## **Dear Woodrockers**



Firstly, we wish you all a happy and healthy **EASTER Season** and trust that those celebrating their various **HOLY DAYS** will find Peace and Blessings during this time. As South Africa's LOCKDOWN continues, it is vital that we all take on maximum anti-Corona preventative measures and remember that we are all in this together.

Let us take care of ourselves, our families and our neighbours. . . . . and "If you have to be anything – be KIND".

It has been a long time since our last newsletter (August 2019) wherein we confirmed the residents' acceptance of cameras in our area, but realised that this needed to be staggered into a Phase One, Two, Three and Four due to financial constraints.

Phase One was to consist of Licence Plate Recognition with Overviews that would be placed at both Lincoln and Riley booms, plus the intersection of Plymouth & Lincoln and the corner of Plymouth & Hillman. These two internal sites would enable us to determine the direction any particular BOLO car was travelling through our area. (**BOLO** = **Be On Look Out**).

The above application called for NINE cameras on FOUR poles and the chosen cameras are top-of-the-range which can operate in low light and even capture details if vehicles are going past at high speed. They are all currently solar-powered.

Having been given the go-ahead, VumaCam then embarked on applying for Wayleaves for the siting of the poles which needed to be done via Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) and City of Joburg (COJ).

The JRA then called for a further confirmation from residents via an electronic Survey to confirm that this installation had the majority support of the residents of the area.

VumaCam thereafter duly submitted the Wayleave Applications to JRA.

The Wayleave acceptances took us into late October when it was discovered that due to an administrative error, two pole positions were incorrect.

The applications were corrected and re-submitted and JRA authority was given early December  $\dots$ . together with a COJ notification that due to the upcoming Festive Season, no construction could begin until  $16^{th}$  January.

From late January construction began in earnest by VumaCam and their Third-Parties and the cameras were eventually put into TEST MODE, adjusted and accepted.

The Smart Surveillance (monitoring) system was then implemented by 24/7 Security, again tested, adjusted and accepted.



## WKRRA are now pleased to advise that our camera system went LIVE on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

For your information and enjoyment we have attached a Snap Shot of each camera viewing herewith – all taken early morning when minimal traffic allows for 'circulation legality'. You can see more detailed photo's via our Website . . . . . <u>www.woodrock.co.za</u> Please log in to see these, plus the latest 24/7 Monthly Report and WKRRA Cash Book.

Please note that due to POPIA we are not allowed to circulate any pics / video clips of identifiable people nor vehicles showing actual Licence Plates for identification purposes.

I truly wish I could publish video footage of the many, many vehicles that stream over the Plymouth / Lincoln intersection without even a hint of stopping.

Please remember next time you travel through this intersection that you are on candid camera!

Camera footage is not available to residents and in the case of incidents is only available via VumaCam to SAPS and the PSIRA Registered Security Companies who monitor the cameras. Note that all VumaCam cameras throughout Johannesburg are linked and thus VumaCam can follow suspicious vehicles as they move through many areas, not merely one neighbourhood.

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Our Monitoring costs now kick in and thus we launch an urgent and intense appeal for more financial support of the WKRRA and the initiatives that are implemented via this forum.

Our original costings on viability of the cameras were based on Stand-Alone Homes paying R400 per month and Gated Complex homes paying R250 per month.

Fees for registered Businesses operating from home are R600 per month.

WKRRA will negotiate an individual 'Seniors' rate for residents, but this must be <u>negotiated directly</u> with Wendy to allow for proper accounting systems to be implemented.

We do prefer Debit Orders as this lessens the onerous task of reconciliation and credit control for WKRRA (a registered non-profit company).

Please also note that all Resident Association <u>fees are payable in advance</u>, and that our current Financial Year runs from March/2020 to February/2021.

Our Cash Book / Contributor List is available monthly on our website <a href="www.woodrock.co.za">www.woodrock.co.za</a>. as we comply to a very strict transparency rule.

You will note that we recorded a <u>deficit in NINE months</u> of the past year, finally ending with a minimal positive balance of R3,150 at year-end.



## We truly need your support or we will not be able to meet our financial commitments!!

Our Bank Details are:

Woodmead Khyber Rock Residents Association NPC Bank: First National Bank.

Branch: RMB Private Bank Branch Code: 26 12 51

Current Account No: 62005753498 Account Type: Business Call Account (Savings Account)

Please use as 'beneficiary ref.' your Surname / Street or Complex.

For your convenience (and ours) we have attached a Debit Order Form herewith – please complete and return to Alan Williams/Treasurer at info@woodrock.co.za



If by chance you have left the area PLEASE let us know <u>via return email</u>, so that we may update our database.

If you know the name /contact numbers of the party who has moved into your 'Woodrock' home, please pass that information on to us.

If you have neighbours who are not on our database, please share their contact details with us so that we can reach out to them and so build up our community.

Finally – if you have updated your email, prefer to use a different email address or have a new mobile number PLEASE also keep us advised so that we can update the database.

## Be well, stay home and stay safe during these trying times!

Yours sincerely
Wendy M. Robertson
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Woodmead Khyber Rock Residents Association