

A Walk in the Park.....

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Dear Dickie Fritz Road Closure Residents,

We are so excited to tell you about new developments at Willow Park!

We have had many requests from our residents to install a gate so that we can access the park. It is used regularly by the residents in the closure on the other side of the park, in the Sycamore Drive area. After discussions with the committee in that area, and our own committee, we have come up with a plan to make this happen! Some of you may have already noticed the activity in and outside the park, as you walk along the bottom of Flame Crescent, as these plans are beginning to be implemented.

Cleaning of the Park

The committee and a gardener have been hard at work clearing the overgrown bushes and shrubbery on "our side" of the park. As you can imagine, this is a huge task, as the council have not maintained the area properly in years. The committee in the Sycamore Drive area have started clearing "their side" too. As things are at the moment, we can afford to have a gardener every second Thursday to work in the area.

After Lockdown, we'll have a designated Saturday afternoon, from 14h00-17h00, when we can all meet in the park, armed with our gardening tools, and work together to get our park back to the way it used to be!

Security Upgrades - Safety in the area is paramount, and the following measures are being implemented.

Beams

The beam system is currently being upgraded. The beams are operated on a timer, and active between 18h00 and 06h00. They are not on during the day due to too many false alarms, eg. birds, dogs etc.

Gate

A pedestrian gate has been installed next to the Lakeside complex. This gate will be unlocked on a Saturday and Sunday, between 09h00 and 17h00. It will have keypad access and the code will be shared to residents only, on the Security WhatsApp group. Please use your utmost discretion with whom you share this code. The code will be changed from time to time and you will be informed of the new code when this happens.

Electric Fence

A full electric fence will be installed on the existing palisade fence. This fence will be monitored 24/7, and any tampering will trigger an alarm in the control room. The fence will be armed all the time, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday, from 09h00 to 17h00, when the park will be "open".

Cameras and Lights

We are in discussions with an off-site monitoring company to install cameras and lights along the palisade, which will be monitored "live" 24/7.

Moth Complex veld

The grass between the Moth Complex and the bridge has become overgrown again and it's difficult to get the council to come and cut it. We do try and keep the grass short, within 5 metres of the fence, but with a gardener only every second week it's not an easy task. Any assistance in this regard would be appreciated.

We are very excited about being able to use our beautiful park again - and hope that you are too!

Regards
Callie, Pam and Des

