

# Glen Austin Residents Association Weekly Newsletter



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eNewsletter

Sunday, 21 October 2012

Dear {{user.user\_name}},

*Due to some serious technical errors, we had to redo the website, although still under construction the site is back up, but has some limited features for now. Please [click here](#) to view the site. If you have registered on the site before, kindly try and login, if you have any problems, please [click here](#) to send an email to the Webmaster and explain the problem. We apologize for any inconvenience. We are hard at work to get it restored to its previous form as soon as possible. We do apologize.*

## Useful Links:

**REMEMBER I SAID, KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN – THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN UP SINCE 1ST OCTOBER AND THE EXPIRY DATE FOR REGISTRATION**

[Midrand Sector 1 CPF Website](#)  
[Midrand Sector 1 CPF Facebook](#)  
[Midrand Forum Website](#)  
[Midrand Forum Facebook](#)  
[Mix 93.8 FM Website](#)  
[Mix 93.8 FM Facebook](#)  
[LookLocal Midrand Website](#)  
[LookLocal Midrand Facebook](#)

## Useful Numbers:

### Medical

Carstenhof Clinic : 011 655 5500

Midrand Medical  
Centre : 011 315 2512

Waterfall City  
Hospital : 011 304 6600

### Safety & Security

SAPS Sector 1  
Patrol Vehicle 1 : 071 675 6108

SAPS Sector 1  
Patrol Vehicle 2 : 071 675 6109

SAPS Sector 1  
Manager : 079 877 6528

SAPS Midrand : 011 347 1601  
: 011 347 1602  
: 011 347 1626

### COJ

Enquiries &  
complaints : 0860JOBURG

Fire & medical  
emergencies : 011 375 5911

IMPD Midrand : 011 256 7806

**WAS 14TH OCTOBER, BUT THEY WILL STILL ALLOW PEOPLE TO REGISTER AFTER I PHONED AND COMPLAINED OF LACK OF NOTICES ON ALLAN ROAD...**

## **NOTICE OF SASOL GAS PIPELINE ALONG ALLAN ROAD, GLEN AUSTIN – [Click here](#) to view the notice**

**Contact:** [kerry.seppings@telkomsa.net](mailto:kerry.seppings@telkomsa.net) of Kerry Seppings Environmental Management Specialists CC. Their phones on the Notice are not working due to cable theft (031 769 1578) , but her cell is 082 823 1844 and Fax 086 535 5281.



A resident took a picture of the Notice and sent it to me. GARA has contacted the company concerned doing the Environmental Impact Assessment Study as one was done in 2010 and we thought it was all done and dusted, but no, apparently another company is starting the process all over again. GARA has registered as an Interested and Affected Party. We urge residents to do the same. There are two routes under consideration – Pitzer Road and Allan Road.

They should hold public meetings and we do urge you to attend. I was away when the meeting took place in 2010 and apparently one person from Glen Austin pitched at

Cresset House. Say no more!

Shall we all say we want to be linked up to the gas pipe?

## **NOISY PARTIES AND LOUD MUSIC**

GARA is receiving many emails regarding unreasonable noise i.e. parties or loud music. The By-Law is that noise must not extend over the boundary of a property. First of all contact the people making the noise and tell them the affect it is having on you. Talk it out – it does no harm.



## eClassifieds:

This could be your ad, send your request to [info@glenaustin.co.za](mailto:info@glenaustin.co.za)

## 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).

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### Block 4 & 6

If that does not work , [click here](#) to read the information previously supplied by Danie Geldenhuys, Environmental Health (Pollution Control) of City of Johannesburg and also an Affidavit Form.



## REPORTING PROBLEMS TO THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG CONTACT CENTRE 011 375 5555 OR 0860JOBURG

Sorry to keep pushing this home to the residents.



GARA cannot report such things as potholes, water leaks, stolen traffic signs, illegal businesses, illegal signage etc. etc., etc. **IT IS UP TO YOU TO REPORT WHAT AFFECTS OR CONCERNS YOU.**

Residents themselves must ring 011 375 5555/ 0860JOBURG and press for the relevant option and get a **reference number** for the problem. If nothing is done **ONLY THEN CAN GARA CHASE IT UP FOR YOU.**

I personally used to report such problems under my name as a favour to residents, but to be quite honest as a resident living on Donovan Road, a pothole in Hampton Road does not affect me, and sorry folks my telephone bill is getting too high.

Also if the problem goes to court the complainant has to attend court and it 'aint going to be me.

For those of you on Donovan Road, yes I have reported these potholes under my personal name, but the more people that report a problem, the quicker it will be

(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 send an email to [gcblock46@gmail.com](mailto:gcblock46@gmail.com) and send her your full details or visit the Block 4 & 6 website - [www.gcblock46.co.za](http://www.gcblock46.co.za) as they are trying to reach the 80% of residents to agree to the closure to enable them to go forward to the next stage of the application.

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resolved – otherwise I am a voice in the wilderness.

Thursday at 06.60 I reported a water leak on the junction of New Road and 16th Avenue at the traffic lights and as soon as I got through to the Water Department – the lady said “You are Mrs Robinson and your phone number is.....” I asked how she knew, and she said as she answered the call, my details came up on the computer – so there, you see, the system does work. Ok this water leak is not in Glen Austin, but I am sick of seeing the waste of water at this junction.

At 10 hours Joburg Water rang me to confirm the exact location of the water leak – there, what more can you ask. Let’s see how long it is before it is fixed though.

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## FIREWORKS - THESE ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY AGRICULTURAL HOLDING



Please [click here](#) to view the By-Laws on Fireworks

By-Laws should be enforced by JMPD – but I am sure that SAPS will assist (as always) where necessary.

24-hour HOTLINE for JMPD on 011 758 8921 / 22 / 24.

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## SAFETY AND SECURITY – CHRISTMAS IS COMING – BE ALERT

Hijackings are on the increase – President Park at the moment. Smash and Grabs at intersections – one already reported on the R562 junction with the Old Pretoria Road. But no matter what junction you pull up at, be alert. Often it is better when you see traffic lights on red from way back is to slow down and then you don’t have

to stop when they turn green. (advice from "Him" especially at the Graystone off ramp).

We cannot emphasise enough about laptops, handbags etc. being put in full view on the passenger seat or back seat of a vehicle. **Put these items in the boot.** For us ladies, a handbag gone is our life gone and the hassle of replacing all the credit cards, bank cards, medical card, library card, driving licence and ID is a pain.



The 'Jamming' of vehicle remotes seems to be happening in **all local** shopping areas. Again, we read often of laptops or handbags left in full view in parked vehicles and then we read "When I got back to the car my handbag had gone". These people must live in cloud cuckoo land.

Try your car door to ensure it is locked before you walk away from the vehicle. I still see each day people walk away and then turn and point the remote at a vehicle – never actually checking if the door is locked.

After I was involved in an armed robbery, it was suggested that I have my windows tinted and I took the 35% thickness which makes it more difficult for thieves to see into your vehicle from the passenger or driver's side.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MIDRAND TOURIST BOARD

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Dear Tourism Partner,

Johannesburg Tourism Company in Partnership with South African Tourism cordially invites you to join us for SAT's packaging workshops take the guess work out of packaging for overseas markets. The workshop focuses No market? Know your market! Whether you're a seasoned tourism business owner, well-established in your markets of choice, or an entrepreneur seeking new opportunities, SAT's packaging workshops will ensure you're equipped to be a market leader. These workshops will not only help you with packaging for overseas markets, it will also provide insight on how to deliver an exceptional experience for the tourist.

Please forward the invite to Midrand Tourism members.

De-mystifying the marketing-speak SAT's packaging workshops will be covering SADC Region

The workshops are designed to update you with the latest market ,knowledge and trends, and offers practical tips and advice on how to position your offering to better-sell to South Africa's key international tourism source markets.

Need to know The country-specific workshops provide market insight, and answers to questions frequently asked by tourism product and service providers, seeking to better understand their client's needs. Workshop content covers

- \* Identifying general drivers and barriers for a specific long-haul market
- \* Understanding the different target market segments, per country
- \* Learning your markets 'travel language' e.g. what does adventure mean to a Dutch, American or Nigerian consumer.
- \* Perception vs. reality - South Africa's performance in addressing these drivers and barriers
- \* South African competitor performance
- \* Addressing frequently arising tourist concerns like ,crime, security, health and safety and other topical issues.

**Date:** 6 November 2012  
**Time:** 09:30-12h00  
**Venue:** Joburg Tourism Offices

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## OLD MUTUAL PROPERTIES FENCING THE GRAND CENTRAL AIRPORT LAND

We have received confirmation that a 'Clearview' fence will be erected the whole length of Dale Road from Pick it Up to the Eskom Sub Station and from the Gautrain fence on New Road to the first airport buildings.

Now the Old Mutual land area will be closed off completely .

Grand Central Airport Manager, Gary Renault, has informed us that the Airport are also separately fencing the actual runway with 'Clearview' .

Clearview is the best fencing on the market at present and very expensive – R700 /m +++ without installation I believe. It is currently used in prisons, shopping malls etc. and Roybi have it on 16th Avenue, if you want to see what it looks like.

GARA has been in negotiations with Old Mutual Properties for three years now dealing with Manager after Manager and finally a new Manager came on board and after meetings with him and Gary, Glenn, Adri and myself – the end is in sight.

The contractor is moving on site this week to start clearing the land according to the schedule GARA has.

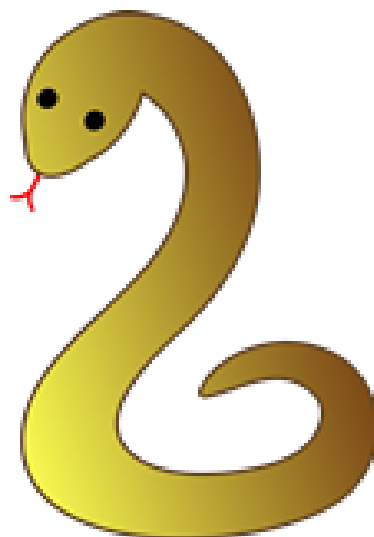
## SAVE THE RHINO APPEAL ON TV SHOW 50/50

I got my red plastic rhino horn from CNA (R30), and proudly put it on the front of my car, knowing I am doing my bit for the conservation of the Rhino. On driving around Midrand this week, felt a bit conspicuous with this phallic object at the end of my bonnet. At least now I can see the end of the car bonnet with this 'horn' sticking up. I think I am the only person sporting 'The Rhino Horn'.



'Him' declined to put one on his little Fiat 1100 – can't think why!

## SNAKE



'Him' was reading his book, quietly in the garden the other evening, when he saw a 'little friend' slithering towards him round the corner of the house. There was a 'bang bang' on the window and "I need a box". He had thrown his book on top of the snake which was not very long - and about the thickness of a thumb. We got it into the box and put it into the veldt. It was dull brown, square sort of markings and rose up with a cowl. Not being a snake expert, I have looked on the internet and could not spot it – anyone out there got the answer?

**So, this week's bit of wisdom:** When you point your finger at someone, you have three fingers pointing at yourself. That means you must have a good



look at yourself three times before judging someone else.



**Christine Robinson**

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