

NEWSLETTER



MILL HILL
Residents Association

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Dear Mill Hill Residents

This is a full newsletter as it is Mill Hill Residents Association's (MHRA) way of keeping you informed and **we urge you to take the time to read it** and be updated on all the latest news and developments in your suburb.

Our financial year end has been and Joy McLean and Colin McMurdo, who manage the **FINANCES** on all our behalf, have put together the annual financial report so you can see how your money is spent.

Our **SECURITY** costs, as always, were the biggest expense and this will continue to be the case as security is our primary focus. We are pleased to report that security incidents in Mill Hill remain one of the lowest in the policing sector and it is not by luck! We are hugely grateful for the work of the Security Sub-Committee (Chair position currently vacant – see later in this Newsletter), Camera Team, Domestic Workers Forum Team and Community Police Forum (CPF) liaison who give tirelessly of their time to monitor our security, make adjustments and ensure we have an open relationship with our security provider, Fidelity and Randburg SAPS. It was with sadness that we heard that our CPF Sector 2 Manager, W/O Hein van Heerden had been transferred to Douglasdale SAPS, as we had over many years grown to have a close relationship with him and his team. We wish him and Brigadier Hugo, Head of Randburg SAPS who was moved as well, all their best in their new and challenging position.

We are delighted to
WELCOME

our new Randburg SAPS Sector 2 Manager,
Constable Maqhawe (Mac) Dlodlo

We have met with Mac and introduced him to MHRA and the guards and all that we do; he has been with us round the suburb to ensure that he knows the area and he has attended our Domestic Workers Forum. We look forward to working with him.

**The first point of contact with the police in the case of a security incident is to call the sector vehicles directly on
071 675 7123/7117**

2014 saw us incur larger than usual **LEGAL** expenses. Why? We are sure the boom was a major reason for many of you buying a property in Mill Hill. Maintaining the suburb as a closure is key and was one of the main reasons for the establishment of the MHRA. We constantly watch and monitor developments and are required to re-apply for the closure at the top of Norman Avenue and comply with the City's ever increasingly onerous conditions. Our reapplication was necessary last year and Jane Badham and Colin McMurdo worked together with the Exco and a lawyer who manages these applications to ensure we applied in time with all the necessary documentation (a file!) and attended the City's hearing for the application. We are pleased to report that we have been informed it has been recommended that the closure be approved but we are now dealing with some concerns we have over procedure and conditions so the work is on-going.

It is sad that despite all our efforts and those of the Captains, that we **only managed to get 77% of residents to sign the mandatory required letter of support for the closure** (we also had 1 objection) and this certainly jeopardised our application and we were required to explain the missing 22.8%. Wonderful, was the fact that 248 people that work within the suburb, signed in support of the closure and our active Domestic Workers Forum and commitment to the CPF were positively received. We equally monitor the Samantha closure.

You will note that the next largest expense is what we spend on **SUBURB MAINTENANCE** in terms of managing the Park, pavement and guard hut and associated area. Indeed much of this is in fact the responsibility of the City, but we all know that there are extensive challenges, and that for Mill Hill to be the attractive suburb that it is, we the residents need to be involved. We have a number of people that give of their time to do numerous tasks including the increasingly frustrating (and often seemingly fruitless) reporting of faults – street lights not working, leaning street lights and street name poles, potholes, unfinished work at power boxes.... But we perserver and special thanks to Vernon Roberts for his persistence. We are also grateful to our DA Ward 102 Councillor, David Potter, who constantly escalates issues for us and keeps pestering the City.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The current sponsorship towards the cost of the cameras has come to an end and we are looking for a new sponsor. In return, the sponsor gets to have a board at the boom on the message board. This is a GREAT opportunity to gain visibility of your services to the Mill Hill residents. The sponsorship fee is negotiable. Do you know anyone who might be interested? Please put the word out there... To discuss contact our Treasurer, Joy McLean at joybasson@hotmail.com

VACANCIES

Mill Hill Residents Association is run by us the residents on a voluntary and almost entirely pro bono basis. We are **appealing for volunteers** to join the various committees/teams and become part of the community that keeps our suburb safe and beautiful.

We have 4 dedicated positions currently vacant:

1. Head of Security
2. Maintenance of guard hut
3. Management of staff / casual labour
4. Pavements / Litter

We also need additional support with the website and camera team. You are however most welcome to join and lend support to any portfolio.

Should you be interested please contact our Chairman, David Graham on 0832537550 or drop an email to info@millhillra.com for further information on what the roles require.



SPECIAL OFFER TO ALL MILLHILL RESIDENTS

Become a member. Pay subs, but no entrance fees!

Bryanston Sports Club offers great sporting opportunities for the whole family - Tennis, Bowls, Squash and Social. We also have live music, catering and conference facilities.

For more information contact: Vanessa - 011 708 2170

BRYANSTON SPORTS CLUB
CNR PAYNE RD AND MAIN STREET BRYANSTON

HALLOWEEN PICTURES

What a fun event we had that was enjoyed by both children and adults! Thank you to all who got involved and hosted a table. Pam Golding, who sponsored the event, has supplied us with a CD of photos taken by their photographer at the event. Should you wish to see the photos and make copies, please email Joy McLean on joybasson@hotmail.com

FREE BULKY WASTE PICKUP

Did you know that Pikitup is rolling out a free once-a-month bulky waste service in an effort to divert recyclables from landfill sites. They will collect old mattresses, old furniture, fridges and other bulky household waste. You need to log a call and then a booking will be made for collection. The Randburg Depot can be contacted on 097 357 1327.

BALANCE SHEET at 28 FEBRUARY 2015		
ASSETS	R	R
FIXED ASSETS		
Security System		1
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank & Cash		209,507
Sundry Debtors (Levies still due)		5,229
Water Deposit - City of Joburg		850
TOTAL ASSETS		215,587
EQUITY & LIABILITIES		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		198,282
Opening Balance at 28 Feb 2014	188,189	
Net loss for the year	(28,340)	
Levies Received in Advance	5,397	
Accruals - Guard Hut		
Electricity	503	
Spring Fair Proceeds	6,115	
Thyme Close Jumble Sale	26,417	
Guards Christmas Collection	1	
CURRENT LIABILITIES		17,305
Tax Payable	17,305	
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES		215,587

HAIR BY SAMANTHA OF SAN SERENO



A WARM WELCOME TO MILL HILL RESIDENTS

MY NAME IS SAMANTHA THE HAIR STYLIST FROM SAN SERENO.
WE ARE HAVING SPECIAL'S FROM 1ST MAY TO 31ST JULY 2015, ON
HIGH-LIGHTS, COLOURS, GENTS & LADIES CUTS, INCLUDING BLOW-WAVES.

BOOK A FREE CONSULTATION: 072 281 7278

**MILL HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
INCOME STATEMENT FOR MARCH 2014 - FEBRUARY 2015**

	R	R	R	R	
	PRIOR YEAR ACTUALS 2013/2014	ACTUALS 2014/2015	BUDGET 2014/2015	Actual vs Budget 2014/2015	
INCOME					
Levy Contributions	683,795	728,776	711,336	17,440	
Interest Received	8,615	9,110	8,700	410	
Sticker Sales	2,570	2,050	2,100	(50)	
Donations	250	150	0	150	
TOTAL INCOME	695,229	740,086	722,136	17,950	
EXPENSES					% of Total Actual Expenses 2014/2015
Security Guards	451,427	495,912	490,439	5,473	64.54%
Legal Costs	3,990	42,138	12,000	30,138	5.48%
Camera Hire	51,310	32,324	31,656	669	4.21%
Chairman Stipend	26,460	27,780	27,783	(3)	3.62%
Treasurer Fee	26,460	27,780	27,783	(3)	3.62%
Casual Garden Services	20,310	21,240	19,350	1,890	2.76%
Secretarial Fee	19,845	20,832	20,837	(5)	2.71%
Boom Expenses	15,948	20,564	15,000	5,564	2.68%
Grass Cutting	16,929	16,302	18,960	(2,658)	2.12%
Bank Charges	11,388	12,110	11,500	610	1.58%
Public Liability Insurance	11,700	11,700	12,636	(936)	1.52%
Guard Hut Electricity	13,211	11,114	14,240	(3,126)	1.45%
Suburb Maintenance	19,143	10,746	5,100	5,646	1.40%
Toilet Hire for Guards	10,850	9,590	13,613	(4,023)	1.25%
Domestic Workers Forum	2,425	4,839	3,400	1,439	0.63%
Sundry Expenses	3,524	4,038	6,200	(2,162)	0.53%
Income Tax	3,446	3,644	3,480	164	0.47%
Guard Hut Telephone	2,375	3,491	2,400	1,091	0.45%
Printing & Stationery	3,334	2,762	3,000	(238)	0.36%
Park Maintenance	2,979	2,116	2,100	16	0.28%
Guard Supplies	1,096	1,850	1,200	650	0.24%
Computer Expenses	3,556	1,700	3,000	(1,300)	0.22%
Website Expenses	650	1,399	2,500	(1,101)	0.18%
Guard Hut Maintenance	7,560	456	2,400	(1,944)	0.06%
Cost of Stickers	5,586	0	0	0	0.00%
Pam Golding Sponsorship of Boom Cameras	(9,000)	(18,000)	(18,000)	0	-2.34%
TOTAL EXPENSES	726,502	768,426	732,577	35,849	100.00%
NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR	(31,273)	(28,340)	(10,441)	(17,899)	
% of Residents contributing to levies at 28 February	89.10%	89.60%			
NOTE: These %'s EXCLUDE San Sereno and Phoenix Close - who pay an annual donation					