

Glen Austin Residents Association

# Weekly Newsletter



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eNewsletter

Sunday, 28 October 2012

Dear Member,

We have a Semi-Website back. 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.

Useful Links:

**SECURITY**

[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



**BE AWARE WHEN WALKING IN GLEN AUSTIN** - A Report of an employee from Blue Feather Restaurant walking to work along George Road dirt section last week who was relieved of his lap top and wallet by three men with knives.

We have a lot of ladies walking now, please ensure the rings, necklaces and watch are left at home. Put your cell phone down your bra!

Funnily enough when I lived in Zambia (for 20 years) we did not carry handbags at all and there were no credit cards then etc. and so all cash went down the bra for the ladies and the men kept their money in their shoes.

## HIJACKING CORNER OF DONOVAN AND AUSTIN 25TH OCTOBER AT 5 AM

The resident from Douglas Road pulled up at the corner of Donovan and Austin Roads and the hijackers opened his passenger door and ordered him out of the vehicle. The vehicle was abandoned we believe at the Donovan Road palisade fence near Allan Road and the radio and other contents were stolen.

Lock all you vehicle doors and keep windows closed. I still see drivers chatting on their cell phones, oblivious of what is going on around them.

## APPEAL FOR PATROLLERS

The number of people now patrolling has reduced dramatically and so now of course the number of incidents has increased. Glen Austin is being hit hard by the thieves. Please urgently donate a couple of hours of your time per week or per month. Contact Steven Johnstone.

JMPD Midrand : 011 256 7806

## eClassifieds:

### Plants for Sale:

#### RANDJESFONTEIN

Indigenous and Exotic bagged plants for sale. Over 1000 wild garlic and some grasses. Priced between R10-R25 per plant. Bulk buy over 100 plants at R10 per plant. Contact Sally on 0836280865

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**

Steven Johnstone  
Chairman Sector 1 CPF.  
GARA Safety and Security  
082 850 6344  
Email: [stevenjo@webmail.co.za](mailto:stevenjo@webmail.co.za)



We are also receiving reports from Randjesfontein and President Park weekly with their problems regarding security/hijackings.



This picture shows how simple it is to get under an electric fence. This was a property on Belvedere Road this week.

## CORNERSTONE SECURITY

Cornerstone Security held their first meeting at the Bikers Church last month and they have paid out their first R5000 reward for the conviction of a serial rapist. Well done!



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

(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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## REMEMBER

When cycling please wear crash helmets and when walking dogs, please ensure they are on a lead.



## CONSERVANCY ACTIVITIES

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE INVITATION TO THE CULLINAN 15TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION](#)

Dear Members and Friends,

Your Conservancy is 15 years old this year, one of the oldest in Gauteng.

Jaco van Wyk has agreed to come and give his informative lecture especially geared for the children of all ages

You are invited to bring the family and friends to celebrate with us.

### RSVP 20 November 2012 PLEASE

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Hoping to see you there

Kind regards

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## **ANOTHER INVITE**

The Endangered Wildlife Trust would be delighted if you could join us for:

The EWTalk and Dinner at The Country Club  
Johannesburg (Auckland Park)  
13th November 2012

## **THE JOURNEY OF A RIVER**

**Presented by**

**Bridget Corrigan – Acting Manager – Source to Sea Programme**

South Africa's river ecosystems are as diverse as its people and range from sub-tropical in the north-east, to arid in the interior, to the temperate rivers of



the fynbos biome. In keeping with international trends, South Africa's rivers and wetlands are experiencing increasing threats from water abstraction, dams, transfer schemes, invasive alien plants and animals, sedimentation and pollution. We take a look at two of our major river systems as they wind their way through farms, industries, mines,

townships, cities, diversions and dams and finally end up in the ocean. Why is

it imperative that we conserve these systems, not just for our own water security but for their intrinsic biodiversity value? What makes rivers unique, special and worthy of our respect?



The EWT looks forward to seeing you all for a very special evening at the Country Club Johannesburg. Please book early to avoid disappointment

**Non-members – R85 per talk**

**Members – R60 for talk**

**Dinner – R120**



**Non-members - Talk only R85 or Talk + Dinner R205**

**EWT/CCJ members – Talk only R60 or Talk and Dinner R180**

**Please note: Dinner reservations need to be booked and paid for by Friday 9th November 2012**

**Country Club Johannesburg, 1 Napier Road, Auckland Park**

**Tuesday 13th November 2012**

**18h30 for 19h00**

RSVP to [debbiet@ewt.org.za](mailto:debbiet@ewt.org.za) or [joelt@ewt.org.za](mailto:joelt@ewt.org.za) or  
Call on (011) 372 3600/1/2/3

CCJ Members to please RSVP to Cathy Robertson on (011) 710 6462 or  
[cathyr@ccj.co.za](mailto:cathyr@ccj.co.za)

### **Call to Action:**

Thank you for supporting us over the years  
Now become an ACTIVE part of the solution

By encouraging friends, family and colleagues to become members you are actively encouraging environmental consciousness and helping the EWT spread our message.

For EFT payments -please email proof of payment to [debbiet@ewt.org.za](mailto:debbiet@ewt.org.za) or [joelt@ewt.org.za](mailto:joelt@ewt.org.za) fax to:  
(011) 608 4682

Endangered Wildlife Trust  
First National Bank, Rosebank  
Acc. No. 50371564219  
Branch Code. 25 33 05  
REF: Name + EWT Talk



## REZONING AND REZONING ISSUES

**REZONING – GUEST HOUSE 1/172  
ALLAN ROAD, GLEN AUSTIN – [click here to View the Notice](#)** *(you will have to be registered and logged-in on the Website to view this file)*

This property is next to ADT opposite the entrance to Donovan Road onto Allan road – House Number 4.

The surrounding neighbours should have received registered letters regarding this application and there is a notice on the gate, but it is alleged (love that word) that the Guest House is already operational and this is illegal.

Please send your comments/objections direct to The Executive Director,  
Development, Planning Transportation and Environment, City of

Johannesburg, 158 Loveday Street, Braamfontein 2017 or P O Box 30733, Braamfontein 2017, before the 21st November 2012. Quote the Notice number 2725 of 2012.

## **LARGER COMPANIES NOT REZONING**

We know that there are small cottage industries run by homeowners quietly and bringing no attention to themselves by erecting signage.

However, just for your interest, the larger companies, schools, guest houses, and venues, with large numbers of staff operating in Glen Austin and not rezoning from Agricultural Holdings to Business or Commercial, are paying the same rates as an ordinary resident! Plus the extra employee vehicles coming into the area are playing havoc with our thin tarred roads which are not built for such traffic.

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## **MISLEADING ESTATE AGENTS ADVERTISING ON PROPERTIES FOR SALE IN GLEN AUSTIN**

On skimming through the Midrand Reporter, and you must admit that does not take long, I noticed a property for sale on Allan Road and the Estate Agent had written a glowing description of how this property could be used for a company or a school. Although the property is in the Zoning area for low density, low rise offices, home business, all properties in Glen Austin are zoned Agricultural Holdings unless a rezoning application has been submitted to COJ to change this.

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## **LIONS CLUB BANNED FROM THE BOULDERS SHOPPING CENTRE – A BIG FAT ONION TO THE CENTRE MANAGEMENT**

This appeared in this week's Midrand Reporter, and I don't know about you, but I have personally not seen the Lions Club volunteers selling things that are

exactly the same make as in other shops in the lower level of the Centre or being a threat to other tenants.

I will miss the second hand books which often at R5 a book was a good price for us all. I used to see many local people browsing through the books and purchasing more than one. Bibles, hats, and spices were the other items on the tables for sale. Also they sold at this time of the year the Lions Christmas Cakes, which are 1 kg in weight and reasonably priced at R70 and yum, yum. You can ring Cliff on 083 411 2824 to order your Lions Cake.



Only PQ and Top Shop out of all the Tenants in The Boulders have objected.

The Lions are only in the Boulders on a Saturday morning for about 4 hours so come on Boulders Management, why be so petty. All funds raised are for charity. I suggest we all write to the Centre Management on behalf of the Lions Club and let them have our feelings on this issue. [info@boulders.co.za](mailto:info@boulders.co.za) attention Melody Venter – Centre Manager.

The SPCA used to sell books by Pick n Pay and then they were relocated to the post box area as they were considered a security risk. Then this place was so cold and drafty with winds from the car park that they decided to call it a day.

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**Enjoy the rest of October and hope no more violent storms.**

**Curious fact: A father is someone who carries pictures in his wallet where his money used to be.**



**Christine Robinson**

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