



FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Residents

Winter is upon us early this year and already it appears that it may be a cold one. Please spare a thought for the security patrol drivers whom I am sure would appreciate a cup of tea or coffee

to warm up. Sadly we are once again faced with rising crime in the Honeydew area. The CVRA Village is luckier than most – although we have experienced an increase in crime, we have been able to escape the violent crime that has plagued areas around us. Some areas who have existing patrol cars are doing additional resident patrols to curb the crime.

We are fortunate that the CVRA Village is small enough to benefit from having a patrol car. I urge you to consider joining up so that we can keep it going. In addition to the 24/7 patrols in the area, members of the scheme can request armed vehicle escorts to their place of residence/employ provided that it falls within the CVRA area.

Whether you are a member of the patrol scheme or not, please be aware of suspicious vehicles, persons or activities and let the patrol vehicle or a committee member know. It is far better to be safe than sorry. Ultimately each one of us is responsible for creating a safe and secure environment to live in.

Onto CVRA matters: A special request that even if you belong to a private patrol car company, please consider joining as a CVRA member. The membership fee is R30 per month per household and your contribution goes towards the gardeners and garden service who keep the park and surrounding area clean and tidy. The work undertaken by the CVRA Residents Association is detailed further in this newsletter. Should Pensioners be unable to afford the R30 per month, but would like to join, please contact Sharon or Josie on the numbers below.

We have seen a decline in the numbers of residents attending CVRA social events. Please let us know if you would like us to continue arranging socials and if there is anything special that you would like to celebrate.

In an effort to save costs and be more efficient from next month the CVRA accounts and newsletter will be sent electronically and only delivered to those who are not on e-mail. Should your e-mail address have changed or you are new to the Village, please let us have your e-mail address so that you can be added to the mailing list.

Until next time, take care!

Sharon



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Please contact any committee member if you can assist as a street captain

Happy Birthday



Wishing each and every one of you a wonderful day!

William Mathebula (2 May)
Shirley O'Neil (3 May)
Inga Weston (4 May)
Mark Theron (11 May)
Rob Witham (13 May)
Bernd Irle (14 May)
Josie Robertson (17 May)
Loren Kibur (24 May)
Ingrid Shellard (5 June)
Lee Shaw Croft (15 June)
Tanya Healey (17 June)

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE UPDATED ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE AREA? JUST SEND AN EMAIL TO kibur@telkomsa.net AND YOU WILL BE PUT ON THE MAILING LIST!

DID YOU KNOW THE CVRA HAS A WEBSITE?

LOG ON TO WWW.HONEYDEWCPF.ORG.ZA

AND CLICK ON THE RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION'S BUTTON.

VIEW THE WEBSITE TO KEEP ABREAST OF WHAT THE CPF IS UP TO AND IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

The 10111 number has been upgraded with the latest technology – calls are recorded and you will be given a reference number for your call.

**EMERGENCIES
10111**

**SECTOR POLICING VEHICLE (SECTOR 3)
083 679 0208**

**HONEYDEW OPS ROOM
011 801 8613/4/5
082 337 0925 or 011-801-8620**

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

Community News

- A warm welcome to all the new residents who have moved into the Village. Please contact Karen Poole (details above) so that you can be put onto our mailing list. You will be kept updated on crime briefs, security alerts and community news. It is also good for us to have your contact details in the case of an emergency.
- Welcome Bennet, our new Thaba Security guard. Our Thaba Security drivers are now Russell, Sam and Bennet
- Get well wishes to Clayton Hein who has been in and out of hospital
- Well done to Russel from Thaba who apprehended suspects trying to break into a house in Duiker Street!

WHAT IS THE CVRA AND WHAT DOES IT DO FOR YOU?

Management and Communication with residents

The Constantia Village Residents Association (CVRA) is managed by a dedicated volunteer committee comprising a chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, treasurer and several street captains, all of whom do their level best to give a personalised service.

Access to and communication with the committee

Everyone in the Village, including participating businesses, townhouse and office complexes, is represented on the CVRA committee by a street captain. Members are most welcome to attend committee meetings and put forward ideas and suggestions which will enhance or benefit our Village.

Community Police Forum

CVRA is affiliated to the Community Police Forum (CPF), an interactive body comprising all the residents associations in the Honeydew precinct. The primary function of the CPF is to make the whole precinct a safer, more secure and happier place in which to set up home. You automatically become a member of the CPF on joining the CVRA. You are invited to attend the monthly CPF meetings.

Communication with the City Council

The CVRA works closely with the City Council and enjoy cordial relationships with councillors Mike Tonkin and Rae Bauer, and work closely with them on such issues as health, road safety, security, street lights and others.

The Noel McDonald Park and Play Centre

The enclosed park facing Eland Street has three locked entrances. One on Bokspoor Avenue, one in Bokspoor Return, and one in Duiker Street. This is available to all residents to use. The palisade fence that encloses the park was funded in its entirety by residents contributions and monies raise from several fund raising events held over the years. Currently the park is maintained for use for community social events, including the CVRA AGM, Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties

Record Keeping

The CVRA has a confidential, up-to-date, computerised database of residents which is not only used to keep track of finances and movements into and out of the Village, but also as a directory for quick access to vital contact numbers in the case of an emergency.

The 24/7 Security Patrol Car

Up until the end of 2001 the whole Honeydew precinct was experiencing what can only be described as a minor crime wave. In an effort to banish would-be criminals and miscreants from the Village the Security Patrol Car was introduced in April 2002. Although there is still minor crime in the Village, the crime we experience is generally of a petty nature, unlike some of the neighbouring areas where there is no similar service. This highlights the fact that pro-active policing and security initiatives such as the Security Patrol Car do work and vindicates the implementation of the 24/7 patrol.

Funding

When one considers what the CVRA does, it is obvious that the initiative cannot function without funds. The CVRA annual membership is R30 per month. Contributions to the Security Patrol Car including CVRA membership is R 140 per month. Should you wish to become a member of the CVRA and/or the Security Patrol Car scheme, kindly contact a committee member or the Thaba Security Patrol Car.