

NEWS FROM THE BLOCK

Ontdekkers Park South Blockwatch

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MEET N GREET IN MELVILLE STREET

The Committee decided it was time to meet all our members again, update their information and try and sign up non-members. Melville Street was the perfect place to start. So on the 23rd September, at around 9.30 am we set up our gazebo on the pavement of a very long standing member and patroller, Cyril Montagu. Of course the same "old" faces appeared in support, but we were thrilled when a new family arrived. More information on them further down the page. With a cool breeze blowing to ease the sudden heat we had been sent, Bernard en troupe set off down the road.



Lex and Teresa stayed at the Gazebo to "man" their station!



The upside to the morning was signing up a new member. Under the shade of the gazebo once more, we had some members come and have a chat.



We had a gentleman stop and ask to join but unfortunately he lived just out of our area, but we assured him we would pass his details on to the neighbouring blockwatch. We then had a concerned citizen stop and say when putting in petrol she heard a dog crying, this was coming from a container at the petrol station. In the heat of the day, this was not a good idea. So Teresa and Nikki jumped in the car to investigate – they were informed there had been a dog that wandered between the cars and the petrol attendants were worried he would get knocked down, so they put him in a 'safe place'. Fortunately his owner came looking for him and so he was already back home safely. We were very thankful to the attendants for their thoughtfulness towards the dog and delighted that there are still good people in this world.



A huge thank you to TJ's Convenience for the tasty burgers that we ordered for all present and for the sponsorship of the cold drinks. How to ensure the success of your function = make sure you have a tasty takeaway store near by!!

So Melville was the first of our many streets that we will be taking a stroll in. In the meantime if you have changed your cellphone number or your email address, please let us have the new details.

Keep your eyes peeled – the next street could be YOURS.....

NEW MEMBERS, NEW PATROLLERS

We welcome Nikki Aiton - our new Street Captain Co-ordinator and patroller, her partner Dale O'Moore - new patroller and Michaela Aiton who will be administering the facebook page. Thank you guys for joining us on our Meet n Greet in Melville Street.

Welcome to our new patrollers: Wesley Mooi from Juliana Street, Anita Dos Santos and Dave McMahon from Georgia Street.

Thank you members for responding to our call for more patrollers. Visibility is the best way we can keep the "unwanted" off our streets.

If you have been thinking about patrolling, come on join us – all we ask is one hour a week.

Grab a mug of coffee, or get an ice-cream and cruze the streets, it really is fun!

WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST 2017

2nd WEDNESDAY: Vehicle Accident: Louis / Beatrix: Two vehicles collided when one vehicle coming up Melville turned into Beatrix Street without looking. No serious injuries.

4th FRIDAY: Suspicious Vehicle: Vercuiel: Vehicle parked outside property with +/-4 people sitting on pavement. It was the garden service busy trimming trees in the property.

4th FRIDAY: House Robbery: Georgia: Member contacted the Blockwatch to say that 2 suspects were in the house and that she had locked herself in the room. Suspects jumped wall and tried to open the front security gate. Then went to back of house and broke a window. Ransacked house and pushed elderly member around before she could get into the bedroom. Stole a flat screen TV and various other items. Outside by the gate a black bag was found with a camera in it. Front security gate damaged. SAPS and Dunmar Security assisted. Trauma Counsellor provided assistance.

5th SATURDAY: House Robbery: Buhrman: (Non-Member): Neighbour contacted Street Captain to say 3 suspects in white old shaped Honda Ballade had broken lock to gate and entered property. Residents were sitting at back of property. Suspects then broke window, when resident heard he shouted at them. Suspects fled. One of our patrollers and his sons assisted resident to repair broken burglar bars. THANK DEREK & JUSTIN DE WEERDT.

6th SUNDAY: House Burglary: Frere: Son sitting in bedroom. Suddenly he looked up and saw suspect breaking the window. Son shouted at them and asked what he wanted. Father in lounge heard commotion, grabbed his gun, fired 2 shots at suspects. Suspects fled back over wall. SAPS Florida assisted. ADT on scene. CCTV footage shows 2 vehicles stop outside property. One silver VW Polo Playa and the other silver Toyota Corolla. 4 suspects. Three jumped over the wall and proceeded to look at vehicles parked inside property. Two stood at the side of house whilst 3rd went to the window and broke it. Nothing was stolen. Trauma Councillor provided assistance.

7th MONDAY: Animal Welfare: Hoogland Plek: Cutten: dead lizard impaled on the palisade fence outside one unit. Investigated. Found nothing untoward except for the dead lizard.

7th MONDAY: House Burglary: Plover: Two suspects driving white Audi A1 with black roof pulled into driveway of property. Attempted to derail gate but member saw them, asked them what they wanted. They then left the property and went next door. Member came out his house to investigate. Spotted suspects at another house. They had already lifted the rail of the motor and were about to enter property. When they saw member, they fled. An alert was issued over the radio. A while later there was a burglary at Cockcroft Street (Honey Hills) and the vehicle involved fitted the description provided by member. THIS CAR HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY REPORTED CASES FROM FAR AFIELD AS FAIRLANDS AND HELDERKRUIJN.

8th TUESDAY: Suspicious Vehicle: Cutten: Driving home spotted an old shaped Mazda 626 driving up and down Cutten. Followed them. It appears they were lost because they stopped outside one of the shops next to Horison Supermarket and started carrying in parcels.

8th TUESDAY: Suspicious Vehicle: Frere / Schultz: Two vehicles fitting the description of Sunday night's incident were spotted in Frere street again. Requested radio assistance. Member followed them, managed to get registration number of the silver Polo. DD 51 DF GP. Member reported back that the Polo was parked near the Pigeon Club in Paul Kruger Street whilst the other vehicle was at the Engen garage in Mouton. Call received from another member to say that the Polo was spotted at house in Schultz Street. Suspects had pulled up outside property. Owner spotted them and switched on outside light. Suspects fled. Requested registration check from Warrant Officer. Vehicle came back as registered to a company in Orange Grove. SAPS assisted.

9th WEDNESDAY: False Alarm: Eirene: Julianna: Alarm going off at complex. Caller concerned that suspects maybe trying to gain access. Did a patrol and found nothing. Caller also assisted.

13th SUNDAY: Vehicle Theft: Fiona: White Toyota Camry stolen from outside property. Vehicle had no tracker on it. Owner of vehicle was requested to park vehicle inside the property - he declined.

15th TUESDAY: Suspicious Person: Schultz: Male sitting on pavement reading newspaper. Was also using cell phone. Another member also complained. Did a patrol of the area. Suspect eventually left.

16th WEDNESDAY: House Robbery: Vercuiel: Suspects gained entry and robbed one unit. The driver actually pulled out of the driveway to allow the owners of another unit to enter. **How brazen can they get?** The stole TV and cell phone. SAPS Florida assisted as did Dunmar Security.

16th WEDNESDAY: House Burglary: Finch: Returning from work Member spotted an open window with a curtain blowing in the wind. Further investigation revealed that suspects tried to break the security gate at the kitchen. Unable to do this they then kicked in the sliding door glass. Nothing appears to have been stolen. House quite empty as members are away.

16th WEDNESDAY: Missing Person: Cutten: Informed that a 17-year-old girl had gone missing. Young girl has medical problems. Was later informed that the young girl had gone missing from relative's house in Florida Lake. Contacted CPF Florida. They were aware of the problem, patrollers and SAPS notified. Girl was found under the railway bridge near the KFC in Florida.

20th SUNDAY: Suspicious Person: Andries Bruyns: Tenant informed Home Owner that there was a suspicious person at the gate. Owner was not at home and tenant did not want to go outside. Investigated. Found nothing.

21st MONDAY: House Burglary: Bickel: Suspects gained entry by forcing the gate off the rail. Then forced open the security gate at the back of the house. Stole flat screen television and painting. SAPS assisted.

22nd TUESDAY: House Robbery: Schultz: Member in kitchen when he heard doorbell ring. Ignored the call. Suspects rang doorbell again. They then forced open the electric motor gate. Went to front door and attempted to break it down. Member heard the commotion and saw the 2 suspects trying to gain entry. He charged at them and they fled. One injured himself by falling over the flower pot. CCTV shows three suspects arrive in a black / dark grey Polo. One remained in the car. Fled down Schultz towards Mouton. Alerted Sector 3 via radio.

22nd TUESDAY: Attempted House Burglary: Georginia: Two suspects gained entry to property through gate that was slightly open as it was not working properly. Residents next door heard and called others in street. Suspects fled. Sector 3 Patrollers, Dunmar and APCAN assisted. Undid gate motor to close it.

23rd WEDNESDAY: House Burglary: Fiona: Neighbour reported that she saw suspects enter property. Assistance requested via radio. Dunmar first to react. Arrived as suspects were leaving property. Had flat screen television wrapped up and a red box with numerous items in it. One suspect managed to escape but was apprehended in Georginia Street. The other suspect was eventually found hiding in a property in Celeste Crescent. Suspects arrested. SAPS assisted.

23rd WEDNESDAY: Suspicious Vehicle: Cutten: Methodist Church: Holding night classes in church hall. When pupils came to leave there was a white vehicle parked in the last parking bay facing down Cutten. It was flashing its lights. Pupils were afraid to leave. Investigated. Found nothing.

24th THURSDAY: Johannesburg Water: du Toit: Water running down side of road. Investigated. Found it was the backwash from a swimming pool in Petersen Street.

24th THURSDAY: False Alarm: Juliana: Resident not at home, but alarm was activated. Searched property and found nothing. Resident later confirmed that everything inside house was in order.

25th FRIDAY: Theft from Property: Georginia: Suspects gained entry to property. Nobody at home. Dogs inside. Suspects opened garage door and made off with 2 gate motors.

25th FRIDAY: Attempted Vehicle Theft: Cutten: Methodist Church: Suspects in a silver Audi (XPM 294 GP) attempted to steal a white Toyota Tazz parked outside the church. They were spotted and they fled.

26th SATURDAY: Suspicious Vehicle: Cutten: Driving up Cutten, Member spotted a white vehicle with 3 occupants in it. The vehicle stopped next to a pedestrian and 2 occupants got out. It appears they were searching the pedestrian. As Member had children in the car he did not stop.

27th SUNDAY: 13H57: Suspicious Person: Frere: Man at gate was trying to lift gate off rail. As member was alone at home she was worried that the suspect maybe trying to gain access. Investigated found nothing. Assisted by Dunmar Security.

29th TUESDAY: Suspicious Person: Bickel: Opening the gate to his property member was approached by a person asking for money. When member said he had no money the man got aggressive. Man was told to leave or he would be shot. Description given.

30th WEDNESDAY: Attempted House Burglary: Georginia: Neighbours heard noise across the road. Spotted 2 suspects trying to get into garage again. It appears the suspects are gaining entry from the City Power sub-station in Cutten. Suspects fled when they were spotted.

SO, ANOTHER BUSY MONTH ATTENDING TO UNDESIRABLES DOING YEAR END SHOPPING IN OUR HOMES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE FIVE NEW PATROLLERS THAT RESPONDED TO OUR CALL FOR HELP. THE MORE VISIBLE WE ARE, THE BETTER WE CAN PROTECT OUR AREA.

WE STILL HAVE TIME SLOTS OPEN - JUST FOR YOU.... GIVE US A CALL - ONLY ONE HOUR A WEEK.

SNIPPETS FROM THE BLOCK

Our thoughts are with Ronald Heathcote from Vercueil Street who was hospitalized. We hope you and your family are on the way to good health.



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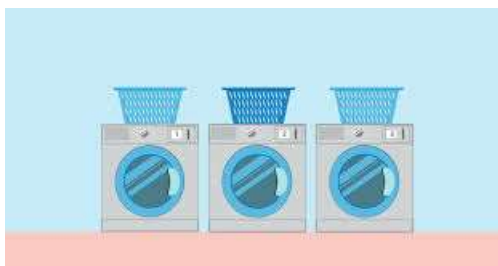
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