

# *The NextDoor* Neighbour

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Richmond Hill Newsletter—Issue 10

Dear Richmond Hill Residents

So when we heard the Christmas carols play over the sound system in the shops for the first time two months ago I am sure we all gave a collective groan, we then blinked and here we are smack bang at the beginning of the festive season, in my world it is known as silly season. Whether it is work functions, catching up with friends that we will not be seeing over the festive period or family heading off to other destinations we are all caught up in some of the magic.

I think 2024 has really been a mixed bag for so many of us, we have all had the good the bad and the ugly this year and everything else in between. When I took a moment over my necessary morning caffeine fix a couple of days ago I remembered a quote by Charles Dickens from a Christmas Carol and it really resonated with me “I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach!”

So what should this time mean to us? We can definitely google to try and find out what it is supposed to mean to us according to the masses, plenty of answers there. The best advice I can give is to shut it all down. It is time for old school to be cool. It is not about the physical gifts or who gets what or what the Jones’s are up too, it is what means the most to us. Time, family, friends these are the gifts that we really should be celebrating.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking each and every resident that made Richmond Hill a better neighbourhood this year. To those that took the smallest initiative from cleaning up their pavements or maintaining their beautiful homes that we are custodians of, to those that took on extra responsibility for our community. John Bryce, Steve de Beer, Tarryn Wild to name a few and so many more. Thank you, thank you, thank you for making Richmond Hill the place it is.

A big thank you to the SRA staff for always going above and beyond in spite of some difficult times, a shoutout to Magnum for coming on board with our camera initiative and to those residents who have partnered with the RHSRA Camera Project site hosting 41 monitored cameras, so close to our target of 60.

and always HRG, you guys rock!

If you are travelling this holiday season please do so safely and for those that are staying home, enjoy it and we look forward to seeing you at our first community meeting in the new year.

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## AGM Meeting: Richmond Hill Property Owners / Proxy Holders

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Richmond Hill Special Rates Area Not for Profit Company will be held on 05 December 2024 at 18:00, Anchor of Hope Church property owners are welcome!

Kindly confirm that you are a property owner in Richmond. You will be required to submit a certified copy of your Identity document as well as the latest municipal account as proof of ownership and being up to date with your SRA Levies no later than 05 December 2024 @ 12:00.

You are welcome to bring the documents to the meeting or send this via e-mail or to hand deliver to the office, 2a St Phillips Street, Richmond Hill.

NB! Owners who will not be attending the AGM Meeting, but have nominated a replacement to attend the meeting, please remember that The Form of Proxy must be completed and delivered/or e-mailed to the SRA office, to be received not later than 12:00 on the 05 December 2024.

Membership of the RH SRA is only valid for the date of an AGM and needs to be re-applied for every year for legal/logistical reasons.

## 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.

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Backstreet Grill	Barking Ghecko	Trafalgar	Pam Golding
Beer Yard	Brites Bakery		
Da'Stoep	Fernandos	PTC	Alliance Francaise
Groundfloor Café	Gypsy Shwarma		
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
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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.

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## 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 fo  
buildings.

### FRIDAYS

A second weekly refuse removal for registered businesses & apartr

### APARTMENT BUILDINGS:

Arrangements for refuse removal must be made with the Municipa  
apartment buildings –please contact 060 540 5247 or 041 506 201:

### 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](mailto:office@rhsra.co.za)

## 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