

November 2023

**Dear Residents** 

As 2023 draws to a close, we would like to recap on some of the things we have achieved this year, as well as remind you about a few safety issues for the upcoming festive season.

# **2023 Projects Completed**

## **Back-up power**

We installed an inverter and battery at the booms, to ensure the booms, lights and cameras continue to operate during load shedding. A second inverter and battery was installed in Flame Crescent south, to keep the electric fence, cameras and pedestrian gate to park operational during load shedding.

### Municipal electrical cables at bridge

Thank you so much to the community that rallied to improve safety around the municipal cables at the bridge, when they were replaced, after the cables were stolen. Although not our responsibility, the resident's supplied the container, table and chairs, and monthly tea and coffee for the SDS guards. Residents also volunteered to clear the veld of overgrown trees etc, to improve visibility at the bridge. The cables were then moved to the "inside" of the fence, and a new camera and additional solar lighting was installed too.

#### **Dickie Fritz Website**

Thanks to Sue, our website was revamped.

Please visit it at www.dfrca.co.za to keep up to date or catch-up if you've missed something.

All emergency contacts are listed there too.

### **Changes at Boom**

We have disconnected the sensors that are situated on the wall of the guard house. We did the to force the guards to be positioned on the "island" so that they can look into vehicles as they enter and leave the area.

River Ridge are getting quotes to do the same. If it rains, the guard will be given a remote to open the booms from the shelter of the guard house.

## **Paying Residents**

We wish to thank all those residents who continue paying. Without your contributions we would not be able to maintain and improve our closure. The crime statistics in neighbouring areas are high, and we are very lucky to live in such a safe, boomed area.

## Willow Park

The park is looking magnificent! There have been many improvements over the year, and we thank everyone involved for donating tables, benches, bricks, plants, sponsorship for the gardeners, etc. It is lovely to see how many people are enoying this area.

## **Security Advice over the Festive Season**

## **Check Security Equipment**

We all know that criminal activity increases over the festive season, so please be extra vigilant at all times. Please test your alarm, electric fence, beams and batteries (which may have been compromised by load shedding). Call the control room and inform them that you are testing, to avoid the vehicle unnecessarily responding to a non-emergency.

### **House Sitters**

If you are going away and have a house sitter, please give the control room their number. Please also give the house sitter the vehicle and control room's number.

### **Report concerns**

If you feel uncomfortable about anything in the area, or suspect there maybe someone following you, please call the patrol vehicle immediately. That is what they are there for.

## 24/7 Security

We would like to extend a thank you to 24/7 for keeping us safe this year. There are many management patrols, K-9 sweeps in the parks and veld outside our closure and evening meetings, that many residents are not aware of.

## **Collection for the Guards**

Chantelle from Keurboom Crescent, has very kindly offered to manage the annual monetary collection for the guards again this year. There are guards 6 in total. Please contact Chantelle to arrange your donation - 082 300 8514. Collection will run to 14 December.

Emergency Numbers		
Patrol Vehicle	079 543 2958	
24/7 Control room	011 444 2237	
SDS – guards at bridge	086 122 2373	
Emer-G-Med Ambulance	086 100 7911	
Netcare 911	082 911	
Hatzolah Mabulance	086 010 0101	

We wish everyone a safe and happy festive season, and to those who celebrate, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

### **Kind Regards**

