

# PPNHW

Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch

Newsletter February, 2018

### From the PPNHW Committee

A Happy New Year to all members – we really hope that Christmas was a healthy and crime-free time for you.

We would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome all our new members to the PPNHW family. Also a big thank you to all our members and supporters for all you have done last year to be a true neighbour and member and to keep our community and neighbourhood safe.

This year we will focus more on how we can protect our community from crime by using all tools / equipment available to assist us in this task. Please assist in any way by getting involved and join our patrol team. Together we can do it.

In Pioneerspark it is all about looking out for each other and the people around us. We hope that our members will spare a little time to check on their elderly and vulnerable neighbours. We know that loneliness and isolation can be extra risk factors in making older people more vulnerable to crimes. You and our fantastic PPNHW members are in an unique position to help – in a small but meaningful way.

May this be a Prosperous New Year to all and thank you again for being our extra eyes and ears in the neighbourhood.

Please remain vigilant around your area and report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity to PPNHW – 081 229 8888 or 085 229 8888

**PPNHW Admin** 

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**AGM - July (TBC)** 

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## **Patroller Awards**

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



Odette De Kock - 300 Patrol Shifts



Lien Le Grange - 100 Patrol Shifts



Carl Heinz Steinfurth - 100 Patrol Shifts

### **Project Night Watch**

Join us for a patrol shift in Pioneerspark.

The goal is to afford community members the opportunity to see what the patrollers do on a normal patrol shift.

Contact us for more details.



Gerhard De Kock - 300 Patrol Shifts



Maggie Reiff - 100 Patrol Shifts

## Your BIN can be a TOOL for CRIME

- It is a LADDER to climb over your WALL.
- It is a HIDING place to AMBUSH you.
- It is used to TRANSPORT STOLEN GOODS.
- It ATTRACTS VAGRANTS to your HOUSE.
- It tells PEOPLE you MIGHT BE AWAY.

Only put your BIN out the morning of Collection Day and make sure it is back behind doors and out of sight the same day.

Get your Neighbours to help you if your routine makes this difficult. What are Neighbours for after all if not to help one another?







## Know Your Patrollers: Gerhard & Odette de Kock

Gerhard, a born Namibian and Odette, born and raised in Gauteng, got married in December 2009. After relocating to Namibia in August 2010, they 1st stayed in Suiderhof for a year and then moved to Pioneerspark. Gerhard is a newly appointed Lost Control Manager at a FMCG sales, merchandising, warehousing and distribution Company and Odette is a Personal Assistant and Accountant at a Vehicle Maintenance & Mechanical Repair business.

Gerhard's hobbies includes seawater angling and hunting, while Odette loves to read and when time allows for it, enjoys her painting projects.

They both started to patrol in October 2015. Wanting to do more, Odette got involved with the project to recruit new members. She later took over the taxi monitoring and new membership applications and patroller clothing and in January 2017 she was elected as the new PPNHW secretary. Last year she received the "Chairman's Award" for her dedication and hard work. Both of them have completed over 300 patrol shifts to date.

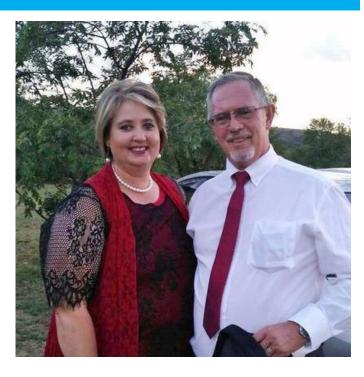
Gerhard & Odette both feel that it's a good idea if husband & wife do patrols together. For them it means bonding time at a different level and thereby learning other aspects of your partner. You get to understand each other in different situations and how the other one copes within a difficult situation.

According to them PPNHW is a top neighbourhood watch. "It's disciplined and very well organized. With this in mind, we as patrollers, stay positive and being committed to the cause comes as a natural thing". After receiving the trophy in acknowledgement for being 'The most active NHW in the Khomas Region' from Nampol, which for them, was a most heartwarming experience, they are even keener to do their part in fighting crime within the neighbourhood. For Gerhard & Odette, the biggest achievement of PPNHW, were the installation of the CCTV cameras and the continued support from the community in that. "We couldn't have achieved this on our own. This truly shows that Pioneerspark operates as a family and that together we can keep crime in our neighbourhood at the lowest". Patrol shifts with a difference:

radiot silics with a difference.

• One evening an alarm went off in Jordan street. The owner was out of town and gave permission (telephonically) that the patrollers may enter the property. The tenants opened the gate and the patrollers went inside to investigate. One of the patrollers had his torch focused on the roof and in the trees and did not notice the pool, which was only covered with a floating type of cover. Needless to say, we are still laughing with him soaking wet in the pool!

• We have, on a few occasions, had the opportunity to accompany the authorities into houses - not knowing what dangers are awaiting you. There are also times when you notice suspicious vehicles and by following them, realizing and knowing that they are aware of you, but you have no idea what might happen.



• In December 2017, we had a call for back-up from the VIPP Unit at a confirmed house break-in in Academia. Upon arrival the driver of the 'get-away-car' was already apprehended, but they were still looking for 2 perpetrators. After unsuccessful searching of the riverbed behind the house, we returned to our own patrolling area. Patrollers noticed that the fence between Potgieter & Hintrager was cut. Shortly after the next shift took over, suspicious looking guys were spotted in the Hintrager riverbed. Being on our way home, we turned around to go and assist the team, who later managed to capture one of the culprits. His clothes were torn (from the fence) and his footprints matched the ones at the fence. City Police was called out, the man was arrested and was later positively identified as one of the people involved in the break-in incident at Academia.

Our message to the people of Pioneerspark is: "Become involved and join the PPNHW family. It's an ideal opportunity to learn about us, to meet our patrollers and to get to know our neighbours. Don't miss out on the dedicated commitment and the friendly helpfulness of both community and patrolling members. The friendships we've built as newcomers to Pioneerspark, is a true reflection that "Caring and Christianity amongst modern-day people still exists!"

## **MULTICON NAMIBIA**



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### **PPNHW Patrol Vehicle**

Our FORD KA received a very nice make-over (Branding), as well as branded PPNHW seat covers from Bossies4life, thanks to Goggie Fourie.

PPNHW will use this vehicle for our daytime patrols (Monday – Friday) and also during weekends to assist with Crime Prevention and any other safety & security issues within Pioneerspark.

We would like to use this opportunity to thank our Main Sponsors for keeping this vehicle on duty at all times and in working condition, your commitment is highly valued.





Stein Service Station Workshop (Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs), Best Drive (Tyres), Engen (Fuel) & PUMA/Walters Motors (Fuel)

A big thank you as well for every member in Pioneerspark, donating and assisting us, however big or small, does not matter.





## **PPNHW STATS**

## January 2018 Crime Statistics

1: Confirmed House Break-in

1: Confirmed Attempted House Break-in

0: Confirmed Armed Robbery

1: Robbery

0: Vehicle broken into / Smash and Grab

0: Other - Fence cut

1: Lift Gate

0: Number of suspects caught

## **Patrol Statistics**

477 Shifts

954 Patrol Hours

#### **Top Patrollers:**

20 Erik Strauss

19 Gerrit Koekemoer

18 Derrick Strauss

15 Andre Du Toit (Day Patrol)

14 Johnny Smith (Day/Night Patrol)

14 Peter Engelsmann

12 Kato Van Niekerk (Day/Night Patrol)

12 Marnus Van Der Merwe

11 Antie Horsthemke

10 Stoffies Stofberg

10 Christa Stofberg

10 Andre Booysen

10 Sybille Bause (Day Patrol)

10 Volker Kollmitz

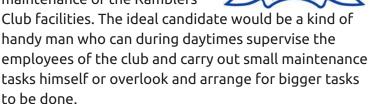
10 Werner Horsthemke



Biltong & Droëwors (Bees & Wild) Delicatessen (Sosaties / Gestopte Vleis) Braai Pakke Rypgemaakte Snitte Karkasse Vleis Verwerking

### Handy Man / Supervisor

The Ramblers Club Committee is seeking for assistance on the daily supervision and maintenance of the Ramblers



Working hours will be flexible and limited. Reimbursement will be negotiated with the Club's committee.

Interested persons please WhatsApp 081 124 7878 (Lorenz)



## PPNHW Statistics: 01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017



PATROLLERS	<u>SHIFTS</u>
Erik Strauss	256
Gerrit Koekemoer	183
Derrick Strauss	175
Odette De Kock	160
Peter Engelsmann	160
Gerhard De Kock	156
Duimpie Bassingthwaighte	114
Hannelie Nel	114
Barend (Stoffies) Stofberg	107
Christa Stofberg	107
Volker Kollmitz	105
Marnus Van Der Merwe	104
Horst Pritzen	100

SUSPECTS CAUGHT	
2014	0
2015	4
2016	1
2017	12

PATROL:	<u>SHIFTS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
2014	20	40
2015	2999	5998
2016	4199	8398
2017	5710	11420
TOTAL:	12928	25856

CRIME	2015	2016	2017
Break in	33	30	19
Attempt	34	21	7
Smash	17	20	15
Robbery	8	8	14

#### DAY PATROLS

From August | 141

## UNDERCOVER SHIFTS 2016 104 2017 193



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- on time response
   customer service
- product quality

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## Pioneers Park Neighbourhood Watch Application Form



	COLUMN REPORT COLUMN AREA WARREN FOR THE PROPERTY OF A COLUMN AREA		
	PLEASE ATTACH P	ROOF OF RESIDENCE WITH YOUR APPLICATION	
Contact Details:			
Name		Surname	
Cell	20	Home	
E Mail	<u> </u>	Date of birth:	
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Spouse Name:	U:	Spouse number	
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Would you be pre	pared to assist with any	of the following activities ?	
Please indicate wi	th a tick ✓		
Patrols		Donations	
Admin		Other	
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Mark with (X) if yo	u are available for the f	ollowing 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: PPN	HW Drop Box located in	Fountain OK Foods within Baines.	
Donations will be ເ	used for: Fuel for patrol	vehicles, maintenance of CCTV cameras, admin,	
Control of the Contro	ntch signs, awareness, e		
(An add	ditional Police form for	Patrollers should be completed and must be printed in colour -	
		Sent on request only)	



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.

### SAFFTY 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.

