

# NEWS FROM THE BLOCK

## Ontdekkers Park South Blockwatch

### APRIL 2017

24 HOUR NUMBER - 078 813 1391



### IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

Ever get that urge to want to change something in your life but you are not quite sure what it is that you want to do?



Eline Wheeler, the Blockwatch Street Captain for Block 5, is one such person. Eline who lives in Finch Street with husband Dickey and children, was tired of the normal run of the mill existence of her life. Her passion was needlework but found this a dead-end street as people were not interested.

Things changed when her sister invited her to attend a 2-week course in leather making. The invitation came out of the blue and Eline was excited about a new challenge. The course run by SALA (South African Leather Association) would be held in Kimberley. This would entail Eline being away for a full 2 weeks from home.

Husband Dickey and children were not altogether happy but relented in the end. One would have thought that the family would be happy to get rid of the household matriarch. Eline informed the Editor that even though she ensured that the fridge was stacked with food, the family lived on take-aways during her absence.

And so the day beckoned when Eline and her sister arrived in Kimberley. The two-week course entailed the design and manufacture of belts, handbags and travel bags. The simple motto of the course was; if you can draw you can do it.

Eline was even taught how to make laptop bags using various designs and patterns. Another trick that Eline learnt was to print logos onto leather. During the course of the interview Eline showed the Editor the various types of leather that are used in making all sorts of items.

According to Eline the 2 weeks away from family and friends was hard. Upon her return Eline was excited to show husband Dickey what she had learnt. Not only was he excited about what Eline was able to do but he appointed himself as a marketing agent for the products. The family was roped in as well.



Although the course was intensive Eline claims that she still has a lot to learn. However, she is determined to get there and is willing to take on the challenge.

A special invitation is extended to all our Members to contact Eline on 079-492 8162 to make arrangements to view what can be done. Maybe there is a gift that Eline can conjure up for you using leather. According to Eline there is no need to fear the dogs. They may look vicious but they are very friendly.

### *WHAT HAPPENED IN MARCH 2017*

- 3<sup>RD</sup> MELVILLE - SUSPICIOUS PERSON – Male hanging around as member was leaving property. Investigated but found nothing.
- 4<sup>th</sup> HELENA - THEFT FROM PROPERTY – Gas bottle feeding gas stove stolen. Earlier What's App received from Dunmar Security seeking assistance with suspect that had been arrested with a green gas bottle.
- 4<sup>th</sup> JULIANA STR – DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE – Approximately 20 youngsters returning home under the influence of liquor. Requested they tone down the shouting and screaming.
- 6<sup>th</sup> GEORGINIA – INTRUDER IN YARD – Alarm went off but upon investigation found it was the tenant's son who had come to cut the grass.
- 7<sup>th</sup> JULIANA – SUSPICIOUS PERSON – Male pestering member for food. Would not take no for answer. Investigated but found nothing.
- 8<sup>th</sup> CUTTEN – BUSINESS ARMED ROBBERY – Three armed suspects robbed new supermarket. Owners tied up with cable ties. Stole cigarettes and Cell Phone Sim cards. Police assisted.
- 8<sup>th</sup> PETERSON – ATTEMPTED HOUSE BURGLARY – Member saw 3 males attempting to break security gate. Panic button was pressed. Gate damaged but suspects fled.
- 8<sup>th</sup> SCHULTZ – ATTEMPTED HOUSE BURGLARY – Member saw suspects attempting to break security gate. She shouted at them, this did not deter them. They broke the lock but were unable to open the gate, they then fled.
- 9<sup>th</sup> JULIANA – SUSPICIOUS PERSON – Domestic worker saw male tampering with electric fence. Area was searched and he was found out our area. He was requesting food.
- 9<sup>th</sup> HELENA – SUSPICIOUS PERSON – 3 suspects walking slowly up and down street. Found them later out our area. They were looking for painting work.
- 11<sup>th</sup> HELENA – MEDICAL EMERGENCY – Tree was being cut down when assistant walked past and branch fell on him. He was badly shaken but not seriously injured.
- 13<sup>th</sup> PETERSON – FALSE ALARM – Alarm going off. Dunmar on scene. Property checked, all ok.
- 14<sup>th</sup> SCHULTZ – ANIMAL WELFARE – Same dog as previously playing hide and seek with owner. Was eventually found – you guessed it – HIDING!!!
- 14<sup>th</sup> KLIPRAND – ANIMAL WELFARE – Young Yorkie found wandering around, very nervous. Owner found – stays in Discovery Ext 3 Blockwatch.
- 14<sup>th</sup> MOUTON – SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE – Vehicle stopped outside and asked site workers if they could have the zinc lying on the ground. Owner called, it was not for sale. Vehicle hung around awhile before driving off.
- 14<sup>th</sup> FINCH – ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT – Dogs were barking inside house. Owner returned home to find 2 suspects pushing his vehicle down the road. He parked in front of them, they then fled. Ignition key and dashboard damaged. Gate had been forced open and vehicle pushed out when they could not start it.
- 15<sup>th</sup> ONTDEKKERS – VEHICLE THEFT – Vehicle was stolen out of business property. Gate motor disabled.
- 15<sup>th</sup> ONTDEKKERS CENTRE – VAGRANT – Drunk vagrant causing a commotion outside business. SAPS removed him.
- 16<sup>th</sup> KLIPRAND – MEDICAL EMERGENCY – Mother-in-law passed out. Upon investigation found she was ok. Call to Netcare 911 was cancelled.
- 16<sup>th</sup> SCHULTZ – RESIDENTS ASSISTANCE – Member informed blockwatch that car that was previously stolen was spotted in Roodekrans by her son. Roodekrans blockwatch contacted. Positive identification could not be proved.
- 17<sup>th</sup> KLIPRAND – SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE – Member returning home spotted vehicle pass her then turn around as she pulled into her driveway. She reversed and rode further. Blockwatch contacted. She was escorted home, but vehicle had disappeared.
- 19<sup>th</sup> KLIPRAND – FALSE ALARM – Dogs were barking which was unusual. Owner was away. Property checked, all ok.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> PETERSON – SUSPICIOUS PERSON – Person was looking over the wall. Upon investigation found nothing.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> MOUTON – RECOVERED HI-JACKED HORSE AND TRAILER – While patrolling saw SAPS activity. Horse and trailer that has been hi-jacked in Alberton was found.
- 24<sup>th</sup> BICKEL – THEFT FROM PROPERTY – Officials from MTN seen shining torches into cell phone tower. Earlier in the day suspects had gained entry and stolen MTN batteries.
- 25<sup>th</sup> GEORGINIA – DRUNK AND DISORDERLY – 4 Males sitting in park opposite residence drinking. Investigated and requested them to reduce noise or move on. One of them works in nearby complex.
- 25<sup>th</sup> SCHULTZ – SCAM – Member was asked for R50-00 for petrol with a long story. He would leave his laptop and cell phone as security. He also gave his address. He was given the R50-00. Member contacted blockwatch. Member was told that this was a scam and sure he has now gone which he had. Member was informed blockwatch could not make a case or search for this man but she could in her personal capacity.
- 28<sup>th</sup> FIONA – SUSPICIOUS PERSON – Male walking up and down street. Patroller investigated but could not find him.
- 30<sup>th</sup> ONTDEKKERS CENTRE – SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE – Two males on motorbike trying to sell cell phone to guard. No number plate on motorbike. Investigated but found nobody.

THANKS AGAIN TO THE INCIDENT OFFICER FOR ATTENDING TO ALL THESE CALL OUTS.



*The Committee would like to wish MIA RUSSEL everything of the best and many long and happy years on her marriage.*



*Sending best wishes for a healthy recovery to Magriet Coetzee who has been ill.*



*We wish Marie Ehlers a healthy recovery as she has had a stay in hospital.*

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So our AGM was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL. Our guest speaker was very informative but where oh where were our members?

We should have had Billy Joel's - PIANO MAN playing.....

.....the regular crowd shuffles in,

there's an old man sitting next to me

makin' love to his tonic and gin.....

Ok I will answer that one next time still deciding who takes that honour!!!!

Seriously members - we need your support please. We cannot patrol, be the eyes and the ears for the police, keep our area safe and organise and attend the meetings without YOU! Step up and be part of us.

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25 YEARS AGO  
WHAT WAS ON THE CHARTS

ACHY BREAKY HEART - BILLY RAY CYRUS  
I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU - WHITNEY HOUSTON  
TEARS IN HEAVEN - ERIC CLAPTON  
DON'T LET THE SUN GO DOWN - GEORGE  
MICHAEL  
DEEPLY DIPPY - RIGHT SAID FRED

DO YOU REMEMBER THE WORDS???

I BET YOU SINGING THEM NOW!!!

AND 30 YEARS AGO.....

RICK ASTLEY = NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP  
BELINDA CARLISLE = HEAVEN IS A PLACE ON EARTH  
GLORIA ESTEFAN = RHYTHM IS GONNA GET YOU.  
GEORGE HARRISON = GOT MY MIND SET ON YOU  
PET SHOP BOYS = IT'S A SIN

SING AS IF NO-ONE IS WATCHING.....!!!

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Have you changed your cell phone number or email - please let us have them urgently.

Send to: [committee@blockwatchops.co.za](mailto:committee@blockwatchops.co.za)



Recently quite a number of our member's landlines were not working for a number of weeks. Apparently the lines had been cut at the Telkom boxes. This is all still under investigation but we would like to please ask everybody to keep an eye out. If you see somebody interfering in these boxes, please call the Blockwatch number immediately.



Winter is almost here, are you ready to protect your 3 P's = PETS / PIPES AND PLANTS? Get that frost cover, protect your pipes and make sure your animals have a warm SAFE place to sleep.

*If you are cold so are they.*

Rather let them sleep inside as our area and surrounds has fallen prey to numerous dog poisonings lately.



WHAT DID THE BLONDE SAY WHEN SHE FOUND OUT SHE WAS PREGNANT?  
"OOOH I HOPE IT'S NOT MINE....."

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