

Gordon's Bay Neighbourhood Watch Monthly Newsletter



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EXCO Committee

Chairman – Leon Lottering

Vice Chairperson – Jacques de Bruin

Treasurer – Lisa Shorter

Membership – Edwina Hadfield & Anne Fouche

Upcoming Events

Beach Clean Up

Saturday 18 September 2021
10h00 – 11h00

EWaste

Saturday 18 September 2021
08h00 to 12h00
GBNW HQ

From the Chair

It is with regret that we firstly inform you that Marc Quinn has resigned as Chairperson.

Unfortunately, the pressures of work does not allow Marc to give his full attention to NW, and thus his decision to step down. We take this opportunity of thanking Marc for his input and guidance in the past few months and wish him well with his new position at work. Marc will continue to support NW where and when he can but will also continue to support the CPF in guiding the Pink Bibbers.

We are also sad to lose Sarel & Cilliers Lubbe, they are both taking a sabbatical, as their workload has also become more intense.

Our thanks go to both for their dedication to NW, for the many patrolling hours they have behind the belt, we thank you, and look forward to the day when we can welcome you back.

Leon Lottering has been nominated from the committee as our next Chairperson.

Leon has a wealth of experience plus has served as a SAPS member, the committee is well behind him, and we will support him in making Gordon's Bay Neighbourhood Watch the best.



Recent Crime Issues in Gordon's Bay

House break-ins are on the increase, and we are thankful for Gordon's Bay Security and SAPS that work so well together to catch these perpetrators, each of the recent break-in's the perpetrators have been arrested with one still on the loose from a guest house clearance.

We are extremely fortunate to work so closely with our law enforcements agencies, and security companies, who are cohesive with camera's radio's and being so alert to situations, we give thanks to them all.

Domestic abuse is a problem, and it is sadly alcohol induced in many instances. Please be aware of what is happening around you, remember that there is a Victim Support Centre at the station that handles these cases with a professional Counsellor, and everything remains extremely confidential. Report to SAPS, it can be anonymous if you feel that someone in the close vicinity is being abused, remember its might not only be physical abuse, sexual abuse, there is verbal abuse which in some cases can be worse than those mentioned. Support those around you.

Theft out of motor vehicles continue, hard to understand that one leaves a laptop in the car or your cell phone, sadly insurance is high these days and it's because of these cases, but the companies have got wise, and it is getting harder and harder to claim for theft out of a motor vehicle, besides the inconvenience do not leave you 'stuff' lying around.

The labour unrest at Balwins has been addressed, we must remember that they are a private company, and who they employ is part of their business. What happened was the Balwins company, switch their labour around, so to keep their labour when an estate slows down and building is not necessary, they move their staff from one site to the other, thus keeping a stable workforce, and yes, they do employ a small percentage of foreigners, as a private company they are entitled to do this. They had addressed the issue with SAPS have laid a case against those perpetrators and we nor the CPF are involved in any way but do keep an eye on the situation.

GBNW Patroller are continually invited to assist with SAPS operations, and this is encouraging that SAPS not only appreciate the assistance but have the confidence in members to be part of their 'eyes and ears'. Driving under the influence, unlicensed motor vehicles,

unlicensed drivers, and much more are the order of each night besides being on the road after curfew hours.

GBNW continues to assist the GB Lockdown Feeding Project with packing of parcels and delivery of parcels which Phil Davies and Marion Lewis delivers for us, Phil and Marion thoroughly enjoy their bi-monthly visit to those in need.

Fingerprinting

Presently there is a backlog, but SAPS are doing what they can to ensure a faster turnaround, but like our station the station that is processing the fingerprints, is only one person and is assisting several stations. Now that we understand the backlog, we are not worried, the main concern is that the fingerprints have been done, they have been handed in, we have records, and we carry on with our membership.

Once the fingerprints are returned, we will issue a notice together with all the relevant documents that you need to have and understand.

Neighbourhood Watch clearance certificates cannot be used for any other purpose than Neighbourhood Watch, so if you need a police clearance for anything else, you need to apply to the station for the full clearance certificate.

The clearance certificate received does not get given to you, it is filed with your membership and confidentiality remains key.

Gun Licences

The backlog of gun licenses has impacted on service delivery and the CPF has discussed this with the station and there is a process in place, and they are working as fast as they can to catch up. Sadly, we only have the one DPO and he is now going off for training, which may impact again on the situation, but Captain Delport is doing her best under the circumstances.

Remember you must make an appointment to apply for a gun licence. You must come with all documents completed. These documents are available at the station from the CSC, (Community Service Centre) or they are available online.

Reporting Incidents to SAPS

We keep on at the public that crime is not being reported and as a result our staff numbers are dropping, and this is of concern, so our CPF have had lengthy discussions with SAPS regarding the service levels at the station.

If you go to the station to report an incident and you are told that

you do not have to report it, you are fully entitled to ask the person on duty for the OB number.

This is a book where they record everything that happens at the station, every incident that comes to the table must be recorded.

Ask for this number, if they refuse, ask for the name of the person, serving, they also do have a name badge, ask to see the captain, or there is a complaints box outside write out your complaint and put it in the box, lets do it, lets make sure that we are getting the service that we deserve.

Remember all crime is SAPS related, By-Laws is Law Enforcement.

What's App Groups

We have mentioned it before, but it is now going to happen, the first group that is going to be cleared will be the patrollers group. So, everybody that has been fingerprinted will be on this Group and the new members who have indicated they would like to patrol. This should possibly happen this coming weekend, but due notice will be given.

The next group will be the General Chat Group.

Patrolling

We encourage all to come along and patrol, it is vital that we cover our streets, and not only on weekends during the week as well, but those also who are home observers, can observe during the day like Peter Fryer who books on at the station, and does a drive around, and reports in any suspicious persons or if anything is happening.

Night times are the busy times, we know that, and this is when the strange cars are coming into our town, strangers walking around, stalking the area out, we need the eyes on the road – contact Leon or Anne for any information on patrolling.

Permits

New permits will be issued for Level 2 and new curfew hours.

Permits will be available at the station, you must sign for the permit, this must be sent to Doc and Disaster Risk Management. Permits will only be issued to current patrollers, those who would like to be added to the list, please email or what's app on the patrollers group for the request, the permit will be left at the station for you to collect.

Happening Radio

Yes, exciting news we are getting our own Radio Station, they will be situated at the Village Plaza on the 2nd Floor, we will have a weekly

or maybe five-minute morning slot, they are still looking at the programme on what is happening crime wise in Gordon's Bay – extremely exciting to be part of this initiative.

Follow them on Facebook and Twitter and our very own member from Fleur Park Linda Lemon is going to be the station manager and will have the morning slot where she will be interviewing various members.

Ewaste Day

Saturday 18th is eWaste day at GBNW HQ please let your friends, family, aunties, and uncle know so that we make it a bumper collection.

The last eWaste day brought in R1700 which we are putting towards much needed equipment. Pass the message around put on your street groups etc. We will be open from 08h00 to 12h00. Should you have a fridge or washing machine that you cannot bring down to us, let us know, let's see what we can do to get it onto the vehicle.

Beach Clean-up

Saturday 18th is Ocean Awareness Day and the GBRA together with Helderberg Beach Cleanup are having a Beach Cleanup starting at 09h00 from the GBNW HQ – come along, support the cleanup.

Monthly Meeting

No monthly meeting this month, our next meeting will be held at the Lion's Club on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 19h00. Look forward to seeing you all again, keep safe, keep out town safe and thank you to all members for their help in

Vagrancy

Lots of new face, we are keeping a steady eye on the tents and what is happening,

Keep safe, be the 'eyes and ears', report crime.