Edition 2

Newsletter

Linksfield North Residents Association (Non-Profit Company) Company Reg.No 2006/006000/08

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Welcome to our second edition of the Linksfield North newsletter distributed to all residents living in the Linksfield North.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep residents informed about issues affecting our area and general insights into the place we all call home.

Security is our primary goal but we are also on a mission to:

- Focusing on creating visible value for LNRA members and contributors
- Improving communication and feedback opportunities for all residents
- Creating an environment where every resident feels heard
- Holding the municipality to account

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

At the LNRA we encourage active community participation and idea-sharing.

Should you want to create a sub-committee or be involved in our idea generation, please feel free to reach out to any one of the directors who are first, your neighbours.

REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS
Linksfield North is a 60 km/h zone, please watch your speed as we have many children, cyclists and runners in the area.

HAPPENINGS IN LINKSFIELD NORTH

Since our last newsletter in February we have sadly seen some of our old neighbours leave. But as the seasons change, we have been encouraged and energized by a few new faces in their stead.

We welcome all our new residents to Linksfield North!

Thank you

Special thanks to **Barry Sass and Daniela Erasmus** for giving up years of time and effort for their betterment endevours in the area. Barry and Daniela gave up their free time, stood up and volunteered to make Linksfield North a better place. We salute you and are grateful for all your efforts - we will miss your friendly faces at our meetings!

What a year it's been with seismic shift in the local political spectrum giving much needed hope of brighter times ahead. However, its important to remember that our municipalities are still largely over-stretched and over-burdened. This makes the involvement and support of a local community activist organization like LNRA all the more important because we will not stand by and watch the city and country degrade further. We will not stop working to protect our area from this unfortunate trend.

To see other areas doing fantastic patriotic things, check out -
JoziMyJozi (https://www.jozimyjozi.com/),
BetterBedfordview (https://betterbedfordview.org.za/) ,
BetterSenderwood (https://bettersenderwood.co.za/),
East of Joburg Alliance and JoburgCan (https://joburgcan.org.za/).

The activism and insatiable need to fix what is broken is contagious and spreading - its time to stand up and do our part!

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

The LNRA has been at work bettering the neighbourhood and since January 2024, has successfully implemented and executed a number of projects for the benefit of our residents:

- 2 Convex mirrors installed on the two blind turns in Linksfield North (March 2024)
- Completion of a Pothole project whereby the LNRA repaired 38 potholes on various roads in the suburb (March 2024)
- Establishment of LNRA conservation project whereby the LNRA had 4 owl boxes installed on various roads in the area in an attempt to reduce the need for rat poison which is deadly to our local owls (April 2024)
- Road Marking project whereby the LNRA marked lines on the road in an attempt to create safer roads (May 2024)
- Installation of 3 new Street signs (August 2024)

FUTURE PROJECTS

The LNRA is on a drive to assist in the procurement, costing and establishment of a perimeter camera solution for the suburb which we are planning to present various options to you, the residents for your decision.

By using Artificial Intelligence (AI) we will be able to maximise the camera's effectiveness to be able to smartly identify threats from the perimeter, which will rule out false alarms and allow for early warning systems to be activated.

Moreover, for the security companies to respond to a threat that has been detected PROACTIVELY and not once the incident has happened.

Historically, the majority of threats and incidents Linksfield North has experienced have been through breaches in the perimeter.

Not only will this systems improve our security, but it will also improve our collective property values.

We will soon be calling for a SGM (special general meeting) where we will request your presence.

LNRA BOARD MEMBERS

Wendy Carroll (Photo omitted)



Adam Thal



Kim Tobias



Diego Crabbia



Pascal Stratis



Melissa Kahn

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY & FAULT LOGGING

As the LNRA, we request you to please log faults for various incidents/faults that you can. Please do not expect us to do it on your behalf - the rationale is that the more calls we log the better the response time. This is the first step of community activism.
Once you have logged a call please post the reference number on any of the neighbourhood Whatsapp groups so we can pursue it. But we need you, the first responder to start the process.
For ease of reference we have attached a document below to assist you with the correct channels of logging city related issues.



A WORD FROM CAP

Spring Into Safety: Securing Your Home in 2024

As Spring blossoms, it's a perfect time to focus on strengthening your home's security.

House robberies are traumatic, but with the right measures, you can make your home a fortress. By following these principles, you'll ensure your home is as safe as possible.

Key Home Security Principles:

- Physical Security: Apply the 4 Ds-Deny, Detect, Deter, and Defend. Use barriers, alarms, and strong locks to keep intruders out.
- Lighting: Brighten your home's exterior with high-lumen, low-energy LED lights, and consider solar options for backup during outages.
- Planning: Discuss emergency plans with your family, ensuring everyone knows their role.
- Criminal Perspective: Walk your property as if you were a suspect to spot and address weaknesses.
- Entryway Control: Strengthen doors and windows, use sensors, and consistently lock everything.
- Hiding Spots: Regularly prune bushes and trees to eliminate potential hiding spots.
- Clear Perimeter: Keep your yard clear of anything that could provide cover or be used for climbing.
- Concentric Layers: Build multiple layers of security, each more robust as they approach your living spaces.
- Maintain and Beautify: A well-maintained home is less likely to be targeted by criminals.
- Arriving and Leaving Home: Be vigilant and aware of your surroundings when entering or exiting your home.
- Lock Up and Arm Alarms: Always lock doors and activate your alarm, even when you're home.
- Communication: Equip every room with panic buttons and display emergency numbers prominently.
- Backup Power: Ensure your security systems have reliable backup power, especially for prolonged outages.

By taking these steps, you'll not only protect your home but also contribute to a safer community. Let's spring into action together and make this season a time of renewed security and peace of mind.

Call 0861 227 227

MORE CALLS
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LESS CRIME
ONE CALL BEATS THEM ALL

FINAL MESSAGE

There are many plans for the neighbourhood's general betterment and to those of you who are contributing to the LNRA we thank you warmly!

For those of you interested in contributing to our cause or would like to know more about our past and future initiatives.

Kindly contact contact **Wendy Carroll at wendy@netactive.co.za**

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