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SECURITY TEAMS SHINE AMIDST RISING CRIME RATES

Since the clearing of the old putt-putt courts in Parkroad, a lot of crime has spread into Westdene. The WNA's security teams have been working tirelessly, with several successful prevention efforts and arrests in the past month alone. One of the key strategies in crime prevention, according to the association, is the supervision of car guards. They emphasize the importance of this measure in preventing further incidents, the association is calling on non-members to join them and contribute financially to enhance their security efforts. They believe that with the community's support, they can create a safer environment in Westdene and deter criminals, making the area more attractive to potential investors.



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70

Pothole Repairs

44

Network Event Attendance

17%

Membership



WNA REPAIR 70 POTHOLES

Since the beginning of February 2024, the WNA's diligent pothole repair teams have successfully addressed up to 70 road defects. These repairs encompassed Kellner Street, Brill Street, Third Avenue, Second Avenue, First Avenue, and Nelson Mandela Street, with a priority placed on areas densely populated by association members. Looking ahead to March, the association plans to extend its efforts towards Brebner, Connor, and adjacent roads. Residents are encouraged to participate actively, enabling the association to broaden its impact to encompass residential areas effectively.



BI-WEEKLY SECURITY SWEEPS SIGNAL ZERO-TOLERANCE FOR CRIME

Since the start of 2024, the WNA has conducted bi-weekly security sweeps to demonstrate a zero-tolerance approach to crime. These efforts have led to the successful removal of illegal vagrants, car guards, vendors, and individuals with prior convictions. The association has also reported illegal structures. They encourage community members to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity immediately through the WNA Crime group, which has proven effective. If not already a member, individuals are urged to contact the association directly.





GREEN EFFORTS ENHANCE COMMUNITY LIVABILITY

Throughout the month of February, the association focused on keeping sidewalks and parks in pristine condition. They were seen trimming bushes and trees along the Saint Andrews School sidewalk, showcasing their dedication to maintaining a neat and tidy environment. In addition to their regular maintenance work, the association has taken on the responsibility of maintaining five parks in the area. This includes the recent addition of Athlone Park along Dan Pienaar Drive. The funds generated from these maintenance efforts are directly allocated to the men's shelter of Anchor of Hope. By supporting the men's shelter, the association is making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.



FURNITURE FAIR



FIRST AVENUE BUSH PRUNING INITIATIVE

The WNA's cleaning teams took on a significant task to enhance the safety and aesthetics of the community. Their focus was on improving visibility for motorists by pruning bushes that obstructed the view at the turn in First Avenue. This proactive approach not only enhances safety for drivers but also contributes to the overall beautification of the neighborhood. Their dedication to ensuring a safer environment and their hard work are truly commendable.

WNA CONTINUES REFUSE REMOVAL EFFORTS

For the past two years, the WNA has taken on the responsibility of removing refuse at our own cost for the entire business area. This initiative was undertaken to enhance the area's appeal to businesses. Despite our efforts, we attempted to return this responsibility to the municipality at the beginning of the year. However, on numerous occasions, the municipality failed to provide the service. As a result, the WNA has decided to continue providing this service to our community. It is disheartening that only 17% of the business area contributes towards the improvement of Westdene. We urge those who are not already involved to join us in our efforts.



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BRILL STREET PARK FOR SAFE PLAY

The Brill Street Park recently underwent a repaint by Municipal Parks, with Ward 21 Counsellor Werner Pretorius providing valuable support and reporting the matter for us. While the repainting has been completed, there are still some structural maintenance issues with the equipment. The WNA teams have been on-site to assess the situation and determine the necessary steps to ensure the park is safe and enjoyable for children.





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DELIGHTS VISITORS WITH SUPERCARS
4th consecutive Westdene market
hosted by the WNA was a resounding

success, with a full house of visitors. Attendees were amazed by the variety of sports cars on display, courtesy of Supercars of Bloem. Live entertainment by JAR added to the lively atmosphere. The market offered a wide array of food, drinks, arts, and crafts, providing something for everyone. This event has firmly placed Westdene on the map as a unique and historic neighborhood with a strong commitment to safety and cleanliness. The WNA extends their gratitude to everyone who supported the event and looks forward to welcoming them back on the 20th of September 2024.

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WNA AIM TO GROW COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The WNA held a highly successful Network Event at Saint Andrews Club on February 8, 2024. Real Estate Agents, Property Owners, and interested members were all invited to attend. The event featured guest speaker Johan Snyman from OurSA, who spoke about the importance of neighborhood associations. The evening began with a fun bingo icebreaker, followed by Johan's insightful discussion. Guests enjoyed pizza and wine, creating a relaxed atmosphere for networking. The association plans to continue hosting these monthly events in the hopes of attracting more members to support the Westdene cause."



UPCOMING EVENTS

7 MAR

5 PM

VENUE

Saint Andrews
Old Boys Club

HELP BUILD A BETTER WESTDENE

Are you a resident in Westdene? We want to get to know you and hear your concerns and suggestions to help us build a better neighborhood. Come join us and Ward 20 Councillor for a FREE night of fun, with lots of surprises and prizes!

RSVP

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NETWORK EVENT



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