

# HEBRA NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HEBRA COMMUNITY

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### A note from our HEBRA Chairperson

Dear HEBRA Residents,

What a year 2021 has been so far! I cannot believe that we've already passed the half-way mark.

During the year we've faced a significant amount of challenges such as failing and old infrastructure, a loss of residents paying their security and area levies, and not to mention the security problems which we've faced as a community, city and country.

However, we have (at the same time) made a large amount of progress as well and most importantly, we have kept our enclosure safe, clean and prosperous during the most tumultuous times in our country in the last decade.



Some of the progress that we've made include fixing the old fencing and infrastructure which hasn't been maintained in years.

This doesn't include all of the fencing as we know there are a number of areas which still require improvement or replacement, but the plan is in place to overhaul all of the fencing, gates, booms & guard huts over the next 2 years.

From the infrastructure view point, we are looking for residents who could help us with the following:

- Security boom refurbishment or replacement
- Fence & gate refurbishment such as welding, sanding, rust-removal & painting
- The moving of old, unused guard huts - either to completely demolish and discard them, or to replace



the current guard huts with unused guard huts from the unused entrances

- Enclosure beautification project - planting trees and flower beds along the perimeters, such as along the park perimeter, and along the entrances
- Signage throughout the park and at the entrances

If you're willing to help with any of the above items, or in any other way, please reach out to your street group admin, an admin on Chit Chat or email us on [hebracommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hebracommunity@gmail.com).

Regarding the enclosure security, we are still in negotiations with the rental firms regarding the CCTV solution which we have scoped for the area.

Unfortunately the economic crunch has not made it easier to obtain a rental contract for these expensive solutions.

Coupled with the fact that we have lost a number of regular levy payers, due to the same facts, the future of the CCTV project is going to be hard won. We'll keep the community updated on the progress.

Unfortunately the enclosure security and upkeep is becoming more expensive by the day, as you can see by the list of requirements above. As an example - we have 4 security booms which need replacement, and with a cost of R20 000.00 for 2 booms the enclosure budgetary requirements are increasing quite drastically.

While we have lost a number of levy payers, for various reasons, luckily we have a small amount of savings due to the current committee's strict financial controls & we will be able to tap into the savings to self-finance some of these maintenance items. We therefore appeal to all enclosure residents, all of whom directly benefit from the security and safety (and increased house prices) of the enclosure, to contribute and pay their levies of R450.00 per month, per house. We are currently sitting on a 40% payer rate, indicating that only 40% of the houses in the enclosure pay their levy. Furthermore we are undergoing a vendor review at the moment, to cut vendor costs down as much as possible.

Help us keep the enclosure, and help us look after your security. Without our residents contributing and paying their levies the enclosure will be forced to be taken down and we will be no better off than any other area which is facing high crime rates and safety issues.

That said, there are several other ways to support the enclosure - such as volunteering time to help us maintain it, or volunteering on the committee and offering your time to keep this beautiful area safe and enjoyable for all!

On a positive note, our events team is planning one cracker of a Halloween event for 2021, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Keep an eye out for the event notifications on WhatsApp, Facebook and email. I absolutely love the Halloween event, and our Christmas event later on this year will be an amazing time for all families. Last year we had a special visit from Santa and his sleigh!

Thank you to all of the residents in our enclosure who continue to participate in maintaining our enclosure, in any way possible! We highly appreciate your continued support and vigilance in all regards!

All the best,

Andrew Chester  
HEBRA Committee Chairman

### In memory of Carol Ann Guy

Our deepest condolences to the friends and family of Carol Ann Guy. Carol, the previous chairperson of the HEBRA committee (until 2020) lost the battle to Covid on 23 June 2021. May she rest in peace.



### Dogs in the park

We understand it is not only residents who walk their dogs in the park but please set the right example and ensure your dogs are on a lead (as per the park rules) and that you clean up after them so that the park can be enjoyed by everyone and also ask other dog walkers to do the same.

### HEBRA levies

If you would prefer a debit order once a month for the R450 HEBRA levy please email [hebracommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hebracommunity@gmail.com) or visit the HEBRA website ([www.hebra.co.za](http://www.hebra.co.za)) to complete the debit order form or please see the bank details below for an EFT to be processed.

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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](mailto:hebracommunity@gmail.com).

**Maintenance**

A piece of the enclosure fence at the corner of Bach Road and Cunningham Road was snapped off but the maintenance committee arranged for the piece to be welded back on 22 June 2021. The St Joseph gate was also repaired today (26 August 2021).

**Future projects**

- 1) Printing of newsletter
- 2) Cleaning up of shrubbery and pollution in stream
- 3) Dustbins in park with signage
- 4) New Hebra boards at booms
- 5) Community area signage
- 6) Refurbish/New booms
- 7) Guard hut repairs
- 8) Gate/fence maintenance
- 9) Painting of fences
- 10) Community herb/vegetable garden

Please email us at [hebracommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hebracommunity@gmail.com) if you are able to assist with any items on the list.

**Events**

Our Easter Egg Hunt in the park took place on 27 March which was hopefully an egg-citing time for all after it was missed last year due to the lockdown. Thank you to everyone involved with making it such a huge success!

**Events to come**

Halloween - 30 October 2021 (details to follow).

The Informal AGM in the park will be held on 6 November 2021 and the Formal AGM will be held on 10 November 2021 (venue to be confirmed).

**Attenuation dams**

Attenuation dams serve as flood protection and flood alleviation mechanisms by slowing down the high flow rate during a flood.

The municipality has advised that the planned attenuation dams will be going ahead, and the work has already started. The map below depicts the areas where the dams are planned - as you'll see, we will have two dams in our Hurlyvale Park. The first phase will be to take soil, water and other samples.

The firm that has been appointed by the municipality will be bringing digging and excavation equipment into the park, including equipment such as tractors. Please do not be alarmed by this, as it is a Municipal-commissioned project. Email us on [hebracommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hebracommunity@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**Car stickers**

The HEBRA car stickers are R50 each. HEBRA levy payers will receive the first sticker/s free, Please email [hebracommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hebracommunity@gmail.com) if you require a car sticker or stickers or contact one of the admins in the Hebra Chit Chat or street groups.

**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, supplies, 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](mailto:hebracommunity@gmail.com).

**Advertisements**

To support the upcoming community projects we will be selling advertising slots in the newsletter and the website ([www.hebra.co.za](http://www.hebra.co.za)) at R150 per advert.

Please support the businesses with adverts on the next page if you are able to. They are all within the Edenvale area.

We will be looking at setting up an advertising board near the enclosure entrance in the near future also.

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