

CRA area. The street reps who slogged around the suburbs commented that it was amazing how many people don't seem to have a postbox! Of much greater concern, however, are the houses which don't have a **visible street number**. We urge you to remedy this – in an emergency, police or eg paramedics will lose valuable time trying to find you. And... in an emergency, do you know your neighbours? Their names? Their contact details? If you don't, find out today!

If you have new neighbours or you are new to the neighbourhood, let Jill Weldon know so that she can inform newcomers about the CRA – more members=more strength! Jill - 011 788-9587.

Neighbourliness is also one of the spin-offs of **Domestic Watch**. If your employees know others in the vicinity, this has many advantages. Domestic Watch meetings now cover not only security matters but also life skills subjects, such as HIV/AIDS and how to open a bank account. **THIRD** Tuesday of each month, 13:00-14:00 at the Wesleyan Church, Norfolk Ave, Craighall Park. [CHECK -correct?] Incidentally, the new Minister at the Church is Errol Hartley.

ENVIRONMENTAL matters

Upgrading the spruit area continues. Don't forget that the River Market helps sustain this project --- every second Saturday at REA, next to Colourful Splendour Nursery, Marlborough Avenue.

We are also working on upgrading the traffic islands in Jan Smuts/William Nichol - not as easy a task as you would think!

USEFUL information re contacting the City Council

The City relies on citizens to report problems. Report ALL faults to the Region 3 Peoples Centre on 881-6053 during office hours or after hours to 375-5555, and insist on a reference number. If you have an accounts query, the Region 3 People's Centre (just west of Mandela Square in Sandton) is much friendlier than Jorissen Place in Braamfontein.

Have you paid your 2005 subs?

A subscription form is enclosed for your convenience. If you need another one contact Jill Weldon (011 788-9587).

Advertising: the CRA is experimenting with assisting local businesses by carrying a limited number of adverts in the Crier, which will also be on our website. For information, contact Wendy McAllister (011 325-7165).

Yoga classes

Craighall

Monday and Friday morning 08:30

Monday afternoon 16:30

Call Sarah 083 294-4447

Hatha Yoga as taught by B.K.S. Iyengar through the Young Yoga Institute

Letter from the Chairman

Dear Fellow Residents,

● **AGM.** This is to let you know that the 29th Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Craighall Park Primary School on Monday, May 23rd 2005, starting at 19:30.

● **New Chairperson sought.** This will be the last AGM that I will Chair and I hope (not only for this reason) that we will get a good turnout as we have much to talk about regarding our two suburbs. The CraigPark Residents Associations' constitution stipulates the Chairperson should sit for a maximum of three years and as you know – I have been in the Chair for longer than that and the time has come to find a replacement. The executive we have in place would give strong support to the appropriate individual and your Association's financial position is healthy. For some months I have been asking the community to come up with suggestions for my replacement as there is no one in the executive at the moment who is in a position to take on this responsibility. Although the person who takes this job on obviously needs a passionate approach to the welfare of our two suburbs he or she does not necessarily have to be on the verge of retirement! We're always looking for new ideas. In the interim (between now and the AGM) if anybody is interested or knows of someone who might be interested I would very much appreciate it if you would let me know urgently. My telephone number is 011 325-4547.

● **New Superintendent at Parkview.** By now many of you may know that Senior Superintendent Moodley is coming to the Parkview Police Station as the new Station Commander. He will replace acting Superintendent Dupiesanie. We welcome this appointment as it is my firm understanding that Superintendent Moodley, currently running the Langlaagte police station, is keen and passionate about Community Policing. We have forged a close relationship between the CRA and the Parkview Police and it is in everybody's best interest to continue this important relationship. In addition you will now have heard that there is a new Chairman for the Parkview CPF – Richard Dancer, who we also welcome. I have already spent some time with Richard and find him approachable with a common interest in assisting the development of an efficient Parkview Police Station.

● **Crime update.** Over recent months we have had our ups and downs as far as crime is concerned in both the suburbs and although there seems to be some improvement, we're still by no means out of the woods. I urge everyone to continue to be vigilant and aware of what is going on, particularly in your own neighbourhood. Driveway attacks and subsequent entry to our homes is still a serious problem and as I have often said, if you are suspicious of anyone on your street you must advise the Parkview Police, even if you're not sure why you are uneasy. That's the job of the police and by alerting them of imminent crime we will be helping them do their job, not hindering them. Be aware

when you're entering your driveway. That seems to be where most of the problems are coming from.

STOP PRESS: Parkview Police have just informed us that the new manager for our sector (Craighall, Hurlingham and Craighall Park - North sector) is Constable Silence. He can be contacted in any emergency at 082 829-7609.

● **Continuing development.** We continue to be subjected to property development intrusion into our suburbs and this trend looks as though it will continue to accelerate. I'm afraid the old statement that we used to make, i.e. "Craighall and Craighall Park are well kept secrets" no longer applies! This subject will need greater attention and proper management as we go through 2005. In addition we are confronted with continuous environmental problems and the CRA would welcome any assistance in this area if you feel you have a bent for that sort of subject.

● **Executive changes...** Four members of the CRA Executive have had to step down, Carol Kullman (Secretary), Sue Beard (Traffic) Janet Ward (*Crier* editor) and Caroline Fouché (Environment). Our thanks to them for their contribution. We are pleased to welcome Heidi Kerwan who takes over as Treasurer, allowing Lee Whitfield more time to deal with the busy portfolio of planning and development.

Although I hope to continue to be able to support the CRA and its executive I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of both suburbs whom I have found to be sensitive and approachable concerning the subjects that we have to contend with on a daily basis.

Best regards

John Turpin

REPORT on town planning matters

Since the last report to residents, applications for subdivision of stands in Craighall and Craighall Park have continued unabated. A worrying aspect has been a tendency towards smaller stands than considered desirable by the CRA (Parkhurst size – and smaller...). In addition there have been a number of rezoning applications for general residential rights in areas reserved for single residential development as well as applications for higher densities than the CRA would like to see take place. The CRA does oppose applications under these circumstances.

The debate about the impact of these applications on the general character of the two suburbs, together with a concern that the service infrastructure is not being upgraded to support the densification of the area, prompted the CRA

executive to undertake a **survey** of the views of residents. There has been a very rewarding response and the task of analysing the replies will commence shortly.

In addition to the survey, the CRA intends appointing a professional town planner to assist with a review of the Land Development Objectives adopted in 1999. The results of the survey will be incorporated in this review. It is proposed that we should take advantage of the scope for community participation in local government and submit what is known as a "Community Submission" to Council. This will be presented to Council for their consideration in the hopes that it will be accepted as a policy document and will thereafter guide Council's evaluation of land use applications and the future development of the suburbs. Public meetings will be held as part of the process of drawing up the "Community Submission" and we will also keep you informed via the CRA's monthly electronic newsletter and the CRA website (www.cra.org.za).

Residents should be alert to advertisements relating to town planning issues in their immediate proximity (by law, any change in land usage must be advertised in a visible position on the property concerned – we urge you to read such notices!). **Ensure that you object timeously if you wish to oppose an application.** Late objections are not condoned. Recently the CRA has had evidence of active participation by residents in galvanizing their neighbours into action to object to undesirable applications for amended land use rights. This is greatly welcomed! We all need to be vigilant in order to protect the values of our own properties.

If residents have any town planning issues they wish the CRA to be involved with please contact us. The two committee members responsible for town planning matters are Roland Wille at 788-1402 or Lee Whitfield at 788-9086.

Beaufort koppie update... will it be sold or won't it? The saga continues. The CRA is hoping to reapply to lease the area. For those without email we'll try to keep you informed via the *Rosebank Killarney Gazette*. (Another reason to give your email address to Jill Weldon in order to receive CRA monthly updates.)

Proposed townhouse development cnr Northumberland/ Bompas: the developer wants to have 14 townhouses here. There are objections to the density and access is likely to be problematic.

MEMBERSHIP and neighbourliness

This portfolio has been busy this year, among other things dropping off a personal letter to every household in the

Salon Picardy

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Craighall Park. Tel: 011 787-8304 / 073 130-7687

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- Aromatherapy Massage ○ Waxing
- Manicures & Pedicures

Times: Mon – Fri: 09:00 to 19:00

Sat: 09:00 – 15:00

Contact: Sally 082 885-6370