

SSNWatch

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200
members!

Another milestone

We continued to see more residents sign up in June, increasing our membership beyond 200 persons. This is a significant milestone in our journey.

When interacting with our community, we continue to learn that many residents are not aware of the SSNWatch. We are planning a show of force with all our patrollers through the area to show our presence and grow interest. We have also printed flyers which are being distributed in the neighbourhood. The Crime Reporting Group and Facebook page communication channels will be complimented by an additional channel to interact with our community. Watch this space for some exciting news soon.

Our raffle in May was the best supported to date. Funds raised will go towards our ongoing projects with the priority being increasing our CCTV camera network. Congratulations to Michaela Bowers in winning the May raffle. Enjoy!

As the SSNWatch EXCO we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our members for your continued support and faith in SSNWatch to make a positive difference in our community. Please encourage your neighbours to join to enable us to increasingly improve our neighbourhood.

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"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity."

- Amelia Earhart

Metro Traffic



As many of the infringements that negatively impact our community are traffic and bylaw related, the metro traffic department, is a key partner in our efforts to improve law and order in our neighbourhood.

We appreciate the positive response and engagement we've had from the metro traffic department. Mr Warren Prins, Director Metro Traffic, attended our EXCO meeting in June and reinforced the metro's commitment to working with SSNWatch.

Metro traffic have increased their patrols and visibility in are neighbourhood. Metro traffic vehicles are being stationed at intersections where stop signs are frequently ignored and are recording incident. Please obey the traffic laws to avoid fines.



Expanding EXCO



Welcome to Ian Millar who has taken up the Public relations role on the SSNWatch EXCO. Ian's primary role is to engage with key stakeholders and partner towards common community security objectives. Ian has already made significant progress in starting a process to formalise car guards on the beachfront to eliminate unregistered car guards.

Ian was born in Northern Rhodesia and has been living in Port Elizabeth for some 55 years where he lived in Humewood for some years and Summerstrand for the past 30 years. Ian spent 43 years working for one of South Africa's largest electronic/electrical groups, Altron/Powertech. He started out in the field of Human Resources and Industrial Relations and spent the last 30 years or so of his career in various Group Executive functions including that of Deputy CEO for Aberdare Cables, South Africa, Spain, Portugal and Mozambique. Ian has been married to Merle for almost 45 years and they have three sons, Bradley, Ashley and Cameron, a daughter, Candice, and a daughter-in-law, Catherine. They are also very proud grandparents to Ashley and Cate's daughter, Mackenzie, who is 9 months old.



Bush Fires

With winter in full force, homeless persons living in the bush areas have little choice that to start fires to keep warm. Unfortunately, these fires are often not attended to properly and with the strong winds have gotten out of control quickly with the risk to neighbouring homes and businesses.

We are also often finding that fires are started to burn off plastic insulation from stolen cables. These incidents have been reported to the relevant authorities.

Thank you to the fire department for the prompt response times when called out and the high level of professionalism showed. If you notice smoke, please report it to the fire department on 041 585 1555 or on the Crime Reporting Group.



Business partners



Thank you to Andrew at Summerstrand Pharmacy for the generous donation of 20 mobile first aid kits. These will come in handy as our patrollers are very often first on scene at incidents.

Cemetery Patrols

SSNWatch has received numerous reports of robberies at the cemetery. In response, we have increased our patrols especially over weekends when the cemetery is often busiest and attractive to criminals.

We have discovered many incidents of damage to the perimeter fencing recently installed and reported this to the relevant municipal department. The openings in the fence allow unrestricted access and escape routes to and from the cemetery.

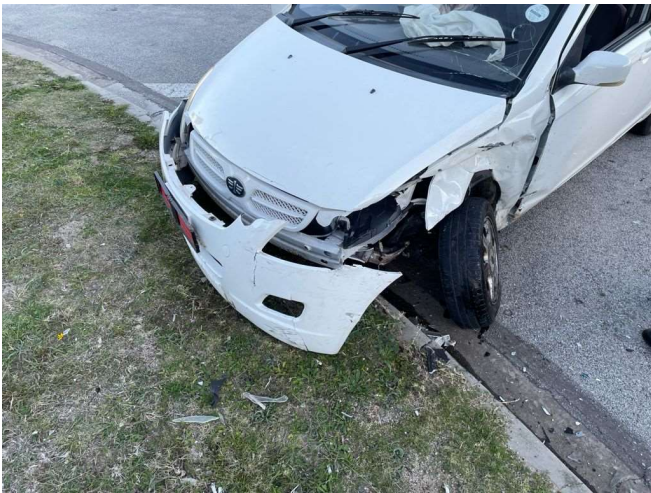
Please be vigilant when visiting the cemetery and report any suspicious activity immediately.



Traffic Incidents



SSNWatch attended to a serious motor vehicle accident on Admiralty. Two vehicles were involved with significant damage to both vehicles. Both drivers were fortunately conscious and taken to hospital for further evaluation.



Thank you to the neighbours that assisted in calming the drivers until help arrived. Thank you also for assisting SSNWatch in spreading sand over the extensive oil leaks to prevent other vehicles from losing traction and causing another accident.

Excessive speeding and ignoring of traffic signs continue to plague our neighbourhood. Thank you to the metro police for reacting to our call for additional traffic policing.

Furry Friends

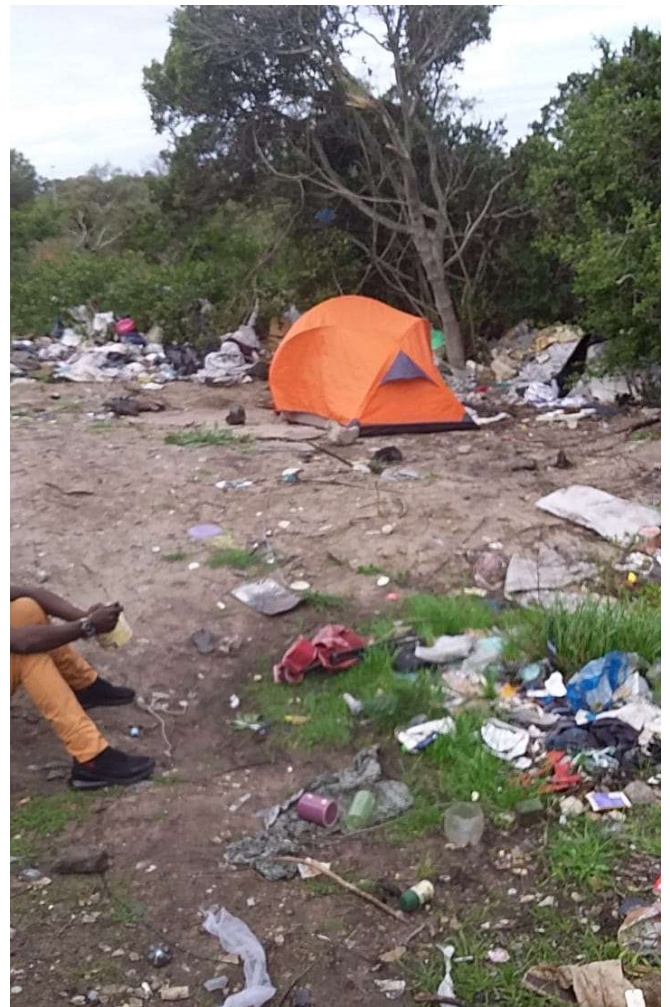
While our focus is on crime prevention our patrollers and community have also assisted in reuniting many furry friends and their families. Please ensure your pets are tagged and chipped.



Bush Patrols

As mentioned in previous newsletters, one of the main challenges to effectively fighting crime in our neighbourhood are the vast bush areas to the west of the neighbourhood.

Patrols into the bush areas have identified numerous informal dwellings, located suspects and found cases of cable theft and damage to municipal property. All this information is shared with SAPS and NMBM.



Thank you to our security partners



Quick Stats



Crime Group: **585**



Members: **202**



Patrollers: **79**

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Scan the code to become a member:



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