



# PPNHW

Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch

Newsletter July, 2018

## PPNHW AGM - 3 July 2018



The PPNHW AGM was held on the 3rd of July 2018 at the NG Church in Pioneerspark. Feedback about the last 2 years in regards to crime, projects and finances were presented.

The current committee were re-elected to stand for another term.

**Chairperson: Erik Strauss**

**Vice-Chairperson: Gerrit Koekemoer**

**Secretary: Odette De Kock**

**Treasurer: Johan Tromp**

More detail about the AGM will be in our next newsletter publication.



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## Patroller Awards

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



**Gerhard & Odette De Kock - 400 Patrol Shifts**



**Derrick Strauss - 300 Patrol Shifts**



**André Booyesen - 200 Patrol Shifts**



**Werner Horsthemke - 200 Patrol Shifts**



**Albert Dippenaar - 100 Patrol Shifts**



**André Du Toit - 100 Patrol Shifts**



**Erkie Viljoen - 100 Patrol Shifts**



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## Know Your Patrollers: Terence Makari

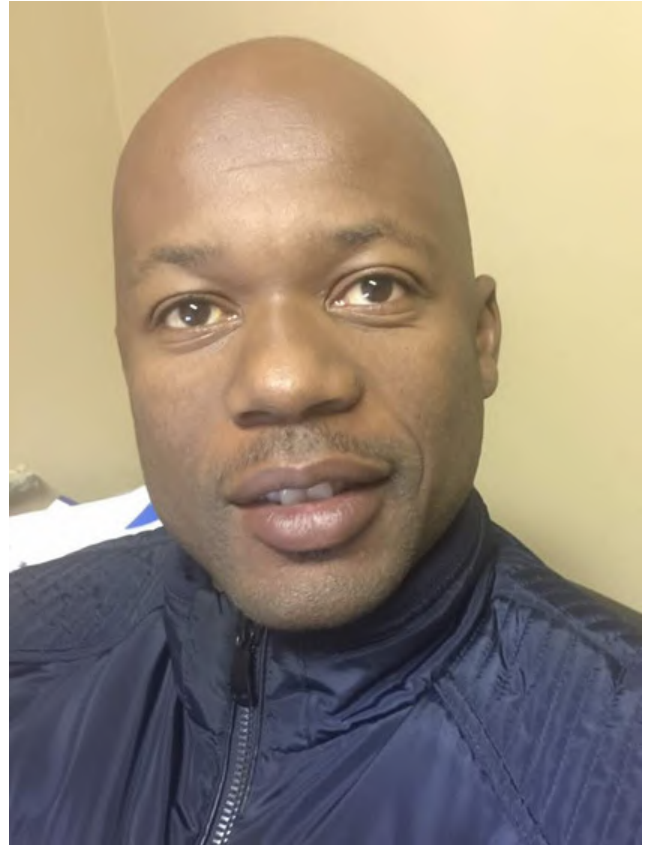
Terence Makari was born in Windhoek in 1975. The 1st 5 years he stayed at a village with his family in the East of Namibia and then moved to Windhoek to complete his whole school career. His wife, Sylvia, was also born in Windhoek. They got married 13 years ago and have 2 daughters and a son. The Makaris' are home owners in Bruhn street. They moved from Tauben Glen to Pioneerspark 8 years ago. Terence is the Managing Director at the Ohlthaver & List Group for the company's hotels, lodges & leisure. His wife is an accountant at a firm.

Terence's favourite sport is soccer and he has a warm passion for farming. The family enjoys any type of camping and they visit their farm in the Grootfontein area as often as time permits. Terence started his part-time farming 8 years ago. "Farming is very rewarding if you look at your live stock and to be outdoors is just amazing".

Terence did his first patrol on the 1st of August 2017 and has completed 23 shifts so far. He would like to encourage the Pioneerspark non-members to join and to contribute - in any way! "Especially the young residents, for they are still fit, and they are also the future members and patrollers of Pioneerspark. After all, it's for your own safety and for the safety of your neighbours as well. It is amazing how the existing members do monthly contributions and stretching out towards fundraisings and special projects. To fund towards a project, an organisation or even towards assests which is not your own, is much appreciated. Contributing is totally voluntarily, therefore your input are super amazing!"

"I did shifts with different patrollers so far. All of them are just fantastic people and they welcomed me from the beginning. It makes it even more special. PPNHW gives you the peace of mind to lock up and go away for a weekend or holiday. It's also comforting to know your property or family staying behind are safe. Pioneerspark is one of the safest neighbourhoods in Windhoek due to the dedication of PPNHW and the goals that is set".

Terence enjoyed every patrol shift so far. One morning, at about 04h00, Terence and his partner came across a suspicious looking vehicle in front of a house. They stopped to investigate and found the young driver behind the steering wheel.



**Terence Makari**

***" ... it's for your own safety and for the safety of your neighbours...."***

He gave them his mother's number and they contacted her to open the gate. Accidentally the cell was on speakerphone and to his embarrassment they had to listen to his mother scolding him for partying and returning so late. She opened immediately when she realized that the patrollers were with him... Another incident (same time!) was where a resident returned from "a night out" but fell asleep the moment he stopped in front of his gate. The patrollers helped him to search for the gate remote & house keys and ensured that he got safely inside his yard. Terence laughed, saying: "It just seems to me that a helping hand is more needed between 03h00 and 05h00 in the mornings over weekends..."



## Sosaties For Sale - Order Now

As part of our fundraising efforts, the Committee have decided to sell sosaties on a monthly basis to our community.

The sosaties are supplied by the lady from Gobabis who normally supply this for our yearly fundraising event.

The sosaties are packed in 10's and cost N \$ 15.00 each - (N \$ 150.00 / pack).

### PLEASE NOTE - ONLY CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Should you be interested in placing an order, kindly contact **Odette de Kock** on **081 631 7330** via Whatsapp or SMS directly. 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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## Treasure Hunt and Red Alert - 30 June 2018

On Saturday afternoon, 30 June 2018, more than 30 PPNHW patrollers (made up 11 teams with interesting team names like Double D, Luiperds, Vikings, Jakkalse, Leos, Fantastic 4, just to name a few) gathered at von Auersplatz behind the Baines Shopping Centre to be briefed by Chairman Erik Strauss about a Treasure Hunt, that he and Gerrit Koekemoer had organised.

Not only did this exercise ensured visibility of the PPNHW, but was it a lot of fun guaranteed for the participating members and teams. Sign boards, which we often see, but rarely notice, had to be counted and various quiz-questions answered. All participants agreed after the two hour fun-event, that they now know their neighbourhood even better than before.

14 junior patrollers attended the Treasure Hunt, making them aware of their neighbourhood and sensitizing them about important landmarks in their area. The following new junior patrollers were welcomed by the Chairman: Jannik Kollnitz and Maja & Julian von Somnitz.

The winning team with the most correct answers were:

1st prize: The Von Somnitz Family (Helo's)

2nd prize: The Nel Family (Nelnicons)

3rd prize: The Tromp Family (Falkies)

After everybody had something to eat, the Red Alert campaign started. Numerous patrollers were divided into 4 teams that could be seen in all four zones of Pioneerspark. The Chairman Erik Strauss debriefed the patrollers after 22h30 and thanked everybody present for the continuous support, to keep Pioneerspark crime-free. The purpose of the Red Alert campaign is to create awareness and at the same time recruit new members.

This has once again been a very successful event, ensuring some quality time with family and co-patrollers. Although the Red Alert is on a voluntary basis, the organisers were very satisfied with the turn-out and expressed their hope, that even more members and patrollers will attend future Red Alerts.







## Treasure Hunt and Red Alert - Continue

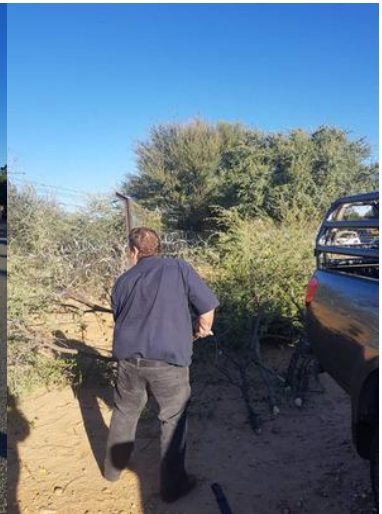






## Rieckmann Fence

After the fence in Rieckmann Street, next to the railway, has been cut a few times, the response from PPNHW, with the help from the patrollers, were swift to clean up and de-bush the area. The decision was also made to add rolls of barbed wire to the fence and to install additional cameras to ensure the safety on residents in that area. Thank you to all patrollers that helped and also the donations received from the community. We have not received any reports about any criminal activity in that area ever since.







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## Operation Safeguard

Domestic workers are often easy targets for criminals, especially on their way to and from the bus and taxi stops. To create a safer environment for these valued members of our community, the Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch launched "Operation Safeguard" on Friday afternoon, 22 June 2018.

The aim was to be visible and to deter potential criminals from attacking and robbing domestic workers, especially around the riverbeds close to the Baines Shopping Centre area. Seven patrollers supported this campaign and the domestic workers showed their appreciation.

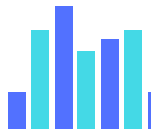
PPNHW requests, you as employer, to please share the emergency number of the Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch with your workers and to immediately report any suspicious activity or attacks and robberies.



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## PPNHW STATS



## Safety Tip

**June 2018**

### Crime Statistics

- 1: House Break-ins
- 0: Attempted House Break-ins
- 0: Armed Robbery
- 1: Attempted Robbery
- 1: Robbery
- 0: Vehicle broken into / Smash and Grab
- 0: Other - Fence cut
- 0: Lift Gate
- 0: Theft
- 1: Unlawful Entry
- 0: Number of suspects caught

### Patrol Statistics

**583 Shifts**

**1166 Patrol Hours**

**Undercover Patrol Shifts: 18**

**Day Patrols: 30**

#### Top Patrollers:

- 29 Erik Strauss
- 22 Gerrit Koekemoer
- 16 Derrick Strauss
- 15 Hannelie Nel
- 14 Gerhard De Kock
- 14 Odette De Kock
- 14 Duimpie Bassingthwaighte
- 14 Stoffies Stofberg
- 14 Christa Stofberg
- 12 Peter Engelsmann
- 12 Volker Kollnitz
- 10 Marnus Van Der Merwe
- 10 André Du Toit



#### Tips on how to stay safe in a taxi.

By Maj-Gen. (Retired) J. B Tjivikua (Former Deputy Inspector General for Operations, Nampol).

1. Always remain vigilant, be watchful and scan your surroundings before getting into a taxi.
2. Always make sure that the taxi has both number plates at the back and front before boarding.
3. Take special care of your valuables and avoid talking on the cellphone, because you may be distracted.
4. Write down or take the registration number plate or the big registration number on the taxi and text it to your friend or close associate(s).
5. If you are a lady, avoid getting into a taxi occupied by men only.
6. If you detect peculiar or suspicious demeanor or repulsive conduct of the taxi driver or occupants, better stay away.
7. Disembark the taxi at a secure place where there are movements of people, and avoid places adjacent to cul de sac, dead end streets, bridges or abandoned (ghost) structures.
8. Strictly observe the demeanor of the taxi driver and avoid uncalled for conversation.
9. Warn the taxi driver from taking unnecessary turns and diverting the taxi from the normal routes





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### 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](mailto:ppnhwatch@gmail.com) or cash payments accepted.

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Signature

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Date

### PPNHW Banking Details:

FNB Account: 6225 3843 984  
Branch: 281-174 (Old Power Station)  
Type: Cheque / Current  
Reference: Name and Street Address

Email queries or forms to: Email: [ppnhwatch@gmail.com](mailto: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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