



Parkmore Matters!

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SENSIBLE SECURITY

Parkmore only experienced 4-5 crimes for the whole month of December 2009. Last week 10 incidents were reported; varying from house-breaking (illegal entry into a property without the owner's presence), theft of motor vehicle, and an armed robbery.

Are we unique in that? No! all the suburbs around us experienced the same frequency. At the ANC *lekgotla* last week, a document presented indicated that an incident takes place on average every 47 seconds in South Africa. "The barrier to committing crime is low because the risk of getting caught through detective work was small". It further recommends a focus on apprehending known perpetrators

Can we stop crime? Well, that's the question we all want answered, isn't it? If we are aware, notice specific activities, report and call the security company and SAPS, we will create a perception of a suburb alert and quick to react to unwanted behaviour.

Is this the way to sustain and enhance life in Parkmore as well as combat crime? We believe so. Someone said to me the other day that she was too scared to go walking and running through the streets. Rather think of it this way, if we do not walk and run in the streets, we are giving that access to the criminals. Surely this is unacceptable.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:-

- ❖ Are you employing "illegal" non-RSA citizens who are not registered to work and stay in South Africa? SAPS, together with Home Affairs, is planning to conduct door-to-door inspections on all Parkmore properties to qualify domestic and gardener employees. Your maid may be arrested and removed from your property. It is your responsibility to be "lawful";
- ❖ SAPS is asking for residents to "Adopt a Policeman". Sandton Police Station is employing student officers to boost police activity in Sandton. They request for any backroom accommodation at a nominal rental for any of these trainees;
- ❖ SAPS observes that there are too many entrances /exits to Parkmore adversely affecting crime prevention. What will happen if the Lilian Ave - Sandton Drive daytime road is permanently closed?

A comment following the "patriotic" article last week received from SAPS Sector 3's Insp Walter Kwanaite who said, **"It made him feel strong"**.

2010 PCA GOALS

In last Wednesday's Chronicle, Chairman, Neil Pryce outlined the PCA's priority three 2010 goals which include :-

- ❖ **Attract all residents into a community-based environment.** We will have to "walk together" interacting with our neighbours, report suspicious people/activities, walk the streets, have fun together, etc.
- ❖ **"Walk Together" in cementing already sound relationships** with City Parks, City Power, Eskom, City of Johannesburg Town Planning; surrounding community bodies like Bryanston East; and major role players such as SAPS/Sandton Police Station and Jhb Metro Police. This can be accomplished by interaction of the PCA's portfolio heads and our Executive Manager, Brian Robertson, within a CID-type model, with all the role players.
- ❖ **Gain greater resident participation in the public space security initiative.** The PCA will create an A-class crime combating scenario with active involvement from SAPS, Residents and our chosen private security firm. Please join us in this.

The PCA has re-connected with all the projects of 2009, and initiated new ones. Just look how Jhb Roads Agency has closed the huge pot holes on Victoria Ave, and grass cut on Marie Ave servitude, & Shandon Park.

2010 will be full of opportunities. We ask each of you to consider how we as Parkmarians can create and sustain the suburb together.

12th STREET PARTY

Residents between Olympia and Hilda Ave on 12th Street met at Derek and Sue's Lotter's home last Wednesday for a friendly chat and exchange of suburb concerns.

An enjoyable time was had by all, with issues like street guards, traffic calming techniques and how the more persistent residents working with City Power had got their high electricity accounts corrected.

