

## PKVA: NEWSLETTER TO ALL RESIDENTS

Dear Resident

A number of residents have raised concerns about the recent increase in incidents of crime in our area. Since February 2012 there have been 6 armed incidents in the PKVA area. This number does not include the incidents that have taken place in the Field & Study park area. The PKVA Committee has been faced with a challenge – we are not yet a legalized road closure, our application is still under consideration and yet our residents are being subjected to incidents of crime. Most of these incidents have taken place as a result of vehicles entering through our boom.

In addition, residents have to date contributed R182 601 towards upgrading our security. The Committee has interpreted this as a message from residents that they support the upgrading of our security measures. A large portion of this R182k has been spent on the following projects:

- A new camera system
- Automated booms
- Road markings at the boom
- Fencing the blue gum tree area
- A guard hut for the Field & Study gate
- Pedestrian gates and additional palisade fencing at the boom

There have been many Committee meetings to debate/discuss various alternative solutions to the security problem.

The PKVA Committee is considering introducing monitored access to the PKVA area for vehicles and permanent domestic workers entering through the Panners boom and via the Field & Study gate. You will have noticed the recent installation of a pedestrian gate at the Panners boom together with additional palisade fencing to discourage pedestrians from walking in the road. Part of the plan is to install cameras at this gate.

## HOW THE SYSTEM WILL WORK:

- All residents will be contacted by their 'representative'. Each complex and street has a representative who is responsible for managing the access cards for vehicles and domestic workers in their complex/street.
- Each resident will be issued with an access card for each of their vehicles at a cost of R50.00 per card. The money must be paid to the representative and deposited into the PKVA banking account BEFORE access cards will be handed over. The expected number of cards to be issued is estimated to be in excess of 1 200 (1 200 X R50 = R60k).
- Residents' vehicle access cards will also allow access via the pedestrian gate.
- Residents who have Domestic Workers who live with them or work for them on a regular basis can apply for an access card (also at a cost of R50.00) which the worker will use when he/she enters or exits the area at the boom or at the Field & Study gate. All workers not in possession of an access card will be requested to give the guard their name, the name and address of their employer and to complete the Visitors' Register. This information can be verified in need. Pedestrian access cards will not allow entry via vehicle.
- The pedestrian gate at the boom will 'shut down' at 7.00pm daily. Thereafter, should anyone wish to enter or leave the area on foot, the guard will assist them getting in or out.
- All visitors travelling by car will be allowed through the boom by the guard, and will be requested to park at the bottom of Oribi Close and to complete the Visitors' Register.
- The Field & Study gate will be open (and guarded) between 6.00am and 8.30am and between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on weekdays. At all other times during weekdays the gate will be locked and the guard will patrol Kingswood Cres on foot. On Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays the gate will be guarded from 6.00am until 6.00pm. Domestic workers wanting to use the gate will need to show their access card to the guard. All other workers not in possession of an access card will need to give the guard their employer's name and address and sign in the visitors' register.
- All lost and /or stolen access cards must IMMEDIATELY be reported to your representative so that the card can be cancelled off the system. A new card will be issued at a cost of R50.00. Please note that the cards are not transferable. **Residents are urged NOT to keep their vehicle access cards in their motor vehicles as this will provide an easy exit route through the boom in the unlikely event that the vehicle is stolen.**
- Residents who move out of the area must notify their representative so that their access cards may be cancelled.

As there are only two traffic lanes, there may be a back up of vehicles while visitors are asked to sign the register. Should this happen, the guard will use the over-ride, lift the boom and allow the vehicles to enter. In the event that some non-residents are allowed in when this happens the guard will assist them getting out.

The intended start date is 1 August 2012. The final implementation date will be confirmed.

**The PKVA Committee urges all residents to support this initiative as the introduction of monitored access will mean a safer environment for us all.**

**If you have any queries or suggestions in this regard, please contact us via our website or email Sue du Plessis at [sue.duplessis2@gmail.com](mailto:sue.duplessis2@gmail.com)**

Kind regards

PKVA COMMITTEE