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Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch

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PPNHW AGM - 3 July 2018

Despite freezing temperatures, a 100 members and patrollers gathered on Tuesday evening 3 July 2018 for the Annual General Meeting of PPNHW at the NG Church Hall in Redecker Street.

After welcoming everybody present, the Chairman, Erik Strauss, presented the 2014 to 2018 crime statistics. A clear reduction of crimes reported is proof of the effectiveness of the PPNHW.

Mr Strauss informed the audience about the current state of the cameras and planned camera installations, while also highlighting various ongoing projects and activities (i.e. de-bushing, Red Alert, illegal dumping of refuse, Junior Patrollers, the fences in Riekmann and Jordan Streets and fundraising).

After the Treasurer, Johan Tromp, presented the Annual Financial Statements, which reflects a positive and well-managed state of affairs, the committee members were unanimously re-elected for another period of 2 years. Erik Strauss will remain the PPNHW-Chairperson, with Gerrit Koekemoer as Vice-Chairperson. Johan Tromp will stand as Treasurer, while PPNHW can count again on the support and excellent administrative work of Odette de Kock.

The Chairman expressed his hope that the membership base and the number of patrollers will grow even more to sustainably and successfully prevent criminal activities in the neighbourhood. He also thanked NAMPOL and City Police for the excellent cooperation and support.

We congratulate the Leadership on their re-election and wish them strength and perseverance in keeping Pioneerspark safe.

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Patroller Awards

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



Erik Strauss - 800 Patrol Shifts



Hannelie Nel - 200 Patrol Shifts



Simon Neveling - 100 Patrol Shifts

**"CHANGE NEGATIVE INTO
POSITIVE"**
Johnny Smith

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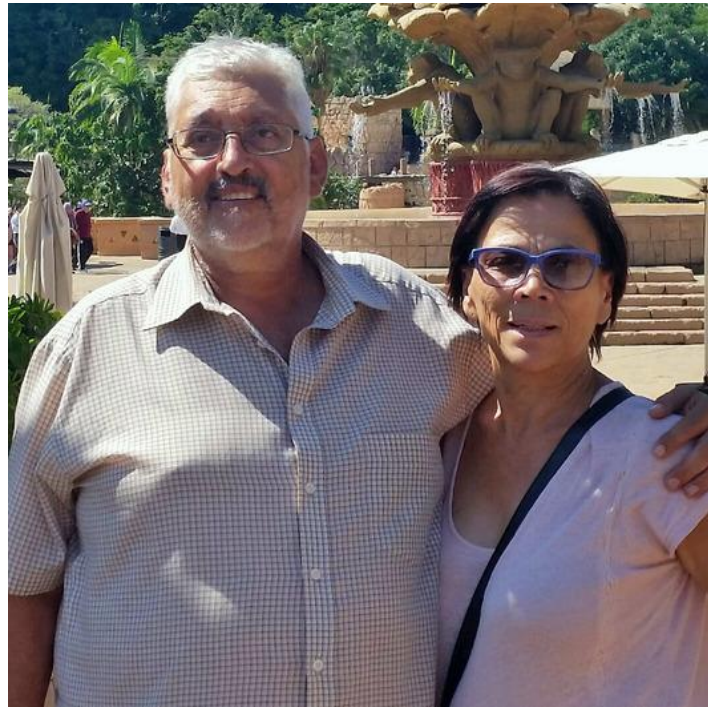
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Know Your Patrollers: Johnny Smith

Johnny Smith was born in Upington, 62 years ago. At age 10, his family moved to Namibia and stayed in the Duineveld area, 110km south of Rehoboth. Johnny then finished his high school career at Dr Lemmer Secondary School in Rehoboth. Johnny and his wife, Jessie, got married in 1984. Jessie was born in Keetmanshoop. They are proud parents of a son, a daughter and 7 grandchildren. Johnny loves to do creative woodwork, but only for himself. Listening to music and to watch a rugby game is his ideal relaxation. They did camp occasionally at the coast in the past and still enjoy driving out of Windhoek to have a braai in nature over weekends. The Smiths previously stayed in Khomasdal but moved to Pioneerspark 14 years ago. "My philosophy is always to try and CHANGE NEGATIVE INTO POSITIVE". According to him it was the best decision ever made to move to Pioneerspark. "We couldn't ask for a more saver and friendlier neighbourhood". Johnny worked as a System administrator at the Ministry of Finance in the IT department where he retired in 2016. "We are enjoying the new 'status' and do travelling whenever we like". "To patrol is just the right thing to do. Involvement is a positive contribution. Not only for yourself, but for your community too".

Johnny got involved as a patroller after PPNHW had a fundraising braai in front of Baines in 2015. He did his first patrol on the 26th of October 2015 and completed about 5 patrol shifts prior to a knee injury and after his recovery he started to patrol full steam again. Johnny is part of the day shift team but also do night shifts occasionally. "During the day you get to greet all the senior burgers who want a small chit-chat or offering you a quick cold juice. It is a good feeling to be able to help others, for me that's the highlight!. There's also the funny side of patrolling... One morning we received a call out, requesting us to check out a lady sitting in front of a church that seemed distracted and the caller suspected a possible suicidal plan... The outcome was that the "suicidal" lady was a daycare teacher at the same church



and that she was only sitting outside, enjoying her break, reading the Bible... A more helpful shift was when we helped an old lady solving an argument with her brother's aggressive worker that claimed he was underpaid for a job he did for him. Being helpful means as small as directing a lost person".

To date, Johnny has completed 142 patrol shifts.

"Ppnhw is under an excellent leadership and manage to continue in implementing a good and positive initiative. It is very important, because criminals are constantly planning the next step for their activities. No improvements on strategies ended up in stagnation that creates an easy "playground" for criminal activities. The community must support the NHW, but not only the residents of Pioneerspark. According to safety and low criminal statistics in the old Pioneerspark, Property agents can urge buyers to invest in Pioneerspark and Assurance companies can revise their premiums...".

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PPNHW STATS

Safety Notice: Dustbin Diggers

July 2018

Crime Statistics

0: House Break-Ins
1: Attempted House Break-ins
1: Armed Robbery
0: Attempted Robbery
2: Vehicles broken into / Smash and Grab
1: Other - Fence cut
1: Other - Lights stolen
0: Number of suspects caught

Patrol Statistics

493 Shifts

986 Patrol Hours

Undercover Patrol Shifts: 18

Day Patrol: 31

Top Patrollers:

25 Erik Strauss
16 Gerhard De Kock
15 Odette De Kock
15 Peter Engelsmann
15 Terry Cooper
13 Derrick Strauss
13 Gerrit Koekemoer
13 Hannelie Nel
12 Andre Du Toit
11 Stoffies Stofberg
11 Christa Stofberg
10 Marnus Van Der Merwe

Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings are always a busy period with the dustbin diggers in our area. They come along, digging through dustbins to remove anything that can be traded, then dumps the rest straight back into the waste bin and sometimes even manages to leave loose waste laying around, making our sidewalks look like a rat's nest. On rare occasions it has even been reported that these guys harasses concerned residents and that they are involved in petty crimes.

Apart from this, tolerating the dustbin diggers in our streets increases general loitering, which in turn increases opportunistic crime in our area. Dustbins standing out on the sidewalk at night makes perfect ladders for criminals wanting to climb over our walls or to reach balconies. Copper house numbers and gate lights are also been removed during the night, usually after 1h00 in the mornings when our patrollers are not on duty anymore. Our patrollers do their best during their patrols to control these people by requesting them to clean up after themselves and by monitoring their movements.

Unfortunately this is a huge problem and concern for, not only us, but also the other neighbourhoods throughout Windhoek. In order to find an amicable solution to this problem, we are in contact with the police to try and arrange a few sting operations from 02H00 till 05H00 on a Tuesday morning. This is just to see what is in their bags and to try and eliminate the bad guys. It has been reported by other neighbourhoods that break-ins, robberies and smash and grabs have increased during the mornings before the dustbins are emptied, as well as the night before.

We are all so used to the movement of the dustbin diggers on Mondays & Tuesdays that the movement of unknown individuals sometimes does not bother us too much anymore, but unfortunately criminals do sometimes hide under the cover of this movement. We therefore like to remind you to be vigilant at all times and to please report any suspicious activity to us as soon as possible.



Free-range chicken and Sosaties For Sale - Order Now

As part of our fundraising efforts, PPNHW will now sell free-range chicken and sosaties on a monthly basis.

The prices for the chicken will be as follows:

- 1.75kg Whole Chicken N\$ 110.00
- 2.0kg Whole Chicken N\$ 124.00
- 2.25kg Whole Chicken N\$ 140.00

Chicken portions sold per pack:

- 550g Breast fillet N\$ 42.00
- 800g Breast fillet N\$ 60.00
- 850g Thighs N\$ 53.00
- 750g Leg Quarters N\$ 47.00
- 850g Drumsticks N\$ 53.00
- 625g Wings (6) N\$ 39.00
- 1kg Braaipack N\$ 62.00



The sosaties are packed in 10's and will be sold for N\$ 150.00/pack.

ONLY CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Should you be interested in placing orders, kindly contact **Odette de Kock** on **081 631 7330** via Whatsapp or SMS directly to place your orders. Orders should be in by latest the 2nd last Friday of the month, in order for it to be delivered timeously.

Collection details of orders will be announced via Whatsapp or SMS to all interested parties on the day of delivery.



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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:	_____

Order Form:

House Boards (N\$130 each)

Quantity:

Proof of payment for house boards to be sent to ppnhwatch@gmail.com or cash payments accepted.

Signature

Date

PPNHW Banking Details:

FNB Account: 6225 3843 984
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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

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.

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