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Our very own webpage.....you absolutely must go into the internet and have a look. We hope it makes you proud.

Sunninghill Gardens now has its own webpage. *All members of the Association should visit this page, click on the "Members only screen" and enter your details and password.* You are now registered, make sure you visit us on a regular basis. In our webpage we have loads of information relating to Sunninghill Gardens and the businesses around us. All our newsletters, current and old, sticker application forms, photo's, membership forms, classifieds, businesses in the area and a page for our members are included. We will be updating and improving this site regularly, so save it as a favourite. If you would like to advertise in our webpage or have it linked to your own, give Linda a call on 807-7191 or email me on sungard@worldonline.co.za

CRIME WATCH!!

On Tuesday the 2nd of July a resident of one of the cluster complexes came home to find that his house had been broken into. A large amount of goods were taken, including duvets, tv, etc. We knew that what was taken was too much to have fitted into a boot of a car, so it must have been transported out in a bakkie or in the boot and back of a vehicle. After investigating we came up with two witnesses, a lady who works for a company in the area saw a white Opel Kadette with two white males in it who were hovering around the complex in question, she thought they looked suspicious and took down the registration number of the car. We also found a domestic worker, who saw the entire incident taking place, however because the perpetrators were white she thought that they were friends of the owner. She was however able to give us a description of the vehicle and of the two men involved. This description matched that of the other witness. Armed with this information we were able to check the CCTV camera's at the booms. At 13h42 we found on the tape a white Opel leaving the area with the same number plate given by the witness. When we switched to the new camera we clearly saw on the backseat of the vehicle a tv covered with a white duvet. When the resident saw the tape he was able to identify his goods and duvet. The tape and statements from both witnesses and the Homeowners Association were handed over to the SAPS. The investigation continues. We would like to congratulate the two witnesses, who we will not identify at this stage, for being so observant. Having said this we would like to encourage residents to be alert and observant in the area, should you see a vehicle in the area which you think looks suspicious, please take down the registration number and if you can a description of the occupants, you never know when this may come in useful when investigating a crime committed.

Some security tips for us all:

- Be very careful when selling anything from your home, this is an ideal opportunity for criminals to see what you have in your house worth stealing and to also see what sort of (or lack of) security you have.
- Regularly check your rearview mirror to see if you are being followed. If you think you are, don't take a chance but drive directly to the booms.
- Encourage your domestic workers to report anything out of the ordinary, criminals come in all races. Use your panic buttons if someone is outside your house and you are concerned about them. Don't be afraid of causing a false alarm. Let's be pro-active.

Security tips continued:

- Smash and Grab incidents are on the increase along Witkoppen Road, particularly at the intersections of Rivonia, Bowling & Maxwell Drive. Here are a few tips to deter a would-be Smash and Grab incident:
 - Keep windows open at about 1/2cm from the top. This makes it more difficult to break the window.
 - Never leave valuables, cell phones & handbags on the seat.
 - Maintain a distance from the vehicle in front of yours when stopping to enable you to swerve away if necessary.
 - Be aware of pedestrians around your vehicle, or approaching from the front, back or sides.
 - Do not open a window to accept flyers or pamphlets.
 - Drive with the doors and boot locked at all times.
 - Report all emergencies to 10111.

We would like to thank the Gallo Manor Community Police Forum for the smash and grab security tips.

A letter from a happy resident:

“Dear Linda,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for all that you and your committee have done to make Sunninghill Gardens such a beautiful place. It's an absolute pleasure to drive through our little village and to walk through it is like a breath of fresh air. Our village is clean and tidy and quiet and we can all feel safe in the streets.

I am saddened that there are any people who just don't see the value of contributing to this really worthy association. There is absolutely no doubt that we do all benefit from the Guards at the booms and from all your efforts but, some people just remain blind to that fact.

Keep up the good work. When I drive through other suburbs and I see the decay and dirty streets; the high security walls that enclose their properties; their ineffective booms, and, the fear in which they live – seeing every pedestrian in their street as a possible hijacker or robber, I am so thankful that my family and I can live in such a beautiful place as Sunninghill Gardens. It is indeed a privilege and one for which I know that you and your committee make many sacrifices. So thank you for all that you do. We do appreciate it. God bless you all as you continue to serve on this Committee.”

The Sunninghill Gardens Committee would like to thank the lady who wrote this wonderful letter, your appreciation of our hard work makes what we do so rewarding. If you are not a member of the Homeowners Association and read this and agree with the comments made, please help us in continuing our work in the area by joining the Sunninghill Gardens Homeowners Association.

CLASSIFIEDS

- Would the lady in Tiati Road who phoned me regarding baby sitting, please contact me again. I wrote you details down when you phoned and then lost the piece of paper, my apologies – Linda G 807-7191.
- **PART TIME OFFICE HELP REQUIRED** – We do quite a lot of travelling and need somebody in the area who would be able to come in to our office for an hour or two a day while we are away. The person needs to answer the telephone messages and send faxes, and make contact with us if need be. The hours will be flexible and you will be paid by the hour. We work from home, in Sunninghill Gardens. Please contact Maureen on (011) 803-7101 or 082376 8802 if you are interested.
- **ACCOMODATION OFFERED** - Are you a professional male or female, looking for accommodation? Phone Alan on 082 333-2024. Alan is looking for someone to share his house in Sunninghill Gardens with him. The house comprises of 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large kitchen, swimming pool, lock up garage and 24hour security. Included will be water and lights and the sharing of a maid. Price negotiable. Phone Alan now before it's too late.
- The Sunninghill Gardens Homeowners Association would like to express our sorrow at hearing of the passing away of Ray Nielson of Sunninghill Gardens. To Val and her family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sunninghill Gardens Annual General Meeting:

The Sunninghill Gardens Annual General Meeting for the year 2002/2003 was held on Wednesday the 17th of July and was once again a resounding success.

From the Sunninghill Gardens Committees point of view, it was wonderful to see such a great turn out of residents, especially considering that this was one of the coldest nights of the year. After having some snacks and wine, which was kindly supplied by the Sunninghill Spar and De Huizemark, the meeting got underway. The atmosphere was positive and friendly and the residents after some suggestions from the committee, themselves decided what they wanted us to do in the area. You should all have by now received the minutes of this meeting. If you do not receive a copy, please let Linda know on 807-7191 or email her on sungard@worldonline.co.za and she will make sure you receive a copy. You may also view the minutes by logging into our webpage www.sunninghillgardens.org.za.

I would like to thank all those who did attend this meeting and those who kindly submitted proxy forms. There is no other area where residents become involved like ours do. Its not a rumour, Sunninghill Gardens is the safest and best area in which to live.

COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

It is estimated that 8 out of 10 people have either never heard of the existence of the Community Police Forum (CPF) or they had heard of it, but knew nothing about its purpose, despite extensive coverage in local media publications. This is unfortunate, as the CPF provides a free service from which the public and business can benefit.

A statutory body, enacted through amendment to the South Africa Police Services Act in 1995, the CPF comprises a voluntary Executive Committee with specified tasks and responsibilities. These are comprehensive and are contained in a Government Gazette publication specific to the CPF. In summary though the more important of these are;

- To facilitate the transferring of skills to members of the SAPS
- To provide assistance, both personal and financial, to the SAPS
- Serve as the communication body between the community and the SAPS and the SAPS and community
- To audit and report on the services provided by the SAPS to the community.

Whist ideally, each police station should be served by a Community Police Forum, this is not always possible as many areas are populated by residents who are not willing to donate their time to community service. We, in Sunninghill Gardens, fall under the jurisdiction of the Gallo Manor police station, and are a bit more fortunate in that this area does have a handful of community minded residents. The Chairman and Manager of the Gallo Manor CPF are both residents of Sunninghill Gardens, but even then, there exists a shortage of residents willing to serve on this committee.

The Community Action Company (CAC) is the official fundraiser for the Gallo Manor CPF. Newer residents to our area are always amazed to learn that the Gallo Manor Police Station was built, furnished, equipped and is maintained by the CAC, using donated funds, mainly from local residents

If you have a complaint, a compliment or a suggestion to make with regard to the Gallo Manor and / or Sandton Police Services, or better still, if you wish to serve on the CPF or the CAC, please contact Darren Pillai (Chairman) 083 601 0943 or David Hartslielief (Manager) 082 891 5191.

NOTICE REGARDING THE USE OF OUR PARK

Please note that anybody visiting the park or using the facilities thereon do so at their own risk or, in the case of minors, at the risk of their parents or guardians. Parents should ensure proper supervision for their children and other dependants. Children who are not old enough should not be allowed to visit the park without supervision. Although the management of Sunninghill Gardens takes reasonable steps to ensure a safe environment for all it cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage or injury suffered by anybody visiting the park or using the facilities.

“Can you help me find out what happened to my dog?”

A resident in Kisumu road came home a few weeks ago to find her precious Maltese poodle lying outside her gate. Sadly her dog was dead. Someone who knew where the doggie belonged had put it outside her gate. Was the dog run over or attacked by another dog? The lady in question would dearly like to know what happened. Did you see anything? Are you the person who placed the dog there? Please phone Linda on 807-7191 so she might pass the message on to the resident and put her mind at rest.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

You have no control over what happens to you, but you can control how you react to what happens to you. Being upset, angry or wanting to take revenge only robs you of the wonderful moments you could be having instead. Life is made of wonderful moments. Not forgiving can rob you of many things, including good health. Start today with a smile, after all, it is the very first day of the rest of your life.

Sunninghill Gardens would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to **Remax of Sunninghill**, who kindly sponsor this newsletter every month



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Call the well-know mother and daughter team, Maureen and Cindy, the Sunninghill area specialist. We would be glad to provide you with an update, market-related evaluation of your home. Whether you are a serious seller, or just curious,

CALL US NOW FOR A FREE EVALUATION!!
The market is at an all time eight year high.

Shop 15A
Sunhill Shopping Centre
CNR Tana & Naivasha Roads
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