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Chairman's Message

With the blink of an eye and one year has flown by. What started as a small community Whatsapp group, has grown into a fully-fledged Neighbourhood Watch. Even the original EXCO committee has evolved over time and now play a pivotal role in ensuring that the wheel keeps moving forward.

This year has brought a lot of challenges with various stages of lockdown affecting us all and thanks to a dedicated team of volunteer patrollers the **SSNWatch** has tried its best to minimize crime within the suburb of Summerstrand. SAPS have indicated that whilst there is still crime in terms of vehicle theft, house break-ins and cellphone muggings, the numbers are the lowest in years.

We presently have 62 patrollers who patrol the suburb during set shifts and report suspicious activity to our Control 9. We are supported by our security partners Atlas, FADT and City Wide with FADT (CIC) Community Information Centre monitoring our communications. They in turn report the more serious incidents to SAPS, Metro Police & Traffic and request medical assistance where necessary. Our total membership numbers have grown to 240 which include 5 corporates members with two more pending (total to date 7).

Our 'eyes and ears' members play a very important role to ensure that we as a community are alerted as soon as something seems to be out of place. We also have over 656 members on our Summerstrand Crime Report Telegram group.

We endeavour to push our technological resources and as we do so, we realize that IT plays a crucial role in monitoring the more high-risk hotspots. We are pleased to announce that to date we have 10 cameras in place and presently busy with an installation of our first NPR (Number Plate Recognition) camera. This includes 2x Hik IP Accusense smart camera devices. The **SSNWatch** are also pleased to report that we are in the process of loading the 13 cameras into the CIC monitoring room that will keep a shift view of the areas we are currently monitoring.

We have also placed bush cameras in strategic spots and have been successful in monitoring movement in the bush area on the corner of Gomery/Alashan which has demonstrated elevated levels of criminal activity. Furthermore, the **SSNWatch** has arranged for bush cutting along the bush line in the Gomery, Alashan, Amery, Sherwood and Richardson areas as well as vehicle patrols into the bush area to examine various escape routes. There have been dedicated patrols by **SSNWatch** in the Forrest Hill Cemetery and due to our conscious efforts in this regard, SAPS have joined us in patrolling and monitoring the area in order to curb the mugging of community members who visit the cemetery on a daily basis. We are pleased to announce a steep decline in criminal activity since these dedicated patrols started.

I would like to thank my former EXCO members Bradley, Jono, Brad, Mia and Karin who started with me on this venture and express my further thanks to the present committee Prof, Ian, Rob, Gail, Candice for their hours of sacrifice and commitment. Our brand **SSNWatch** has grown from strength to strength and we now play a vital role within the CPF (Community Policing Forum) as well the ECANHW (Eastern Cape Association of Neighbourhood Watches). To ensure sustainability we need the community to join the Neighbourhood Watch by visiting our website: www.ssnwatch.co.za "Together we are stronger" - **Sean Tappan**, Chairman

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"There is no magic to achievement. It's really about hard work, choices, and persistence."
- Michelle Obama

Welcome Candice

Candice Millar is a Grade 0 teacher at Newton Park Pre-Primary, as well as a worship leader at Walmer Methodist Church. She has a passion for singing, dancing and acting and has been involved in numerous productions in Port Elizabeth. Her hobbies include spending time with her loved ones, going on adventures, traveling and being outdoors. She looks forward to being the secretary of Summerstrand Neighbourhood Watch.





Corporate Collaboration

Thank you to Caltex Marine Drive for the generous donation of equipment that will be used by our patrollers in our fight against crime. Caltex was one of our first corporate members and has consistently supported us.



SSNWatch is proud to announce Barney's Tavern has joined us as a Corporate Member!

We take this opportunity to thank the owner of Barney's, Craig Mittens and his team for their support which will assist us in working towards eliminating crime in our suburb and along our beautiful beachfront.



SSNWatch is also proud to announce Pam Golding has also joined us as a Corporate Member!

We take this opportunity to thank Ian Olivier and his team for their support which will assist us in working towards eliminating crime in our suburb and along our beautiful beachfront.

We would like to encourage you to look for the notice at the entrance of Pam Golding and scan the QR code to join **SSNWatch**.

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We have GREAT news! Something Good Road House is promoting **SSNWatch** and will be offering the following special for the month of October - Mondays to Fridays!



1. A complimentary cappuccino, tea or coffee with every breakfast purchased by a **SSNWatch** member.
 2. Any craft beer brewed at Bridgestreet Brewery on a buy one get one free basis from 11am to 4:30pm.
- Please present your membership card to your waiter.



Metro Mention

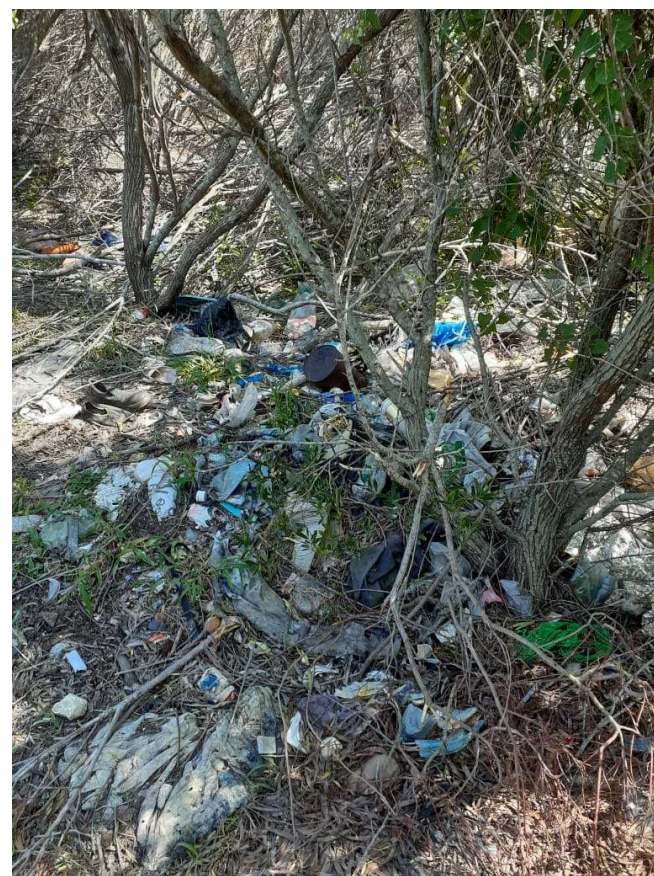


(Pictured in the photo far left to right is: Ward 2 Councillor Renaldo Gouws, **SSNWatch** Marketing/PRO Ian Millar, Vice Chairman **SSNWatch** Prof Pieter Binsbergen, Sean Tappan Chairman **SSNWatch** and candidate Ward 1 Councillor, Dries van der Westhuyzen)

The Summerstrand Neighbourhood Watch (**SSNWatch**) would like to thank Mr John Best (MMC Safety and Security) of the Metro for the equipment to be used by our patrollers and to assist with the fight against crime.

Unfortunately, Mr Best was unable to attend the handover due to pressing business matters. The handover was conducted by candidate Councillor for Ward 1, Mr Dries van der Westhuyzen and Ward 2 Councillor Mr Renaldo Gouws.

SSNWatch continues to work with the Metro Solid Waste department is clearing open areas around our suburbs. We really appreciate this partnership and the high level of professionalism from the municipal teams.



Gary Ellis (supervisor for cemeteries at Forest Hill, Qubegha, South End) who has been organizing the clean up around the cemetery including getting the living there to cut internal and external bushes Port Jackson Willow.





We also continue to work with authorities to remove illegal structures in the bush areas which are frequently used as bases for illegal activities. This is an ongoing challenge which **SSNWatch** will continue to address through bush patrols, identification of illegal structures and reporting to the authorities for removal.



Our City Ranger, Elton is a very pleasant person and extremely efficient at what he does which is implementing and reinforcing the Dumping By law.

In Summerstrand we have a problem with contractors, builders and some members of our community dumping their rubble etc in various corners of our suburb. If you send us pics of dumping in action and vehicle registration they will be fined.





SAPS Reserves



Thank you to Shaun Roberts who has put up his hand to further support the security structures and will complete his SAPS reservist training. This will further reinforce the strong working relationship between our community and SAPS.

Slippery friends

With the weather warming, please be on the lookout for snakes and report sightings on the crime reporting group so they can be safely removed.



Crime Corner



We've had an incident of criminals entering homes through the roof. Please ensure your alarm system is tested regularly or contact our security partners Fidelity ADT, Atlas Security or Citywide Security to install an alarm system.



It has been frustrating to observe the extensive vandalism to recently repaired lighting and electrical infrastructure along the beachfront. Please report any damage to municipal infrastructure or any persons in possession of electrical cabling or fittings.

SSNWatch has increased our patrols of the beachfront at night and will continue to support the beachfront policing unit.



Security Partners

As special thank you to all our public and private sector security and emergency services partners. We would not be able to be effective without your support. We look forward to another year of partnering with you.



Quick Stats



Crime Reporting Group: **656**



Members: **226**



Patrollers: **62**

Contact Us

Scan the code to become a member:



And join the **SSNWatch** Telegram Crime Reporting Group:



Mail: ssnwatch@gmail.com

Mobile: **083 278 3772**

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