

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

THANKS FOR JOINING OUR MISSION !!

Its great to see all the new members signing onto VMNW. At this rate were surely going to win the battle on theft and the like. Our membership is now over 90 people and growing which is fantastic.

Thanks needs to go out to those doing patrols as just seeing them roaming the streets day and night offer both the residents and visitors loads of comfort just knowing they are there. Yes they are the Care Bears of Vaal Marina for sure!!! Not only do they deter criminal activity but much interest and increased members have resulted. Thanks also goes out to those members supporting from their respective homes, being vigilant and keeping a watchful eye from wherever they are.

We need to remain acutely aware that criminals seek out the weak, unprotected, unaware and complacent individuals who offer limited, if any resistance. Thefts continue taking place but mostly opportunistic so everyone needs to keep their respective eyes peeled and contact VMNW if any suspicious activity is noticed. Via communication, be it by, SMS, Whatsapp, email or telephone, just do it !!

For those not yet part of our familyHow can I help?

As with most things in life, failure is destined without commitment and "Buy In". To ensure the continuation of VMNW, we appeal to all Home owners to play their role. If we all stand together as a community, only good things can come of it. Please become part of the VMNW.

Notably many Holiday Home Owners have limited ability to support via patrols etc. but there are many other ways to contribute. As patrolling is the key, the appeal is for those able bodied folk to become active even if only once in a blue moon.. For those that cannot support actual patrolling, the request is for funds to support the infrastructure to keep this initiative alive.

Remember this is a community venture and is NON PROFIT. At the nominal annual fee of R 350, surely it is well within each persons reach to contribute to ensure the ongoing success thereof.



SUCSESSES UPDATE

- A notably larger group of members joined our recent February 2016 meeting which was fantastic. Many new ideas were presented!! New blood !!! New Ideas !!
- Not only are patrols ongoing but the spirit of camaraderie and togetherness has knitted our family together fantastically.
- Ongoing Communication improvements via radio usage are still in its infancy due to cost constraints but the increase in membership does allow for periodic purchase of more. (limited to 9 radios at present)
- Police cooperation continues to improve which is most appreciated.
- Monthly Police – CPF – VMNW meetings are proving to be most beneficial and we look forward to an ongoing professional and friendly relationship well into the future.
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- VMNW membership shows good signs of growth, but absolute satisfaction remains a distant dream until and unless all residents show interest.

A FEW BITS MORE BITS OF INFO / THOUGHTS

- Not too long now before a VMNW radio will be permanently positioned in the Police Station.
 - We are pursuing the need for all workers within Vaal Marina to be finger printed and issued with a card in the hope of reducing the risk of theft.
 - We will need the community support and intervention by only employing those in possession of such
- People need to be alert as there is reason to believe that the Refuse Removal van has /is being used to transport stolen stuff to the rubbish dump, then into Mamello or elsewhere.
- An appeal is that all crimes be reported to the police, never mind how insignificant, as only then can we truly monitor our and the Police success at curbing criminal activity.
- Remember: If no case is opened, it is assumed no robbery occurred. We can only take the matter further based on a case number supplied.

CRIME REPORT (VM) December & January 2016

Housebreaking	- 3 (3 suspects arrested)
Vehicle Theft	- 2 (recovered 1)
General theft	- 1 (bicycle)

Activity in surrounding areas

Stock Theft	- 2 (7 suspects arrested)
Mamello	- 4
Ring Road	- 2

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CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE:

It is with regret that Selwyn King has decided to resign from VMNW committee due to his other commitments relating to both the CPF and the VM Water Front. Our most sincere thanks goes to Selwyn for all his SUPER efforts during the start up phase of VMNW and of course his ongoing commitment at ensuring the success of VMNW to-date. His valued persistence and determination has had a major impact on its success and we look forward to his ongoing support in his capacity of PRO to the CPF well into the future.

Selwyn remains an active member of VMNW and has indicated his ABSOLUTE support to the committee whenever his services, input or and suggestions are required.

Make no mistake Selwyn, your ongoing input and support will be most appreciated so don't get to cosy !!

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Gentle Advice / Thoughts based on observations to date:

Owners and owner friends continue to park their cars, boys-toys etc outside while partying inside. Please be aware that our town is still in SA!!

In the case of hearing an alarm going off, please report to Secret Eye immediately.!

By chaining gates using padlocks, makes it difficult for thieves.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Afrikaans Church is holding HOBO party on the 27th February 2016. Tickets at R 50 are moving fast so in case of any interest, please contact Johann Potgieter (see above)

STOLEN and on the look out for:

Please be on the look out for the following items which were stolen recently

- An Orange 5hp petrol lawnmower without a pull start rope
- 2x wooden garden chairs.
- Garden Tools

Please contact myself or / and the Police
Ron Downs: 0846576620

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