

# SUNNINGHILL GARDENS NEWS

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## CRIME WATCH

We have our ups and downs, last month and the month before were very good ones for Sunninghill Gardens, however, this month was a bit of a nightmare.... Three incidents reported. Two house breakings and an attempted armed robbery.

A week or two back an Aunt of one of our residents came to visit him. She apparently drove through the booms and felt that she was being followed. Upon arrival at her nephew's home, she and her nephew were accosted by a man who had a gun. Due to the quick thinking of the resident the perpetrators ran off. Unfortunately the lady in question failed to notify the guards at the boom that she suspected that she was being followed. Had she done so the guards would have stopped the vehicle. The guards by law are not allowed to prohibit vehicles from entering the area without just cause. If they feel a vehicle is suspicious they can (and have done so on numerous occasions), by means of a two-way radio, call Standby to follow the vehicle. When the gentleman in question called Standby, their response was less than 1 minute, but unfortunately he did not mention to them until later that there was a white bakkie involved, it turned out that the Standby vehicle drove right past the perpetrators in his haste to assist his client. Had the resident notified Standby when they phoned after he pressed his panic button the perpetrators would have been caught.

We can all learn a valuable lesson from the above. We did with the help of the resident, identify the vehicle on the cctv tapes, but were unable to prove anything as he did not see the registration number of the vehicle when they escaped. Unfortunately there are many white bakkies entering and exiting the area. We have alerted the guards at the booms and in the patrol car about this bakkie.

The Homeowners Association would once again like to pass on the following security tips to residents:

- Residents should be observant at all times. Make a note of any "strange vehicles" parked outside or driving around, whether in a Complex or in the roads in the area. Remember criminals come in all shapes, sizes and colours. Don't automatically assume that people who look respectable are so. If you see a vehicle driving around aimlessly, one parked at the side of the road, a person standing on the pavement talking on a cellphone, call the guardhouse immediately, they could be in the process of committing a crime. Take a good look at these people, remember what they looked like, what they wore, and write it down at your first opportunity. Note the date and time and of course the registration number. Then report it!!! You could be helping your neighbour or even yourself. All professional criminals watch their prey before committing a crime.
- Special attentions needs to be paid to any "closed" bakkies, with canopies, tarpaulin covers etc., the criminals are aware of the cctv camera's at the booms and as a result feel it is easier to transport goods out the area in vehicles that are closed.
- There are a large amount of residents in Sunninghill Gardens who are adding on or renovating their homes. Although this is great for the area as a whole, it also increases the security risk in the area. Please be extra careful if you live near one of these building sites. Keep alert. All residents should keep their alarms activated when they go out and when they go to sleep at night.
- 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 review 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 be observant, Sunninghill Gardens will respect their wish not to be named and will give them a reward should their information result in criminals being caught or goods being recovered. Tell them to report anything out of the ordinary, criminals come in all races. A white man in a bakkie is not necessarily a maintenance contractor. 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.

Sunninghill Gardens is one of THE safest areas around and that is due to the strong resident body we have. But lets not become complacent, BE PRO-ACTIVE and help your committee fight crime.

## Carnival in the Park

The Annual Sunninghill Gardens Carnival in the park will be held on  
**Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2003 from 11h00 onwards**  
in the main park off Kitui, Kisumu, Lingerette roads.

### For your entertainment we are organising:

- Beer tent
- Disco and PA
- Professional Foam machine ..*"Dance to the music with foam up to your ..??"*
- Prizes galore
- Various food stalls: Boerewors and Prego rolls, Curry and Rice, Biltong and crisps and lots more..
- Lots of other stalls for kids and adults alike: Sponge throwing, sweets & toys, jewellery, rock candles, herbal life and tons more...
- Entertainment for adults and children..

We guarantee you won't be disappointed OR BORED!!

All **budding entrepreneurs** start planning your stalls. We would especially like to encourage our Children to put together stalls of their own, be it selling things or games stalls, they would all be welcome. Those children who had stalls last year made a killing. If you are a member of the Homeowners Association, the profit you make, you keep. If you are interested in having a stall, contact Linda on 807-7191 so that we don't have any duplications.

**The Sunninghill Gardens Carnival Day is NOT A FUNDRAISOR.** It is a day aimed at building community spirit, of helping you get to know others in the area and of course to just have a fun filled day in the park. If you are a member of the Homeowners Association, we will not charge you a cent and you get to keep your profit. We do not have a budget for community days and rely solely on sponsorship for this event. From the music, beer tent to the entertainment provided, it is all sponsored by those who support our area. We will closer to the time publish a list and advertise those who have been kind enough to help us once again. If you are in a position to give back to your area, to do your bit, now is the time. We need your help. Prizes for our raffle are always needed no matter how big or small. Contact Linda on 807-7191 your input would be greatly appreciated.

#### **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.

**LINDA LAZARUS PROPERTY BROKERS** are the sponsors of the **SUNNINGHILL GARDENS NEWS**. Not only will Linda and Anita be sponsoring this newsletter every month, but they continue to donate R500pm to the upkeep of our parks. You can read more about them by logging on to : [www.sunninghillgardens.org.za](http://www.sunninghillgardens.org.za)

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**Here is an important message from CONSOL GLASS**

### **You can start recycling now!**

South Africans recycle less than 20% of the glass bottles and jars they use. This means that every year a staggering 450 000 tons of glass ends up in landfill sites of South Africa.

Glass is made entirely from natural resources and glass is 100% recyclable, so every ton of glass recycled saves a ton of natural resources.

Consol Glass is undertaking trials in our area to assess the viability of recovering used glass bottles and jars directly from households. You are invited to participate in these trials by keeping your used glass bottles and jars apart from your normal waste.

An officially appointed collector, who will carry formal identification, will call at your residence to collect this glass. Consol Glass has placed a bottle bank in Sunninghill at the Shell garage in Maxwell Drive, all glass collected will be placed in this bottle bank by the collector.

This programme is aimed at creating jobs, reducing the amount of waste going to landfill and saving precious natural resources.

**SO PLEASE DON'T THROW THOSE BOTTLES AND JARS AWAY, KEEP THEM SO WE CAN HELP YOU RECYCLE THEM!!**



## Have you seen the first of our streetlights?

**You have not? Well keep a look out, you will see them within the next two weeks.**

City Power have indicated to us that their plans are complete and they will be ready to install the first 20 lights **VERY SOON**.

Thanks to all those supportive residents who have paid their first months installments so promptly. Our collections have gone extremely well, better than we expected!! We will as usual keep you informed as to the progress. As far as the inconvenience etc. the actual work will cause, "let me assure residents that I have taken my broom out, had it serviced and will be flying around on it regularly during the installations." Linda G



*Beware....LINDA ON STREETLIGHT PATROL*

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"Thanks once again to Goldswain Gresty Estates for their monthly contribution towards our beautiful entrances. Your support is appreciated by all."

### Classifieds:

- **Looking for a maid?** Our very hardworking, honest and reliable domestic, who has worked for us for close to 10 years, is seeking part-time work for Wednesday's and Thursday's. She would like to remain in this area. Please contact Nina on 082 551 3962.
- Our reliable driver is looking for a room in the area, he is willing to pay for the room. Will only need it from Monday – Thursday. If you can help, please phone Shireen on 072 445 0909.
- Domestic Servant, Lucy, has been in my employ for over 25 years and is looking for part-time work on a Tuesday and Friday in and around our suburb. Please call Berry Willis office hours 012 426 2710

**REMINDER:** If you have not yet registered on the Sunninghill Gardens Web, please do so. Your details are important as we often send out crime alerts and warnings to residents with the email addresses provided. If you would like to advertise in our webpage, have it linked to your own or advertise in this newsletter, give Linda a call on 807-7191 or email me on [sungard@worldonline.co.za](mailto:sungard@worldonline.co.za)

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