

Weekly Newsletter



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Friday, 29 June 2012

Dear Members

It seemed our letter to the Chief Valuer, Piet Eloff, asking for an extension of the deadline for submission of Appeals worked. GARA sent him a long list of all the problems Residents have experienced due to the postal strike and the Joburg website crashing. I copied also to our other local Residents Associations to send to him as well.

Therefore the deadline is now 25th July 2012.

PLEASE NOTE THAT I WILL ONLY ACCEPT ENVELOPES INTO THE TUBE AT MY GATE UNTIL 10TH JULY. 82 DONOVAN ROAD, GLEN AUSTIN.

We still need to object to the change of Category without written notice and the backdating of rates 2 years without written notice, so keep those letters to Mr Trevor Fowler coming TILL 10TH JULY.

JOBURG EXTENDS EVALUATION OBJECTIONS

Johannesburg City has decided to extend the deadline for customers to inspect and submit queries on its new property Supplementary Valuation Roll 9 to July 25, 2012. In addition to the extended date, Valuations personnel will be able to assist customers who wish to inspect the roll and lodge objections at all the walk-in-centres at city regional offices in two weeks - from Monday 2nd of July onwards.

Further enquiries on the roll may be directed to: Valuation Services Metropolitan Centre, 158 Civic Boulevard, Braamfontein, A-Block 4th Floor Telephone 011 375-5555; or 0860 Joburg/562874 Email: valuationenquiries@joburg.org.za

FROM JOHN MENDELSON, DA

[Click here for Mentioned document](#)

Dealing firstly with the issue of the Supplementary

Valuation Roll, it has been announced that the deadline date has been extended to 25th July. I will not be modest in taking credit for this by alerting the media to the fact of the imminent crisis of owners not receiving notices in time because of the postal workers' strike and the dysfunctional Joburg website.

Concerning reference numbers, those owners who are delivering the objections themselves will note that there is space on the Objection Form for the insertion of an Objection Number. This **must** be given at the time of lodging the objection and noted and saved for future reference. Those objections delivered to the Beaulieu Office will be recorded on a spread-sheet and the numbers will be inserted at the time of handing in the objections. I shall then insert them onto the electronic copy and forward the document to you for distribution.

The Municipal Property Rates Act [Section 51] says that the Municipal Valuer must **promptly** deal with all objections. What this means in practice will depend on the number of objections received and the number of staff available to deal with them. It is rather open ended.

The South African Property Owners Association [SAPOA] is casting a critical eye over the legal processes and valuation methods surrounding this Supplementary Valuation. I am meeting with the SAPOA legal team on Monday. There may be a class action forthcoming by SAPOA, but I am waiting the unfolding of the process to be guided as to whether or not the DA will submit issues arising to the Public Protector for a ruling. Please allow some time for issues to crystallize.

Dealing secondly with the reclassification of properties from agricultural to residential, the Municipal Manager is about to receive, in their hundreds, letters in terms of the Promotion of Access to Administrative Justice Act [PAJA] calling upon reasons to be given for the reclassification and the debiting of lump sums in arrears. This will serve not only as back-up for the DA sponsored motion [[click here for the reference](#)

[document](#)] to be debated at the Council meeting at the end of July, but also found a complaint to the Public Protector if the Municipal Manager fails to reply to each individual letter and if the motion is defeated by the ANC majority in Council. The letters will be recorded on a spread sheet and each letter must be acknowledged on the spread-sheet when they are handed in.

Yours sincerely
John Mendelsohn

COUNCILLER LEEPILE MOTSUMA – WARD 92 (US)

Will be holding his quarterly meeting for the public at the Primary School at Kaalfontein, near the Shoprite Checkers shopping centre on Sunday 1st July at 10 hours. If you have any issues with the City of Johannesburg, you can go along.

DIRECTIONS FROM OUR COUNCILLOR – commence on Dale Road

- Pass the robots and an Eskom conference centre on your right and the first short left. Few meter ahead of this rd there's a T-junction, just before you get to the Midrand traffic department. Take a right and continue straight. Pass the first stop

Domestic / House Sitter available:

Raida is from, Malawi and has been working for us on a part time basis for just over a month. She lives nearby in, Hampton Road, Glen Austin and is available to work 3 days a week – Tuesdays & Thursdays and Sundays.

- Raida can read and write.
 - She takes pride in herself and her job.
 - She performs all tasks with much enthusiasm.
 - She is especially good with washing and ironing.
- She loves animals and if asked to do so she doesn't mind feeding them.

Please feel free to contact her directly on her cell phone = 074 277 2709. Many thanks!

**Juan Simon, @15Allan Rd,
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sign, turn left at the next stop sign at the Shoprite centre. Continue on this road for about 200m keeping your eyes on the left for school buildings. You'll turn left again in order to enter the school premises.

SHOWS PEOPLE DO READ OUR NEWSLETTER

The scooter that was found has been returned to its owner. As I had sent out the last Newsletter to all people on the database, the owner saw the Found notice and Walla – there you go.

LOOKING FOR A JOB? – CONTACT MIKE SPIES DIRECT

I am looking for a Financial Admin Person that stays in our area. Our offices are in Constantia Park. I need a person that has between 1 and 3 years' experience or maybe a retired person that would like to be part of our Company

Regards

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COTTAGE FOR RENT – CONTACT MEGAN HUDSON DIRECT PLEASE

GLEN AUSTIN One bedroom cottage in gated, security-patrolled community for immediate occupation; kitchen, lounge and bathroom en-suite; private enclosed garden and small pets allowed; undercover parking; rent of R3,500 per month EXCLUDES electricity; full deposit required up front before taking up residence.

Email: megan@business-zone.co.za

Cell: 082 569 8125



CONSERVANCY NOTICE

THEY ARE AT IT AGAIN – GLUG GLUG GLUG



The Glen Austin Conservancy Committee

Invite you to join us for our annual
Gluhwein Evening

at

Liedjieboer

Cnr R562/Olifantsfontein & Cilliers Road,
Glen Austin

on Saturday 21 July – 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Gluhwein will be sold at R5 per mug.

Please bring your own mug

Liedjieboer will have food available for your own cost

For catering purposes please RSVP to: shirleyannwinter@gmail.com

On another matter, a developer is still trying to go ahead and build above the Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens which may disturb the Black Eagles. The document dealing with this is on the website ([click here to access](#)) for the public to submit comments. Or go onto www.greenenvironment.co.za and check on Proteadal Development – Mogale City

Well not so much news besides the Rates and let's see if the residents can complain en masse.

REMEMBER: Happiness is the best face lift.

Christine Robinson
Secretary

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