



# Milnerton Ridge Neighbourhood Watch

## NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2015

### Xmas in July

What a fabulous 'first'! The night was a resounding success and the MRNW would like to thank once again all participants who made the night possible – sponsors, organizers, as well as the residents who attended. 70 people partied the night away after a delicious meal and a few bottles of wine - stragglers were seen leaving the venue well after 1:30am. There's already talk about the 'next one'....

Thanks to our generous donors, we managed to raise enough money for a few radios (at least) - and some other items needed to make life a little safer for our patrollers.



Milnerton Ridge Neighbourhood Watch would like to thank the following sponsors for their contribution towards making this evening possible

- DJ Jono SwitchedOnAV
- MAXINE DE LIMA Clinton & Taryn Jacobs
- Lee & Anica Miltons
- limonlu catering Rawsons
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- The Mastercrafter
- Bargain Books
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## Recycling is cool



### Recycling Project

We are pleased to be able to offer to Milnerton Ridge residents a weekly recycling collection at a very affordable rate of R50 a month. MRNW members will enjoy a R20 discount and only pay R30 a month.

Included in this price will be a free (recycled) clear plastic bag and an instruction sheet. Please e-mail [recycle@mrnwatch.org.za](mailto:recycle@mrnwatch.org.za) for more information on how to participate.

We will be publishing more details via the Whatsapp groups & Facebook shortly.



### Criminal Activity

Since our last e-mail, there have been 3 house robberies, 1 attempted break-in and the ATM card scamming incident at Paddocks this past weekend.

Please check details of the above on our website:

<http://www.mrnwatch.org.za/crime-incident-log/> (only visible to MRNW members)

Feel free to leave a comment if there are any other incidents that need to be recorded.



### Code of Conduct/Guidelines

Please read the code of conduct for use of our Whatsapp Groups here <http://www.mrnwatch.org.za/milnerton-ridge-whatsapp-groups/>  
We request that everyone please abide by these guidelines in order to remain in the groups.

A recent discussion on the Social Group cleared the air with regard to specifying race while describing suspicious people. It was agreed that race is an identifying trait and helps describe any individual in a clear and concise manner and is not intended to offend.

When describing individuals, please also mention clothing and any other identifying traits such as tattoos, limbs, the carrying of bags or any other items, whether they look neatly dressed or grubby/tatty.

When specifying suspicious vehicles, please note the number plate (if possible), make and colour and anything else that could identify the vehicle.

Lastly, please include in your observation the location of said person(s)/vehicles.



### MRNW Community Website

Please be sure to visit our website [www.mrnwatch.org.za](http://www.mrnwatch.org.za) and sign up to become a community member.

In particular, visit our recommended supplier's page and leave comments with people you think are deserving of a mention for their outstanding services.

### Milnerton Ridge including Royal Ascot Facebook page

We have a Facebook page that we keep updated daily with Loadshedding information as well as current and up & coming events, as well as other interesting bits and pieces of information.

Click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/MilnertonRidge> to access.



## Patrollers

Everyone who is keen to patrol our neighbourhood, firstly, please join the MRNW. 😊

Then either Whatsapp our Patrol Leaders **Hinrich** 0825721856, or **Andre** 0833836498 - to notify them, or book a slot on our website: <http://www.mrnwatch.org.za/book-a-patrol-slot/>

The website 'bookings' enable us to record our patrol patterns, which are forwarded on to the CPF/SAPS for recordkeeping.

They are also used to determine if there are people who are keen to walk but need company – we advise that people walk in groups of at least three after dark.

At the beginning of July, we offered an **incentive** for the most regular patrollers. Most of our regulars are also committee members, so we excluded ourselves from the incentive scheme and therefore conclude that this month's award should go to **Brian Roy** and **Hester Carstens**. They have established a regular Monday morning (BIN DAY!) patrol and have been noticed by residents and vagrants alike – no doubt contributing towards resident safety.

The original incentive was a voucher for either a back, neck and shoulder massage, or a pedicure. As this month's award is shared, this will be in the form of a R250 voucher for the Mugg and Bean at the Paddocks, which they can share after one of their exhausting rounds through the neighbourhood.

Enjoy, Hester and Brian! 😊



## Power Patrol

On Friday 31 July, the MRNW hosted a Power Patrol.

We had a great turnout, considering operations taking place elsewhere and the MRNW would like to thank the Neighbourhood Watches from Tygerhof, Sanddrift East, Summer Greens & Phoenix for coming to see how we operate and our problem areas.

Thanks too, to Crimewatch, Chubb, ADT and Star for their presence and support. Captain Fourie also put in an appearance to make sure everyone was safe and to check on our progress.

Many thanks go to one of our residents **Maureen Verster**, who opened her home to the 40-strong crowd and made sure everyone was well fed and watered before leaving for further duties for the evening. Much appreciated Mau, you're a star!

**Terence** and **Taryn** for the cooldrinks - thank you!

Thanks too to our other caterers, **Shamiela** (delicious wraps and quiches), **Amanda** (butternut soup to die for) and little **Janna** who shared her Kit Kats with everyone.

Last but not least, to **Hinrich** for organizing the event - sterling job all round! You made the MRNW proud and we look forward to the next time we can host a Power Patrol.





## Vagrants

Feedback from Ward councillor's meeting via MRRA Chairman Rolf Spaeth:

No real answer to our problem was given or mooted, save that the same problem exists citywide. The recommendation was that we should continue to report vagrants immediately as in the past, alerting all necessary departments (Displaced Persons Unit, Metro, Law Enforcement etc).

The issue is also on the agenda at the monthly Milnerton Racecourse environmental committee meeting. Both the city biodiversity and the Servest people are fully aware of the problem and will also report and get vagrants removed should they move in again. The removal of vegetation in the parks below the Paddocks to minimise vagrancy is continually assessed and this will be undertaken should it be deemed necessary.

In the meantime, please do not encourage vagrants to enter the area.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR BINS OUT ON SUNDAY NIGHT AND DO NOT LEAVE SPECIAL PARCELS FOR THEM ON TOP OF YOUR BIN, AS WAS OBSERVED LAST SUNDAY DURING ONE OF OUR PATROLS.**

## Special Offers for MR Residents

Milnerton Ridge residents have been offered a special deal on an Inverter - R8500, and rechargeable LED globes - R100 each.

Please contact [admin@mrnwatch.org.za](mailto:admin@mrnwatch.org.za) for more details.



The **PowerMate 1000** is a complete standalone plug and plug unit well suited for the home and for the small office. Ideal to power up your home TV/DSTV and a couple of bedside lamps (low energy bulbs) or 2 PCs depending on their configuration. Well suited for the small office as well and can power up a few desktop computers, small printers, telephone system and most other small office appliances. The maximum load configuration is 1000W with a surge capacity of up to 2000W and the system can run from around 2 to 8 hours depending on the load. If more time is required more batteries can be connected.

- 1000 Watts
- Modified Sine Wave
- Input DC – 10 to 15.5V
- Low Voltage cut out – 10V
- Max Efficiency - >90%
- 102/5 High or Deep Cycle Battery
- Inverter Charger charge rate – 10A, 3-stages
- External Intelligent Charger – long term storage/maintenance

**PLEASE MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR DETAILS OF THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING**

**Date:** Monday 14 September 2015

**Time:** 6:30pm for 7:00pm

**Venue:** 17 Milnerton Drive