

Primrose Ratepayers Newsletter 3RD Edition

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Rubbish and Trash everywhere!

The PRA has recently requested the active involvement of **Green Scorpions**, the environmental management inspectors from the Gauteng Department of Environment.

Their presence marks the beginning of a formal investigation into illegal burn sites reported in the area. These sites pose serious health and environmental risks, and the Green Scorpions have responded swiftly following community alerts. Their efforts include site inspections, evidence collection, and coordination with local authorities to ensure compliance with environmental laws. This initiative reflects a growing commitment to protecting our community and holding offenders accountable. The PRA looks forward to feedback from the MEC Ewan Botha after his team has conducted their investigation.



“During his recent Mayoral Outreach Program visit to Primrose, Ekurhuleni Executive Mayor Alderman Nkosindiphile Xhakaza emphasized the importance of bringing government closer to the people and directly engaging with communities on service delivery issues.”



Primrose SAPS

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) stationed in Primrose for their continued dedication to our community. Their initiative-taking efforts in crime prevention, and visible presence have made a significant impact on the safety and well-being of residents.

The recent improvements are a testament to their hard work and commitment. We hugely appreciate their role in fostering a safer and more secure environment for all and we look forward to the PRA being more involved in their operations.

AGM COMING

We would like to inform you that a **new Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is coming up, during which we will be voting on a **new Executive Committee (Exco)**. This is an important opportunity for members to have their say in the future leadership and direction of our PRA.

We will also be introducing our **new directors**, who bring fresh energy and ideas to help strengthen our club and its role in the community. Your participation and support are highly valued, and we encourage everyone to attend and engage in this important process.

Further details regarding the date, time, and agenda will be shared.



FEEDBACK ON ILLEGAL BUILDINGS

Thank you to everyone who has been actively reporting illegal building activities in our area. Over the past three months, the Primrose Residents Association (PRA) and the Community Policing Forum (CPF) have received **275 complaints** related to unlawful structures. This comprehensive list has been submitted to the City of Ekurhuleni, and we are pleased to share that a **dedicated municipal resource** has now been assigned to provide the PRA with **monthly feedback** on the status of contravention notices.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our local councilors, **Wendy and Kade**, we have already managed to **issue stop notices and halt several illegal developments**. The resident's continued vigilance is making a real difference—please keep reporting any suspicious or non-compliant dwellings. We are committed to responding and acting.



Illegal Mining Crisis

Illegal mining remains a major concern. The PRA, alongside the CPF, has reported **frequent underground explosions** that are damaging homes and endangering lives in areas like Wychwood and Simmerfield. The PRA has called for urgent intervention from national authorities, citing the local SAPS's limited capacity to manage heavily armed zama zamas. Recently our mayor came to primrose where chair of the CPF Tracy Enslin showed him the issues that we are currently experiencing.



There have been notable successes in recent weeks. Local law enforcement has established a dedicated task team conducting regular operations in Primrose, resulting in multiple arrests and a strengthened presence on the ground. Of particular significance was the apprehension of cable theft suspects—a matter that previously made headlines—thanks to the innovative and tireless efforts of our Community Policing Forum (CPF) in collaboration with the EMPD.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the CPF for their unwavering commitment to public safety. A special commendation goes to Janet and Lance for their strategic planning and execution of the Main Reef Road initiatives, which have played a vital role in safeguarding our municipal infrastructure.





Liquor Outlet Proliferation

The PRA has launched a **petition against the growing number of liquor outlets** in Primrose, which now exceeds fifty-five within a small area.

Residents have linked this surge to increased crime, noise, and a decline in property values. The PRA is advocating stricter licensing regulations and enforcement to restore community safety and attract diverse businesses. Our ongoing meetings and engagement with the GLB have brought some positive results in some closures in the area and will keep investigating these non-complaint establishments and provide updates as we go into the future and we look forward to working with the GLB and the GDED.

WASSA (Working for an Alcohol Safer South Africa) has formed an alliance group built up of CPF and Associations from JHB area, which we all has been invited to comment on the liquor bylaws in Gauteng with the possibility of being able to have input on the new Gauteng liquor act which coming up for comment.

Illegal gambling outlets

A recent court ruling has brought renewed scrutiny to internet cafés operating in Primrose, revealing widespread non-compliance with the National Gambling Act (NGA). Under Section 11 of the NGA, any form of interactive gambling—such as online casinos—are deemed illegal unless explicitly authorized, regardless of whether the servers are hosted offshore. The determining factor is the physical location of the player. Therefore, if an internet café facilitates access to interactive gambling platforms without holding a valid gambling license and permits patrons to actively participate in such games, it is in direct violation of South African law. The PRA with SAPS and Primrose CPF will be investigating the enforcement of these bylaws.

Special mentions

Our local security heroes: Mamba, CPG, Circinus, Graphite and Spider. Thank you for being our protectors!

Our Local councilors: Wendy Morgan and Kade Guerreiro for all the extra support and effort that you put into our community.

Our better primrose colleagues for keeping up the fight and making primrose great again!

CPF Primrose and Primrose cleanup crew for always being available when things get tough.