

New committee to be elected

Noordheuwel — A new committee for Noordheuwel, Noordkruin and Rangeview Community Policing Forum (CPF) will be elected at the next meeting.

The monthly meeting, which was held last week, had residents discussing the importance of electing a new chair as soon as possible, seeing that current chair Craig Firman was not even present at the last two meetings.

Executive committee (Exco) chair Amanda de Lange, who was also at the meeting, noted that a drastic change was in order for the sector.

"My biggest concern is the safety of the community. A lot of mudslinging has been taking place within this sector and I feel strongly that it needs new guidance and direction," said De Lange.

She expressed her concern towards all the other sectors and said that she believes each sector has their own set of problems.

"We attend to every single problem, whether it be internal or external. I propose that a re-election is done and I urge residents to come to the next meeting."

Furthermore, she said most of the problems in the community is caused by the city council.

"There are no streetlights, simple services such as cutting long grass is not even done and the fact that the council does not even enforce its own by-laws brings even more problems. There is only so much the police can do, and I believe they make a huge difference."

Sector manager Carmen Herrendoerfer submitted some positive crime statistics.

"Crime has gone down a lot in Noordheuwel, but residential robberies are still on the increase. Complexes are being targeted, but overall crime in Krugersdorp is under control."

Superintendent Joseph Molegai was also present and said police will embark on numerous clean-up operations. He also noted that more senior police members, as well as the Traffic Department, was present at the meeting.

"This is a very good sign. More and more CPFs are becoming the foundation to help secure our areas and rid them of crime. We as the police take it very serious," said Molegai.

The next meeting will take place on 6 August in the AFM Church hall at 7pm. This will also be the re-election meeting. All residents of Noordheuwel, Noordkruin and Rangeview are urged to attend.



Exco chairman, Amanda de Lange.

In short

Reward

Kagiso — Kagiso police offer a reward of R15 000 to anyone with information which would help them to arrest the criminals responsible for house robberies in Swaneville, Rietvallei and Kagiso.

SAPS spokesman, Inspector Solomon Sibiyi, said three suspects had forced their way into a couple's shack on 16 June by kicking down the door.

"Once inside they demanded cash at gunpoint and assaulted the couple, after which they fled."

Sibiyi said that, on the following day, the three suspects had attacked a couple at Rietvallei Extension 14 where they also kicked open the door.

"They demanded cash and the owner of the house resisted. A shot was fired and he was later pronounced dead at the scene."

The suspects fled with a TV set. Community members accosted them but the suspects dropped the set and fled. It was later found to be the deceased's property.

Contact Kagiso police on 011 410 1516 or 073 469 9323 with your information.

Eyewitness needed

Mindalore — Eyewitnesses to a hit-and-run accident on 28 June are urged to come forward.

The incident took place in Main Reef Road opposite the Mermaids Bar at around midnight. It is believed that three vehicles were involved. Marcel Sandro Gonsalves (18), died in hospital after he had swerved out of the way for another vehicle and hit a lamp post.

It is alleged that the person who had caused the accident stole Marcel's belongings before driving off in a white Opel Monza.

Please contact Sergio Gonsalves at 083 255 2881 with any information.

Suspect caught

Kagiso — Six unknown suspects robbed a 29-year-old man of his money and cellphone in Kagiso last week. He was threatened with a knife.

According to spokesman of Kagiso SAPS, Inspector Solomon Sibiyi, the man was stopped by six men as he was walking in a street. "They searched him and stole R700 and his cellphone," said Sibiyi.

The men then fled but the complainant managed to remember one of them. He reported the matter to the police the following day. The suspects were traced and the complainant could point out one of the suspects. He was immediately arrested and detained.

'Sorry, not our area!'



Brian McCoy showing that one side of Bell Drive sidewalk's grass is cut, but the other side into upper Rangeview is not.

Upper Rangeview — It has been more than six months since the NEWS has reported on the lack of services in the 'Cinderella' area of Krugersdorp.

Ward committee member and resident Brian McCoy spoke to the NEWS last week about the bare minimum that has been done in Rangeview.

"They have cut the grass once and have only now replaced the missing manhole cover."

McCoy and a few other residents even planted some 15 trees in the area; however, only six still remain. "The trees die out because of the long grass." He said Rangeview residents will pay more rates and taxes because they live in an upper class area.

"I'll gladly pay more but when I ask for a little in return, I'm told that this area does not fall under their routine clean-up. During the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) roadshow in May, Parks Department manager Rinus Bouwer was asked whether this matter would be sorted out. He mentioned "immediate attention" in reply. But McCoy says nothing has been done. Ward councillor Lynn Pannall told the NEWS that, in the course of a telephone discussion, Bouwer had promised her that something would be done.

McCoy feels the situation is causing tremendous strain on residents and the property market. "There is no interest in this area anymore and council is at fault."

A lot quieter at haven

Krugersdorp North — The Ubuntu Assembly Church of South Africa has been a lot quieter since the NEWS' last report in May.

The church wants to start a haven for street kids but the surrounding community has been less than enthusiastic about the plan.

The NEWS recently spoke to Kevin Cosslett to find out what has happened since a council chamber hearing was held to determine the future of this church.

"We are very happy to say that the place looks better and cleaner. There are no more loud noises and they're not disturbing the peace of the neighbourhood anymore."

Cosslett also said the Occupational Health and Safety Department

has sent out an inspector from Pretoria to inspect the premises. "They were served a notice to fix their electricity. They were given 60 days to do so."

Ward councillor Annette Fourie, who is also a portfolio member of Local Economic Development (LED), said the decision to grant the church the status of a safe house for street children, is still pending.

Church leader Alfred Matiwane claimed in February last year that an application for a children's home had been filed. "We are very positive about the outcome, but we don't want to comment until we have a decision," said a colleague, Isreal Msiathaga in May, on behalf of Matiwane.

Mining no minor issue

Krugersdorp — The NEWS reported on the disturbing trend towards illegal mining in closed mine shafts that have been reopened in the Krugersdorp area in the 3 July issue.

Subsequent to our queries, the municipality has logged an official inquest with the Department of Minerals and Energy (DME), whose jurisdiction illegal mining falls under.

The municipality is still awaiting a response from the DME, after which appropriate action will be taken.

Nkosana Zali, communication specialist for the Mogale City local municipality says, "The municipality is not only concerned with the criminals who are engaged in these

illegal activities, but also that the mining houses have allowed the mines to be left in this manner that endangers our community. We are therefore interested in finding a long-term solution to this problem, in order to protect both the community and the Mogale City environment.

"We are appealing for patience while the municipality is working with the DME and other agencies such as Safety and Security in sorting this issue out.

"I would like to reiterate that the recent tragedy that killed 76 miners has proven how dangerous this practice is and that the municipality does not want a similar tragedy to occur on our doorstep."

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Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report
Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd and Eskom Distribution Central Region hereby announce the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for public comment. The report will be made available from 13 July 2009 to 27 August 2009 at the following locations:
• The Tarlton Post Office
• The Randfontein Public Library (Stubbs/Sutherland St)
• Arcus GIBB head Office (1410 Eglin Rd, Sunninghill)
• <http://projects.gibb.co.za>
Invitation to attend an Information Sharing Meeting
You are also invited to attend an Information Sharing Meeting (ISM) that will be held as follows:
Venue: Nelson Mandela Hall, Cecilia Street
Date: 12 August 2009
Time: 18h30-20h00 (Registration at 18h00)
The meeting will comprise of a presentation of the findings of the EIA Phase including specialist input and maps of the alternative corridors. There will be an opportunity for comments and/or queries to be lodged with the EIA consultants. For enquiries, please contact: **Ms Kasantha Moodley** at:
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FIRST AID COURSE SA RED CROSS
Krugersdorp SA Red Cross Society will be holding a First Aid Course at 9 Hugo Street, Krugersdorp North, Commencing on:
Monday 3 August 09
Tuesday 4 August 09
and Wednesday 5 August 09
from 8.30am to 4 pm each day (16 Hour Courses)
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