

HEBRA NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HEBRA COMMUNITY

WHAT'S INSIDE...



A note from our HEBRA Chairs

Dear HEBRA Resident,

What a “strange” year it has been!

We kicked 2020 off with a great plan to uplift our enclosure, increase levy payer rates and enhance enclosure security.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and our country’s efforts to prevent the mass-spread of the virus, all of our plans were put on hold during the various levels of lockdown. These include plans such as the security enhancements and partnerships detailed within our AGM pack, as well as the proposed levy measures and budget for the next year.

While our enclosure is starting to adapt to our new national circumstances, and people are

starting to visit our beautiful park once again, we’re facing some challenging times including our current economic circumstances – both nationally and within our community.

The national economic downturn has resulted in a rise in crime levels locally, affecting the Greater Edenvale and Ekurhuleni area in general. However, the economic situation is not solely to blame as an increase in crime levels have been predicted over the past several years due to the increase in population levels and opportunistic crime.

Not only has this resulted in a rise in crime levels, with several small incidents occurring directly in our enclosure, it has also resulted in our current levy-payer rate decreasing from 42% in October 2019 to 38% today.

That said, our committee has worked extremely hard to maintain the integrity of our enclosure and community throughout this year. We have successfully paid off 95% of our debt to Mamba, while engaging with several security firms to review our enclosure security and deliver on a strategy which we believe will deliver long-lasting crime deterrents as well as a return on investment better than previously thought by our predecessors.

One of these initiatives, although simple, is our new gate operating times. During lockdown, we made the risky decision to close all of the gates as no traffic would require them to be open. This initiative seems to have worked well and allowed us to more accurately control any traffic, by foot or vehicle, into the area.

The operating times have been adapted to our latest council application and submission, thereby allowing us to comply with our own council request and community requirement.

Please see the new gate times on <http://hebra.co.za/new-gate-times/>.

In conclusion, I wish to extend a sincere thank you to the entire committee team for their hard work to ensure our enclosure is kept to its best standards and levels of excellence. All of your hard work, care and dedication in the execution of your responsibilities does not go unnoticed.

Also, again a special shout-out to Noel, Steve, Kyle and the rest of the "Lawn Rangers" team who keep ensuring our park remains clean, well-kept and in perfect condition throughout the year.

Another thank-you to Brian Smith, who continues to support our committee and community with initiatives such as arranging the community medical and safety talks in the park, at no expense to any community member.

To Dave Ireland, a long-standing HEBRA community member, who selflessly provides security and safety backup to any community member - we would like to especially thank you for all the time, effort and expertise that you put in to our area security and ensuring we all sleep soundly at night.

Without community involvement, such as these mentioned above,

we cannot make the enclosure and community the possibility that it is, today.

These persons, voluntarily, commit a vast amount of their personal time, at considerable personal expense, to HEBRA. There is no personal gain to being involved on the management committee.

This is because it is not possible for any one person to tackle all of the diversity of complexities involved in the running and managing of the enclosure community today. Any community member can and is encouraged, at any time, to approach any member of the management committee should they wish to discuss and clarify any matters which may be of interest or even troubling them.

The HEBRA management committee is a voluntary team of people from the HEBRA enclosure. While we have representation from every corner of our enclosure, we are always looking for volunteers to assist with the various functions of running our enclosure. Feel free to contact a committee member should you feel that you would like to participate and can lend a set of expertise to the team.

We are extremely thankful for the massive support and encouragement we receive from the vast majority of members! My thanks extend to the entire management committee team, past and present for their unselfish and valued contributions!

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Chester
HEBRA Chairman

Maintenance

The HEBRA committee maintenance team has arranged for the locks to be replaced and reinforced at the Bach Road gate at Minuach last month. If keys are required please email hebracommunity@gmail.com.

Bank details

Hurlyvale East & Buurendal Residents Association (or HEBRA)
Standard Bank
Bedford Gardens
Branch Code: 018305
Account Number: 201 379 864
Ref: House number and Street name

If you would prefer a debit order once a month for the R450 HEBRA levy please email hebracommunity@gmail.com or visit the HEBRA website (www.hebra.co.za) to complete the debit order form.

Emergency numbers

Police - 10111
Ambulance - 10177
Fire - 10177
Emergency - 112
Mamba - 011 609 0227
Ekurhuleni call centre (water and lights) - 086 054 3000
EMPD 24hr - 011 999 5041
SA Corona Virus emergency hotline - 0800 029 999
WhatsApp support line: 0600-123456

To quickly access these numbers go to any HEBRA WhatsApp group, go to group info and these numbers will be under the description.

WhatsApp groups

We have implemented WhatsApp groups for every road in our enclosure. These are administered by at least 1 committee member, each, and are working very well for road, and area, information and conversations. If you are not part of a road group, please feel free to contact one of the committee members, or email us at hebracommunity@gmail.com

Events

The Mandela Day Sandwich Day on Friday, 17 July 2020 was very successful. We as a community made and donated over 2000 sandwiches to Rays of Hope. Rays of Hope is a Non-Profit Company (NPC) and a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO), which manages a large number of social outreach projects in Alexandra Township (Alex) in northern Johannesburg.

On 19 September we had a very informative safety talk by Mibern Medics. Due to the weather Captain Troy Laas (South African Police Service) was unable to talk but we will postpone this to a new date.

Our HEBRA informal meeting will be held on 15 October 2020 and the AGM will be held on 20 October 2020 in the Hurlyvale Primary School hall from 6-8pm on both dates. Please ensure you wear a mask on arrival. All safety procedures will be followed including sanitiser at the door, temperatures taken and social distancing protocols will be followed.

The informal meeting will be to raise any queries or concerns and these will be addressed at the AGM.

Due to the social distancing regulations we won't be able to have a haunted house this year but there will be trick or treating still in Miller Rd, Bader Rd, St Francis Rd and St Joseph Rd. If your road is not included please feel free to set up a trunk in the park (near the road) or donate sweets towards the roads mentioned.

Mamba will be patrolling the area but please ensure there is an adult present with any small children.

Coffee, chips and drinks will be sold in the park. There won't be an entrance fee this year but any donations towards the HEBRA safety campaign will be appreciated.

The date for Christmas in the Park will be confirmed soon.

What can I do?

There are lots of ways the Community can contribute to the enclosure. Not only through the monthly payments, but helping out with maintenance, sitting on the Committee, giving time and supporting our fundraising events. If you'd like to assist with any of the above, kindly contact one of the Committee Members directly or through the Whatsapp Street Groups or email hebracommunity@gmail.com.

Every bit of support goes such a long way to bettering the HEBRA Community.



Advertisements

To support the community projects we will be selling advertising slots in the newsletter at R150 per advert.

We will also be placing adverts (A2 sized) on a new advertising board in the park in the near future.

The pricing is as follows:

R600 per advert for non-residents

R500 for residents that are non levy payers

R400 for residents that are levy payers

This will include a free 4-month internet advert on the HEBRA website (www.hebra.co.za).

Please email hebracommunity@gmail.com if you wish to place an advert on the website, advertising board or in the newsletter.

 <p>Natural Skin Care Products</p> <p>justine@freyjanatural.co.za www.freyjanatural.co.za</p>	 <p>MORVIC PROJECTS PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES</p> <p>Contact Victor Moreira Tel: 083 255 7200 Email: info@morvic.co.za www.morvic.co.za</p> <p><small>NATIONAL HOME BUILDERS NHBRC REGISTRATION COUNCIL</small></p> <p><small>MBA NORTH MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION NORTH</small></p>
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