

January 2018 - NEWSFLASH

Dear residents of Woodmead & Khyber Rock:

Please read and respond to this "News Flash" as quickly as possible.

The WKRRA approached Stephen Margo early December/2017 to undertake the renewal process of our booms but we delayed sending out the documentation that he provided due to the Festive Season holidays.

However, as you will have noted in the Sandton Chronicle of 26th January 2018 the Road Closure issue is once again hitting the headlines and as we are advised that our existing road closure is now **ILLEGAL AND OUT OF DATE** and thus we need to spring into action urgently. (See attached news clipping.)

Should we not start the renewal process immediately the existing structures will be cut down and removed by Council. This would also carry a **HEAVY FINE** which would necessitate us once again starting from scratch and carrying a number of additional costs which we certainly DO NOT NEED TO CARRY.

Firstly and most importantly:

Kindly complete the attached <u>CONSENT FORM in **BLACK INK**</u>, which states that you support the road closure.

Once completed return it to the WKRRA at the registered offices at 6 B Chrysler Street, Woodmead or scan and email to <u>info@woodrock.co.za</u> or send via facsimile to 086.691.6198 **on or before Friday 9th February, 2018.**

Everyone over the age of 16 should complete the form as well as **ALL** Domestic workers who work within the suburb.

In addition, we are advised to get all service companies such as a pool company or garden service which works in the suburb to complete the form.

The greater the number of people who CONSENT to the closure, the greater the chance of us being approved by Council so please speak to friends and neighbours as well and get them to complete and return the forms timeously.

Please do not take a negative approach to this closure, it has kept the crime in our suburb down for many years. Without this closure we would be far worse off than we are at present.

If you are NOT YET a subscriber to the Woodmead and Khyber Rock Residents Association (WKRRA) please reconsider.

We are currently running TWO DEDICATED ARMED REACTION VEHICLES on a 24-hour basis to ensure YOUR SAFETY as well as TWO BOOMS each with 24-hour guards.

This comes at a cost and your financial contribution is all that ensures our safety, fees are currently as follows:

Stand-alone homes R300-00 p.m. (as from Aug 2015) R330-00 (Proposed from March 2018) Homes in complexes R200-00 p.m. (as from Aug 2015) R220-00 (Proposed from March 2018) Home run business R500-00 p.m. (as from Aug 2015) R550-00 (Proposed from March 2018) These fees are substantially lower than what is charged by other Resident Associations and most other road closures. Our negotiated Armed Response fees are also substantially lower than most.



Our banking details are as follows:

NAME:	Woodmead Khyber Rock Residents Association		
BANK	First National Bank	ACCOUNT NUMBER	62005753498
BRANCH	Weirda Valley	BRANCH NUMBER	260950

The application/re-application process is lengthy, relying on Council to a large degree, so please be patient. **Stephen Margo** who has handled many road closures successfully has been appointed as our consultant who will see the project through to finality.

In brief the process is as follows:

- Complete the consent forms (attached hereto) and return urgently to WKRRA.
- WKRRA to print out the Council document and all completed forms. NOTE that the Policy is in the process of being updated with <u>increased prices</u> so we need to get in quickly.
- Stephen Margo shall take the file to Council, get it stamped & signed. It will be left with Council to be circulated to ALL departments.
- ✤ Wait for Council to advise when the section 45/2 meeting takes place.
- ✤ Attend section 45/2 meeting.
- Wait Council approval, IN THEORY, for the road closure.
- Place newspaper advert and Government Gazette advert.
- ◆ Wait 30 days for any objections if there are objections handle them if not proceed.
- ✤ Get prices for required signage.
- ✤ Await Council letter of approval.
- Erect any / all gates / booms / signage.
- ✤ Call Council for a final Inspection.
- ✤ Await final approval letter.
- ✤ YOUR CLOSURE IS NOW VALID FOR 2 YEARS (24 MONTHS).

There is a lot more to completing the closure but the above acts as a guide.

The SA Police and our Ward Councillor will approve our closure as it will help then both as well.

DON'T BE SHY AND LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME – LET US ALL WORK TOWARDS A SAFER COMMUNITY BY SIGNING AND RETURNING THE CONSENT FORMS WITHOUT DELAY.

If anyone has any questions or needs further information please e-mail <u>info@woodrock.co.za</u> and we will pass the question across to Stephen to answer.

Looking forward to receipt of your completed forms on or before 9th February. Kind regards

Wendy Robertson. Mobile: 083 700 2401 For and on behalf of WKRRA.

28th January, 2018.