

# The NextDoor Neighbour

Richmond Hill Newsletter—Issue 04

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Dear Richmond Hill Residents

Hope everyone is enjoying the change of seasons with some cooler weather and the most welcome rains this month.

Mike Eddy has agreed to come on board as a director of the Richmond Hill SRA, we are thrilled to have to his assistance and experience that he adds to the team.

Loved meeting some new residents at our last community meeting. Your great ideas for upliftment of the area and community minded projects are always welcome. Please keep an eye 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.

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.

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 Willem Pretorius**

You might have seen this cool, calm and collected gentleman roaming our streets. Willem heads up our impressive project team. He has honestly made a huge difference in tackling the projects that have been on the back burner for a while. 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. Two sons**

Any grandchildren? **Yes**

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

Favourite Food? **Boerewors**

Favourite Colour? **Red**

What has been your best experience? **Loves the difference he and his team are making.**

What has been your worst? **Stepping in dog doo doo**



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## Security Matters

Your safety is important to us. With load shedding making homes easy targets for criminals we urge you to look at some of the cost effective options for adding some light to your property.

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. We are trying to curb the number of trollies been pushed around in RH, please let HRG know when you see them as they will be confiscated.

Problem Buildings, squatters, illegal structures are been watched and action will be tackled 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.

## Recycling

Packa-Ching ...This has been put on hold as alternatives are being looked at to get a full group ready for recycling and in making recycling more accessible on a continuous basis. Gratitude to the Waste Trade Company for their support since May 2022. Feedback will be given to the community once all aspects have been looked at.



## 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.

## Oval Wall

As per our last community meeting, the tender for the painting of the Oval wall murals will be going out soon. The SRA will post this out on our social network platforms as soon as we receive it from the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.

## 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?*

RALEIGH STREET SYNAGOGUE—(ALSO KNOWN AS PIONEER’S MEMORIAL SYNAGOGUE) (Provincial Heritage Site) The corner of Edward and Raleigh Street. The Port Elizabeth Orthodox Hebrew Congregation was formed in 1903 with members who consisted mainly of Eastern European Jews who came to South Africa after severe pogroms and persecution in Russia, Lithuania, Latvia and Poland. At first the community had worshipped in a house in Hartman Street. On 12 December 1912, Chief Rabbi J.L. Landau of Johannesburg consecrated the Raleigh Street synagogue. Orlando Middleton, a leading architect, designed the beautiful building, which Kohler Brothers built. The design is predominantly in the Art Nouveau style with turrets and keyhole windows showing Byzantine influence. The Art Nouveau style is characterised by a curvilinear line inspired by flora. The objective is to harmonise nature with man-made objects whether they are made from brick or gold. The eye is drawn to the arched gable high above with the large Hebrew inscriptions in relief flanked by two turrets. Each turret has a gigantic keyhole motif stamped into each pillar with symmetrically placed keyhole windows giving an Eastern feel to the building. Seven-keyhole windows on the façade look out onto Raleigh Street like silent witnesses. The exquisite Hebrew lettering over the front entrance are the words of the patriarch, Jacob, when he arose from his dream and said, “Surely this is the House of Hashem and these are the gates of Heaven”. A narrow blue door under a rising curve becomes the entrance to the metaphorical ‘heaven’s gate.’ The Raleigh Street shul closed its doors in 1954. The fine Art Nouveau building, was declared a National Monument in 1987.



## WATER CRISIS

Even with the most wonderful rain that we have received in the last couple of weeks, we are still not out of the woods. So please keep on doing your share in conserving water.

### **Fix any small leaks you may have**

Go DIY (be careful though), or call a plumber, but get that leak fixed! It could save you a lot of money. Yes, even that small leak from your bathroom tap.

### **Use an eco-friendly car wash**

If you like your car to have that shine, then choose a car wash that recycles their water.

### **Fully load that dishwasher or washing machine**

Running your dishwasher or washing machine when they’re half empty is really just a waste and can really add up. Also, be sure to set your washing machine to the eco setting.

### **Get a shower bucket**

Instead of letting water just go down the drain when you’re waiting for your shower to warm up, use a bucket to catch the water you’re not using. Then use this water to water your house plants or your garden or even use it to flush the toilet.

### **Don’t take long showers**

Shower, instead of bath as often as you can. And limit your showers.

### **Re-use any water you can**

If you really have to bath, then let that water cool down and re use it to water plants, or do what hand-washing you need to do.

### **Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth**

If you’re one of those people who lets the water run while you brush your teeth, STOP IT. All that water just running down the drain could be used much better.



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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.

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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