



# PPNHW

Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch

Newsletter May, 2018

**VERY IMPORTANT**

## Updating of Membership Records

It has come to our attention that a lot of members are relocating to other suburbs or towns without notifying us about cancelling their membership or removing their house boards.

In an effort to update our records, please can all members confirm their membership with me, by sending an e-mail to [ppnhwatch@gmail.com](mailto:ppnhwatch@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.

The following information is requested:

- Name & Surname
- Address
- E-mail address
- Contact numbers
- House boards (Yes or No)
- Copy of CoW Account

Failure to respond to this request by latest 31 May 2018 may result in members being removed from the Safety & Security groups.

I also wish to thank all the members who have already confirmed these details with me. I really appreciate your prompt assistance.

Kind regards,  
Odette de Kock  
PPNHW Secretary

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### Editorial Team

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## Patroller Awards

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



**Stoffies & Christa Stofberg-200 Patrol Shifts**

**Oosthuizen van der Merwe -100 Patrol Shifts**

## Cleaning Pioneerspark

Debushing and cleaning of pavements & riverbeds: CoW granted permission to PPNHW to cut the grass along the streets and/or in public open spaces in Pioneerspark as determined by the residents. This is necessary to reduce hiding places for criminals and to make it easier for the patrollers on duty during the night. The first team of patrollers started cleaning the Jordan & Rieckmann Street fences on Saturday morning, the 14th of April and wish to thank the residents who brought them some refreshments. "We really appreciate it!"

PPNHW have set up a team consisting of patrollers and volunteering residents to tackle the rivers & pavements one by one during the next few weekends. They have invested in an industrial bush cutter for this project, but will need a few people with pangas to assist with the bushes on the pavements and close to the rivers. Anyone interested to assist with this project, please feel free to contact Erik Strauss personally.





## Know Your Patrollers: Steven & Hannelie Nel

Steven & Hannelie Nel are home owners in Jordan Street for 21 years and are both patrollers. Their son, Jarin (16 yrs), joined the junior patrol group when Erik started the group in February 2017. The juniors first accompanied the adult patrollers during a Red Alert project on the 4th of February 2017 and since then Jarin have enjoyed it immensely. Their daughter, Janet, just turned 21 in April.

For them PPNHW is all about safety, the interaction with the Pioneerspark community and the better life they are experiencing in the area. In today's life, safety is essential with the never-ending criminal activities. Being alert all the time becomes a habit, but PPNHW ensures us a more comfortable lifestyle. Before joining PPNHW we knew only a few residents in Pioneerspark and especially in our street. Meeting the community and working with the patrol team makes Pioneerspark so much more special.

All 4 of the Nels have been born in Windhoek. Hannelie's family moved to Outjo when she was only 4 years old, where she completed her whole school career. After matric she started working in Outjo and then got transferred to Swakopmund. Steven attended schools in Windhoek and in Adelaide and completed his apprenticeship as Electrician in Namibia. They met 25 years ago and got married in Windhoek 23 years ago. Their office & workshop are at home where Janet is doing her share in the company as secretary and admin lady and they are sure that Jarin will follow in his dad's footsteps...

Steven enjoyed skydiving a few years ago and took quite a few first places in playing pool. Lately he is more into fishing, camping and doing 4x4 trips with the family. Hannelie has too many hobbies to name, but enjoys painting, cross stitching, beading, sewing, stringing fresh water pearls, watching rugby, etc. Her current favourites being gardening & renovating antique wooden furniture.

Why did they join PPNHW...? On the 4th of December 2015, 3 robbers gained entry into our neighbours's yard from the Jordan river at 2h30 in the morning. Both Steven and the neighbour's husband were out of Windhoek for work. Our tenants woke up and alerted our neighbour. What happened afterwards was very traumatic; one of the children got shot. My only call was on the Jordan Street Group and in 3 minutes a patroller came to assist us. The ambulance arrived in 15-20 minutes and the Police 20 minutes after that. The 15 yr old child was taken to hospital and she miraculously survived.



We joined as members shortly after that incident and did our first patrol on the 26th of November 2016. To date Steven has completed 125 patrol shifts, Hannelie completed 160 shifts and Jarin completed 23 shifts as a junior.

What the chairman, management & the patrolling team are doing and achieve makes us proud to be part of PPNHW. It is simply put: an organized, caring & dedicated group!! We have experienced joy, love, trauma & hilarious incidents on our patrol shifts. Some shifts are printed into our hearts forever.

PPNHW also have an open heart for animals. The way they monitored Boelie, the stray dog of Aschenborn Street for 2 years and then ensured a better life for him is just one good example. Erik, his team and the community are just amazing. Boelie is our greatest gift! He is with us for nearly 9 months now and he is doing very well.☐

Steven is also part of the "Quick Response Team" and Hannelie enjoys being part of the editorial team for the PPNHW Newsletter.

Their message to all residents: APPRECIATION!! Assist Erik, the management team, each other and the dedicated authorities that work with PPNHW. Always act with respect and caring for your community. Parents teach your children to be safe and to be alert without paranoia being present. Make it a daily routine & implement the safety tips that Erik shares with us. The kids are our future members and patrollers... Please also join as members of PPNHW. You are and can play an important role by acting as our "eyes and ears".



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### Appreciation

A word of appreciation from Swakopmund:

“Late afternoon on Friday, the 20th of April, I was at the Pupkewitz Lifestyle Mall to buy some food for my return trip to Swakopmund. The moment I parked, a company vehicle bumped into the side of my dad's vehicle. Immediately the guilty driver was arrogant, negative and wanted to escape. We were in an argument and he refused to give me his personal- or employer's details. He clearly took advantage of the situation because I'm a female.

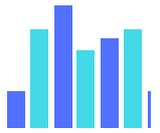
Next to us was a person sitting in a vehicle who witnessed the whole incident. She phoned the Traffic office, directed us to a Police station and then called the security of the mall for assistance. The security got into the vehicle of the guilty driver, so he couldn't escape, and accompanied us to the nearest Police station to report the accident and to obtain the AR number.

I'm from Swakopmund, so I don't have any contact details of the authorities in Windhoek. I felt helpless! Thank you to this PPNHW member for your friendliness, assistance and the calm way you took control of the situation. If you act like that in the public, I'm sure that you are doing an excellent job in your community!

I wish you all the best and blessings from above to continue serving the community. I would also like to say thank you to the Security of the mall.”  
Swakopmunder.

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## PPNHW STATS



## Safety Tip

### April 2018

#### Crime Statistics

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

#### Patrol Statistics

480 Shifts

960 Patrol Hours

Undercover Patrol Shifts: 18

Day Patrol: 30

#### Top Patrollers:

- 26 Erik Strauss
- 20 Gerrit Koekemoer
- 15 Derrick Strauss
- 13 Gerhard De Kock
- 13 Peter Engelsmann
- 12 Stoffies Stofberg
- 12 Christa Stofberg
- 12 Johnny Smith (Day/Night Patrol)
- 12 Odette De Kock
- 11 Andre Du Toit (Day Patrol)
- 11 Hannelie Nel
- 11 Marnus Van Der Merwe
- 10 Kato Van Niekerk



#### Muggings:

Getting mugged is something one does not prepare for. There are however precautions one can take to help decrease the chances of becoming a victim of mugging.

Some tips on how to diminish the odds of being mugged:

- Walk in the centre of the road.
- Avoid walking alone, rather walk in a group. Muggers are more likely to target individuals walking alone, than a group.
- Avoid wearing expensive clothes and/or jewellery as they attract potential muggers.
- If you are approached by someone who looks like a mugger, do not stop to fight or argue. Run as fast as you can and make as much noise as possible.
- Walk in a well-lit area. Most muggings happen in dark spots.
- Walk with confidence. The more confident you seem, the less of a target you become.
- If you are mugged, consider defending yourself if you have the skills or a weapon. Pepper spray can be an effective hindrance and can be easily carried.
- If you are mugged at gunpoint, keep calm and give them whatever they want.



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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:

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

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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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