEI FENCING

RECYCLING

The VVRA is urgently looking for an Auditor who would be prepaid to audit the VVRA books. The VVRA will put your ad in all the VVRA newsletters and on their website. Please email info@vvra.co.za.

Important Dates in April 2015:

1. The Community Policing Forum (CPF) public meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 21 April at 19h00 in the boardroom at SAPS Midrand.

2. In terms of Section 21 of the Municipal Systems Act,Section 23 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003 and Schedule A of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations, the Draft 2015/16 IDP review, Medium-Term Budget and proposed tariffs will be tabled at a Council meeting scheduled for 25 March 2015. The tariffs to be amended are also attached to the draft budget, and will be placed on the City's website. For more info got to http://www.joburg.org.za/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=499&Itemid=114&limitstart=1.
All stakeholders are hereby invited to make representations on the draft IDP review, medium-term budget and proposed tariffs for 2015/16. Written comments may be submitted to Tshimangadzo Mundalamo at TshimangadzoM@joburg.org.za.on or before 30 April 2015.

CCTV
We are at the moment busy trying to look at different options in getting CCTV for our suburb and are in negotiations with security companies to try and get ideas and pricing. If you are interested in getting involved with this initiative please email info@vvra.co.za.
TRS has given us a proposal for security cameras for Vorna Valley. To read about this please go to www.vvra.co.za under Helpful links.

Cleaning up of pavements
We would like to see everyone take pride in their own pavements. This is not a dumping ground and
Lets keep our pavements and vlei clean.
We request that building rubble be removed as soon as possible and any other rubble to be removed as well. If you have neighbours dumping garden refuse or rubble on their pavements please email info@vvra.co.za so that the VVRA can hand warning letters to these residents, to have them clean up their pavements.
We also again like to ask residents living on the border of our vlei not to dump their rubble over their back walls into the vlei. Now that part of the vlei grass has been cut the VVRA will investigate which of these residents do dump rubble over their wall and warning letters will be given to them. If rubble is not cleared within 2 weeks council will step in and issue a fine.

Fibre-to-the-home
Currently Vorna Valley does not feature on the radar of any of the major Service providers with regard to 'Next generation' data services such as VDSL or Fibre to Home connections.
This results in us being limited to line speeds of around 4Mbps, or if you are lucky 3G mobile data reception.
The VVRA is currently engaging with alternative Service providers with a proven track record to provide Fibre to the Home services in Vorna Valley. This service could provide connection speeds of between 10Mbps and 100Mbps, depending on the individual package selected.
Pricing range from R655 per month for a 10Mbps Uncapped package to R2848 per month for a 100Mbps uncapped package. An initial installation fee of R1710 is applicable, this includes a Media converter (router) which is capable of Wi-Fi, has an Ethernet port, 2 POTS ports.
A number of Service providers have shown interest, providing that uptake by the community is sufficient for them to build a solid business case for investing in the required Fibre infrastructure.
The minimum required subscription rate is around 30% per neighbourhood or complex.
If you would be interested, or require more information, please email infrastructure@vvra.co.za.

Poster Pollution
Vorna Valley gets polluted with illegal posters and advertising boards. Our cleaners and residents often remove them and hand them in to JMPD who then take this up with the offenders. If it does not have a City of Joburg sticker on, it is illegal and Estate Agents signs and boards can only be outside the property they are selling. Pointers for show days are allowed from Friday night to Monday morning only. Business signs can only be at the property where the business resides.

CPF AND IDP

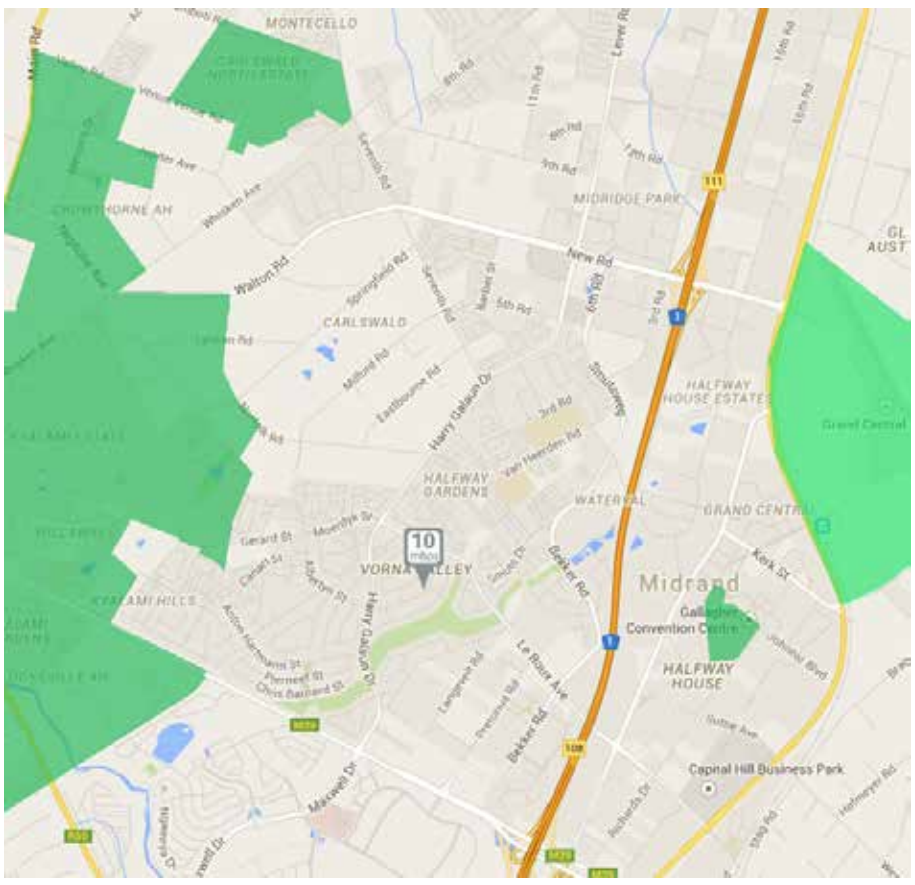
CITY OF JOHANNESBURG
METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

Joburg
a world class African city

CCTV FOR VORNA VALLEY

TACTICAL REACTION SERVICES

NO VDSL IN VORNA VALLEY



Thank You's

Thank you to Midway Homes who have also come on board with sponsorship for cleaning and greening our suburb. Also to Pam Golding who has sponsored the Green Gazette yearly subscription.
The Vorna Valley Shopping centre who has sponsored a cleaner for a day a week to clean up around the shopping centre.
A big thank you again to our regular sponsors;
Wendy Redl from Harcourts residential
Platinum Residentials
Mark McDonald from Leogem
Ria Sebetsa Security

QUICK LOG GUIDE

Please find below a quick guide to logging matters in the City of Johannesburg. If you have logged an issue and it hasn't been attended to in a reasonable length of time there is likely a reason for it; please let the VVRA know about such instances and we will do our best to escalate the issue.
0113755555 = 0860 JOBURG (56 28 74) – this is the best way to go as one gets a number automatically.
* City Power: www . citypower . co . za and click "Fault Reporting"
* Joburg Water: customerservice@jwater.co.za
* Joburg Roads: hotline@jra.org.za
* Pikitup: 0860 JOBURG (56 28 74)
* City Parks: 0860 JOBURG (56 28 74)
* JMPD: 011 375 5911
* Revenue: 0860 JOBURG (56 28 74) / joburgconnect@joburg.org.za

That's all for now… and remember, "If you see something, Say something"!
Best Regards
The Vorna Valley Residents Association

JRA CLEANING LANGEVELD ROADS AND DRAINS

PLATINUM residential

LEOGEM Property Group

HEAVEN'S KITCHEN

Veggie Divine Foods

MIDWAY Micca PAINT & HARDWARE

Marnicmel Solutions
Computers, Servers, Networking, Webdesign, Hosting and support
Cell: 082 460 8662
EMail: info@marnicmel.co.za

RIA SEBETSA SECURITY SERVICES

PAM GOLDING PROPERTIES

Lindsay Steinhobel
Estate Agent
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