



Dickie Fritz Road Closure Association

Dickie Fritz 100-139, Flame Crescent, Holly Close, Cherry Close, Keurboom Crescent

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Dear Residents,

Our last newsletter for the year!

Boom

We have had complaints from residents regarding being shocked by the sensors at the boom. We have had the equipment checked by a technician and all is in order. We kindly request everyone to just swipe their hand in front of the sensor and not to touch or press it. We have placed signs on the post.

We once again request all residents not to hoot at the security entrance to either attract the guards attention or to greet them. Please inform your visitors of this too. Sometimes visitors expect the boom to automatically open and then hoot for the guard when this does not happen.

Please remember that we are prohibited, by law, from denying anyone access to the area.

Beams - Flame Crescent

We request that residents walking parallel to the park in Flame Crescent to kindly avoid walking between the security beams (the long black posts) along the palisade fence.

This activates the beams causing false alarms that the reaction vehicle has to respond to. Please also avoid parking cars there too for the same reason.

Christmas gifts

We have purchased a gift for each of the security officers in our area to say thank you for their service. Please feel free to show your support to those of them who will be on duty over the festive days, away from their homes and families.

Vehicle Tracking

Just a reminder that the committee keeps strict tabs on the dedicated vehicle's movements to ensure maximum patrolling within our area.

Annual Radio Licence Fee

Residents will not be charged the annual radio licence fee of R175 as levied by ICASA. This charge has been paid for from our road closure fund. The total amount paid was R16 800. (96 homes x R175)

Christmas Decorations

If anyone has some Christmas lights/decorations that they can spare they are welcome to put them up at the guard house.

Water Restrictions

Please be aware that we are still experiencing a drought and Ekurhuleni have imposed water restrictions which include no hosepipes or sprinklers at all. Serious fines may be levied.



The Committee would like to remind you and your loved ones to please be extra alert this festive season, crime is already on the increase as we have seen various incidents in neighbouring suburbs over the past few weeks.

Here are a few tips to help keep yourself and the neighbourhood safe at all times, not only over the festive season.

- * Report suspicious vehicles in the area immediately to the dedicated vehicle cell number 084 328 9873.
- * Keep doors and gates locked when hosting parties. It is a well-known fact that criminals know that people are less vigilant during parties and you and your guests may be an easy target.
- * Advise 24/7 if you need extra patrols if you are having a party and cars are parked outside your house.
- * Keep your eyes and ears open – see or hear something out the ordinary? Then please let 24/7 know.
- * Be aware of vehicles that could be following you home, this is happening more and more frequently! If you suspect you are being followed, call the dedicated vehicle immediately and drive back towards the boom. Criminals often drive new vehicles (frequently stolen). Don't be distracted by your cell phone - please always be vigilant.
- * When opening electric gates and garage doors with your remote and stay in the street until the gate / garage door is open, then drive in, look behind you and close the gate / garage door quickly.
- * Don't put empty boxes from new computers, TV etc. on your pavement for refuse collection - this is advertising as to what's new in your home.
- * Avoiding hiring "piece job" labourers off the side of the street.
- * Position security/sensor lights on your property - criminals can hide in the dark.
- * Ensure that your alarm is working properly.
Please contact the control room and advise them that you are testing your alarm. Please don't randomly press panic buttons to test the signal and create false alarms.
- * If you are going away please test your alarm with 24/7.
Notify 24/7 to arrange extra patrols.
Please make sure that all pets are safe and cared for and not left unattended.
Please arrange for a friend or family member to be able to reset your alarm should it go off while you're away. We have had cases where house alarms siren for hours and hours and this is not fair to your neighbours.

We wish you a safe and happy Festive Season!

