



SSNWatch

Newsletter | JUNE 2022

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

"The first few months of the year has passed us and we are already planning for the second half of the year! The natural evolution of any volunteer organization is taking place with new members joining whilst other members leave the area for business or personal reasons. The SSNWatch needs to be sustainable going forward and two of the main factors are volunteer patrollers and financial support from the members and Corporate Sponsors. With the massive increase in fuel the EXCO has to look at reimbursing patrollers for petrol used during their patrols even if it is initially part thereof. Many of our members pay a monthly contribution which assists towards signage, bibs and first aid kits however 50% of the members benefit from free security and patrols but don't support with time, skills and or donation. We have made arrangements with students, pensioners and/or residents effected by covid 19. "Together we are Stronger"! "

Sean Tappan

Sector Patrols

A lot of administration takes place behind the scenes with Thomas Van Deemter assisting with training as well as patrol rosters and record keeping of the various patrollers. The areas in Summerstrand are divided as follows each with a sector Captain.

A1 – (Alpha1) Sean Tappan - Alashan/Amery/Admiralty/Strandfontein.

A2 - (Alpha2) Justin Acker - Admiralty/Galpin/Richardson/Strandfontein.

B - (Bravo) - Unallocated

C - (Charlie) Steven Lurie - Strandfontein/2nd Ave/Brighton/ Admiralty

D - (Delta) Steven Lurie - Brighton/2nd Ave/marine drive/Admiralty

E - (Echo) Russel Booth - Strandfontein/ Caulfield/ Erasmus/2nd Ave

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"Changing the world is not easy, but its pursuit will change you profoundly!"

Leroy Hood

Echo Sector

This month we feature Echo Sector just opposite Sasol and to the left of 2nd Avenue. Sector Captain, Russell Booth, a retired Pick 'n Pay Executive is married to Tash and lives in Caulfield Road. Russell is often team leader during patrols and his voice is heard as Control 9. The Echo Sector borders the Happy Valley bush line as a high risk area. The tip is also opposite McArthur Street which attracts vagrants to the area who trade in scrap metal.

The Happy Valley has also been a route for criminals committing crime on the beachfront and perlemoen poaching activity. Whilst the old cricket grounds are used mainly for dog walks in the evenings we also need to ensure that vagrants don't further vandalise the club house. The tip gate railing has been removed and we have requested its repairs to be made a priority to ensure that the gate can be locked after hours to keep out the local vagrants from removing general waste to the surrounding bush areas. The area is covered by the Atlas AI CCTV system which assists with fighting crime, however it would be great to increase patroller eyes and ears in the area to ensure a safe neighbourhood and sector.



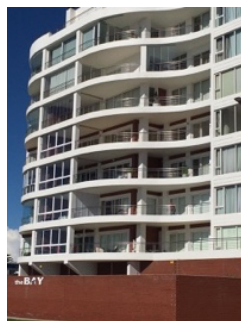
(Picture above- Russell Booth – Echo Sector Captain)

NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new members including our new beachfront apartment members!

Members in high rise buildings are well positioned to also be the "eyes and ears" for SSNW. If you would like a discussion on how to be eyes and ears and which of our applications to use to bring matters to our attention, please contact Sean Tappan at ssnwatch@gmail.com.

"TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER"



DONATIONS

We would like to thank Big Bandle and SAPS for the generous donations to SSNW. Your generosity is very much appreciated!



Sustainability

In an effort to provide a quality service to our community, it is imperative that we have the capacity to perform and ensure sustainability.

Currently the funds we receive are applied to our technology requirements, i.e., cameras, computers. In addition, we contribute to bush clearance in areas of high security risk, as well as SSNW reflective bibs and magnetic car signage.

Our patrollers are voluntary and conduct all their mandatory two hours a month patrols as well as other ad hoc and emergency patrols at their own costs. In future, we would like to provide some assistance to our patrollers, i.e., contribute a portion to fuel costs when on patrol.

For enquiries to joining SSNW, please contact:

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Visit ssnwatch.co.za for more info!

METRO MENTION

Mr Naseff Kafaar is continuously working hard fixing lighting along our beachfront. Homeless people removing copper wire requires us to become more innovative. The newly developed sleeve to cover the openings lasted for a while. Now we have to go back to the drawing board.

If any of our readers have an innovative idea of how we can stop cable theft at the bottom of the poles from happening, please send us your constructive suggestion. Also remember, we have children and pets that move around these open light poles.

Thank you, Naseff. Don't give up!



Our Ranger: Mr E Swart

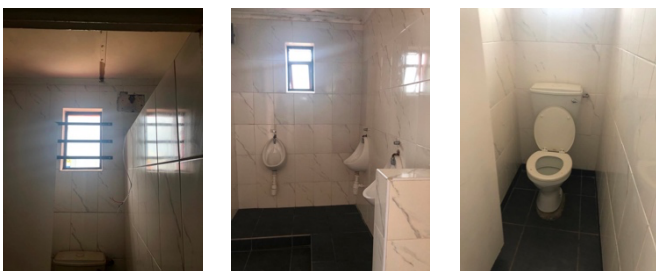


Mr Swart has been hard at work responding to all our calls to catch those who are dumping their building rubble and kitchen and garden refuse in our area. So far Elton has issued R6000 in fines. It is a pity we cannot name and shame some of the transgressors.

Thank you, Elton! Keep up the good work!

Something Good Toilet Facilities

We are pleased to see that the toilets at Something Good car park have been repaired and are now open. Hopefully all other facilities will be repaired and vagrant-proofed as far as possible. We cannot accept the current situation as the new normal.



Metro Police

Well done to members of the Metro Police cyclists! It is great to see the visibility and to see them dealing with people who are not complying with our by-laws. Please continue to make our place a better place.

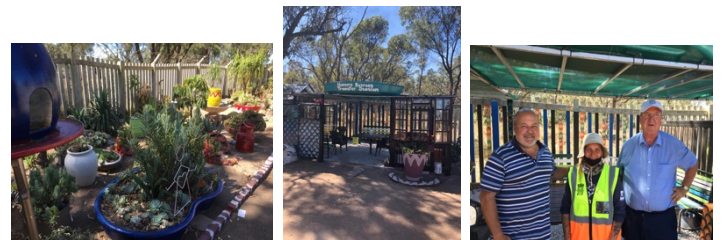


THE TIP

During March, members of the SSNW EXCO visited the Greenbushes Transfer Station (The Tip). This tip has 27 people working there and is managed by a lady called Reine.

Refuse drop-off and "picking" for recycling is pretty efficient. All-in-all this is a fairly tidy operation and organized to manage recycling of paper, metal, glass and plastic.

All those working there have a "stake" in the process and proceeds which are derived from recycling companies who go there to collect the recycled products.



After the above visit, our PR/Marketing EXCO member met with the head of Port Elizabeth Transfer Stations at our Summerstrand Tip. The purpose of the meeting was to establish how our Summerstrand Tip can be improved upon and secured. Having discussed current budgeting constraints and environmental regulatory compliances, etc., it was clear that nothing is likely to happen this year. However, Mrs. Lindelwa Mgijima agreed to get the municipality to cut away a lot of the Port Jackson Willow and generally tidy up the tip area. Hopefully, our tip will look a little better before year end.

Neighbourhood Watch Signs

By now most of you will have noted our warning signs at the various entry points to Summerstrand. Regrettably, we are having a problem erecting a sign as you enter Summerstrand via the Humewood bridge. At this stage the municipal directorate for beaches is opposing the erection of a sign at the spot opposite City Lodge. The end sign below is the one in dispute.



Forest Hill Cemetery

The Forest Hill Four remain at large. We did, however, get close to catching them after they recently robbed and assaulted a couple at a graveside. During this incident, we managed to track them for some 5 kilometers on a route through the bush in the direction of the sewerage works towards the new extension of Walmer Location. An item, dropped by one of the suspects, has been handed in to the SAPS for fingerprints – here's hoping!

We continue to patrol the cemetery and report on damaged fencing, water taps, etc. The perimeter fencing at the cemetery is a lot clearer now as much of the Port Jackson Willow has been cut down or burnt thus improving visibility. It is fair to say that Mr. Greg Kops (Director in charge of Port Elizabeth cemeteries and Parks Department), has been doing a good job cleaning up the cemetery despite budgetary constraints.



CHAIR-MAN

After receiving an early morning report of a person running from McArthur swimming pool with 6 Addis chairs on his shoulders, two of our patrollers recovered the stolen goods and returned them to McArthur swimming pool. The person who stole the chairs, upon being discovered, disappeared into the harbour area and is still running. Thanks to Ian and Hannes for "saving the chairs" and thanks to the couple who reported the theft on the Summerstrand Crime Watch group.



DRIFTSANDS CORNER

Whilst Humewood falls out of our jurisdiction, our residents do go running via the S-Bend and Humerail Bridge and have, at times, been assaulted and robbed in that area.

Our community policing forum and W/O Van Der Berg have, together with Sean Tappan and his SSNW team, been involved in removing illegal shacks from Transnet Valley. Also assisting in the operation was Mr William's Metro Team and members from the Municipal Waste Department.

An amount of mandrax tablets and some knives were confiscated and a trailer was hired to remove all belongings and waste from the area. Thank you, SAPS, security companies and the Metro for your efforts in making a difference in this area.

A special thank you to all of those who were involved in cutting and clearing the bush on this corner!



Boet Clean-Up



Thank you to Lee-Roy and Gammy for assisting us with the clean up at the Boet Erasmus Road, where the Fruit & Veg lady sits.

If anyone is caught dumping in that area, the fine is R2000 and you get the opportunity to meet Mr Elton Swart!

BUS SHED & HUMEWOOD POLICE STATION GARDEN CLEANUP

SSNW would also like to thank Glenn Pappin, the General Manager of Town Lodge and City Lodge group and a SSNW member and patroller, for cleaning out the bus shelter opposite Barneys (deep clean), as well as providing boerewors rolls and cooldrink at the Humewood Police Station after the clean-up operation, conducted by SENW and SSNW and the Forest Hill Neighbourhood Watch.

In the photographs below you can see W/O van Der Berg lifting "weights" and Sean Tappan making sure Councillor Renaldo Gouws can operate the lawnmower.

Great to see community support for our Police Station. Thanks Glenn Pappin and Ian Millar for carting approximately 30 loads of cuttings to the tip.



Our Furry Friends



We continue to be successful in finding lost pets and it shows how effective our community communication systems are.

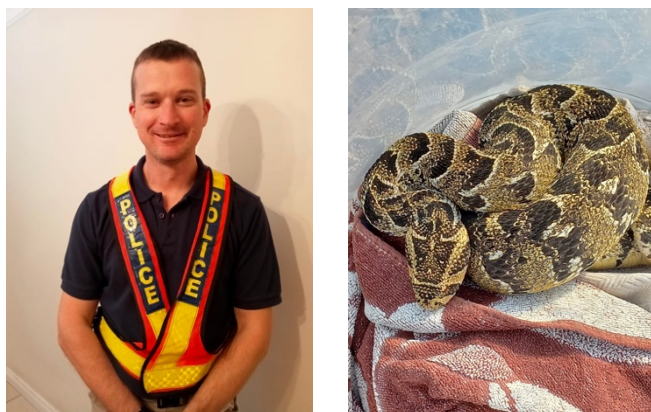
We have had challenging moments with Speedy and Molly (middle), as well as our other two furry friends, the escape artists from McWilliams Road 'Tennis Court'.

We appeal to ALL pet owners – Please look after your pets and keep them safely within your property!

Our Slippery Friends

Shawn Roberts (The Badge), our Friendly Snake Catcher, has been very busy in our area, mainly as a result of the heat and the work going on with the development of the university's new entrance. From January until now he has caught six Puff Adders, two Boomslangs, two Redlipped Heralds and three Western Natal Greens.

Shawn is also our Police Reservist and has caught a number of slippery criminals. Let's watch out for future editions!



Thank you to our security partners!

A BIG thank you goes out to all of our public and private sector security and emergency services partners. We would not be able to do any of this without you and your support! We are excited to see what this year brings!



Our Stats!



Crime Reporting Group: **646**



Members: **244**



Active Patrollers: **53**

Contact Us

Scan the code to become a member:



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