



FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings All,
December has already become March and with the year already well underway, let us hope that 2009 will be a happy and safe one for the residents of Constantia Village.

I look forward to a year where the residents works together towards fighting crime and in so doing safeguarding the value of our homes. I can't stress enough that this HAS to be a team effort. The committee which is elected to represent you merely manages the day to day operations but we need everybody to be committed to the initiatives for it to work. As with anything these days not much can be accomplished without funds. The CVRA is a non-profit organisation so all monies we generate is ploughed back into the community. Not only financial contributions are welcomed. An extra pair of hands goes a long way to helping. I urge all of the residents in the Village to work together to keep the area safe – pass on any information you may have – from suspicious vehicles to speeding vehicles – so that we can warn others. If you are a new-comer to the village a committee member will be happy to answer questions about CVRA and car patrol scheme.

Due to heavy rain fall almost daily it is virtually impossible to update the notice boards as often as we would like. We are relying on e-mail and word of mouth to get important security warnings out. Please let us know if you are not receiving our e-mails.

I would once again like to reiterate the benefits of joining CVRA and the patrol car scheme. We work hard at maintaining the area we live in by clearing weeds and rubbish around the area, making sure the park and pavements are kept clean and tidy, representing CVRA at SAPS meetings etc. CVRA membership only is R30 per month. The patrol car scheme offers members (and non-members) a 24 hour armed patrol in the Village and members may call the vehicle for armed escorts home. This proactive approach to crime helps to reduce crime in the Constantia Village. At just R140 per month including CVRA membership it is very little to pay for peace of mind.

A special welcome to all new residents in the Village. Please send us your contact details so that we can get hold of you in case of emergency and also add you onto the email list to be kept up to date with happenings in the area.


Until next time, take care!

Sharon

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

AGM ARRANGEMENTS

- Notice of the meeting together with proxy, nomination forms and other important documentation was e-mailed to all members and delivered by hand 6 Feb. Contact Sharon if you did not receive this.
- Kindly note that only paid up CVRA members may attend the AGM
- If you are bringing a vehicle to the AGM please do not park in the Bushbuck Return circle. The committee is arranging for a car guard for Bushbuck Avenue
- Please bring a your own mug if you would like tea or coffee!

IMPORTANT DATE TO DIARISE

CVRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

892 BUSHBUCK RETURN

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2009

19:00

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PROXY
FORM TO SHARON, JOSIE OR KAREN

JANUARY

Brenda Strydom (3 Jan)
Yunus Byatt (4 Jan)
Les Witham (13 Jan)
Debbie Bezuidenhout (15 Jan)
Cassie Shear (16 Jan)
Angela Baker (16 Jan)
Melissa Poole (17 Jan)
Hayley Poole (27 Jan)
Karen Poole (27 Jan)

FEBRUARY

Shadrack (9 Feb)
Jill Johnson (12 Feb)
Alf Smulders (24 Feb)
Johan Bruwer

MARCH

Sandra Ainley (10 March)
Bessie Van Der Merwe (11 March)
Willmari Devantie (13 March)
Willie Balabanoff (20 March)
Happy 81st Birthday Willie!

APRIL

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



Wishing each and every one of you a wonderful day!

Security Matters

- The Thaba Security drivers are Russell, Black and Sam. Please make them feel welcome in the Village. Introduce yourself so that they get to know you. A cup of "take-away" coffee will be much appreciated.
- Neotel is laying cables in our area at the moment which is increasing pedestrian traffic through the Village. Please be vigilant
- Residents are urged not to put out anything "valuable" in their rubbish. Put out dustbins as late as possible on the day of collection.
- Please check your alarms regularly to make sure that they are working when you need them. The SAPS have advised that armed robberies are on the increase again. SAPS suspects the dustbin "inspectors" might be involved. A younger group of people have been noticed on dustbin day. The SAPS have indicated that they will be bringing the morpha touch machine (portable fingerprint machine) to scrutinize the dustbin "inspectors".
- Patrol Car Members: Should you experience any problems with the patrol car to please advise Sharon as soon as possible. Thaba Management has committed to immediate personal visits to address the matter
- Patrol Car Members: please advise if you have not yet received your membership board or require the cell phone number in the car or the control room number.
- Please make sure that your house number is clearly visible on your gate – it makes it quicker for SAPS and the patrol car to get to you in an emergency
- Thaba Security alarm prices:
 - To move existing alarm over – new radio installation – R353.40 (once off cost), Annual Licence Fee R353.40, monthly monitoring Fee to Thaba R179.55 and contribution to CVRA patrol car
 - For a NEW alarm – R2 278.86 (once off) including keypad, 2 infra red sensors, 2 magnetic door switches, 1 fixed panic button, siren & battery back up. Monthly monitoring Fee to Thaba R179.55 & contribution to CVRA patrol car
- For more information about the alarms, please contact Chris from Thaba on 076 432 2930

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

The new emergency telephone numbers for the Honeydew Police Station:

011 801 8613

011 801 8614

011 801 8615

10111 and the Sector cell phones can also be used in an emergency. Do NOT use the old emergency numbers as they are no longer in use.

The Honeydew Police Station switchboard number remains the same: 011 801 8400.

The CPF Admin. Office's new number is 011 801 8576.

CVRA ACCOUNTS

Please note that statements are only sent out to residents every second month.

If you would like to receive a monthly account, please advise Josie on 011 475 6540 (evenings)

Please ensure that you quote your address as the payment reference so that your payment can be accurately allocated

Community News

- Paint at Cost: Only one tin left! Hammerite metal paint (Hammered Deep Green) for palisade fences available for R870.00 for 5 litres (normally R1100 per tin). Contact Ross Robertson on 083 325 7905
- Congratulations to the Davies family on the birth of Aiden
- Condolences to the Mashaba family on the passing of Paul
- Thank you to Nicci & Alf for providing complimentary electricity and water for the park
- Thank you to Dick King for looking after the entrance to the park and also for providing lighting in the park
- Welcome home and get well soon to Stella Balabanoff who is recovering from a hip operation
- Get well soon to Pamela Hein and Debbie Bezuidenhout
- Please do not remove plants from the park or pavements – if you would like something, please check with Pamela on 011 675 6414. Pamela has been putting in a lot of effort into making the park look good and it is very disheartening to discover plants have been removed
- Recycle Ronnie comes round the area on Tuesdays and will collect paper, plastic, tins. All items can be placed in the same bag