

SUNNINGHILL GARDENS NEWS

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CRIME WATCH

The following information was sent to the Homeowners Association from the DA.

"It is official. Gauteng is the leading province with robbery, hijacking and vehicle theft. The recent spate of robberies in restaurants and secure townhouse complexes provide concrete examples of the trends for the province, as revealed by the recently released crime figures.



In the category of "other" robbery, there was a dramatic increase of 46% since 1994, while robbery with aggravating circumstances showed a staggering increase of 151%. Hijacking increased with 18% since 1996.

The DA obtained the statistics after invoking the Promotion of Access to Information Act. It is now clear why the government did not want to release the information. Crime is not under control, and there are simply not enough policemen and women to fight this war. Ordinary residents and crime victims could always attest to this, but the information now provided bears this out."

There was one incident of housebreaking reported in Sunninghill Gardens in the past month.

Over the past three months we have run the following competition in our Area:

Are you happy with our Security at the entrances?

The Homeowners Association is running a "Guard of the Month" competition. We are looking for the guard that you feel does the best job. This is what we are looking for:

- Polite and friendly - Guards that greet you with a smile and a greeting when entering and exiting the area.
- Uniform - Guards that always look neat in full uniform and display their identification badges.
- Job performance - Guards that always sign vehicles in and hand out access cards as is required of them.
- Answering the phone - Guards that answer the phone in an efficient manner and handle your queries promptly.

If you notice a guard or guards who you feel consistently do a good job in all the above categories, phone Linda on 807-7191 or email me on sungard@worldonline.co.za and let me know their names. This applies to both day and nightshift guards.

AND WHAT ABOUT STANDBY SECURITY? Is there a reaction officer who you feel stands out, one that you have had dealings with whom is both enthusiastic, efficient and friendly? Let me know on 807-7191

We will continue to run this competition over the next few months and thank those who took the time to phone our office and email us. The following guards have already over the past three months been voted as guard of the month, **Patrick Likhavha, Mqini Dukada and Owen Shandukani**. This month we received lots of votes for Robert Manyatshe, who is the Senior Manager in charge as well as being the owner of Azisin cc. Robert sets a wonderful example to his staff. Well done Robert!!

We ask residents to keep these votes coming in, we are proud of our guards and this is a great way of keeping them motivated. All the guards should have name badges on their uniforms, so fax, email or phone me with your votes for this month.

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We are all proud to live in Sunninghill Gardens. Those that contribute towards making our area so wonderful are numerous. In this newsletter we would like to pay tribute to all the businesses that support us and play a vital role in the success of Sunninghill Gardens. As these businesses all support us



financially with help of one kind or another, ***we would ask residents to support them in turn, before looking to other businesses who offer the same product. Let's give something back.*** These wonderful companies are:

- **Linda Lazarus Property Brokers** – Estate Agents, who sponsor this newsletter, donate R500 per month towards the area, provide access cards for the entrances and provide sponsorship at our community days. Linda and Anita also sign up new members for our Association when selling a property. Linda and Anita can be contacted on **807-3231**.
- **Sunninghill Spar** – provide sponsorship for our community days, presents for Father Christmas and sponsorship of our AGM cheese and wine. The Spar can be contacted on **803-2901**
- **Standby Security** – provide free armed response at both entrances, access cards, donation towards streetlights and sponsorship for our community days. Standby's number is **786-0752**
- **Pam Golding Properties** – sponsorship at community day. Nigel can be contacted on **082 339 1368**
- **Azisin cc** – this is the company that provides us with access control at the booms and they have sponsored access cards. Robert is in charge and his phone number is **807-2325**
- **Saks Hair Design** – who sponsor prizes at our community days. Phone Saks Hair Design for an appointment on **807-6231**
- **Goldswain Gresty Estates** – provided sponsorship for cheese and wine at Streetlight special meeting. Phone James or Lauren on **803-2340**
- **De Huizemark** – provide sponsorship for cheese and wine at AGM. Byth can be contacted on **083 604 0664**
- **Beef and Lobster Paulshof** – the beef and lobster provided sponsorship at our community day recently. Phone them on 807-6520 and book a table for a great meal.

PROGRESS ON ACCESS MONITORING APPLICATION TO COUNCIL

The Homeowners Association has received a number of queries regarding our application to Council for the "booms". Our application was submitted to the Johannesburg Roads Agency on time and we have to date not received any communication from them. As soon as we do, we will notify residents.



Exercise for seniors

For those of us getting along in years, here is a little secret for building our arm and shoulder muscles. You might want to adopt this regimen! Three days a week works well.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5 kg. potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides, and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax. Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a few weeks, move up to 10 kg. potato sacks and then 15kg. potato sacks, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 30kg. potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at that level, start putting a couple of potatoes in each of the sacks, but be careful not to overdo it.

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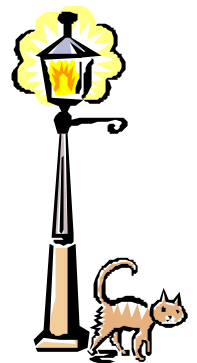
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NOTICE REGARDING THE USE OF OUR PARK.

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.

STREETLIGHTS

The installation of our streetlights is eventually complete, it is great to see our pavements being restored by residents. We now await some rain and in no time things will be back to normal. City Power informed me today that they are waiting for Eskom to do the final connection (which should be done very soon) and we will have our lights working. We would like to thank residents for their overwhelming financial support towards this project and their tolerance with the problems which arose and the mess this created. We will be holding a switching on ceremony as soon as we know “when” the connection will take place. We will probably not have much notice, so keep your eyes open when you enter and leave the area for our posters. When you see these posters, bring your glasses and a bottle of champagne and let’s celebrate a wonderful achievement. And a wonderful achievement it is. Gert Hoffman of City Power informed me that they have received similar requests from a number of areas, but none of them have the community spirit we have and none of them have managed to come up with the finances to make it happen. “What can I say Sunninghill Gardens is the best”!



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR DETAILS ON OUR WEB PAGE YET? Sunninghill Gardens has its own webpage, there is lots of useful information on this page, from tradesman references, current and old newsletters, minutes of our AGM and current and archived photo’s. You can also apply for access stickers online. The address is: www.sunninghillgardens.org.za .

Classifieds:

- My domestic worker seeks employment in Sunninghill area on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please contact Yolanda on 0834436017.
- Typing and proof-reading from home (ex Cambridge University Press). Please call Julie on 072 313 4275.

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 rear view 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.
- I would like to appeal to residents to communicate the following to their domestics. No one is to be let into your home or cluster complex. We have found that domestics will let someone in if they:
 - Are white
 - Look like a contractor
 - Look like a gardening service.

Any strange vehicle or persons should be treated as guilty until proven otherwise. If you see any vehicle in the area with no company markings on it carrying goods, take down the registration number and hand to the guards at the entrance or leave a message on my answering machine. Remember criminals come in all colours, shapes and sizes. Someone who "looks respectable" is not necessarily so.



THE SUNNINGHILL GARDENS PREFERRED SECURITY COMPANY.

Approximately 5 and a half years ago Sunninghill Gardens approached a number of Security Companies whom operated in Sunninghill, with a view to obtaining a dedicated armed response vehicle for our area. After interviewing these Companies Standby Security was decided upon. They were the only Company prepared to give us what we wanted at a reasonable price. Street meetings were held with Standby and the residents of Sunninghill Gardens. The result was most of the area changing their existing security to that of Standby Security. The residents responded so positively that we obtained our very own STANDBY DEDICATED Security vehicle. This vehicle remains inside the boomed off area, never leaving, it patrols at random intervals, 24 hours per day. The results were evident immediately. The booms had put an end to hi-jackings and armed robberies, but once we had our own dedicated vehicle the housebreakings dropped dramatically.

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN STANDBY? -- By joining Standby you help us ensure that we always have a dedicated vehicle. The Sunninghill Gardens Homeowners Association does NOT pay Standby, (although we do have an agreement with them), the dedicated vehicle is paid for by the high volume of residents linked to them. So if you join, you ensure the vehicle stays. · The response time to any alarm/panic being activated is a matter of seconds, as the vehicle is only a street or two away. · The vehicle is not allowed out of Sunninghill Gardens, if it needs to refuel, a replacement is sent in for that period. And don't worry we check on this. As a result of the visibility of this car, criminals think twice before committing a crime. · Residents can become pro-active in eradicating crime. They now have someone to turn to when they observe something out of the ordinary. "Someone hanging around that worries you?, phone the guardhouse and Standby will investigate". · Our security guards at the booms, who work for Azisin cc, work well with their Standby colleagues and are in permanent radio contact. Should they need help, they simply press their remote panic buttons. Should an incident be reported to them or should they observe a suspicious vehicle, they simply radio through to the patrol car, and off he goes to check. · In addition to the above there are other benefits such as: Automatic membership of Euro Critimed if you are a member and reduced insurance rates if you are a member of Standby and Sunninghill Gardens and much more.. · Standby are part of our family and our relationship with their senior management is excellent. When we have needed more than just the patrol car, they have been extremely helpful. They regularly raid the open areas in and around Sunninghill Gardens and frequently post more guards than they have too...and at no charge! · Standby also regularly assist the South African Police when they are short of manpower and vehicles, once again at no charge. CONTACT PETER ON 786-0752 FOR A QUOTE.

