

Glen Austin Residents Association Weekly Newsletter



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eNewsletter

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Dear Members

CAN I HAVE MY CHICKEN BACK PLEASE

My neighbour, whose name I will not mention, or shall I, but an ex-Chairman of GARA, and all flowers and trees must be indigenous – I think you know who I mean. Well he has obtained 5 chickens who are free range.

Despite being absolutely certain they would not get out of his garden through the razor wire fence – one did. Therefore I received the telephone call to retrieve the escaped chicken from my garden.

The scene is set:

Whilst I slowly crept up behind the chicken – he was in front of it doing a most amusing



cluck, cluck , cluck, impersonation . Corn was scattered to entice the chicken closer and closer to him - and he about to pounce! Was he successful - no, it did an about turn. However , not daunted another attempt was made with Jan even flapping his arms around like a chicken and clucking away. This the chicken could not resist together with the enticing corn and finally Jan pounced, caught the chicken and it was returned home..



Lesson – never think your fence mesh is small enough to stop critters getting in and out and don't underestimate the talents of your neighbours.

Useful Links:

[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](#)
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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

WARNING

MORE ATTEMPTED HIJACKINGS – GLEN AUSTIN

More reports, although the victim was not hurt, thankfully. See below the email from Steve Johnstone about the very poor turnout for the Security Meeting on Saturday 25th!

Do we have to wait for another murder in Glen Austin before the residents wake up.

Hi All

A very disappointing turn out for the block watch meeting on Saturday the 25th of August 2012. It seems to me that the community are not interested in their or their families safety.

It appears to me that they want to rely on the few members of the community that are active within Glen Austin and Midrand area to keep them safe. It does not matter that they have a Radio

And think that when they call for help that we will be there all the time to respond to all emergencies. We also have families and business commitments and need to share the load between all community members.

Patrol Vehicle 1 : 071 675 6106

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

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Enquiries &
complaints : 0800JOBURG

Fire & medical
emergencies : 011 375 5911

JMPD Midrand : 011 256 7806

eClassifieds:

Wanted: Cottage / Flat to Rent

I'm looking for a 2 or 3 bedroom
that's pet friendly in the area.
Please contact me, Jerome King on
084 902 8336 or (011) 024 3826
or Email: jerking27@gmail.com

This could be your ad, send
your request to
info@glenaustrin.co.za

Events Calendar:

and need to share the load between all community members.

Sector 1 which includes Glen Austin, President Park, Glen Austin Ext 3 and Ranjiesfontien is being targeted for crime. Last week there was a double Hi-jacking, Wednesday evening an attempted Hi-jacking, Saturday morning An armed robbery in George street and numerous house robberies all within Glen Austin. I respond to a majority of these incidents with the help of a dedicated team BUT we need more assistance from the community.

I would like to thank the community members that did attend the meeting.

Bruce Beavers, Gareth Slade, James Candy, Glenn Sheppard, Henry and Andriette Ferreira, W/O Reddy, Ria Sebetsa Security Services and Axon Security.

In an intelligence driven operation on Saturday evening.

[Click here to Read more.](#)

GET TO KNOW YOUR POLICE MEMBERS



As our Sector Commander has changed, Sector 1 of the Midrand CPF are reintroducing meet your police.

Along with members of the community we will meet every Thursday night on a different corner – one week in Glen Austin alternating with President Park. This time usually about 20 minutes will be used to meet and greet your officers and get to know them personally. Put a name to the face.

Our first rendezvous, will take place on - Thursday 6 September at 18h30, on the corner of Olifantsfontein and Allan Road in Glen Austin. Each week it



Animals in Distress Fundraiser - 13 September 2012 - Enjoy a great evening at The Brazenhead, Leaping Frog, Fourways and support The Society for Animals in Distress at the same time. [Click here to read more.](#)

Hobby X - Gallagher Estate 10am to 5pm on 6 - 9 September 2012 - Hobby-X is coming to Midrand - South Africa's favourite hobby and craft exhibition is coming to Midrand from 6 to 9 September. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here to View the Events Calendar on the GARA Website.](#)

will move to a different area of Sector 1.

For your easy planning and reference, please note the following dates all commencing at 18h30:

13 September Cnr Modderfontein and President Street, President Park

20 September Cnr George and Austin Road, Glen Austin

27 September Cnr Swart and Brand Road, President Park

4 October Cnr Van Riebeeck and Olifantsfontein Road, Glen Austin

11 October Cnr of Dale and Modderfontein Road, President Park

More dates and meeting places to follow!

Look forward to seeing you there!

STEVEN JOHNSTONE
CHAIRMAN – SECTOR 1
GLEN AUSTIN AND PRESIDENT PARK

GOODBYE

We say goodbye to Estelle and Walter Corns from Allan Road. Estelle was in the past heavily involved in the Glen Austin Radio system until her husband's health deteriorated.

They are relocating to Wakkerstroom near Volkrust and will be opening a Guesthouse soon. We will put the details on the website as soon as we receive them.

So to Estelle and Walter - all our Best Wishes for your new venture and thank you for your help and dedication to Glen Austin in the past.



[Click Me! Click Me!](#)

HAVE YOU REGISTERED ON THE WEBSITE?

www.glenaustin.co.za

LOG FIRES

Many of us had log fires over the past few months, but how many actually have their chimneys swept on a yearly basis. I found a company called **Busy Bee on 082 973 3863** which I have used. I also did not know that on some insurance policies on thatched properties, it is a requirement that the chimney be swept. The same goes for a Certificate for the lightening conductor. You learn something new every day. Even E News on Thursday – Derek who does the Weather – stated all open fires are banned at the moment throughout the country due to the threat of runaway fires.



NOISE DISTURBING RESIDENTS

The By Laws are that noise should not extend beyond the boundary of your property.



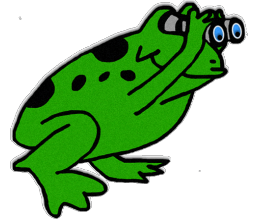
The West side of Glen Austin on Saturday from 17.30



throughout the night was bombarded with the music at a party which could be heard above the TV and even ear plugs did not help. We do ask residents to be more considerate.

CONSERVANCY

If you have a Conservancy related problem, you can email them direct on gabullfrog@gmail.com



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 send an email to gcblock46@gmail.com and send her your full details or visit the Block 4 & 6 website - www.gcblock46.co.za 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.

FEEDBACK

THE MOSQUE

Regarding the problems President Park residents are having with the noise of the calling of the faithful by the Mosque several times a day, a meeting was held on Tuesday 28th August between the residents and the representatives of the Mosque and it is hoped that now an amicable solution can be found. The Mosque representatives made the delegation most welcome. The Grand Opening of the Mosque will take place on the of 4th October and it is expected that President Zuma and many VIP' s will be present. Parking is being arranged for over 1000 vehicles. We will keep you up to date on this event.

TELECOMMUNICATION MASTS

We have received a fax that the Mast applied for on June 2011 on Stand 2/34 Pitzer Road has been granted despite many residents in that area at first not receiving a copy of the application and that the mast will be in the flight path to Grand Central Airport especially for helicopters.

There is a change and instead of a 35m mast of lattice design, it will now be a 25m Yellowwood Tree Mast.

[Click here to read](#) the notification I received as I registered as an interested and affected party. It is interesting that the design has been completely changed and the company who originally submitted the application inform me that they are no longer dealing with this application. Therefore something seems a bit funny and as I am registered as an Interested and Affected Party, I will try and find out more.



CARLSWALD MEDICROSS LAUNCH Launch Week Specials

Carlswald Medicross formally opened in the new facility on 21 May 2012 but on 01 September 2012 will be fully operational. To celebrate the opening, Carlswald Medicross will be launching a number

of special activities from Monday 03 September up to and including Saturday, 08 September.

During that week, patients will be offered free screening tests – Blood Glucose, Blood Cholesterol and Blood Pressure. The Dentist will also be offering free screenings and half price whitenings for all whitening bookings made within that week. Specsavers are offering free eye screenings and discount and special offers on frames.

The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday and on Saturday morning, the baby clinic will run a baby competition which parents can bring their babies for a photo and automatic entering into a competition. There will also be a Basic First Aid information session on the Saturday between 9 – 11 that can be attended by any parents/grandparents/babysitters/nannies.

Services offered at Carlswald Medicross include:

- Women's / Men's Health
- HIV Counselling (Testing and treatment)
- Travel Clinic
- Homeopathic Services
- Aesthetic Clinic
- Baby Clinic
- X-Rays
- Physiotherapy
- Specsavers Optometrist

Carlswald Medicross is open every day and located at the Carlswald Décor Centre, Cnr 5th and Harry Galaun Rd, Midrand. Tel: 011 318 0634

That is all from me this week. Feel free to send in any news which you think will be of interest to the Residents

And Remember: There are two things a child will share willingly -
communicatable diseases and it's mothers age!

Take care



Christine Robinson

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