

The NextDoor Neighbour

Richmond Hill Newsletter—Issue 03

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Dear Richmond Hill Residents

Wow 2023 is well and truly upon us with lots on the go. It has been great to see all the initiatives gaining traction in and around Richmond Hill.

Please watch out for our FB posts that will keep you updated as to what is going on that you can either support or get involved in.

We would love more participation at our community meetings. Your great ideas for upliftment of the area and community minded projects are always welcome.

A belated congratulations to Mariska who was voted in as a Ward 5 Committee member for Environment.

We are definitely seeing some improvement in service delivery, but please do not stop reporting broken lights, leaks, re-instatements that are needed etc to the SRA office.

A big, big thank you to all residents who consistently raise the standard of Richmond Hill by looking out for their neighbours and ensuring that their homes are well maintained and keeping Richmond Hill unique.

We would like to Introduce Ivan Tshaka

Ivan is part of our impressive project team. He is one of the awesome staff members we have here in Richmond Hill. We will be introducing all our staff in the newsletter.

How long have you worked for RH SRA? **Two Years**

Are you married? **No, divorced**

Do you have children? **Yes.**

How old are they? **Daughter of 17years old, son 10years old and another s,on 8 years old**

Favourite Food? **Pasta**

Favourite Colour? **Red**

What has been your best experience? **Cleaning, “Just love cleaning!”**

What has been your worst? **The crime in Richmond Hill**





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Security Matters

Your safety is important to us. New to the area? We have our own dedicated outsourced patrol vehicle manned by HRG that one can contact for assistance, call 079 905 9009 directly or join the 1ARH WhatsApp group. Send your request to join the group to 082 852 7367. Please let HRG know of trolleys that are been pushed around in the area. They will be confiscated. Problem Buildings, squatters, illegal structures are been watched and action will be taken on a regular basis to rid our neighbourhood of these unwanted elements. A big thank you to all the role players who so diligently attend to these matters.



Library

RH SRA has started up a Community library. Please feel free to pop in at the SRA office to donate books or to check one out. Amazing support thus far in the donation of books, truly appreciated.

Recycling

Packa-Ching, Please support this wonderful recycling initiative that has been well supported by our residents. This happens every Wednesday 11am-4pm @ Cnr of Stanley & Mackay.



Everyone Can Help

If you would like to head up a project that will add value to Richmond Hill, please get in touch with the office and let us see where we can assist you. Whether it be manpower or other resources, we would love more of our community members running with individual projects that add to the overall benefit of Richmond Hill.

Beginners BootCamp

What could be better than joining us in Richmond Hill Park on a Saturday morning from 7h30-9h00 for 1 1/2 hours to shake off the dust and cobwebs and get a little fitter with a great bunch of people. Salif offers a chance to meet with your neighbours and new faces and have a good laugh. All ages and fitness levels are welcome.

Cost: R50.00,

Next session: 15th April 2023.

Illegal Dumping

It is time to catch these individuals that do not care about by-laws. Please if you see someone dumping black bags, rubble, whatever it may be outside of the allocated collection times, please take a picture and send to the SRA office. The town ranger will be issuing R2,000.00 fines for these actions.

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Did You Know?



The area at the top of Russell Road, was a natural dam that overflowed during heavy rains, damaging properties and streets lower down towards the sea. During drier periods the area turned into a swamp causing a nuisance for the encroaching suburbs. In July 1896 the Town Council agreed to a request from the Port Elizabeth Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club to convert the area into a cycling track. In July 1899 the foundation stone was laid. The Club leased the grounds and the grand stand which was paid for by both the Council and the Club. In 1908 the Club closed and the Municipality took over the maintenance of the Oval. The Club was resuscitated in 1911. In later years (about 1930's), the grounds served as gravel racetrack for motorcycles before the stadium was upgraded to the current state of cycle and athletics stadium. Part of the swamp area was incorporated as a park in Bingley Street across from the Westbourne Oval.

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TEAM SRA

Our SRA staff got once in a lifetime opportunity of going for a helicopter flip over Richmond Hill. Thank you to Heli Pilot and their pilot Justin for the opportunity and keeping them safe.



WATER CRISIS

Nelson Mandela Bay residents have been urged to boil tap water before drinking. The Metro says this is due to additional water that has been introduced into the water reticulation system through boreholes, to supplement the water supply. With the addition of unblended ground water into our reticulation system, low dam levels and fluctuating reservoir levels the quality of the water is constantly changing and can not be 100 per cent guaranteed. Water is blended from different sources to meet SANS 241:2015 water quality standards. Currently due to the decline of the water supply sources such as the Impofu Dam, which has dropped below abstraction rates, resulting in the blending ratio not being met and therefore the water needs to be boiled as a precautionary act.





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Dates to Remember:

Community Meetings: Everyone is most welcome! The location of these meetings might change, so please check your emails or Facebook.

13th April 2023

15th June 2023

10th August 2023

12th October 2023

Waste Management & Refuse Removal Days

MONDAYS

Russell Road, up to and including Stanley Street

TUESDAYS

Stanley Street, up to Albany Road (excl. Stanley Street) as well as for registered businesses and apartment buildings.

FRIDAYS

A second weekly refuse removal for registered businesses & apartment buildings only.

APARTMENT BUILDINGS:

Arrangements for refuse removal must be made with the Municipality by the Bodies Corporate of apartment buildings –please contact 060 540 5247 or 041 506 2018 to arrange for this.

BUSINESSES:

A trade waste contract with the Municipality or private contractor is required for waste removal from trade premises - please contact 060 540 5247 or 041 506 2018 to arrange this.



Important Numbers:

South African Police Service : 10111

SRA / HGR Security Crime Line : 079 905 9009

Humewood Police Station : 041 504 5000 / 041 504 5057

Municipality Call Centre : 0800 20 50 50

Fire Department : 041 585 1555

Ambulance : 041 403 7000

Animal Welfare : 041 366 1660

Life Line Crisis Number : 041 373 8882

Illegal Dumping : 041 506 2833



We would love to hear from you, please send your inputs to the SRA office:

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