



**PIONEERSPARK
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Newsletter

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From the PPNHW CHAIRMAN:

Good day Neighbours,

The Neighbourhood Watch initiative is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programmes of the world, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer.

It involves getting to know one's neighbours and introducing them to the concept of Neighbourhood Watch – thus, getting good neighbours to work together, being alert to the potential of crime and willing to look out for one another's interests.

Very few people are in a position to protect their homes and property at all times. Vacation, business and shopping trips or even an evening out will leave homes unattended and vulnerable to theft and burglary.

PPNHW can provide a sense of security for members, leaving their homes for any length of time. Strong community involvement is encouraged because neighbour unity can discourage crime. Neighbours working together can combat crime in their area in the most effective way – before it starts.

Please go and convince your neighbour to join the PPNHW family.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of PPNHW grew by 95% since October 2016. This can possibly be attributed to the fact that PPNHW prides itself on being one big, happy family. Every effort is made to get ordinary members to join for free.

I want to use this platform to give appreciation and recognition to our community members who give monthly financial contributions towards PPNHW.

I would also like to thank those who have already contributed prizes for our raffle fundraising and our braai in June.

Without these dedicated members we would not be able to financially sustain PPNHW.

CRIME

There was a time - not very long ago - when crime in any form was common. Even in our own backyards certain crimes could be detected. I've numerously heard comments "it's been uncannily quiet"... over the past year. It can't be said that there is no crime or that crime is down below acceptable levels. The truth is that we have had a very quiet year and most of what has happened, has been opportunistic in nature. Theft of valuables, left visible in parked vehicles, is an example of minor crime scenes.

A worrying trend, which has not yet hit PPNHW, is the level of violence used by criminals. Frequent cases in Windhoek wherein residents were attacked while at home or on street were reported in other suburbs. Pensioners are easy targets.

House burglaries and attempted burglaries decreased, but theft of motor vehicles and robberies on the street are still a problem to us.

PPNHW CCTV:

The installation of CCTV cameras will start soon. 19 cameras will be installed within the next two weeks. We shall then hold a meeting to introduce the system to our members. Please attend this meeting and be a part of this project.

PPNHW Projects:

Nightwatch:

The goal is for everyone to know what is going on at night in Pioneerspark and the type of work patrollers do to keep everyone safe, with the possibility to become a PPNHW patroller.

Any Community Member (18+) can join us for a 2 hour evening patrol.

Kindly contact me personally for a patrol shift.

Smiley Hamper:

How do we do this?

- 1.) By nominating someone within our community deserving such a hamper. This person can be anyone in need, sick, someone who has done a good deed or even a patroller who has excelled in his/her task.
- 2.) The name and address of this person, with a motivation why this person should be nominated, can be sent to Erik Strauss.
- 3.) After careful consideration and evaluation of the reasons, the Admin team will then hand over the hamper to this person at the end of the month.

The ultimate goal of this project is to show care and appreciation to all within our community. In due course, a committee will be established to run this project and to find the necessary sponsors. Should you like to become involved in this project, either as committee member or maybe through sponsorship, kindly forward your details to Erik Strauss.

Let's stand together as a "family" and appreciate each other.

Erik Strauss
Chairman

AWARDS GIVEN : FEBRUARY 2017

Duimpie Bassingthwaighe with 100 shifts



Peter Engelsmann with 300 shifts

Gerrit Koekemoer with 300 shifts



PPNHW RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

With our last Fundraising Braai on 19th November this project was put on hold. The PPNHW committee has decided to postpone this project and it will now take place on Saturday, 3rd June 2017.

PPNHW is preparing a raffle which has proven to be a very successful fundraiser for many organizations. The most difficult task is soliciting prizes. We are appealing to you, the Pioneerspark Community, to help us in whatever way possible. If you are in a position to donate a prize from people / companies you may know, we would greatly appreciate it! A few prizes were sponsored last year. Thank you for those prizes.

We would like to collect as many prizes as possible by 31 March 2017. Thereafter we will have the raffle books printed and finally community members can collect booklets of tickets to sell (15 April – End May). The date of the draw will be at our braai which will be held on Saturday, 3 June 2017.

If you are able to support our raffle, in any way possible, please contact Jennifer Neveling either by phone or email (081 214 3114 / spicerjennifer@yahoo.com) before the above mentioned date.

Please look out for our email regarding the Raffle 2016/17 Fundraiser. Thank you for your support and commitment.

The committee

Crime Stats for February 2017

1 confirmed housebreak-in
2 confirmed attempted housebreak-ins
0 vehicle break-ins
2 attempted robbery / physical harm to a person

All incidents of Non-members

**Thank you to
our patrol team!**

PPNHW NEW PATROLLERS : FEBRUARY 2017

Johan & Wilma Tromp



Richard & Tania Meborg

Gregory Moore



Jürgen Gebauer

CALENDER / UP-COMING EVENTS

- **25 April 2017** — Meeting NG Church c/o Albert Redecker & von Falkenhausen Street @ 18h00
- **3 June 2017** — Fundraiser Braai
- Every 2nd month : Smiley Hamper

STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

PPNHW Patrol Statistics

898 Patrol Shifts	16	01H00 - 03H00 shifts
449 Patrol Hours	16	03H00 – 05H00 shifts
92 Patrollers	13	Undercover patrols

Top 5 Patrollers:

Erik Strauss with 15 shifts
Gerrit Koekemoer with 16 shifts
Peter Engelsmann with 13 shifts
Duimpie Bassingthwaighte with 15 shifts
Derrick Strauss with 13 shifts

5 FUN FACTS

- Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun.
- *It would take a sloth one month to travel one mile.*
- Earth has travelled more than 5,000 miles in the past 5 minutes.
- Scientists have tracked butterflies that travel over 3,000 miles.
- There are 60,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body.

DETECTIVE MYSTERY

Answer of the February Newsletter

How can a dead person rewind back the tape himself ?

March Mystery

For Crime's Sake



A burglar breaks into a stranger's home late at night. He doesn't plan on stealing anything or causing harm, and he isn't seeking refuge. What is going on?

Answer will be published in the next Newsletter.

JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



On Saturday, 4th February, the first 5 Junior NHW patrollers were introduced and experienced their 1st patrol. This is a first for the NHW of our city. They will monitor at school and afternoon activities, and be additional eyes and ears for the senior patrollers.

From left to right (with PPNHW chairman Erik Strauss):
Jarín Nel; Petrus Wilders; Wida Wilders; Elsje Wilders; De Wet Strauss



KIDS CORNER

Age: 3-15yrs

Name:.....
Age:.....
Cell nr:.....

C2/17

Take this page out...

Independence Day: 21 March

Just-4-fun..

- 1) Red. 2) Yellow.
- 3) Green. 4) Blue.
- 5) White.



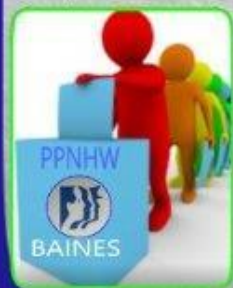
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Peace, unity, tranquillity, harmony.
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Sun denotes power & existence.
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Sky, Atlantic Ocean, precious water resources, rain.
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Heroism of people & determination to build future of equal opportunity for all.
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Place your completed form in the dropbox.

Closing date: 31 March 2017

Turn over

Prize Fun hamper

Colour in the

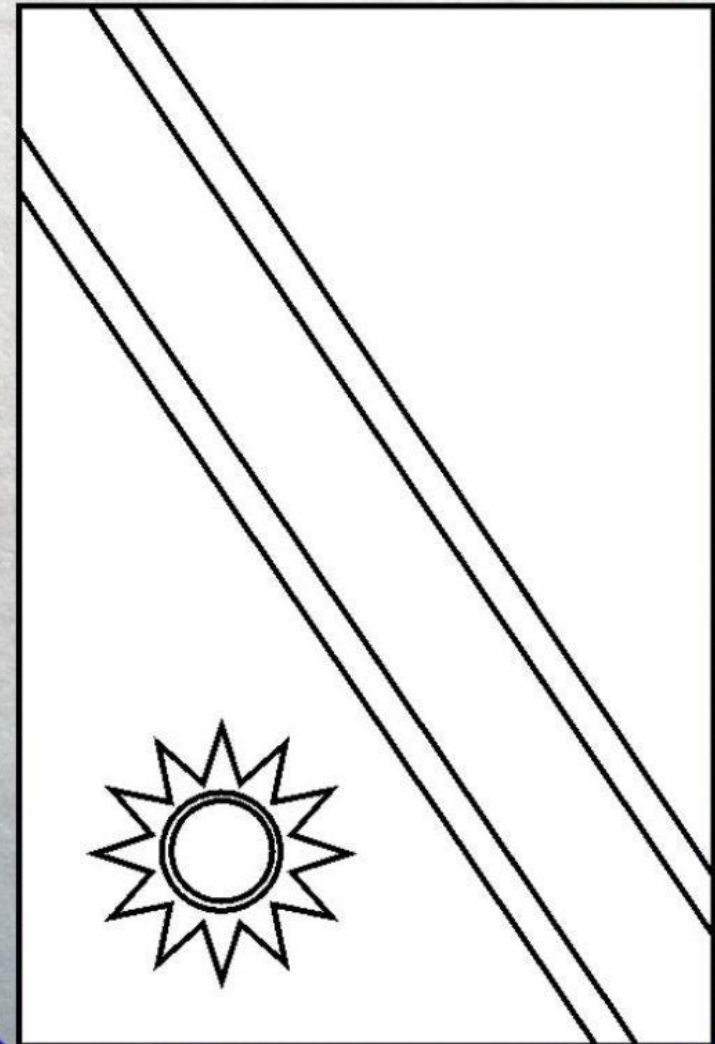
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Closing date:

31-3-2017

See later



Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch Info Form



PLEASE ATTACH PROOF OF RESIDENCE WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Contact Details:

Name _____ Surname _____
 Cell _____ Home _____
 E Mail _____ Date of birth: _____
 ID Number _____
 Spouse Name: _____ Spouse number _____
 (for WhatsApp) _____

Residential Address

Street _____ House No. _____
 Suburb _____ Complex _____

Would you be prepared to assist with any of the following activities ?

Please indicate with a tick ✓

Patrols ☐ Donations ☐
 Admin ☐ Other ☐
 Describe other: _____

Mark with (X) if you are available for the following interim positions/s:

Chairperson ☐ Secretary ☐
 Vice-Chairperson ☐ Treasurer ☐
 Co-op Member ☐ Social Media ☐

Signature _____

Date _____

Email queries or forms to:

Email: ppnhwatch@gmail.com

Or submit to: PPNHW Drop Box located in Fountain OK Food Store within Baines.

Donations will be used for vehicles, petrol, two-way radios, flashlights, batteries, admin, neighbourhood watch signs, awareness etc.

(An additional form for Patrollers should be completed and must be printed in colour -
Sent on request only)

PROJECT : RED ALERT



The 1st Red Alert double shift was driven on 4 February 2017.

This was to show visibility and awareness

The Junior patrollers and new members had their first patrol experience.

All zones and entrances were patrolled by:

17 Patrol Vehicles

34 Patrollers

5 Junior NHW Patrollers

from 18h00-23h00

BE SAFE

Quote of the month



*Take the time to laugh,
It's the music of the soul.
Take the time to love,
It's truly enlightening.
Take the time to smile,
It's contagious.*

PERSONAL SAFETY 1



Anything that seems even slightly “out of place” or is occurring at an unusual time of day or night could be criminal activity. The following are some obvious things to watch for:

- # A stranger entering your neighbour's house when it is unoccupied;
- # A scream heard anywhere might mean robbery or assault;
- # Offers of merchandise at ridiculously low prices may mean stolen property;
- # Anyone removing accessories, license plates, or gas from a vehicle should be reported;
- # Anyone peering into parked vehicles may be looking for a vehicle to steal or for valuables left in the vehicle;
- # Persons entering or leaving a place of business after hours;
- # A sound of breaking glass or loud explosive noises could mean an accident, burglary or vandalism;
- # Persons loitering around schools, parks and secluded areas could be sex offenders;
- # Persons loitering in the neighbourhood who do not live there; and
- # Anyone forcing entry to, or tampering with a residence, business, or vehicle should be reported.



Yummy

SPOT on Recipes

Beer Bread



INGREDIENTS:

500gr Selfraising Flour.
330ml Bottle of Beer.
Pinch of Salt.
60ml Sugar.
1 Large Egg.
Little bit of water.

METHOD

- ☺ Mix everything together in a bowl.
- ☺ Put in greased bread baking tin.
- ☺ Bake @ 180 C for 45 minutes.

OPTIONAL:

Add: Cheese, bacon, herbs.. Anything!!

RKB



Men



Women

Mini wash machine:



RUSTED SAW BLADE:

- 💡 Sand the flat sides of the blade with a piece of steel wool until smooth.
- 💡 Rub the cutting edge of the blade with a candle or left over piece of soap.
- 💡 The wax or soap will make the next use much easier.

Smaller, delicate items, such as lace or overlays not suitable for a washing machine can be cleaned easily.

- ♦ Use a bottle with tight lid.
- ♦ Fill with water and detergent.
- ♦ Add the delicates, close lid tightly and shake.
- ♦ When clean, repeat with clean water and fabric softener.



TIPS TO BE SAFE

There are certain things which we all know we should do, but somehow between trips to the shops, transporting kids and important things on TV, we never quite get around to doing them. Take just one Saturday morning to make some changes that may help you sleep more soundly at night.

SAFETY IN THE HOME



Test your alarm system every six months and have your security company test the battery and back up battery annually.



Ensure you have security bars and gates installed – it is the most common home security measure.



Add some security lighting. Adding lights with sensors at strategic points on your property is a good crime deterrent. In particular, focus on areas around entrances such as your garage and front door.



Do some strategic gardening. If you have a small jungle growing around your property that intruders could

easily hide in, use as a climbing aid, or that obscures your view when pulling out onto the road, now is a good time to do some trimming. Particularly look at the front of your property at the main entrance.



Save important contact numbers in case of an emergency. Make sure you familiarise your family with an action plan, should an incident occur.



Get a fire blanket and extinguisher. As many household fires start in the kitchen, these are important tools for extinguishing a fire before it gets out of control. Fire extinguishers should be serviced once a year to ensure they are in working order.

Ticking off even just a few of the risk checks we've just explored will help you sleep more soundly tonight. And remember, when risks do become a reality, all the solutions you need are only a call away.

For a quote speak to your broker.


Insurance good and proper