



FROM THE CHAIR

Hello again!

As we had terrible rain on the day of the CVRA AGM, the turnout was not as good as we would have liked. For those who were not able to attend, below follows a précis version of my Chairperson's report:

I tend to always look at the things I still need to do instead of looking at what I have done. There are things that the committee did not get to do, but our main objective was to keep the village safe and this I think we have achieved. We did have the odd petty crime in the village during 2007. I attend the CPF and Sector meetings and was always thankful that our area seems to be escaping the crimes that are hitting the areas around us.

I think we have mainly Aqua to thank for this. The Aqua car has now been operation in the area for five years. We are fortunate that our area is small enough to benefit from having only one car. Thank you to all the residents, townhouses and businesses in the area that make it possible for us to keep the car running. I am very pleased that residents are so awake and often call on Aqua to check out suspicious activity. This is half the battle won. We normally bring in an extra Aqua car over December to help keep crime down while villagers are away. During October last year, there was a severe increase in suspicious activity around the village. We thus brought in the extra car early. We ran the extra car for November and December and thankfully got through this time virtually crime free. Thank you to all the residents who made extra contributions towards this.

Stella Balabanoff has kindly taken on the project of trying to get the council to manage speeding around the village. She is at present dealing with Mike Tonkin regarding this. We are constantly in touch with car dealers in the area who use our streets to test drive their vehicles. Thank you to Stella and Anne Drysdale for their assistance here.

Josie and Ross Robertson have put in a tremendous amount of work beautifying village. They manage the pavement on Jim Fouche and regularly get a worker in to clean up and dump bags of litter from around the village. The pavements along Eland are also regularly cleared of litter and weeds along the fence are removed. Josie also attempted to make a garden on the corner of Eland and Duiker but this was repeatedly vandalised. The work being done around the village enhances the area and increases the values of our properties. Thank you to Josie and Ross for all the hard work. As Josie now has her hands full with the accounts, we are looking for a volunteer who would be able to supervise a worker for one day every second week to keep the pavements clean – please let me know if you are able to help. Thanks to Noel and Brian Mc Donald for all the hard work they do in the park – I'm sure you will agree it is looking stunning. It is wonderful to see how many people use the park to walk their dogs or bring their children down to play in safety.

We spend quite a lot of time sorting out domestic problem – barking dogs, noisy neighbours, bothersome tow truck drivers, dumping around the area, reporting overgrown plots and removing illegal signboards around the area. Thank you to everybody who has been of assistance here.

Thanks to Karen for the stunning newsletters she has been putting out. We have received so many compliments about them. Thank you also to Fran Pritchard from Asset who advertises in the newsletter and this covers the bulk of the cost of putting out the newsletter.

Thank you to Margaret for keeping the Village Ladies Club running. They are still having regular get-togethers which they all enjoy and have also become a good support system to each other.

We have tried as much as possible (rain permitting) to keep the notice boards up to date. Thanks to Rob and his long legs for doing the Duiker Street board and for coming up with messages for the boards.

A big thank you to all Committee members and Street Captains for all their support this year! Your contribution has helped to make this a very safe and happy place to stay. Thank you also to their families who have also had to make sacrifices and often been dragged in to help!

Lastly I would like to thank all the residents in the area for their financial support, without this we would not be able to accomplish anything – thank you.

Until next time, take care!

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To place an advert in
the CVRA newsletter,
please contact Karen
Poole on 082 851-5918

Happy Birthday



Wishing each and every one of
you a wonderful day!

Sandra Ainley (10 March)
Bessie Van Der Merwe (11 March)
Willmari Devantier (13 March)
Willie Balabanoff (20 March)
Happy 80th Birthday Willie!

Rina Smit (10 April)
Dylan Van Rensburg (16 April)
Richard Walkden (19 April)

Community News

- ☞ Welcome to new CVRA member Lauren Shear
- ☞ Condolences to Lisa Bridgens on the passing away of her husband Joe
- ☞ If you would like to assist on the committee by standing as a street captain, please contact Sharon
- ☞ Please keep your pavements clean and tidy - messy pavements bring down the quality of our area
- ☞ Please respect your neighbors and manage noise levels. This applies to revving motorbikes, hooting and barking dogs



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FIREARM LICENSES

If you celebrate your birthday between 1 October and 31 December, you need to renew your firearm license.

**Contact the CPF
(011) 801-8406**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

SECTOR POLICING VEHICLE (SECTOR 3)

083 679 0208

AQUA MEMBERS – PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE AQUA CAR CELL & PATROL ROOM NUMBER. PLEASE GET THIS FROM YOUR STREET CAPTAIN

In accordance with the requirements of Section 49 of the Act, we wish to advise you that the General Valuation Roll will be open for inspection from **27 February to 16h30 on 27 May 2008**. We request that you verify the information about your property and, if necessary, make a formal objection to the indicated valuation by completing an Objection Form.

The forms can be downloaded from our website at www.joburg.org.za

Only original forms may be handed in; no faxed or emailed copies will be accepted, nor will posted forms be accepted. You must ensure that you are given a date stamped signed receipt.

Direct queries about the General Valuation Roll or the Objection process to the Valuation Services Directorate at PO Box 32422, Braamfontein, 2017

Email: valuationenquiries@joburg.org.za

Fax: 011 403 4496

Tel: 011 375 5555. You can also visit us at 4th Floor, A Block, Metro Centre, 158 Loveday Street, Braamfontein.

TO ALL SECTIONAL TITLE PROPERTY OWNERS

IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RATES ACT 6 OF 2004

The City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality (the Council) will be implementing the Municipal Property Rates Act from 1 July 2008. The Act requires them to invoice individual owners of Sectional Title properties for the rates portion of the municipal account.

The Council has recently completed the valuation of Sectional Title properties in the City. However, they are not always able to accurately determine the allocation of all exclusive rights within a Body Corporate, as the Council is not privy to all information regarding exclusive use rights within a complex.

The Body Corporate s requested to provide such information to the Council for the future valuation of properties within the complex. Please feel free to submit such information to The Municipal Valuer by email to valuationenquiries@joburg.org.za. This information will assist in more accurate data to be used in the valuation and rating process.

In the past, municipal service and rates accounts have been posted to the Body Corporate, therefore Council does not have postal addresses for individual owners within Sectional Title schemes. This information is required in order to be able to post individual owners their rates accounts from 1 July 2008 (the service portion of the account will continue to be sent to Body Corporates or the nominated managing agent). Individual owners also need to be informed of the valuation of their property in the new Valuation Roll for the purpose of rating.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS 30 APRIL 2008.