

The NextDoor Neighbour

Richmond Hill Newsletter—Issue 07



Dear Richmond Hill Residents

We do hope that all our residents had a wonderful holiday season, spent with friends, family and loved ones. We are looking forward to an incredibly positive 2024.

What a combination this February is, a leap year and the month of love. Maybe this month is to share some of the community love. There are so many in need in the bay. There are a variety of charities that will only be too happy to welcome any help. This does not only pertain to the humans, but also for animals, small acts of kindness will always be appreciated. It is not necessarily financial assistance that these organisations require. It could be just ones time.

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?

St Philips Church is situated on the corner of St Philip and Callington Street. The church started as a mission church in about 1872 with families, mostly Dutch speaking, who had moved to Port Elizabeth from what is now the Western Cape.

The church started in a wool store in Strand Street before moving to the Mechanic's Institute in Donkin Street when a lack of space took them to the then St Paul's Boys' Schoolroom. An application for land from the Municipal Council was made and which was granted under a special Deed of Transfer dated 1883. This deed vested the property under three Trustees, one of whom was the Mayor of Port Elizabeth and the other two elected by the congregants. The foundation stone of the present church was laid in May 1883 with the church being dedicated in 1884. The church has seen many ups and downs, losing numerous parishioners to other parishes when the Group Areas forced removal of families from Central and South End. The last Rector was appointed in 1960. But the church still stands today and still continues doing its work. The house next door to the church, named "St Philip's B & B" was the original St Philips Church rectory before restored and converted to its current state since renamed Kardinal Guest House.



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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 Meter theft is an issue. 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.



Richmond Hill Heritage Walk

Fantastic initiative unfolding in Richmond Hill, Tony Neveling, in partnership with the RHSRA will be hosting a heritage walk through RH highlighting his-
toric 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 cnr of Stanley and Mackay Street on the grass patch.

Saturday 24 February 09:00-11:00 / Saturday 23rd March 2024 09:00-11:00 /

Saturday 20 April 2024 09:00-11:00

Richmond Hill Car Boot Sale

New year, New ideas. Perfect time for a declutter or just pop in and say hi to some of the residents. Please give them your support, it happens in Stanley street first Saturday of every month.

The Oval Wall

This will be an ongoing community project, a big thank you to all those residents who had their handprints strategically placed by the mural artists who are continuing to grow the vision for the oval wall. It was incredibly heartwarming to see all those that participated, if you still want to add your mark please check our FB for an update as to when the artists will be back.

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We would like to Introduce Anton Sigam

There is a very good chance that you have driven past this quiet individual who always has his head down working away keeping Richmond Hill clean and tackling the ongoing special projects.

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

Are you married? **No**

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

How old are they? **Daughter 7 years old and a son of 23 years.**

Any grandchildren? **No**

Favourite Food? **Dumplings**

Favourite Colour? **Red**

What has been your best experience? **All the appreciation received from residents and keeping the Hill clean.**

What has been your worst? **Being held up at the Wild park years ago.**



Special Mention

The SRA would like to welcome Hayden Hillmer to the RH SRA board. We hope with his experience and enthusiasm he will add value to Richmond Hill.

Dates for 2024 to Remember:

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

The venue is not available due to unforeseen circumstances, so please diarise the 15th February 2024.

11th April 2024

13th June 2024

8th August 2024

10th October 2024

AGM : 5th December 2024

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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 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

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



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