

# The NextDoor Neighbour

Richmond Hill Newsletter—Issue 05

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Dear Richmond Hill Residents

Wow, so we are now officially half way through the year 2023. Hope everyone is has enjoyed the incredible rains that we have had in the last couple of months and that all tanks and water saving devices are filled to the max.

Thank you to those who attended our last community meeting. Some interesting discussions held with regards to crime stats, by-laws, Stanley Street and other issues raised by community members. Please keep an eye out for our FB posts that will keep you updated as to what is going on in Richmond Hill, maybe a project or an event that you can either support or get involved in.

Please, please, please we are putting out requests for service delivery requirements, from broken street lights, water leaks, re-instatements and road markings to name a few as we are needing to consolidate outstanding lists with Ward 5. Please can you send through to the SRA office. There is also a petition out for the #FixMyStreelight campaign, please sign this.

A big, big thank you to all residents who consistently do their part in uplifting their homes and the areas around their homes which all contributes to the standard of Richmond Hill.

## We would like to Introduce Sharon Pretorius

There is a very good chance that you have spoken, whatsapped or met our lovely Sharon who heads up our SRA office. She keeps her fingers on the pulse that is Richmond Hill. We will be introducing all our staff in the newsletter.

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

Are you married? **No**

Do you have children? **Yes. Two sons**

Any grandchildren? **Yes**

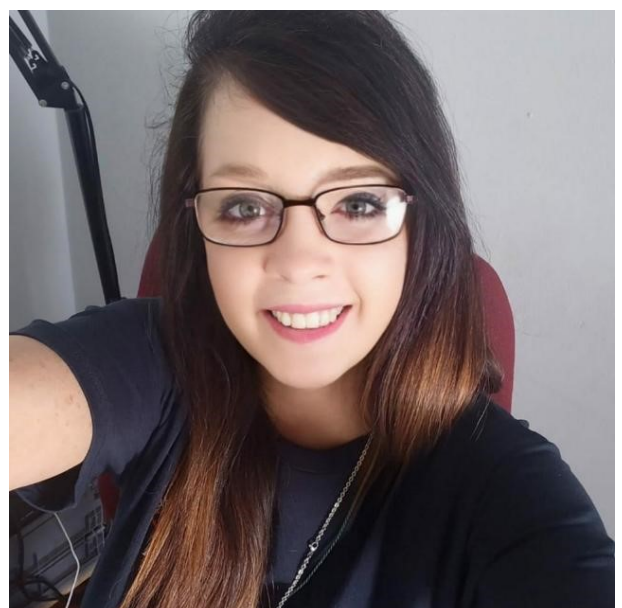
How old are they? **7, 6 and 2 years old**

Favourite Food? **Steak**

Favourite Colour? **Pink**

What has been your best experience? **My best experience is being able to assist residents and to see the outcome thereof and to stand up to any challenge.**

What has been your worst? **Gas bottle exploding in Bain street, sounded like a gun shot.**



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## Security Matters

Safety is of paramount importance to us all.

**New to the area?** We have our own dedicated outsourced patrol vehicle manned by HRG Security 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.

**Copper Pipes and Water Meter** theft is on the rise. If you can make alternative plans with plastic conduit or get in touch with the municipality to replace your existing water meter with the plastic type then please do so. If you do have yours stolen please call 0800 20 50 50 to report it and get a reference number.

**Community Blockwatch** If there is a willing resident who would like to head up a community blockwatch, please get in touch with the SRA office so we can assist where we can.

**Problem Buildings, squatters, illegal structures** need to be reported so that action can be taken to rid our neighbourhood of these unwanted elements. The by-laws are been tackled by the metro. A big thank you to all the role players who so diligently attend to these matters.

## The Oval Wall

A big thank you to the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture for assisting the RH SRA with getting this project off the ground and sourcing some amazing artists to paint their magic on the Oval walls. Congratulations to the three artists who received the most votes.

Gabriel Joseph Chaponda

Melissa Tredoux

Ricardo Swanepoel

On a special note Melissa Tredoux is one of our own “Hillers” who is painting the “Heart & Soul of the Bay” panels. You might have seen her wings on the orange house in Sherlock Street.

If there is anyone be it a private resident or business that would like to get involve to keep this project going (many more panels to go) We would love to continue the love ... please get in touch with the SRA office and let us see what community collaboration we can make happen here RH. Please check out our social media platforms for the progress pics that are being posted.



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## Hello Richmond Hill.

Thank you for allowing us to celebrate in your streets last year! The 2022 festival was a wonderful success. It was fun, very safe and showed Richmond Hill at its best.

The general feedback to us organisers from the residents was a big thumbs up. We were grateful for a fantastic, no incidents and the most amazing weather.

The atmosphere within the festival was great. Stanley Street became a cosmopolitan bubble giving a taste of what everyday life could be.

Alliance Française has once again entrusted the event to Magnetic Storm to make it happen for the second time.

We believe that the Alliance Française Street Music Festival will remind the rest of the Metro of the joy of visiting and living in Richmond Hill.

An event like this takes team effort and we are grateful to be working with your RHSRA and appreciate their support.

We will have top event security to ensure that the festival is not marred by any incidents or unruly behaviour.

It's going to be a Spring French Affair, running from 10am to 10pm on Saturday, 2 September.

It will stretch across a T-shaped pedestrian area that includes sections of Mackay and Stanley Streets.

A big thank you to all the affected residents for giving us the day to have this festival and be inconvenienced. We will communicate the finer details to everyone closer to the time.

We really want to showcase Richmond Hill. We have challenged the restaurants to each come up with a dish that captures the personality of the area. There will be other activities to feature aspects of the suburb and promote its authenticity.

Details of the festival are on our Facebook event page. <https://fb.me/e/ZXUmipUu> Please visit this page and invite all your friends. If you have any queries about the festival, please direct them to [admin@afportelizabeth.com](mailto:admin@afportelizabeth.com)

The festival is being promoted as the 'Best 12 Hours of your Year.' We look forward to seeing you on that spring day and spotlighting your wonderful area for just a day.

Many thanks

Bev van Eck Festival Organiser for Magnetic Storm

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## Did You Know?

In 1838 an official grant of land was made in Hyman’s Kloof (today’s Russell Road) for a cemetery for Union Congregational Church.



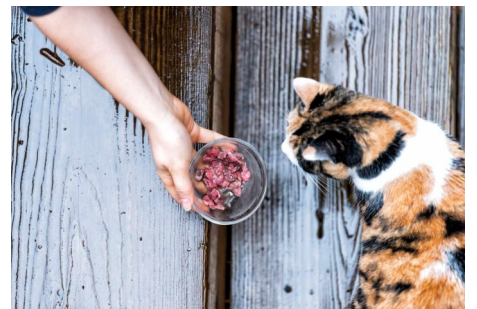
Four years later in June 1842 land adjacent to Congregational piece was granted to the Wesleyan

Chapel and in March 1843 another piece above the first two was given to the Roman Catholic community. Many graves in the Congregational and Roman Catholic sections bear the names of original Settler families who arrived here in 1820.

The most famous grave to be found here is for James Langley Dalton (1833 – 7 January 1887). He was an English recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces. Queen Victoria bestowed this honour on him for his part in the defence of the Rorke’s Drift post on 22 January 1879. In 1886 he came to P.E. to stay with an old friend, proprietor of the Grosvenor Hotel, where he died. He was buried in the Roman Catholic section of the cemetery and his grave is still well maintained. All three cemeteries were closed in 1897/1898.

## Our Furry Friends Need Your Help

Samantha Garai has very much taken on an active role in the community with regards to the stray animals in RH. She single handedly deals with most of the call outs in the area with almost no financial aid from the community. She feeds, TNR’s, rescues, fosters & does all her own fund raising. She desperately needs the help of the Richmond Hill community. All donations are spent directly on the dogs and cats immediate needs like sterilization, food & urgent vet care. If anyone can assist with a monetary donation, dry cat food (Heritage View cat food) or tinned food it would certainly be appreciated. You are more than welcome to drop off at the SRA office and we will make sure that Samantha gets it. Please assist if you can.



## BUSINESSES & FLATS

### Reminder Businesses and Flats

- ▶ Businesses and flats should have their own waste management contract with the NMBM or a private service provider.
- ▶ The owner of the building (landlord) or the person occupying the building for business purposes should apply in writing to NMBM to request the private waste collection service.
- ▶ Should your business or block of flats have a waste contract with NMBM the waste must be accessible for collection on the designated days from 06:00 – 18:00.

Waste collection requests can be emailed to [disposal@mandelametro.gov.za](mailto:disposal@mandelametro.gov.za) or contact 041 506 2023 or 041 506 2018

Businesses & flats must have a waste collection contract with either the NMBM or a private waste collection company. The rates amount reflected on monthly statements does Not cover waste collection from businesses and flats but is still payable. If these contracts are not in place, waste will not be collected and you will be fined.

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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.

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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