

# PPNHW

Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch

Newsletter October, 2018

#### PPNHW Fundraising Event - 3 Nov '18

On **3 November 2018**, we will be having our annual fundraising event at Ramblers Sports Club. This year we are planning to have a more family orientated function with lots of fun and entertainment. Kosmos 94.1 will also join us again for an outside broadcast on this long, but fun day.

We will start off the day at 07h00 with the following activities:

- 5km Fun Walk Only N\$20.00 entry fee (dogs welcome). All entry fees will be donated to the SPCA.
- Rib braai competition from 08h30 Book your stall for N\$ 600.00 and enter your team of 3 for this exciting competition.
- Boeresport activities from 09h00 This is an old classic & favourite activity, which will be guaranteed fun and laughter for young and old. These activities are ideal for families or corporate teambuilding. Enter your team of 5 or less for only N\$ 300.00.
- Annual Braai by PPNHW Patrollers Bring your family & friends and join us for some delicious sosaties, chops, wors & "Roosterbrood". Pancakes & Ice-cream will also be on sale.
- Stalls / Boot Sale Book your stall / parking lot for N\$ 250.00. You can sell or display anything except food.
- Entertainment for Kids Jumping Castle, Face painting and lots more...
- Stof Dans 18h00 till late Put on your favourite dancing shoes and join us for the Stof dans to end off our day. The entrance fee is only N\$ 60.00 per person and includes a delicious Vetkoek & Mince. A cashbar will also be available.

To book your activity or for more information please contact us on our Emergency Numbers (081 229 8888 / 085 229 8888).

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### Patroller Awards

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



Astrid Helm - 100 Patrol Shifts



Ina Theron - 100 Patrol Shifts



Georine Rechholtz - 100 Patrol Shifts

# Congratulations To All The Lady Patrollers!



Thank You To Our Generous Sponsors.













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ACTIVITIES INCLUDES:

**FUNWALK** with the

> Braai competition

@N\$ 300 per TEAM OF 5

VAL Sosatie Chop & wors braai

FOR KIDS

VARIOUS STALLS

**BOOT SALE** ROOSTERKOEK **PANCAKES** 

09-00

STAY

N\$60-00 pp

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#### Know Your Patrollers: Derrick Strauss

Derrick was born in Windhoek 21 years ago where he completed his whole school career. Currently he is busy with a B.Com Degree in Marketing, which is a 3-year course. Derrick likes to stay busy, so except for patrolling he also plays hockey, does gym workouts and sometimes plays jukskei. Derrick initially started patrolling in November 2015 as he was in need of an extra certificate (e.g. any community work) for I.E.B. Thereafter he enjoyed patrolling so much that he continued patrolling. To date he has completed 370 patrol shifts. Derrick's favourite patrol time is from 23h00 till 01h00 at night. "That is when the most activities take place in the neighbourhood".

Two patrol shifts that stand out for Derrick are:

1.) During a Red Alert in 2017, a guy went into a church, grabbed a lady's handbag from next to her chair and ran off and disappeared into a yard, 2 houses down the street. The owner spotted him on his camera and phoned PPNHW. A few patrollers searched the yard, but Derrick and Marnus found him in his hiding place. They held him to the ground until the police arrived.

2.) Derrick and co-patroller, Marnus, noticed a taxi in our area with a fake taxi number, no license or license disc. They have reported this taxi on a previous occasion and on the 12th of August 2018 they caught him for the 2nd time, still without a license or license disc and the fake taxi number. Derrick himself drove the taxi to the Traffic Office in Aschenborn Street. The same taxi was robbed later this month by another taxi in an adjacent neighbourhood.

Derrick: "PPNHW is very active and at present, a very good example for others. PPNHW is successful being visible and putting in many hours of patrolling. If other neighbourhoods can just be able to do more shifts and be visible, they can also build a stronger and successful neighbourhood watch. In PPNHW we make friends, we get to know our fellow patrollers and the residents - we are a family. With my dad as the Chairman, I also learn a lot. It is just amazing to see and experience the way he does the planning for certain situations and then deal with it in such efficient ways. I would like to thank all the patrollers for the effort they put in with every shift done. This is the only way we can strive to keep ourselves, our families and residents safe. Everyone can see the positive effects in our statistics and that encourages people".





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#### **PPNHW STATS**

#### **Safety Tips**

## September 2018 Crime Statistics

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

#### **Patrol Statistics**

533 Shifts

1066 Patrol Hours

#### **Top Patrollers:**

- 24 Erik Strauss
- 18 Gerrit Koekemoer
- 16 Derrick Strauss
- 16 Marnus Van Der Merwe
- 14 Gerhard De Kock
- 13 Johnny Smith
- 13 Odette De Kock
- 12 Andre Du Toit
- 12 Stoffies Stofberg
- 12 Christa Stofberg
- 12 Hannelie Nel
- 12 Peter Engelsmann
- 11 Stefan Münstermann
- 11 Volker Kollmitz
- 10 Duimpie Bassingthwaighte



#### Alarm Systems:

Test your alarm on a regular basis - once a week, if possible. Make sure your armed response service provider receives closing, opening, alarm and panic signals and confirm with them telephonically. Have the alarm set up so that you can use it at night with the "stay function". Test your panic buttons.

Also test your electric fence and beams on a regular basis. Teach your kids and domestic workers where the panic buttons are, when and how to use them.

Inform your response company in writing that when they receive a panic signal between 20:00 and 06:00 they should not phone, but rather respond immediately. It is quite difficult to answer your phone while trying to protect your family from intruders.

#### When you are robbed:

**DO NOT RESIST** Especially if you know or believe the robber to be armed. The best course of action is to hand over money and whatever other belongings are demanded as quickly as possible and try to disengage from this confrontational and potentially dangerous situation. Remember, belongings can always be replaced, your life not.

**TRY TO REMAIN CALM** Note the robber's appearance and report the crime immediately to PPNHW.



### Operation Thunder - 24 September 2018

According to statistics, the number of crimes reported in Windhoek's suburbs rise during the night before the dustbins are being emptied by the City of Windhoek. During previous joint-operations with NAMPOL and PPHNW, items stolen during this specific night in Pioneerspark (house numbers, bulbs etc) could be recovered from the "dustbin diggers". The evening of 24 September 2018 saw another special operation in collaboration with Nampol. "OPERATION THUNDER" started at 18h00 after the 24 drivers (12 vehicles) were briefed by PPNHW Chairperson, Erik Strauss. Various suspicious elements were under surveillance and numerous "hot spots" (bridges, bush areas, dark corners) were searched. To keep the police officers and the patrollers up and running, Marcel Koekemoer prepared delicious boerewors-Brötchens. According to Erik Strauss, this operation was a huge success, as a high degree of visibility of PPNWH and NAMPOL was ensured and potential criminal elements deterred. A debriefing was held after 22h00, during which the Chairman thanked everybody present for their support and hard work. This special operation will be continued on an ad-hoc basis during the months to come.





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#### **PPNHW PATROLLER AWARDS**

PPNHW Patroller of the year (01/07/2017 - 30/06/2018) 273 Erik Strauss

PPNHW Lady Patroller of the year (01/07/2017 - 30/06/2018)
171 Odette De Kock

Top 5 Patrollers (01/07/2017 - 30/06/2018)

273 Erik Strauss

204 Derrick Strauss

192 Gerrit Koekemoer

175 Gerhard De Kock

171 Odette De Kock

Top 5 Lady Patrollers (01/07/2017 - 30/06/2018)

171 Odette De Kock

129 Christa Stofberg

116 Hannelie Nel

73 Antje Horsthemke

63 Sonja Trümper

Top 5 (01-03 Shifts) (01/07/2017 - 30/06/2018)

19 Erik Strauss

19 Gerrit Koekemoer

15 Hannelie Nel

13 Peter Engelsmann

11 Odette De Kock

11 Volker Kollmitz

10 Claus Jendrissek

10 Gerhard De Kock

Top 5 (03-05 Shifts) (01/07/2017 - 30/06/2018)

21 Erik Strauss

15 Odette De Kock

15 Gerhard De Kock

12 Gerrit Koekemoer

12 Stoffies Stofberg

12 Christa Stofberg

11 Peter Engelsmann

11 Derrick Strauss

10 Günter Gässler

2017/2018 Nightrider

40 Erik Strauss

31 Gerrit Koekemoer

26 Odette De Kock

25 Gerhard De Kock

PPNHW (Overall) Nightrider

130 Erik Strauss (60/69/1)

125 Gerrit Koekemoer (72/52/1)

107 Odette De Kock (39/66/2) 100 Gerhard De Kock (41/57/2)

Highest monthly patrol

31 Shifts for the month, December 2017, Erik Strauss (3 Weeks)

31 Shifts for the month August 2017, Derrick Strauss

#### PPNHW Awards Ceremony - 08 September 2018

More than fifty patrollers, together with their spouses, gathered on Saturday, 8 September 2018, at the Ramblers Sports Club in Pioneerspark for the Annual Awards Ceremony of the Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch for the period 1 August 2017 until 31 July 2018. While the children enjoyed themselves on the jumping castle, the adults mingled in the warm rays of the sun, to warm up a bit, due to an unexpected cold-spell. Then everybody present was requested to move inside the clubhouse for the official part of this event.

The Chairman, Erik Strauss, thanked all patrollers for their selfless support to keep Pioneerspark safe and crime-free and proudly mentioned, that this is the only neighbourhood watch with assets of more than one million dollars and also having their own patrol vehicle. He also thanked the members for their voluntary financial contributions.

Certificates were issued to patrollers, committee members and the generous supporters (i.e. Ramblers) of the PPNHW. Furthermore, Achim and Astrid Helm of Sinclair Services donated cash prizes to the top patrollers as a token of appreciation for their sacrifice to make Pioneerspark one of the safest areas in Namibia to live in. A challenge however remains to recruit new patrollers and members of the Pioneerspark community are invited, to join the dedicated team of patrollers.

This year, two Chairman's Awards were awarded for outstanding contributions: Achim and Astrid Helm of Sinclair Services and Peter Engelsmann.

After the prize giving, the members present were treated to a delicious "spitbraai", prepared by Rene Botes.

This event marked another successful year of the PPNHW, thanks to its members and the dedicated patrollers.

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#### **PPNHW Patroller Awards - Photos**













Thank you for the dedication from the PPNHW patrollers to keep our neighbourhood safe!

#### 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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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.

For a quote speak to your broker.

