

Weekly Newsletter

Glen Austin Residents Association



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eNewsletter

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Dear Member,

The Website (www.glenasutin.co.za) is back up, however, we are still working in restoring all the previous articles, features and user permission settings. It has come to our attention that some virus-protection software is blocking the site, thank you for the residents who have reported these incidents. We are working on sorting out this problem in order for everyone to be able to have access to the site. We'll keep you updated, and again we apologise for any inconvenience.

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

APPEAL FOR PATROLLERS

Security is getting worse, all over Johannesburg, so please be careful.

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.

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



SECURITY – COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

IMPORTANT SECURITY MEETING FOR BUSINESS OWNERS IN MIDRAND

The next Security forum Meeting is on **Wednesday 7th November at 1900 hours** in the Boardroom at the Midrand Police Station.

As more businesses are being hit at the moment, this meeting is especially for you including owners of B & B's and Lodges. It would be nice to see a good turnout rather than the usual 8 or so people turn up.

NEXT PUBLIC CPF MEETING

This will take place on **Tuesday 20th November at 1900 hours** at the Midrand Police Station. Our police need our input to help fight crime.

eClassifieds:

This could be your ad, send your request to 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:-



Glen Austin Estates

Previously named "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



Click the next to the meeting to view it on the Website and to set a reminder.

SASOL PIPELINE

We are still trying to get the correct map to see the alternative routes of the pipeline than Allan Road, one of which is Pitzer Road, so please do not forget to register as an Interested and Affected Party asap so that you will be kept informed when the Public Meeting will take place. It was on the official notice, but not clear at all.

We have another email address which is for Colin Holmes at colin.ksems@telkomsa.net of Kerry Seppings Environment Management Specialists CC. Please register and state you are from Glen Austin.



REZONINGS

The Land Use Department have confirmed that a property has to have been granted Rezoning before it can become operational. Therefore you cannot put up a public notice that a rezoning application has been submitted and then start operating immediately under that application.

THE BOULDERS SHOPPING CENTRE AND BANNING OF THE LIONS CLUB ON A SATURDAY MORNING

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 80% of residents to agree to the closure to enable them to go forward to the next stage of the application.

In my personal capacity I did try and see the Management Manageress - "In a meeting". Emailed her - no response to date so emailed Broll who manage the Centre. They have acknowledged my email. Top Shop deny that they have complained at all so the only shop, out of all the tenants that is complaining is PQ.

May not be able to get the Lions Club back into Boulders, but want to make them feel really, really, mean.



Copied my email to Jenny Crwys Williams of 702 Radio, who read it out on air on Monday. Last year I complained about Sandton Shopping Mall stating they had no space for the Charity Cards kiosk in the whole of the Mall. Another mean move.

E-TOLLING AND E-TAGS

The kiosk for purchasing E-Tags has also vanished from the basement of the Boulders Shopping Centre. I found it a complete waste of money to have 4 Sanral employees sitting there day in and day out, month in, month out when nobody was purchasing the Tags. Most of the time they were hunched under the counter either eating or reading. This was just one of the kiosks around Johannesburg so how much of our money was wasted there?



We still await the big decision of when the system will be implemented and how much it will cost per km. It is the figures published last April we believe.

I have no intention of purchasing a Tag. I use the back routes 90% of the time and if I do have to use the highway when I go to the South Coast, well, they will have to send me the bill. With the Post Office being very unreliable (I am still waiting for about 40

Christmas Cards from my family in the UK from December 2011) the wait for the bill will be a long one.

NEW ESCALATION SYSTEM OF REPORTS TO COUNCIL OF PROBLEMS LIKE POTHOLE ETC. AND OUR COUNCILLOR LEEPILE MOTSUMI

GARA is still awaiting instructions from our Councillor regarding the new Joburg 10 Plus system and the Steering Committee. We have invited him to our Executive Committee next Tuesday and will keep you informed of how GARA will go about the escalation of things reported to COJ with a reference number, as although we now have the cell numbers of Heads of Departments at COJ, we prefer to email so that we have a record of problems and at the moment those emails are not being responded to.

As far as I can see with the new system is, that there is a Steering Committee and one representative from the Residents Associations in the Wards – our Ward 92 covers Noordwyk, Randjesfontein and Kaalfontein - escalate to that Steering Committee any reported problems not attended to and that Committee then takes the problem forward.

The previous system was, residents reported a problem and then if no action, passed it on to us with the reference number and we contacted the department direct.

Will keep you in the loop!

THE MIDRAND ENVIRONMENT INDABA

The Midrand Environment Indaba will take place at the Constantia Hotel and Conference Centre on Tuesday, November 6 from 9am - 12.

The objective of this inaugural event is to bring together all of the environmental stakeholders in Midrand including waste management, education and awareness, health & climate change, agriculture, corporate sustainability and/or environment, recycling, municipal entities, private industry, ngos, conservancies, green tech and green buildings in order to network, avoid duplication and get on the same page.



AGENDA

- Welcome and registration
- Introduction of delegates, their organisation and activities
- Open discussion and/or breakaway on how best to work together and establishment of sub group/committees
- Wrap up and closure

Limited space so register today with your name, organisation and contact details to info@midrandforum.co.za

Sponsors and exhibitors are also invited to participate.

Thank you

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BLOCK 4 & 6 ROAD CLOSURES

Although GARA is not involved with the Road Closure Schemes, we do pass on information we receive.

Mr Willie Strydom of Strydom's Farm to the East of the Glen Austin Pan is preparing to close off his land with a wall which will be advantageous to Block 4 & 6 security. However he wants the residents in those blocks to meet him halfway with the cost and so please contact Andriette on gcblock46@gmail.com for more information.

Short and sweet this week.

However: I just found the key to success - and somebody has changed the lock!



Christine Robinson

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