

Dear Resident

August 2018 is almost over and there are some really important issues that need to be shared.

Most importantly is our **ROAD CLOSURE** renewal application.

Time is running away from us in this regard and last night we had a visit from Metro regarding the validity of the Road Closure after they had received a complaint on Thursday 16th August in this regard. The on-site Metro Inspector was happy with our Operation and our various controls but urged us to finalise the Renewal process to prevent any further complications. To that end please find communication from Steve Margo, our Consultant for this Project. [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) Also PLEASE COMPLETE the attached Consent Forms [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) and email or fax or hand-deliver to any of the address at the bottom of this communication.

TRAFFIC CALMING

As those residents who are on the Woodrock What's App groups are aware, there is much discontent regarding the increase in traffic through our area and more especially the seemingly total lack of regard for speed limits and stop streets. We have requested TRAFFIC CALMING measures and suggested additional speed humps along lower Lincoln as well as Packard as well as a traffic circle at the Lincoln/Plymouth intersection.

This issue has been at the forefront of our many requests to the City, supported by the Ward 106 Committee and Councillor, and it would now seem that a TRAFFIC SURVEY is imminent.

My unofficial count of traffic passing through the area recently was 237 cars within a ¾ hour period starting 11.00hrs on Monday 13th August (we were replacing the broken plant pot at Riley Road booms which had been damaged by a passing truck). From this count we can estimate that approximately 3000 vehicles pass through our area in a 12hour daytime period.

Metro (JMPD) have commented on the fact that we do not have enough traffic warning signs within the area, and to that end we trust that the City will correct this omission. We are also, once again, requesting that road painting be done, especially the centre-road lines and demarcation. Recently JRA did repaint the STOP SIGNS but were unable to complete all markings due to Budget restraints.

FINANCES

The WKRRRA Financials are posted to the Woodrock website every month and these also list the current Contributors.

Please check this list to determine whether your fees are up-to-date and are amended to the new amount.

There was a 10% increase to fees at the start of our Financial year (March/2018) - the first in FOUR YEARS.

- R330 pm Stand-alone homes;
- R220 pm for homes in gated complexes.

If you are not contributing or have not adjusted your monthly EFT, PLEASE do so urgently as our monthly Expenditure exceeds our monthly Income.

As it is time-consuming and extremely difficult to do a monthly Credit Control check on contributions, it would really be appreciated if you signed up via DEBIT ORDER which is much easier to administer. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Debit Order form.

Please also sign up with 24/7 who are our preferred security company for the area - we have negotiated SPECIAL RATES for all WKRRRA members but do note that the Security Industry have their annual increases effective September of every year. Our current rates are posted on the Woodrock Website. www.woodrock.co.za Please contact 24/7 Security to sign up for your individual Armed Response service - with two cars in this area 24-7-365 you are assured of a swift response to any alarm and their contracts can be cancelled with a calendar months' notice should you not be satisfied.

TOWN PLANNING:

Our **PRO-FUND** (Professional Fund) is rapidly being depleted due to the number of Re-zoning applications that we are facing.

Currently the applications that we are opposing are:

ERF 158 - 28 Lincoln Street; ERF 82 - 3 Packard Street; ERF 49 - 19 Hillman Street; ERF 140 - 43 Lincoln Street.

Please see previous newsletters for full details regarding these applications.

DOMESTIC WATCH

The Domestic Watch Forum is crucial to the safety and security in the area and to that end it is a positive consideration to be included in our Road Closure application. Once again urge we urge you to allow your staff (both housekeeper and gardener) to attend these lessons on the last Thursday of every month. The cost is R50 per attendee and the venue is by courtesy of iMvula Security their training facility at 22 Packard Street at 12noon every last Thursday.

The Annual "Certificate of Attendance Recognition" Ceremony shall be held on 22nd November and the following is an excerpt from Penny Steyn's latest letter to all employers:

QUOTE: *Thank you for allowing your staff members/s to attend the MAD Domestic Watch lessons. Annually we host a special event to give them the recognition they deserve together with National, Provincial and Station SAPS and many other VIP guest speakers and entertainers. Transport provided. Please sponsor your staff with R200 for this event to cover the vast expenses and allow them to attend. Luncheon is held at the event venue. Tickets are only available at the upcoming last lessons.* **UNQUOTE**

Woodrock had a great turnout last year and our staff were all resplendent in their traditional regalia. They enjoyed the luncheon and were receivers of many of the prizes, in addition to the complementary "goodie bags" supplied to all. Please support them again this year.

In ending dear neighbours, my appeal to all residents is ***"Don't just live here - become part of our community and help maintain our joint values"***.

BE AWARE & TAKE CARE OUT THERE.

Yours sincerely

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