



# PPNHW

Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch

Newsletter November, 2018

## PPNHW Fundraising Event



We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the generous contributions received over the last few months and also to those who assisted us at the fundraising event. Without your continued commitment we cannot be a successful neighbourhood watch.

All proceeds from the fundraising will go towards installing more cameras, the maintenance thereof, debushing and the closure of critical riverbed areas.

Thank you for making this day a huge success!

We do however still have some raw sosaties up for sale. Please be on the look out for our posting.

With warm regards,

PPNHW Admin Team

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## Patroller Awards

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



Volker Kollmitz - 300 Patrol Shifts



Ernst Kipka - 100 Patrol Shifts



Marc Schaum - 100 Patrol Shifts



Michael Tröh - 100 Patrol Shifts

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## Know Your Patrollers: Günter Gässler

Günter was born in 1951 near Freiburg, Germany and is very proud of his 2 adult daughters (aged 39 & 35): Katja in Perth, Australia and Johanna in Münster, Germany. Katja is a mom of 3 boys and Johanna is a midwife. Günter has been a teacher for 20 years and a principal for another 20 years in Waldshut Tiengen - Germany, Alexandria - Egypt and Windhoek and retired at DHPS as a Primary principal. "The best time of my life was with my own children and with the pupils entrusted to me at different schools".

Günter's hobbies includes basketball, reading, travelling & studying the different cultures in Africa. He also does some hiking whenever time allows. He already hiked the Sahara-Sinai (Known as Moses Mountain) (50x), Fish River, Kaiser Wilhelm (8x) Moltkeblick & Table Mountain (3x) and still dreams of doing the Otter trail. Günter loves talking to anyone crossing his path! "Sometimes people don't want to have a conversation, but then I will just talk to them..."

Günter moved to Windhoek in 2008 where he first rented in Schloss Street, Luxury Hills and then moved to Pioneerspark in 2009 where he became a house owner in Mattenklodt Street. "Pioneerspark is a nice quiet area and near the city".

Günter did his first patrol on the 26th of March 2017. "Erik, Gerrit & Odette were my biggest help during my training period. Being a patroller is just one way of offering a contribution in your community. The NHW is there to help and assist the Police and together we are a team against crime."

"With my first training shift, we were patrolling in Forsythe Street which ends in the field next to the Jordan River. There were 3 cars parked with lights switched off and several men present. Gerrit stopped because it looked suspicious and Erik enquired about their presence there. He returned, laughed and said that the men are just unwinding from the pressures at home with the wives and screaming kids, so they agreed on a beer in Forsythe Street".

"A NHW is very important. There are conditions where a Government department cannot carry out all the necessary measurements. Therefore residents, institutions, authorities & PPNHW joined together to facilitate the co-existence in a manifold of ways to fight against crime. Crime has definitely increased in recent years, but Pioneerspark is still one of the safest neighbourhoods according to the crime statistics."



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Also for take aways!  
We are looking forward to your visit

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## PPNHW STATS

## Alarm Safety Tips

### October 2018

### Crime Statistics

0: House Break-Ins  
0: Attempted House Break-in  
0: Armed Robbery  
1: Robbery  
3: Vehicle broken into / Smash and Grab  
0: Other - Fence cut  
0: Other - Lights stolen  
0: Other - Theft Out of yard  
1: Number of suspects caught

### Patrol Statistics

**541 Shifts**

**1082 Patrol Hours**

#### Top Patrollers:

23 Erik Strauss  
21 Gerrit Koekemoer  
17 Johnny Smith  
13 Gerhard De Kock  
13 Odette De Kock  
13 Derrick Strauss  
13 Hannelie Nel  
13 Terry Cooper  
12 Steven Nel  
11 Marnus Van Der Merwe  
10 Peter Engelsmann  
10 Claus Jendrissek



Test your alarm regularly and at least once a month with your service provider

\* Make sure your AR service provider receives closing, burglary alarm and panic signals. Confirm by subscription via the sms service or install a sms unit by which you can also remote arm and disarm

\* Set up your system that you can use it at night with the "stay arm function"

\* Test your remotes and replace batteries and alarm back-up batteries annually

\* Test your electric fence and beams regularly and keep fence wires free of seasonal plant growth

\* Teach your kids and domestic where the panic buttons are, when and how to use them

\* Use moth balls and double sided tape to deter insects from alarm beams and "eyes"

\* When the AR company don't have access to your premises, make sure you have a designated key holder with contact details registered on their system to provide entry when required

\* Invest in your own security and have reasonable expectations of what your system is capable of doing. Be vigilant and look for the soft target areas as to where you should improve your system

\* Make sure your transmitter is protected with an "eye" or other trigger, especially those installed above the ceiling. Many times criminals rip out the transmitter before it is triggered, in that case no one is on their way to protect you or your assets.



## A helping hand from patrollers:

On the evening of the 24th of October, the patrollers on duty received a callout from a PPNHW member, to assist her to gain access to her home.

Elly Shipiki from Bruhn Street went out and forgot her set of keys at home. By the time she returned her daughter was fast asleep and didn't respond to her calling. The patrollers climbed over the wall to the second floor and woke up her daughter to unlock the door.

"I'd like to express my thanks to the neighbourhood watch for assisting me to gain access to my house last night. They were swift and exhibited a sense of duty, care and professionalism. I take my hat off for them. Keep up the good work. Elly"

The patrollers that were on duty were Derrick Strauss, Marnus van der Merwe, Jaco & Danie Stassen, Wilfried Hähner & Pieter Engelbrecht.



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## PPNHW Fundraising - Photos



**Some of the PPNHW Team working at the fundraising event. Thank you!**

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## PPNHW Fundraising - Photos



**Some of the exhibitors attending and visitors at the fundraising event. Thank you for your support!**

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## PPNHW Fundraising - Photos



**PPNHW Donated N\$3000 to the SPCA**



**Office of the First Lady - Anti-Violence Campaign**



**"Adam se Rib" - 1st Place Winners in the Rib Braai Competition.**



**"Souserig" - 2nd Place Winners in the Rib Braai Competition**



**"3-Swaras" - 3rd Place Winners in the Rib Braai competition**



**Total - Best Team Spirit**



## Sosaties For Sale - Order Now

As part of our fundraising efforts, the Committee has 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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## Neighbourhood Watch Application Form

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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 ( NS130 each )

Quantity:

Proof of payment for house boards to be sent to [ppnhwatch@gmail.com](mailto:ppnhwatch@gmail.com) or cash payments accepted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 Patrolters 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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