



PPNHW

Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch

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Jordan Street Fencing



PPNHW Project Now First Priority

Jordan Bus stop: As the criminal activities are increasing, the Jordan Bus Stop has become a hotspot for criminals to enter Jordan-, Mostert- and surrounding streets and it's also an ideal escape route. The project to close off the bus stop started in December 2015. Contributions were made by Jordan and Tunschel residents but there is still a shortfall.

Update From The PPNHW Committee.

"PPNHW obtained the necessary authorization to go ahead with the closure from CoW.

We would like to thank the Jordan- and Tunschel Street residents, eager to participate, who have already made a monetary contribution towards this project.

The PPNHW committee has decided, as per our contribution policy, that we will donate approximately 25% (limited to the amount of N\$15 000.00) of the total cost of the fencing for this project.

The shortfall is to be raised amongst the community.

If you like to contribute towards this project, please contact:
Hannelie Nel or René Botes - 081 229 8888

PPNHW would like to encourage all other street groups who want to do the same as Jordan Street. We also want to ensure you of our involvement and assistance where possible.

The PPNHW Committee."

PPNHW's banking details will be provided.
Please, when doing a payment via EFT, use the reference:
"Jordan Fence" and your street name and number.

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**Get Your Raffle
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Patroller Awards

Congratulations To All The Patrollers And Thank You For Your Dedication.



Erik Strauss (Left) - 500 Patrol Shifts



Marius Prinsloo (Left) - 100 Patrol Shifts

New Patrollers

A warm welcome to the following new members to the patrol team.

Craig Deyzel

Crime Statistics - June 2017:

- 1: Confirmed House Break In
- 0: Confirmed Attempted House Break In
- 1: Electric Fence cut
- 1: Robbery / physical harm to a person
- 3: Vehicles broken into
- 0: Attempted vehicle break in
- 4: Number of suspects caught

★ Safety Tip ★

Street Smarts

Test Your "Street Smarts" IQ: Do you...

Jog or walk by yourself early in the morning or late at night when the streets are quiet and deserted?

Stuff your purse with cash, keys, credit cards, cheque book - and then leave it wide open on a counter, your desk, the floor?

Put your wallet in a jacket, which you then hang up or throw over a chair?

Let your mind wander - thinking about your job, or all the things you have to do - when walking or driving?

Think it's a waste of time to lock your car when you'll be back in a few minutes?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you need to change a few habits. Even if you answered "no" and made a perfect score, read on. Spend a few minutes now to prevent trouble later.

Basic Street Sense:

Wherever you are - on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, driving, waiting for a bus or subway - stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.

Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going. Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.

Know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

On Foot:

Stick to well-travelled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots or alleys.

Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets like expensive jewellery or clothing.

Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.

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Project Red Alert - 24 June '17

Monthly mass visibility and awareness project.

All entrances and zones were patrolled by:

16 Patrol Vehicles

26 Patrollers

13 Junior NHW Patrollers

With this Red Alert the committee decided to make it fun for the Junior patrollers in the form of a treasure hunt. 30 A-4 size pictures of a comic criminal were hidden in Pioneerspark and the Juniors had to look for it. The parents had just as much fun.

The winners were:



Girls: Deidré Prinsloo with 25/30



Boys: Jarin Nel, Aiden Faul and Jeandré Viviers, each with 26/30

Street Smart Continue ...

Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, not a back pocket.

Try to use automated teller machines in the daytime. Have your card in hand and don't approach the machine if you're uneasy about people nearby. Don't wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movements.

Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.

If you think someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk toward an open store, restaurant, or lighted house. If you're scared, yell for help.

Have to work late? Make sure there are others in the building, and ask someone - a colleague or security guard - to walk you to your car or transit stop.

Fundraiser / Raffle

As you are aware, our fundraising event and raffle ticket draw will take place on 02 September 2017.

The raffle ticket booklets are now ready for collection to be sold. The booklets contains 20 tickets per book for N\$20.00 per ticket.

Booklets can be collected from Odette de Kock : PPNHW Secretary,

**When: Monday to Friday
Time: 18h00 - 19h00**

Kindly contact us on 081 229 8888 to make the necessary arrangements.

All booklets and monies should be returned to her by latest 28 August 2017.



A Very Big Thank You For All The Donations We So Generously Receive, It Is Greatly Appreciated!

If you would like to help us by donating money then you can sign a debit order or you can pay it directly into our bank account. Simply send an email to ppnhwatch@gmail.com to request a debit order form or the banking details.

June 2017 - Patrol Statistics

PPNHW Patrol Statistics

543 Shifts
1086 Patrol Hours
01-03: 15 Shifts
03-05: 16 Shifts
16 Undercover patrols

Top 5 Patrollers:

26 Erik Strauss
21 Gerrit Koekemoer
15 Odette De Kock
15 Hannelie Nel
14 Steven Nel
14 Peter Engelsman

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PPNHW Patroller's Friend

The beautiful male Boerboel, nicknamed "Boelie" by the PPNHW Patrollers, has been roaming the streets of Pioneerspark for the last 2 years but always returned to Aschenborn Street. The rumour is that he was left behind when his owners moved, but the true story are really unknown. He was being fed on a regular basis by members of the community and the PPNHW patrollers also monitored him at night during their patrols.

He visited all his animal friends every day from gate to gate, without unnecessary barking. There have been no complaints to date where Boelie was a disturbance in the public, except for a bin or 2 that he overturned in the past. Boelie was no threat to anyone and normally shied away from strangers. He moved quietly through the streets and was seldom or EVER a danger for traffic or in danger of himself on public roads.

The last few months however, Boelie became part of a dispute on Social Media. The discussion being whether he would be better off in a shelter like SPCA or not. On Wednesday, the 28th of June, the SPCA took him in and promised Erik Strauss that Boelie will not be euthanized, but that Boelie will be rehabilitated and placed in a good and caring home.

Boelie will surely be missed by most of the PPNHW patrollers, but we are positive that his last few years will at least be happy.

Detective Mystery

Answer of the June Newsletter - A Glass of Water :

The man had the hiccups and wanted a glass of water to get rid of them. The bartender could hear the hiccups as the man spoke, so he brought the gun out to scare the hiccups away. It worked and the man thanked him and left, no longer needing the glass of water.

Take Part In Project Night Watch

Project leaders: Erik Strauss and Gerrit Koekemoer

Goal: To know what is going on at night in Pioneerspark and the type of work patrollers do to keep everyone safe.

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

Please send Erik Strauss a personal message on +264 81 229 8888 with the following details:

Name and Surname , Address, Contact details and two possible dates and times for the evening patrol, example – 21H00 -23H00 or 20H00 – 22H00

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generous sponsors.**



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would like to find out how you
can also be a sponsor.



Lost dog in Pioneerspark

On Monday, 05 June 2017, Johan von Wielligh's dog got lost in Gous Street, Pioneerspark. As his dog has not yet returned / or found by Thursday, Mr. Von Wielligh contacted the Neighbourhood Watch to enquire whether we could assist him to trace his dog on our camera system.

My father and I scanned the footage that evening. I could see a white bakkie picking up the dog, but unfortunately could not make out the number plate.

On Friday morning I decided to play back the video footage again and followed the vehicle's movement from Monday. I saw that the vehicle moved quite often around Aschenborn street and decided there and then to go and investigate the area. To my surprised I found the vehicle parked at a house and after enquiring, I found out that the house belonged to the driver of the bakkie and that he had picked up the dog. I immediately contacted Johan, who responded quickly and met me there. We went to fetch his dog. Both Johan and the dog where happy to be reunited. The dog has been checked out by the vet and had a good bath.

This story had a happy ending and I am so glad that I could be of assistance in tracing the dog.

Derrick Strauss



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Pioneers Park Neighbourhood Watch Application 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Admin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Describe other:	_____

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

Chairperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Chairperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-op Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature _____

Date _____

Email queries or forms to:

Email: ppnhwatch@gmail.com

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

Donations will be used for: Fuel for patrol vehicles, maintenance of CCTV cameras, admin, neighbourhood watch signs, awareness, etc.

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

TIPS TO BE SAFE

Going away on holiday? Whether it is a quick weekend getaway or a dream vacation, take a few minutes to put preventative measures in place to keep your house and belongings as safe as you can. Doing this could help you keep your home safe from burglaries, power surges or burst pipes while you're away.

KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE WHILE YOU'RE AWAY



Ask someone to keep an eye on your home. A friend, family, even a neighbour can check up on your home while you are away to make sure that everything looks lived in. You can also give them your vacation contact information, just in case of emergency.



Unplug your television, computer and other appliances (except the fridge and freezer) to protect these from an electrical fire or power surge. Another good tip is to switch off your water supply from the main tap in case of a pipe burst while you are away.



For an added layer of security, call your home security company to let them know you will be away.

You can also call your neighbourhood watch and ask them to check in on your home for you.



Do not mention on social networks that you will be away or reveal your location by checking-in. This alerts possible burglars as you do not know who reads your updates. Wait to share your photos until you are back.



Another option is to get a house sitter. Having someone actually stay at your home to care for and keep an eye on it is a great way to ensure its safety – especially if you are taking a longer trip.

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.

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