

**PARKTOWN
WEST
RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

NEWSLETTER
January 2025

Dear Parktown West Residents,

Welcome to the first newsletter/update of 2025 from the Parktown West Residents Association! We'd also like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all the new residents who have joined our community over the past year.

This newsletter/update is designed to keep you informed about the latest happenings, events, and initiatives in Parktown West. We aim to create a vibrant and inclusive community where everyone's voice is heard, and ideas are brought to life.

Stay tuned for updates on upcoming community events, improvement projects, safety precautions, and much more. We encourage your involvement and welcome your suggestions to further enhance our neighbourhood.

We're all in this together, and we believe that by working together, we can make Parktown West an even better place to live. We value your participation and engagement in shaping the future of our community.

Let's make great things happen together!

Warm regards,
Parktown West Residents Association

HISTORY

PARKTOWN WAS A TSWANA LAND SETTLEMENT WITH THE LAND RIGHTS TAKEN AND TRANSFERRED TO BRAAMFONTEIN.

It was then bought in 1890 by Edouard Lippert as Braamfontein farm and then renamed Marein Hof after his wife Marie. He then portioned the land into plots and developed a township for the wealthy mining entrepreneurs who became famously known as Randlords. The enviable structural adjustment occurred as Johannesburg became a dynamic economic hub, several homes were demolished in order to make way for infrastructural development mainly the M1, CBD and Wits University. Today the suburb is home to many stately homes, Victorian, Edwardian, Cape Dutch and Art Deco homes. Parktown West and the Ridge is not only famous for its architectural masterpieces, but the beautiful avenues lined with jacarandas and plane trees.

PARKTOWN WEST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE TEAM 2025:

Position	Name
Chairman	Audrey Mothupi
Vice Chairman	Marc Wilson
Treasurer	Hannes Snyman
Heritage and Zoning	Active Volunteer & JPC Rep*
Environment	Semadi Ernaus Motau
Stakeholder Engagement	Nthabiseng Moloji
Marketing and Communication	Fatima Seedat

*Active Volunteer and JPC Rep – Mary-Anne Savage

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPRECIATION

We extend our deepest gratitude to all past committee members for their dedication, hard work, and contributions to our mission. Your efforts have played a significant role in shaping our progress and success.

A special thank you goes to Potlako Gasennelwe for her invaluable service and commitment. Her contributions have left a lasting impact, and we sincerely appreciate the time and energy she has devoted to our team. Your collective efforts have been instrumental in our journey, and we remain grateful for the foundation you have helped build.

MEET THE EXECUTIVE TEAM



Audrey Mothupi | *Chairman*

Passionate about creating jobs and changing lives, Audrey Mothupi is the Chief Executive Officer of the South African based SystemicLogic Group – a global financial innovation, data, and technology company with a proven track record for delivering practical solutions to clients across a disparate range of industries and geographies. Audrey brings over 20 years of business experience.

With her extensive knowledge of African and global markets, Mothupi passionately champions the SystemicLogic business model to deliver solutions that are tailored to the needs of clients, specific to their respective operating environments.

Having worked in the public broadcaster, wealth insurance, banking, and now fintech, data and innovation sector, her experience spans across various business domains including group strategy, talent design, marketing and communications strategy as well as data, technology and innovation, integrated with strong corporate relationship management.

Prior to SystemicLogic, Mothupi served as the CEO of Group Strategic Services at Liberty Holdings and Head of Inclusive Banking at Standard Bank. She serves as an independent Non-Executive Director on the boards of Pick ‘n Pay, Life Healthcare Group and Altona Plc, and as the G100 Global Chair - AI/Data and Cybersecurity. She is a Fellow of the Africa Leadership Initiative (ALI), a board member of the International Women’s Forum of South Africa (IWFSA), a member of the International Women’s Forum (IWF) and has been named one of Africa’s 1,000 most powerful women. Mothupi served as the Chair of the Board at Roedean School (SA) and the Chairperson of Orange Babies of South Africa. She also served as a board member of Nordic Female Business Angel Network and the Numeric Board of South Africa and as an independent Non-Executive Director on the board of Arden Capital.

Mothupi received her BA (Hons) in Political Science from Trent University and more recently added an education in artificial-intelligence machine learning through MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).



Marc Wilson | *Vice Chairman*

Marc Wilson is a proud South African, who is dedicated to equality and justice for all. He completed his schooling at St. Johns College and went onto complete his Honours Degree in Psychology at the University of Pietermaritzburg. He has run his own companies in the past. He has worked in the HR, recruitment, IT, and finance sectors over the last twenty-five years.

Early on he was struck by how unequal life is with very little justice available for those who need it compared to how much justice there is for those who abuse it. This led him on a path to better serve his community. His first venture into this world of volunteer work was the Police Reservists. After a year he felt his skills would be better served giving counselling to victims of crime. He served four years as a Trauma Counsellor. After getting married he took on his hardest, but most rewarding, work as a stay-at-home father.

For ten years he managed to balance his work and father duties before deciding to volunteer his time again to the community. Since then, he has become Chair of the Victim Support Unit (Parkview SAPS), Vice Chair of the SAPS Patrollers, Vice Chair of the Parktown West Residence Association and an Exco member of the Parkview Community Policing Forum.

He spends his time doing his best to safeguard and assist the residents of Parktown West, counsel victims of crime to get them back on their feet, patrolling our precinct with SAPS and fellow patrollers, visiting schools with the Social Crime Prevention Officer to talk about bullying, theft and drugs, representing the VSU in the broader Parkview Precinct via the CPF and ensuring victims' rights and concerns are recognised and acted upon, as well as ensuring his business runs smoothly.



Hannes Snyman | *Treasurer*

Hannes is the Group CFO of Mpact Limited, a paper and packaging company listed on the JSE. He also serves as a trustee of the Mondi Mpact Pension Fund, where he actively participates in the investment and audit committees.

His qualifications include being a certified Chartered Accountant (South Africa), as well as an Executive MBA degree from the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom.



Semadi Ernaus Motau | *Environment*

Semadi is the Chief Executive of Navigare Securities, a South African firm providing real-time industry insights and analytical tools. He is a Council Member at the South African Institute of Stock Brokers (SAIS).

In his role as Director in Equity Sales Trading at BAML he expanded the client program and participated in transformation efforts. As the Head of Equity and Equity Derivatives at Noah Capital he helped establish it as a top black-owned stockbroker with innovative research. He holds a BCom in Economics from the University of Pretoria and is involved in leadership roles in various professional associations. Semadi holds directorships at Theko Capital Partners and The Motau Group.

Semadi's diverse experience and commitment make him a significant contributor to South Africa's financial industry.



Nthabiseng Moloji | *Stakeholder Engagement*

Nthabiseng Moloji is a seasoned marketing and communications professional with over 20 years of experience across industries including retail, broadcasting, telecoms, gaming, and financial services. She has held leadership roles at major organizations such as MiWay Insurance, where she served as Executive Director and led initiatives in marketing, branding, HR, and client experience, and Western Union, where she managed business development across 14 African markets.

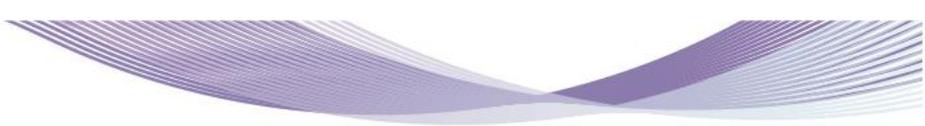
Currently pursuing a Master's in Strategic Marketing at Wits Business School, Nthabiseng holds a BComm Honours degrees in Accounting and Business Management from North-West University. Passionate about knowledge sharing and lifelong learning, she continues to make meaningful contributions to every initiative she undertakes.



Fatima Seedat | *Marketing and Communication*

Dr Fatima Seedat is the Executive Director of the Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA), where she has been instrumental in advancing psychology as a science and profession for over 20 years. With a Ph.D. in Psychology focused on PsySSA's transformation, Dr. Seedat combines academic expertise with strategic leadership to foster inclusivity, youth empowerment, and professional excellence.

Under her stewardship, PsySSA has successfully organised annual congresses, hosted the prestigious 2012 International Congress of Psychology, and implemented initiatives like the Emerging Psychologists Programme. Recognized with a Presidential Award for 25 years of service, Dr Seedat is a passionate mentor and advocate for community well-being and sustainable leadership in psychology.



A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

2024

Reflecting on the past year, our community has made significant strides toward enhancing safety, fostering engagement, and improving shared spaces. Here are some key highlights.

1. ENHANCING SECURITY WITH VUMACAM CAMERAS

A major achievement over the past year has been the installation of Vumacam, which has significantly enhanced security and led to a noticeable decrease in crime rates. This initiative has provided residents with greater peace of mind, helping them feel safer in their neighbourhoods.

ABOUT VUMACAM – OUR KEY TO A SAFER TOMORROW

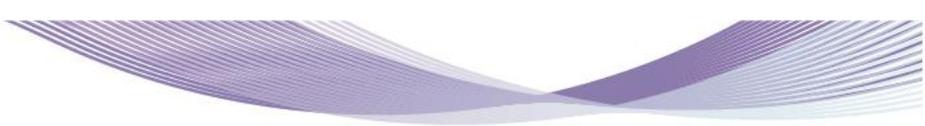
Vumacam initiative brings cutting-edge security technology right to our doorsteps, empowering us to take control of our community's safety. With strategically placed cameras and a state-of-the-art monitoring system, we can deter and swiftly address any potential security concerns, helping us to safeguard our homes, families, and cherished possessions.

The rollout of the Vumacam initiative has been successful. All 8 poles are active.

- **Blacklisting of Vehicles:** Numerous vehicles that have been mentioned in SAPS security reports have been effectively blacklisted by Vumacam. This strategic measure aims to bolster our ability to monitor and respond to potential security threats.
- **Blacklisting of Wanted Individuals:** Vumacam has also instituted the blacklisting of individuals who are wanted by the police. This proactive approach serves as an additional layer of security to ensure their presence within our community is closely monitored.
- **Enhanced Patrol Notifications:** Vumacam's advanced systems have been integrated with our patrol vehicles. This allows for immediate notifications to patrol units when individuals are detected walking through our suburb during nighttime and early morning hours. Timely monitoring and response are critical in maintaining the safety of our community.
- **Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour:** Residents are encouraged to report instances of anti-social behaviour to Vumacam. When such reports are received, individuals and vehicles involved are promptly added to the blacklist, further strengthening our community's security measures.

IMPACT OF SECURITY MEASURES

The introduction and strategic placement of Vuma Cameras have been instrumental in reducing crime. These cameras have proven effective in both deterring crime and supporting SAPS, JMPD, and 24/7 Security in apprehending several high-profile criminals from Gauteng



and other regions. The cameras have contributed to a safer environment and enhanced our local law enforcement's response capabilities.

Currently, **76 households** are signed up, and we're actively working to sign up even more.

UNITY IN COMMUNITY – THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

By joining hands and participating in the Vumacam initiative, we send a strong message of unity and solidarity. Together, we demonstrate our commitment to nurturing a harmonious neighbourhood where everyone's well-being is a shared priority. As active participants in this endeavour, we stand shoulder to shoulder, in making our streets safer.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TODAY? If you haven't already, now is a great opportunity to sign up for Vumacam! By signing up, you'll be contributing to the continued safety and security of our community. Don't miss out on the benefits of enhanced surveillance and peace of mind. ***Sign up now if you haven't yet! Only registered and paid-up residents are eligible to access footage when needed after an incident.***

SIGN UP FOR VUMACAM – FORM

PARKTOWN WEST COMMUNITY

Vumacam Safety and Security Initiative

Date.....

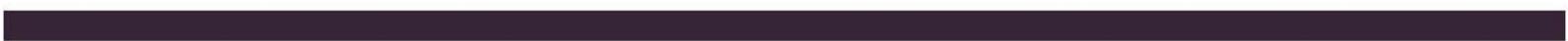
Street Name for Location	
Name	
Surname	
ID Number	
Cell Number	
Email address	
Willing to contribute to the initiative (Yes/No)	

Homeowner (Name and Surname – if different from above):

Confirm that I am willing / not willing to commit to the Vumacam Safety and Security Surveillance initiative.

Signature.....

Kindly email the completed form to amrithag@systemiclogic.com





VUMACAM SPONSORSHIP

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Netcare and Milpark Hospital for their invaluable support of the Vumacam initiative.

Their contribution has played a key role in enhancing the security of our community, especially with the **additional installation of 3 Vumacam cameras in 2024.**

ALL 8 POLES ARE ACTIVE AND FULLY OPERATIONAL

1. Jan Smuts / St Andrews
2. Loch / Jan Smuts
3. Loch / Westcliff Drive
4. Gale / Doveton Road
5. Falklands / Seymour

Additional 3 poles thanks to Netcare/Milpark Hospital:

6. Barry Hertzog / Napier
7. Napier / Wabord
8. Napier Circle

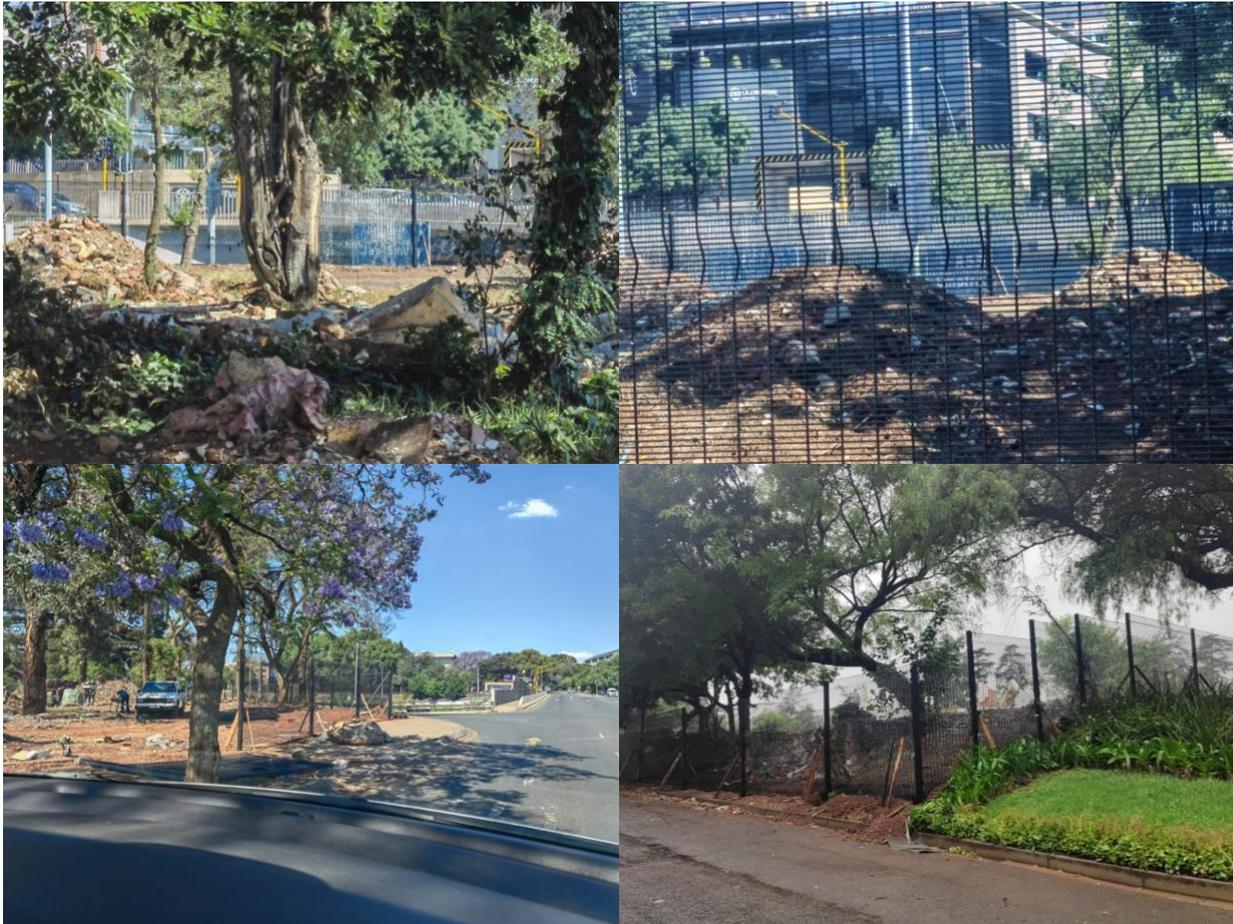
2. FUNDRAISING FOR WINCHESTER PROPERTY FENCING

We successfully raised funds to fence off the Winchester property, improving safety and facilitating the removal of vagrants. This effort has contributed to a cleaner and safer environment for all residents.

WINCHESTER ROAD PROPERTY BEFORE



WINCHESTER ROAD PROPERTY AFTER CLEANUP



With the property now secured and free from vagrants, EXCO is focusing on additional funding efforts. The immediate goals include cleaning the site and exploring development options to benefit the community.

3. FENCING OFF JAN SMUTS OFF-RAMP

The fencing of the Jan Smuts off-ramp has prevented unauthorized access and enhanced safety in the area. These measures also help improve traffic flow and the overall aesthetics of our community.

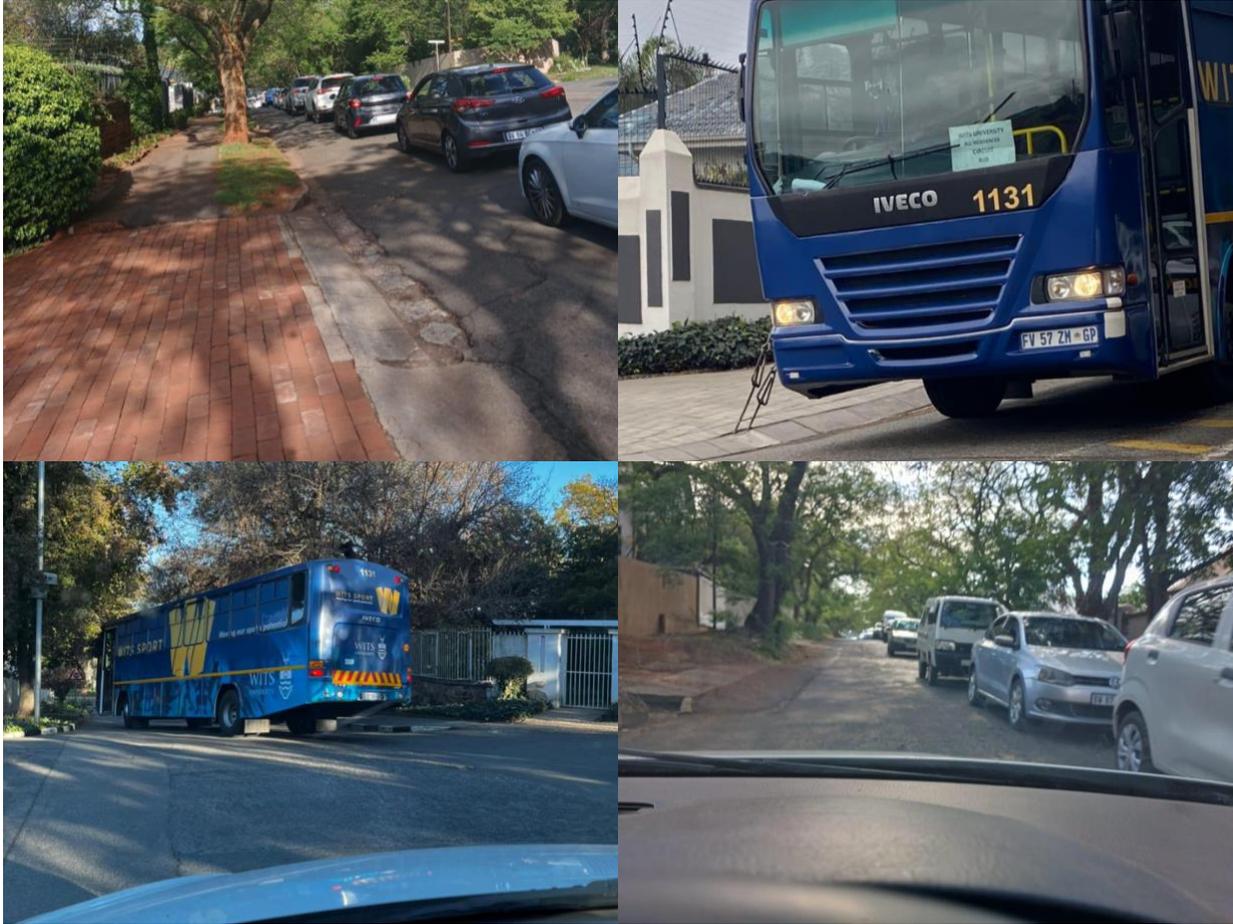


Verification is currently underway to confirm the rightful property owner before engagement. This step is necessary to clarify the process surrounding the unadvertised billboard installation, which does not align with statutory regulations.

4. ROAD CLOSURE PROJECT SUBMISSION

In response to community concerns, we submitted a proposal for a road closure project aimed at improving traffic flow and safety for pedestrians. This initiative prioritizes the needs of our residents and promotes safer roads.

The Parktown West Road Closure, **Phase 3**, is another testament to our community's strength and determination. One of our own community members is generously funding the Traffic Engineers report, setting the stage for a safer and more organised road network within Parktown West. Thank you to our volunteers, Inge van Wyk and Ann McKnight, for taking the time to garner more support for this initiative. We have 65 signed support forms for the road closure to go ahead.



Below is the suggested road closures and boom gates that have sent on the application to the city:

- A 24-hour automated boom at Napier Road at its intersection with Loch Avenue (Upright from 06H00 – 09H00 and 15H00 – 18H30).
- A 24-hour automated boom at Doveton Road at its intersection with Loch Avenue. (Upright from 06H00 – 09H00 and 15H00 – 18H30).
- A 24-hour automated boom at Frere Road at its intersection with Loch Avenue. (Upright from 06H00 – 09H00 and 15H00 – 18H30).
- Locked gate at Gale Road at its intersection with Wabord Road with 24-hour pedestrian access.
- Locked gate at Napier Road at its intersection with Loch Avenue with 24-hour pedestrian access.
- Locked gate at Campbell Road at its intersection with Loch Avenue with Limited time of operation pedestrian access.

ROAD CLOSURE PROGRESS UPDATE



Completed Steps

- **Appointment of Consultant:** A consultant has been appointed to execute the road closure application, with all associated costs covered by the private resident. **Monthly fee of R2 800.**
- Paid since February 2023 Total cost: **R58 800 to date.**
- **Traffic Impact Assessment:** A qualified Traffic Engineer has conducted a traffic impact assessment, addressing concerns related to traffic flow and safety. **R65 000** was paid to have this report for submission.
- **Submission of Application:** submitted 14th May 2024.
- **Application Processing:** The City Traffic Engineering Department has processed the application in conjunction with the Town Planning Department. Verification of the application has been successfully completed, ensuring all necessary details are accurate and in order.
- **Application Payment Process:** To proceed, a payment of **R22,000** was required to the city for the application, which has been paid in full. We have also received a **reference number (REF 483)** for the security access restriction related to our submission.

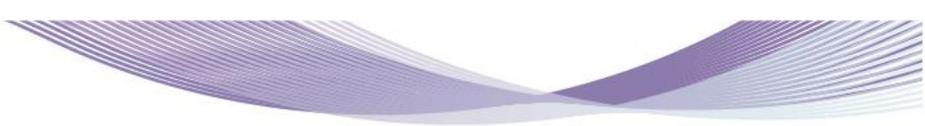
In Progress/Next Steps

- **Internal review by the City:** The city will conduct an internal review of the application. This review period may take several months. Following this, they will schedule an in-person meeting to discuss the proposal. 62 Support forms still required by March 2025.
- **In-Person meeting:** An in-person meeting will be held with the Traffic Department and the Town Planning Council. This meeting will address any issues or concerns regarding the proposal, providing an opportunity for open dialogue and clarification.

5. COMMUNITY-LED PARK CLEAN-UPS

Community involvement has been essential this year, with organised clean-ups at Falklands and Frank Brown parks, led by Semadi. These efforts beautified our parks and fostered a sense of ownership among residents.





6. PARK ADOPTION INITIATIVES

We are in the final process to adopt Frank Brown, Pieter Roos, and Falklands parks in collaboration with Johannesburg Parks and Zoos, ensuring ongoing maintenance and accessibility. These efforts create inviting spaces for families and individuals to enjoy.

7. HERITAGE AND ZONING

Illegal Billboards

24 Rhodes Avenue

A legal notification has been issued to the property owner of 24 Rhodes Avenue in response to the attempted installation of an illegal electronic billboard.

Objection letters from residents have been submitted to the relevant department within Johannesburg Municipality. Resident and community participation in opposing this was commendable and highly valued.

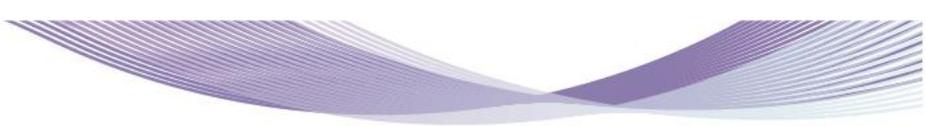
Illegally Occupied Properties

Several properties in the neighbourhood remain illegally occupied, posing ongoing challenges. If unaddressed, these issues may lead to:

- Safety and Security Threats – Increased risk to community safety.
- Property Devaluation – Potential negative impact on property values in the surrounding area.
- Infrastructure Strain – Added stress on local infrastructure due to unregulated densification, which exacerbates the deterioration of essential services.

8. LOOKING AHEAD

As we reflect on this year's accomplishments, we recognise the collective efforts of our community. Together, we have enhanced safety and improved our shared spaces. With continued dedication, we can build on these successes in the coming year, ensuring our community remains a vibrant and welcoming place for all.



PROJECT UPDATES

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The Parktown West Residents Association (PWRA) has initiated a partnership with Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ) to adopt and revitalize three key parks within our community: Frank Brown Park, Falklands Park, and Pieter Roos Park. This effort focuses on improving security, fostering community engagement, and ensuring sustainable funding for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of these parks.

Key Objectives

1. **Enhanced Security:** Implement measures to improve safety and reduce incidents within the adopted parks.
2. **Community Engagement and Wellness:** Encourage community involvement and promote well-being through improved public spaces.
3. **Sustainable Funding:** Develop lasting financial support to maintain and enhance these parks over the long term.

Progress and Next Steps

1. Formal Engagement with JCPZ

- PWRA has formally engaged with JCPZ, issuing a letter of authorization for Semadi E. Motau to lead discussions regarding park adoption.
- The JCPZ legal department has provided a letter of endorsement confirming their commitment to the partnership. This endorsement will enable PWRA to move forward with essential planning and funding initiatives.

2. Approval Process and Documentation

- The Parktown Business District will use JCPZ's endorsement to secure board approval for their involvement in this initiative.
- JCPZ legal is also working on drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to outline the terms of park use, as well as roles and responsibilities for each participating party.

3. Strategic Partnerships

- Parktown Business District Association (PBDA): PWRA is working closely with PBDA to leverage their experience in community revitalization.
- Johannesburg City Parks: City Parks will collaborate to address environmental hazards and ensure regular maintenance across all adopted parks.
- 24/7 Security: A partnership with 24/7 Security has been established to enhance surveillance and security within park areas.

Fundraising Initiatives

1. Community Fundraising Drive

- Upon receiving JCPZ's endorsement letter, PWRA will launch a fundraising campaign involving local residents and businesses. This campaign is aimed at gathering the necessary funds for park restoration, maintenance, and community event support.

2. Exploring Digital Billboards

- PWRA is investigating the feasibility of installing digital billboards as a sustainable revenue source. This initiative could provide ongoing funding to support park maintenance, improvements, and security measures.

Conclusion

This partnership with JCPZ and other key stakeholders represents a significant step toward enhancing our community's public spaces. By combining resources from JCPZ, PBDA, 24/7 Security, and the community, PWRA is committed to creating a safer, cleaner, and more engaging environment for all residents. This AGM report reaffirms our dedication to the sustainable growth and well-being of our neighbourhood through responsible stewardship of our local parks.



FINANCIAL REPORT

2024

PWRA - Cash sources & uses as at 30/09/2024

	30/09/2024 (since inception)		
Sources (cash in)	2023/12/31	2024/09/30	30/09/2024
Hollard	50 000		50 000
Rockridge Road Association	25 000		25 000
Rand Mutual	100 000		100 000
Brenthurst Foundation	40 000		40 000
Resident donations	47 423		47 423
Resident 1	10 000		10 000
Resident 2	20 000		20 000
Resident 3	17 423		17 423
2023/24 Subscriptions	43 295	16 882	60 177
Interest income		8 185	8 185
Total (A)	305 718	25 067	330 785

	30/09/2024 (since inception)		
Uses (cash out)	2023/12/31	2024/09/30	30/09/2024
Bank charges	392	891	1 283
VBH Townplanners (2022/21)	7 245		7 245
Halloween party	6 480		6 480
Xero accounting software	1 194		1 194
Website costs			
Winchester Road	118 092	107 225	225 317
Jan Smuts	43 712	48 944	92 656
24/7 bonus payments (bank charges)		2 571	2 571
Computer Conscious - website hosting		1 725	1 725
Total (B)	177 114	161 356	338 470

Reserves	2024/09/30
Opening balance (take-on from PRA)	114 801
Additions (A-B)**	-7 685
Closing balance	107 116
- FNB business account	3 931
- FNB call account	103 185

PWRA - Winchester Road project

Sources (cash in)	
Hollard	50 000
Rockridge Road Association	25 000
Rand Mutual	100 000
PWRA	50 317
Total	225 317

Uses (cash out)	Invoiced amount	Paid	Balance
Barrow Construction (ref 4289)	348 569	-194 000	154 569
Barrow Construction (ref 4338)	16 418	-	16 418
24/7 security	18 092	-18 092	-
KLT Development Projects	13 225	-13 225	-
Total	396 304	-225 317	170 987

Reserves	
Donations received	225 317
Invoices paid	-225 317
Balance	-

PWRA - Jan Smuts project

Sources (cash in)	
Resident donation	87 423
PWRA	5 233
Total	92 656

Uses (cash out)	Invoiced amount	Paid	Balance
Clearvu Fence	87 423	-87 423	-
24/7 security	5 233	-5 233	-
Total	92 656	-92 656	-

Reserves	
Donations received	92 656
Invoices paid	-92 656
Balance	-

SAFETY & SECURITY TIPS

1. Be vigilant at robots/traffic lights when there are beggars.
2. Do not give vagrants food/money from your place of residence. Unfortunately they take note of who lives there, relay information to criminals for money.
3. Do not open your gate for waste pickers/vagrants nor city officials unless they have identification, or you have verified their status. If unsure call 24/7 for assistance. If you haven't signed up with 24/7, I sincerely suggest you do so.
4. Vumacam continues to assist law enforcement with wanted suspects. Please sign up if you haven't.
5. Report suspicious or anti-social behaviour in our suburb.
6. Report to 24/7 if you see illegal structures been erected in public spaces. This is very important because if you ignore it we end up with a very serious problem going forward.
7. No matter how small you think a criminal incident is (your wall light gets stolen) please report to SAPS.
8. In the last year our suburb has become as incident free as Westcliff. This is an incredible achievement considering how fortified Westcliff is.

Going forward we have engaged constructively with the City of Johannesburg to address broken infrastructure, unkept public spaces and by law enforcement. As residents, every time you drive in and out of our suburb, every time you go for a walk or run you are the extra eyes and ears. Individuals, groups and vehicles that are loitering in our suburb should be reported just in case.

Community and Stakeholder Collaboration

The PWRA's commitment to a strong partnership with Parkview SAPS, JMPD, and 24/7 Security has been key in achieving these improvements. I attend weekly stakeholder meetings at Parkview SAPS to represent PWRA and ensure ongoing collaboration. As a result, we have developed a proactive and communicative relationship with local law enforcement agencies.

Encouragement for Community Reporting

For Parktown West to continue receiving SAPS support and resources, it is crucial that all residents report every incident, regardless of its size. Accurate crime reports help in resource allocation and increase the likelihood of continued SAPS intervention in our area.

Important numbers



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

SAPS Nationwide Emergency Response	10111
SAPS Crime Stop	0860 10111
Report any emergency via cell phone (Vodacom, MTN, Cell-C, and Telkom)	112
Gauteng Traffic Police	011 689 3712
Ambulance	10177
JHB Emergency (Ambulance, Fire, etc)	011 375 5911
Traffic (JMPD)	011 357 5918
Fire	998
Crime Wardens (Gauteng)	080 022 8827



VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION POSTS 2023/2024

Thank You for Your Support! ✨

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated volunteers who made such a difference to the Parktown West Residents Association (PWRA) over the past year. Your commitment and enthusiasm were key to our community's success.

Stakeholder Engagement & Environment Committee

Asmeralda Motau and Nkosinati Dube joined Semadi Motau this year, bringing valuable insights and passion to our environmental initiatives.

Treasury / Legal Committee

With Hannes Snyman, we were grateful for Helen Schutte and Thuli Kumalo in our fundraising and financial efforts.

Security / Risk Management

Marc Wilson and George Jopling formed a dedicated team, helping us maintain a safe community environment.

Newsletter and Digital Communication Team

Nkosinati Dube and Shannon Lotriet kept our community engaged, with a special thank you to Gillian Saunders for coordinating gifts for our Security Guards.

Acknowledgment of Volunteers & Welcome to Mary-Anne Savage

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers for their dedication, time, and effort in supporting our community. Your commitment has been invaluable in addressing key issues and making a meaningful difference. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and we sincerely appreciate all that you do. We are also pleased to welcome **Mary-Anne Savage**, who will be assisting with zoning and illegal building concerns. Her expertise and dedication will be a great asset to our efforts in ensuring compliance and maintaining the integrity of our community. We look forward to working with her and appreciate her willingness to contribute.

Our thanks also go to Meryl, Gill Fordyce, Lisa Loeb, Lindie, Adrienne, and Laurel Baldwin-Ragaven for their time and support throughout the year. Thank you all for your dedication, and for helping PWRA achieve so much this year!

A big thank you to Gillian Saunders for taking the lead and organising this event.

Title: A Hauntingly Good Time: Our Spooktacular Heroes 2023

In the eerie glow of Halloween, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the unsung heroes who made our spooky gathering a night to remember. A massive shoutout to Nico, who graciously lent us his haunted house, setting the stage for our hair-raising festivities. Thurlow, your mesmerizing effects and haunted house expertise turned our event into a spine-chilling spectacle. Sandi and Carla, your judging skills navigated the impossible task flawlessly, ensuring our spooky stars shone brightly. Kiddie Majigi, your decorative magic transformed our venue into a haunted haven, complete with a dazzling illuminated skeleton. Gill Fordyce, your artistic flair added charm to every corner, and Bruce, your fearless coffin escapades left us all breathless.



ELECTRICAL CABLING ISSUE
We want to express our gratitude to **Thuli Kumalo** for resolving the cabling dangling along Loch Ave.

**Thank you to all the
Volunteers for
every Park Clean
Up**



Residents In Action

We're excited to announce some recent improvements to the bridge.

For a while, overgrown bushes had unfortunately obscured the view of the bridge. To address this, we've removed the bushes, restoring the bridge's visual appeal and enhancing the overall aesthetic of the area.

Additionally, we've identified and relocated any dislodged stones that may have posed a safety hazard. Finally, to create a beautiful and low-maintenance foundation for future plantings, we're currently in the process of adding fresh soil to the area in front of the bridge.

The finishing touch will be the planting of mondo grass. This low-growing, evergreen plant is known for its ease of care and will add a touch of lush greenery to the bridge's surroundings. We believe these improvements will enhance the enjoyment of this community space for everyone. Stay tuned for further updates as the new plantings take root!

A big thank you goes to Flo Bird and Mary-Anne Savage for taking time to restore the beauty along Napier!



Images by Mary-Anne Savage & William Bird

Flo Bird - history of the stones cleaned

"Built in 1933 by the only City Engineer who came from the architectural branch. He trained teams of stone masons who built stairs in Westcliff, Kensington, Melville and from Bertams up the hill. They built Stewart Drive and Munro Drive and little bridges all over the city. A fabulous legacy which we appreciate too seldom".

Before



After



Images supplied by William Bird

Halloween 2024

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the 2024 Halloween Trick-or-Treating a fantastic success!

A special thanks goes to our incredible team of six volunteer organisers: Mich from the Keys School and her husband Tim, fellow teacher Ronel, our wonderful new neighbour Elaine, and our dedicated neighbourhood stalwarts Gill and Bruce Fordyce. Your efforts made this event truly magical!

We also extend our gratitude to all the homes that decorated, handed out treats, and embraced the Halloween spirit. And a huge thank you to every participant—young and old—especially for your generosity in bringing treats for Hotel Hope ❤️



Christmas Bonuses 2024

We are thrilled to share that a total of R87,500 has been distributed to our dedicated security team! Each of the 14 guards received R5,500, while the three supervisors received R3,500—and their gratitude was truly heartwarming. A special thank you to Bruce and Gill for their meticulous efforts in counting and distributing the funds.

Additionally, R15,000 were delivered to the call centre and Vumacam staff.

A huge thank you to our 75 contributing households (including two anonymous donors) for your incredible generosity! The recipients received a list of donors in their envelopes, and they have expressed their deep appreciation. Your support not only recognises their hard work but also reinforces our shared commitment to safety in our community.



REMINDERS

2024/25 SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE DUE

Please note that the subscription fees for 2024/25 are due. Your subscription is critical for us to work towards making Parktown West a safer, cleaner and happier suburb.

The subscription amounts which were approved by the executive committee are as follows:

Individual households	R860
Pensioners (individuals only)	R720
Entrepreneurs (business conducted from home)	R1,470
Corporate members	R3,500

BANK DETAILS

Parktown West Residents Association
FNB
Branch code: 210835
Current account: 63071923099
Reference "FEES + your address"
Email proof of payment to jjsnyman1982@gmail.com

If you require an invoice, please email the relevant details to jjsnyman1982@gmail.com.

REPORTING TO COJ

REPORTING TO CITY OF JOHANNESBURG (COJ)

- 1** Call COJ call Centre on 0860 562874 or visit your nearest Customer Service Centre:
Once you have lodged your Complaint with the City of Johannesburg allow them a reasonable opportunity to resolve the complaint.
- 2** Lodge your complaint with the office of the Ombudsman through the following channels: complaints@joburgombudsman.org.za
The office of the Ombudsman Head Office and/or Regional Office Complaints boxes (COJ Regional Offices)
- 3** Submit the following documents:
 - A fully completed copy of the prescribed complaint form
 - A copy of the complainants ID.
 - If acting on behalf of another person, then Power of attorney will be required
 - A reference number from the City of Johannesburg
 - Proof of residence (if available)
 - All prior correspondence i.e. emails, SMS etc. that relate to the complaint

BEST WISHES FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILIES AND A WARM WELCOME TO 2025

As a new school year begins, we would like to extend our best wishes to all our back-to-school families and young residents. Whether you are starting a new grade, transitioning to a different school, or embarking on new academic challenges, we hope this year brings growth, learning, and success.

May this be a year of new opportunities, friendships, and achievements. We appreciate the role our young residents play in shaping the future of our community, and we support you every step of the way.

Wishing all students, parents, and educators a fantastic and fulfilling school year ahead!

As we step into 2025, we extend a warm welcome to all our residents and wish you a year filled with joy, prosperity, and good health. May this year bring new opportunities, meaningful connections, and continued strength within our community.



JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As we celebrate these achievements, we invite even more households to join us in our quest for a safer Parktown West. Your involvement, no matter how big or small, can contribute to a stronger, more secure community.

Together, we can continue to create positive change and build a Parktown West that we are all proud to call home. Thank you for your ongoing support, dedication, and belief in our collective vision.



Here's how YOU can help!

1. **A clean suburb is a safe suburb - please clean your pavements**
2. **Security - report any suspicious activity to 24/7**
3. **Gumacam - sign up! (refer to page 24 for the form)**

#Parktown2025



PAVEMENT AWARD 2025

**JOIN US IN KEEPING OUR ALLEYWAYS AND SIDEWALKS TIDY!
A CLEAN NEIGHBORHOOD STARTS WITH EACH OF US.**

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- SWEEP YOUR SIDEWALKS AND ALLEYWAYS REGULARLY.
- DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.
- REMOVE WEEDS AND DEBRIS TO KEEP PATHWAYS CLEAR.
- RECYCLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND REDUCE WASTE.

★ PAVEMENT AWARD FEBRUARY 2025 ★

We're excited to announce the Parktown West Pavement Award, recognising neighbours who go the extra mile to maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our streets

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE
A SAFE, WELCOMING, AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE!**