



30 JULY COMMUNITY MEETING

Thank you to those Residents who attended. We had a great time! Our fun new idea was very well received. Was it the hot chocolate and coffee on tap, the muffins and other tasty snacks? Perhaps it was the exhibition stands manned by artists, estate agents, the local gym and security providers, all engaging with residents. Without doubt the anti-hijacking talk had people glued to their seats, with many life-saving tips and some good laughs to boot. Lively presenter Richard Brussow, of the National Hijack Prevention Academy, made no bones about the fact that criminals don't just appear out of nowhere. "We must be constantly vigilant, aware of the professional manner in which criminals operate, and always ensure when arriving home by car to keep an escape route open."

What most residents came for, though, was to hear what the PCA portfolio heads had to say and they weren't disappointed. PCA chairman Neil Pryce unveiled the PCA's vision for a far safer, greener and more desirable suburb, using the following simple piechart.

PCA VISION



SECURITY FEEDBACK

Lance Quiding, PCA security portfolio head, went through the suburb's crime statistics, showing graphically the frequency and nature of crimes in Parkmore streets over the past four months to end July. He explained how the PCA holds regular Wednesday security meetings with representatives from the local security companies, SA Police Services (SAPS), the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD), and residents, which ensures that the PCA knows exactly where, when and how each crime in Parkmore has taken place.

Taking inspiration from the Dinakeng project, Lance intimated that the way forward for Parkmore was to 'Walk

Together' which at this time would mean all residents supporting the PCA - Protea Coin venture that will provide at least five security vehicles to patrol the suburb, among many other key benefits.



PCA PROGRESS

PCA executive manager, Brian Robertson, summarised his 2009 July Management Report (which is on the www.parkmore.org.za website under Day-to-Day). His current focus includes: introducing street lights for 12th, 13th and 14th Streets as promised by City Power; the Bottle Store Liquor Licence application in Parkmore Mews (the Gauteng Local Liquor Board will be holding the formal hearing on Wednesday 2 September); and the applications for a number of properties in Parkmore for rezoning to student accommodation and high-density residential (instead of Residential 1). Those residents who are opposed to the rezoning, must get their signed objections to Brian before Monday, 10 July 2009.

Brian reported on the many positive things happening in Parkmore, particularly the garden created by City Parks along the northern side of 11th Street before the Marie Ave robot. He has met with a number of nearby suburban committees, including Bryanston East, River Rangers, and Bordeaux South who are working on traffic-calming systems and community road closures in their suburbs.

PRIZES + WINNERS

The evening culminated in a lucky draw, where residents' names were drawn to win fantastic prizes and vouchers generously donated by local businesses, viz

- 2xR500 Woolworths vouchers from Benmore Centre - Ross Davies, Arthur Hammond
- 2 xPalazzo Pitti shoe vouchers - Annie Franke, James Anderson
- 4xEmergency lights donated by Mica Hardware - Fiona Roberts, Francois Marias, David Drew, Nicky Whibley
- A bottle of wine from Huizemark - Pat Matulovich
- A month's free use voucher from The Gym on Eleventh - Dawood Suliman
- A voucher from The Maizeman - Matthew Tyack
- A meal voucher from Thomas Maxwell Bistro -Werner Heystek.

Thanks were also expressed to those businesses who donated items - Aim High Properties (muffins); Melt Chocolate (hot chocolate sticks); Protea-Coin (hot beverages); Benmore Flowers (bouquet); George Lea Park (coffee machine and operator); Thomas Maxwell (snacks); and Montrose Primary School staff for setting up the hall and arranging the tables and chairs, and ensuring that the gas heaters kept all those present warm.