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Newsletter

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Greetings to all Residents

The silly season has arrived with a vengeance and we wanted to send out one more newsletter before we all get totally engulfed in end-of-year activities. It certainly has been an 'interesting' year for the Parkview Resident's Association (PRA), and although there have been loads of challenges – we have had

lots of positive support and a number of positive outcomes

Securing our Suburb

As you would have read in previous newsletters, our SAFECO team have put lots of legwork into making Parkview and Greenside East a much safer place to live, work, walk and play BUT we need your help URGENTLY. We have an excellent cost-effective plan that will deliver 24-hour patrols of all our streets. But 440 households will need to sign-up to make it happen. Parkview also now has 55 streetwatch leaders who are co-ordinating our efforts across the suburb. If you want more details, please contact your streetwatch leader or contact the safety and security team to find out who your streetwatch leader is at info@parkview.org.za or 011 646 7592 (messages only). Streetwatch leaders are meeting on Tuesday 11 November at 6pm at Scusi, Tyrone Avenue. Any other residents are welcome to attend.



To keep you updated regarding our security network, please email info@parkview.org.za your details:

- Name
- Street address
- Landline and mobile number
- Any questions or queries you may have

Notes:

If you have paid your subs this year we should have your information. Your details will only be used for PRA business

Have your Say on How Parkview Develops

The PRA will be making a submission in the form of an updated Parkview Precinct Plan to the Johannesburg Metro Council. Now is your chance to have your say. Please see attached letter, complete and return the questionnaire by 30 November.

Kilkenny Castle – Urgent Court Action

On 10 October 2008, the PRA brought an urgent application in the Johannesburg High Court to prevent the owners of the Kilkenny Castle, Parkview's grandest old manor house, from continuing any further building work on the property. The interdict was brought pending an appeal to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (Gauteng) (PHRA-G) against a decision made by PHRA-G to grant the owners a permit to undertake alterations and additions. The court order was granted pending the finalisation of the matter.

In late September, it came to our attention that the owners intended building a double storey structure in front of the north east side of the house on Kilkenny Road, and altering the old stone wall with punched out corrugated iron, wood, brick and metal work in a 'squatter camp' style. The PRA believes the proposed alteration to the boundary wall is not in sympathy with the original building and the double storey structure would impact negatively on the old house. The application for a heritage permit contained drawings and elevations for both a double storey structure as well as two single storey structures and there were no dimensions on any of the drawings. There were also no sections through the property showing the impact of the alterations on the old manor house - in short, the plans in the application were incomplete and contradictory

Both the PRA and the Parktown Westcliff Heritage Trust (PWHT) had submitted objections to these proposals before the required closing date in November 2007 and have since discovered that the permit was issued before the closing date. No stakeholders were notified by PHRA-G of its decision to approve the application.

The PRA believes that they had to act urgently to prevent irreparable damage being done to an important Parkview heritage landmark.

Protect our Heritage - Appeal for Funds

There are so many good reasons why we have all chosen to live in this beautiful suburb, it's not just the village atmosphere, the beautiful trees or the accessibility to schools and shops – it's also the beautiful old buildings. We don't do Tuscan here, and that's one of the reasons we love the place. The one thing that sets a suburb like Parkview apart from areas like Sunninghill are the authentic heritage buildings and these need to be protected at all costs.

We are calling on all Parkview and Greenside East residents who value our heritage and wish to see our buildings renovated in a manner that is respectful and appropriate to donate R200 per family for the PRA's legal costs in protecting our heritage. Please see banking details on membership form on the reverse.

Please Support our Car Guards

We hope that you've noticed that the street in front of the shops is looking a little cleaner. A number of shops in Tyrone Avenue have taken the initiative to employ car guards to look after our cars. As these shops

pay Axis, the guards' employer, the daily R25 per guard for uniforms, supervision and security guard membership, they have also requested that the guards are tasked with cleaning the streets and pavements.

The guards rely on tips for their livelihood.

Please encourage them to look after our cars and to keep our street clean. Since they have been on board the car guards have apprehended thieves and reclaimed stolen property.

We thank the following shops and property owners for their contributions to date: The Spar, Tyrone Fruiterers, Colin Robinson – owner of Parkview Centre (all tenants), Simon Peacock of the Market Place (all tenants), J Pougnet (on behalf of her tenants, namely, Parkview Toys & Ballet, Art Africa, The Write Stuff, The Courier, Croft & Co, the Bookshop, Scusi's and the BP garage).

Please note: JPMD has advised that owners of cars parked diagonally will be fined.

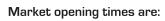
EVENTS Shawn Phillips at Parkview Christmas Market 28 to 30 Nov

The Parkview Christmas Market is once again set to delight, with shopping children's activities and music to get merry by.

From Friday 28 through to Sunday 30 November, stallholders will have loads of goods on offer, from a variety of foods and gifts to inexpensive

Christmas stocking fillers for the whole family.

Shop around for treats as the kids expound their energy on the slides and jumping castles. Stay late and enjoy a summer's evening meal. Make sure you're there on Saturday at 20h00, when the legendary singer and guitarist Shawn Phillips makes a special appearance. If you enjoy ballads, you'll love Phillips. Tickets for this show will be available for R110 from Computicket.



Friday 28: 16h00 - 22h00

09h00 - 20h00; 20h00 - 22h00 Saturday 29: is the Shawn Phillips

concert

Sunday 30: 09h00 - 16h00

Entrance is R20 per adult while kids get in free.

Contact:

Karola McArthur on 082 809 1070 or Elna Blom on 082 445 3525 for stalls or more information.

Bring the family and kick-start your Christmas spirit!

Carols by Candlelight at Zoo Lake - 26 Nov at 6pm

Come and picnic under the stars! Its time to bring out your blankets and picnic baskets again to enjoy the traditional Carols by Candlelight at Zoo Lake.

Sue Cock and the exciting inVerse Youth Choir will be leading the singing and the all-time favourite Salvation Army Band will be playing.

This year we have exciting newcomers on the programme – the Pridwin P'Zazz Band and African Ensemble will play and also sing carols in Zulu and the Parktown Girls Marimba Band will also perform. The Bowling Club Restaurant will be selling boerewors rolls and cold drinks.

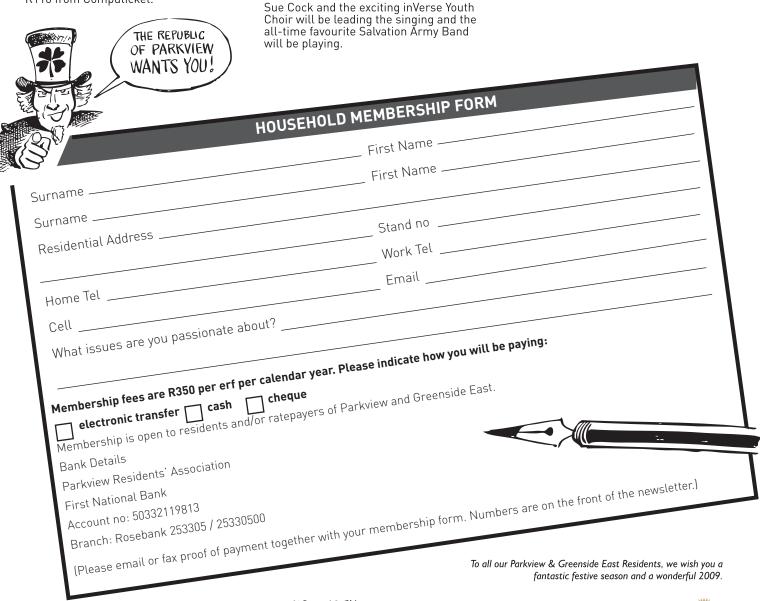
Children are encouraged to bring wrapped gifts for the residents of the Avril Elizabeth Home.

There is NO entrance charge but candles and programmes will be on sale at a nominal price.

For further details please call Lucy or Mapule on . 011 726 2784 or 072 379 0090. Email: taylor.fam@pixie.co.za

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