

The NextDoor Neighbour

Richmond Hill Newsletter—Issue 09

Dear Richmond Hill Residents

And just like that we have passed the half way mark of 2024....
Bring on the blooms of Spring.



Time to reflect on what has passed this year thus far and all that has been achieved and look forward to planning the rest of the year. This newsletter this month is based on what community means...

Definition of Community: unified body of individuals: such as the people with common interests living in a particular area.

Can we bring back, helping a neighbour who is in need of a cup of sugar? Stopping and having a catchup with someone in the street that we know? Someone who needs their property checked when they go away, is that not what a neighbour is for? Need help with cleaning the street, get the neighbours together to make RH clean and beautiful. Looking out for one another adds to what make RH the special and unique place that it is. Support local as much as one can, from an ice cream at Milk and Bread, fish and chips from Gypsy Shwarma or getting a print framed. We have to support those making a difference in our hood. Steve de Beer and his team bringing Rus- sel Road back to its former glory, just by giving the guys a wave or a thumbs up makes the world of difference.

From a personal note I would like to take this opportunity in thanking individuals in our community of Richmond Hill for their amazing support, compassion and kindness in what has been a wretched time in my life. I have no doubt that if I lived anywhere else I would not have had the support that I have received here in RH. We as residents need to protect what community means, we all need to do our bit no matter how big or small to keep and preserve what we all hold so dear.

We would love for all the all our residents to attend our community meetings They are not just for home owners. The dates are listed below. The one hour meetings are for who wants to make a difference and contribute to the betterment of Richmond Hill. We look forward to all that can be achieved together for a successful and productive Richmond Hill.

Did You Know?

EPRU-HISTORY: EARLY YEARS 1886 – 1931 Article supplied by Jan de Klerk RIP



Eastern Province Rugby Union was established in 1886. The composition was mixed as both Black and Coloured Clubs were affiliated to it. Union Rugby Football Club was established in 1887 and to date is regarded as the sole survivor of that particular era. It is interesting to note that the Eastern Province fields were situated in Kwampudu (Mill Park) and Maxambheni (Richmond Hill). These areas were inhabited by Blacks and Coloureds.

It is particularly impossible to state authentatively who established the Union. There is an assertion that Mr J.O. Cedrass donated a trophy in 1893 to the Coloured section of Eastern Province when the alleged split took place. If one has to hazzard a guess then it appears that Mr J.O. Cedrass played a leading role in the affairs of Eastern Province Rugby Union because he was still intimately involved in Eastern Province Affairs in 1903 as the Rhodes Team Photograph depicts. It would therefore not be surprising if Mr Cedrass was one of the founder members of the Union in 1886. Mr Cedrass was still actively involved in Union Affairs by 1913.

Another surprising aspect of the establishment of Rugby in the Eastern Cape is that Black and White rugby had its origin in what is known as Central and Richmond Hill.

The other clubs were Oriental Rugby Football club 1894, Frontier and Rovers. The impression conveyed is that the membership of these clubs were also mixed.

Tradition has it that ± 1893 the Eastern Province Rugby Union split into two viz, a Coloured Rugby Union and a Black Rugby Union. The Coloured clubs were Africans, West End and Red Crescents. It is also interesting to note that African's and West End hailed from Richmond Hill while Red Crescents was a South End Club. Their field is today the premises of Cunningham School. (White).

As the city developed the people were removed from Mill Park and Richmond Hill and settled in Korsten. The sports fields were also confiscated and new grounds were allocated. Oriental Rugby Football Club had a ground in Standford Road which is presently occupied by Nampak.

The Coloureds were allocated a field at Berry's Corner which became known as the Oval. During the 1940's the Oval was taken away and sold to General Motors. The Union received as compensation land in Haupt Street which was also taken away and sold to Elmosa Factory. In 1948 the Adcock Fields were developed and handed over to us. This ground was almost sold before it was developed further in 1970 but due to a unified protesta-tion the P.E. Municipality was forced to abandon its intention.

The Eastern Province Coloured Rugby Union became a founder member of the South African Coloured Rugby Board in 1897 and participated in the inaugural Rhodes Trophy Tournament in Kimberley in 1898. Tradition has it that the first Eastern Province Team contained Blacks as well. It is also claimed that the Grandfather A (Bun-ny) Hermanus of Griqualand West fame was in the Eastern Province team, who at the conclusion of the tournament decided to remain in Kimberley.

Richmond Hill Matters:

New to the area? We have our own dedicated outsourced patrol vehicle manned by HRG Security that one can contact for reporting crime and suspicious activities. Call 079 905 9009 directly or join the 1ARH WhatsApp group. Send your request to join the group to 082 852 7367.

Lights This is not a matter that is going to be resolved soon. Ongoing issues with the Electricity department no matter how many times it is reported and escalated nothing is forthcoming. Please make own arrangements to light up your properties and the street in front as much as possible.

Reporting Crime all residents are urged to report crime to SAPS and that cases are opened. It is vital to get the stats correct. A crime that is not reported is a crime that did not happen.

Re-instatements Please report any holes and rubble left by contractors to Sharon at the office who can report it to the re-instatements department.

Water Meters The municipality is in the process of replacing the brass units with the plastic option. If you do have yours stolen please call 0800 20 50 50 to report it and get a reference number.

Problem Buildings, squatters, illegal structures need to be reported so that action can be taken to rid our neighbourhood of these unwanted elements. The metro is being challenged by the SRA in enforcing the bylaws. A big thank you to all the role players who so diligently attend to these matters.



Hi Sharon,

I'm sad to share that information with you and all RHSRA.

The organisers of the highly successful annual Richmond Hill Street Music Festival have decided to postpone the one day event.

Municipality have decided that they will not support the festival with their sponsorship of the past 3 years. The festival has become a favorite annual event in our Metro. It is the only annual festival that aims to promote diversity as its main objective and has been extremely successful at that.'

The festival is a major joint promotion between the Alliance Française and the Nelson Mandela Bay City Council. This partnership has helped to build the festival over a period of approximately 7 years since its inception in 2010.

We know and we see the work of hundreds of people over the years being swept aside. Many local musicians, crafters, food trucks and restaurants rely on the festival as an earnings opportunity and we apologize for this situation, as well as to the people of Richmond Hill, who have always supported us.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep this festival alive.

The teams at the Alliance Française of Port Elizabeth and our valued partner Magnetic Storm are looking for ways to keep the festival going.

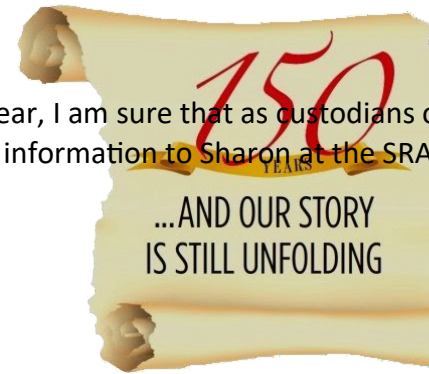
Please share your memories of the Street Music Festival and support us.

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History of our Hood:

It has come to our attention that some properties in RH are 150 years old this year, I am sure that as custodians of our suburb you would want to share some the history and stories. Please send through the information to Sharon at the SRA office so we can publish these amazing stories in our next publication.



Homes of Richmond Hill

Is there a home in Richmond Hill that deserves House of the Month? A home that catches your eye (for the right reasons) while walking your dogs or on your way to work that stands out? A home that you know the owners take the time, effort and care to keep it looking beautiful? Send in your nomination to Sharon at the office so a special mention can be made in the next publication.

Richmond Hill Heritage Walk



Fantastic initiative for Richmond Hill, Tony Neveling, in partnership with the RHSRA will be hosting a heritage walk through RH highlighting historic buildings and the general history of Richmond Hill. All are welcome, not just RH residents. Please book your spot through Sharon at the SRA office as the groups are limited to 20 people. Those taking part to please meet on the corner of Stanley and Mackay Street on the grass patch. Please see FB for the next available dates. Please support, so worthwhile knowing a bit more about the history of our beautiful suburb.

Market on Stanley—Car Boot Sale

Perfect time for a declutter or just pop in and say hi to some of the residents. Please give this initiative your support. Happens in Stanley street first Saturday of every month. To get in touch, please contact Annelle 062 481 6864

Russell Road Rejuvenation Project

I think each and every resident has noticed the remarkable job Steve de Beer and his team has done in transforming Russell Road. This is an ongoing project that the Richmond Hill SRA supports fully. We have assisted with the bins that have been placed along the road. If there are any residents that would like to get involved with this amazing project, please contact Sharon at the SRA office.

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

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Backstreet Grill

Barking Ghecko



Trafalgar

Pam Golding

Beer Yard

Brites Bakery

Da’Stoep

Fernandos

Groundfloor Café

Gypsy Shwarma



PTC

Alliance Francaise

Nolios

Phaka

TVET

Kumbalani High School

Royal Dehli

One Room

Salt

Stevie Nix

The Neighbourhood Bar Arata Izakaya

Number 21



Petals Florist

Collin Wels Framing

Milk & Bread

Uptons Carpets

Vintage PE

Vigne Auctioneers

Karl Schoemaker Photography

Splash Water Bar

Joe’s Garage

Littleclub Dance wear

Delbros

Peris suits

Fresh & Fold

Provincial Dry Cleaners

Off Beat

Best Beds



Cornerstone Church

Anchor of Good Hope

If you would like to add your business to the directory, please drop Sharon @ the SRA office a line and we will happily add to the next publication.

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.



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

RHSRA Office: 061 427 6431

Email: office@rhsra.co.za

RHSRA BROADCAST WHATSAPP GROUP



Stay informed with all important announcements for our Village by joining the SRA Broadcast WhatsApp Group. This is a admin only posting group so only important information pertaining to RH on this group. Simply scan this QR Code and it will take you to the WhatsApp group where you will receive updates and announcements.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A QR CODE READER?

Important Numbers:

South African Police Service : 10111

Metro Police: 041 585 1555 / 041 508 5501

SRA / HGR Security Crime Line : 079 905 9009

Noise Complaints: 041 506 5462 a/h 066 043 4311 /
066 476 3602 / 079 490 0358

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