



Friday, 20 July 2012

Dear Members

## NEWSLETTER

As you will have seen, we have a new system for the Newsletter to save bandwidth. It is coming to you direct from the Website. Let us know what you think on [info@glenaustin.co.za](mailto:info@glenaustin.co.za).



## THANK YOU URBAN FOREST

Next time you visit the Glen Austin Bird Sanctuary you will notice a change – 40 indigenous trees have been donated by Urban Forest. On Saturday 14th July I was there with Patsy Kreel and Carl Winter who were overseeing the planting. The trees are suitable to be in an area where there is water. They are quite large trees, but slow growing. We thank Neil, the Manager of Urban Forest for this generous donation.

## QUESTIONS TO THE MMC FOR FINANCE

Dear All

For more information on the questions submitted to the MMC for Finance, please click on the link below:

[document](#)) for written response at the Council meeting on 30th August, 2012.

The motive behind this is to quantify the extent of the issue and in anticipation of taking it up with Public Protector.

Please circulate this to your communities.

Regards

John Mendelsohn

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## **SPECIAL OFFER TO ALL SECURED RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS WITH CHAIRPERSONS COMMITTEE!**

GARA is a member of the Combined Chairpersons Committee and this offer is to all fully paid up GARA Members only.

### **DO YOU QUALIFY FOR OUR SECURE LIVING DISCOUNTS?**

Did you know that:

- Alexander Forbes Insurance (AFI) offers a personalised motor and household insurance product

to all Residents' Associations under Combined Chairpersons Committee?

- residents in these environments qualify for a 15% discount on their motor and

- for every resident who converts to AFI, we refund 6% of the monthly premium to the
  - residents committee?
- Alexander Forbes Insurance is prepared to help all interested Residents'
  - Association with Public Liability and Legal Cost Cover.

This is not a compulsory scheme - for more information please contact me.

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## **GATED COMMUNITIES**

GARA does not have any involvement with the operations of the Gated Communities but we can inform you that:

**BLOCK 5** – will be going forward with their next stage of cameras and will be sending out a communication soon. (George Road in the North to Donovan Road in the South and Rosies Place in the West to Allan Road in the East).

**BLOCK 4 & 6** (Olifantsfontein Road in the North to Dale Road in the South and Allan Road in the West to Van Riebeeck Road in the East)

If you are within this block please contact Andriette on [gcblock46@gmail.com](mailto:gcblock46@gmail.com) and send her your full details as they are trying to reach the 2/3rds of residents to agree to the closure to enable them to go forward to the next stage of the application.

## **THATCH COTTAGE TO RENT**

One bedroomed Thatch Cottage to rent:

In George Road, fully furnished, one bedroom, bathroom en-suite, open plan kitchen and lounge. R4000 per month – available immediately.  
Includes w/l  
Deposit required. Phone Sandy 0827769642

## **JOIN THE BLOCKWATCH!**

**Your Neighbourhood Needs You!**



**Contact:  
Steven Johnstone  
082-850-6344**

**PLOT FOR SALE  
80 PITZER ROAD  
GLEN AUSTIN 1**

Size 8656 square meter. **Main house:** 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, sitting room with built in fire place, living room. **Cottage:** 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with showers only, open plan living room and kitchen, sun room, enclosed back garden, Swimming pool and shaded net paved parking. ADT alarm fitted in both house and cottage.

**R1,6 million negotiable**

**Contact Owner Anne Gerrits  
on 083 455 2474**



**GLEN AUSTIN CONCERNANCY  
GLUHWEIN EVENING**

**Remember Saturday 21st of July 2012**

18:00 for 18:30  
LIEDJIEBOER ON THE CORNER OF  
OLIFANTSFONTEIN  
AND CILLIERS ROADS.  
BRING YOUR OWN MUG.  
R5 A MUG FULL.

## DOGGIE WALK

**Come and join the fun with your family and furry friends at Glen Austin's first Dog Walk!**

**WHEN:** Saturday 4th August 2012, 8:30 for 9:00 start

**WHERE:** Manderston Canine Academy, Cnr of Olifantsfontein and Allan Road, next to RMM.

The walk will be 5.5km and go to the Bird Pan and back to Manderston.

There is also the option to do 2km and end at the Bird Pan, but please arrange your own collection. Coffee and tea will be on sale at the Bird Pan and cool drinks and burgers after the event at Manderston.

**ENTRANCE:** Please bring a donation for the Midrand SPCA. (can of pet food / blanket etc).



## OBJECTIONS TO VALUATIONS AND CHANGE OF CATEGORY AND BACKDATING OF RATES

Councillor Mendelsohn is taking this forward at Council and attached is his proposal.

For those who did not get their objections to me, you will now have to take them direct to COJ in Braamfontein

GARA did forward quite a few hundred forms for residents and we did think that those non members we helped would join GARA – we got 10 new members out of 445 contacts. Other Residents Associations did this service for their fully paid up members only – maybe we will go that way the next time.

## MIDRAND MASTERPOTJIE COOKOFF FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY, JULY 22**

**NEW VENUE: CONSTANTIA HOTEL, 546-16TH ROAD, MIDRAND**

- Teams of 3 prepare their best potjie pots recipe
  - Public is invited to taste and vote

Judges name the winner from the top 3 finalists



- Prizes for MasterPotjie, Best Branded Potjie, and more..
- All proceeds go to the training of youth into Midrand Community Service Organisations

[www.masterpotjie.co.za](http://www.masterpotjie.co.za)

For more info, registration and event sponsorship/branding opportunities, contact 082 554 8873 or [info@masterpotjie.co.za](mailto:info@masterpotjie.co.za)

MasterPotjie is organized by Midrand Tourism event to raise awareness of Midrand as well as generate funds to assist in the training of youth into community service organizations.



Hi all,

Just a reminder that the Just Environmental Action AGM is this Saturday at 10:00 am.

If you haven't already done so, please let Mary know if you are attending.  
Email: [secretary@justenvironmental.co.za](mailto:secretary@justenvironmental.co.za)

Hope to see you there!

Just Environmental Action AGM

Date: Saturday 21 July at 10:00 – 12:00

Venue: Education Centre, Rietfontein Nature reserve (where Free Me is located), Paulshof, Johannesburg

Please follow the link below for a map and directions:

<http://www.mydestination.com/johannesburg/wildlife-and-nature/129401/rietfontein-nature-reserve>

Kind regards

**Kristin Kallesen**  
**Chairperson**  
**Just Environmental Action**



**That's it from me.**

**Remember:**

**3 words to guarantee to humiliate men everywhere - "Hold my Purse".**

**CHRISTINE ROBINSON**  
**Secretary**