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Thank You!

On behalf of the GARA community, we would like to extend our heartfelt "Thank You" to the outgoing GARA Committee. They have served us very well and have left the new committee with a well run ship. Despite having "retired" from the committee, they are all still active in community matters and have given their commitment to train up the new group of committee members. Thank you for your service!

New Committee

Apart from our chairman, all other members of the committee are newly elected. We have great plans for the future of our GARA community. The web site is undergoing a major revamp, making it a more accessible hub where all important contact details for security, environmental matters and CoJ are listed - amongst many other expansions. We invite you to keep an eye on <https://www.glenaustrin.co.za/>

One of our major aims this year is to expand GARA memberships and facilitate closer interaction and cooperation amongst our community as a whole. We are planning to open up communication channels where GARA members can easily be assisted in all matters concerning the maintenance and upgrading of our community.

We call upon all community members to volunteer their support and help in order to reach these and other objectives.

Please forward this newsletter to non-members of GARA residing in the Glen Austin Area. To be added to the Newsletter Mailing List, please send an email to info@glenaustrin.co.za.

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Get Involved!

Our community is only as strong and safe as the residents make it. If you can volunteer skills and or time that could support the area and the work of the committee. We are specifically needing help in the following areas:

Blockwatch

We have a small number of people patrolling the area on a regular basis. If you can help with this function, it would relieve some pressure from these volunteers. The patrollers are also in need of some equipment, so if you could donate towards this cause, it would contribute toward making the community a safer place for all! Contact the committee on info@glenaustin.co.za

CoJ by-laws

If you have knowledge, or would like to learn more about by-laws applicable to the area, our community would benefit greatly from some expertise in this field. Contact the committee on info@glenaustin.co.za

Social Platforms

There are several active WhatsApp chat groups for our community, including small street security groups, area-wide security groups, chat groups and buy/swop/sell groups. Kindly contact the admin to be added to any group/s:

SOS Rory Munton

GA Community Chat

Robert Southey

Midrand Buy & Sell

Amanda Leeann James

Crime Stats Only

Joe Burrows

GA Agri Co-op

Theo Heyman

GA Support Local

Saabir Karim

Before you join any of these groups, please familiarise yourself with the group's rules.

Send your name, address, cell number and the name of the group(s) you wish to join to info@glenaustin.co.za, and we will forward your details to the relevant admins.

News & Events



MIDRAND
011 265 9935

Silence is like Loadshedding, it leaves us in the dark...

The economic decline has had a crippling effect on many, and our society has not been spared. The Midrand SPCA currently runs at a financial loss every month and in order to continue our vital

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work, we need the community of Midrand to stand behind us now. The future of our SPCA depends on you and without your support we will not be able to continue serving the animals and the community of Midrand.

We therefore challenge 1500 household in Midrand to take up the challenge & donate R100 per month to the Midrand SPCA!

We are the only welfare organisation in Midrand who is legislated by an Act of Parliament to uphold the laws & prevent cruelty to ALL animals!

To sign up for a monthly debit order, please email info@midrandspca.co.za or sign up via your banking app.

Midrand SPCA

Nedbank Cheque Account

Acc no 1686012799

Branch code 198765

Swift code NEDSZAJJ

Reference: R100, your name + the person who challenged you (GARA Newsletter).

Will you take up the challenge and stand by us?

We are their voices!
Will you join our R100 challenge?

The Midrand SPCA and the animals who we pledge to serve and protect, needs your help. Silence is like loadshedding, it leaves us in the dark.....
We need 1500 households in Midrand to support us with R100 per month so that we can continue the vital work that we do.

Can the animals count on you take the R100 pledge?

MIDRAND
011 265 9935

Account Holder: Midrand SPCA
Bank: Nedbank
Account number: 1686012799
Branch code: Midrand(198765)
Reference: R100 + Name

HOMESCHOOLING

There are some very active home schooler parents and groups in our area, but many of them operate independently and are not aware of each other.

Are your kids home schooled or are you looking at the possibility? Let us connect with each other and share thoughts, ideas and resources, and also get some social get-togethers going in Glen Austin!

To link up with the other home schoolers in the area, contact Anton on 073 559 6345, or send an e-mail to antonza62@gmail.com.

Environmental News

Watch this space for some exciting updates from the GAC (Glen Austin Conservancy).

Security Updates

Summary of crime stats reported in the area for April 2023:

Theft	12
Hijacking	0
Fence cut	13
Gate motor stolen	0
Vehicle stolen	1
Attempted break in	2



Dog Poisoning	2
Attempted hijacking	0
Armed robbery	5
Suspicious activity	3
Intruders	2
Break in	2
Cable theft	4
Attempted kidnap	0
Murder	0
Vandalism	5
Assault	0
ATM Bombing	0
Arrests	1
Mugging	3
Shooting	2
Hit and Run	1

For full breakdown, visit the GARA web site at: <https://www.glenaustin.co.za/>

Street Security Groups

There are small WhatsApp chat groups for specific roads in our area. Each road (or section of the road) is coordinated by a street captain. Here is a list of the groups and their admins: (Also available on the GARA web site at: <https://www.glenaustin.co.za/>)

Allan Road

Christine Vosloo 072 455 6325

Austin Road

Theo Heymans 082 346 5337

Belvedere Road

Pam Ashe-Pretorius 084 404 6610

Cilliers Road

Tai Gould 082 713 0544

Dale Road

Pam Ashe-Pretorius 084 404 6610

Donovan Street

Glenda James 072 923 4381

Douglas Road

(Western side inside the boomed area)

Candice Guilford 083 962 5341 -

(Eastern side outside the boomed area)

Saabir Karim 083 410 5600 -

George Road

Liezel Bekker 071 768 4030

Graham Road

Julia Baker 060 737 9211

Hampton Road

Rachelle Luus 073 452 0627

Milner Road

Julia Baker 060 737 9211

Olifantsfontein Road

(From Allan to Hampton)

Judy Bird 083 266 8187

(Remainder of Olifantsfontein)

Candice Guilford 083 962 5341

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Pitzer Road

Robert Southey 082 821 7313

Potgieter Road

Mandla 0644950302

Rosie's Place

Dale Engelbrecht 083 560 3980

van Riebeeck Road

(Northern side of Olifantsfontein towards Midstream)

Sharon Tiepolt 082 565 6552

(Southern side of Olifantsfontein towards the pan)

Wessel Oosthuizen 061 195 3744

We encourage all community members (owners, residents and tenants) to join their local street security group to be updated on local security matters.

Announcements / Feedback

We invite all our community members to give us feedback on this newsletter. Feel free to suggest topics, events, articles to be included as a once-off or as a regular feature. Send us an e-mail at: info@glenaustin.co.za

Support Local

We want to open up the GARA Newsletters to advertise local

businesses. Fully paid up GARA members are entitled to one free placement per newsletter edition. Advertising fees for non-GARA members is R180 per newsletter placement for standard size as described below. (At an annual fee of R350, why not join GARA and advertise the whole year for free? Join here: <http://www.glenaustin.co.za/>)

Send us your text or graphic in .jpg or .png format. One standard advertising space is one column width and about 5.5cm height within that column. (About 10 lines of plain text.)

Let our community know about your business, and help them to support you! Send e-mail to info@glenaustin.co.za

Here is an example:

HORSE RIDING LESSONS
HORSE & PONY STABLING
FUN HORSE & PONY RIDES

Strictly by appointment only
www.glenaustinstables.co.za
073 559 6345
ride@glenaustinstables.co.za

NOTE: The graphic as a whole can be hyperlinked to a URL (Web site, FB page, etc.)

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Important Contact Details

Print and keep!

GARA Web Site	www.glenaustin.co.za
GA Sector 1 SAPA Patrol Vehicle	071 675 6109
Ambulance ER24:	084 124
Ambulance Netcare:	082 911
Crisis Control (ALL EMERGENCIES):	011 254 0888
ESKOM Fault Reporting: Alfred the Chatbot:	086 003 7566 or https://alfred.eskom.co.za/chatroom
CoJ Ambulance & Fire Brigade:	011 375 5911
Lifeline:	0800 012 322
Midrand SAPS:	011 347 1600
Midrand SPCA:	011 265 9935 or
Johannesburg Metro Police:	011 375 5911
SA Poisons Info Centre:	021 689 5227
Environmental Health Services:	011 226 8300
Pikitup:	010 0550 5990 or info@pikitup.co.za
Illegal Dumping:	080 872 3342
GARA:	071 054 6362 or info@glenaustin.co.za
CoJ Call Centre:	011 375 5555 or 0860 563 874
CoJ Region A Customer Service Centre:	011 230 3605 or 300-15 th Avenue, Midrand
Ward 92 Councilor:	Violet Chauke violet.chauke1@gmail.com
Ward 92 Inspector:	Jeanney Makape on jeanneym@joburg.org.za
CoJ Potholes Stormwater Drains:	hotline@jra.org.za
COJ Anti-Fraud Hotline:	0800 002 587