



20 September 2023

Dear GPRRA member,

Time to update you on progress made by the GPRRA committee since we shared our AGM minutes on 1 July. The Management Committee and various sub committees continue to promote, enforce and safeguard your interests and rights.

Many thanks to those who have renewed their membership. Your support is essential to keep on fighting the good fight. For those yet to renew, please visit our website <https://www.gprra.co.za/membership> or via GPRRA First National Bank | Cheque acct no: 62143274059 | Branch: 560|250655 (please ensure name appears on EFT) - R250 per annum per household. Encourage neighbours to join.

Also please connect with us if you have time to volunteer your skills. For example, to manage our website, to develop our membership and various other initiatives.

### **An Area Full of Events**

If you live in Green Point, you'll be no stranger to the fact that we have one of, if not THE busiest precinct in Cape Town, in terms of events.



*Park Run*

There are a number of different event hot spots, and as many different kinds of events that we're so proud to host in our beautiful suburb. Where we welcome sometimes up to hundreds of thousands of visitors from every corner of the country and even the globe. From sporting events like the annual Cycle Tour, Sanlam Marathon, all the rugby, soccer and gees that takes place in our stadium, to the parkrun in the Green Point Park just about every Saturday, and now even the Formula E, that's newly located here annually, as well as every other big walk, run or race.



*Park Run*

There are also events, like concerts, gigs and shows, which attract a huge audience, and help keep all our local restaurants and venues ticking over. And we look forward to all the seasonal events that will be taking place in the waterfront this December too. From markets to fireworks.

We have a busy, high-functioning events team, as part of the GPRRA, which meets, liaises and coordinates with event organisers, the City of Cape Town, all our Atlantic Seaboard and City Councilors. We even work super-closely with the Mouille Point Rate Payers' Association. We are particularly proud of the bridges we've built and relationships we've nurtured and grown with the CoCT's events team and event sound teams, who do such a fantastic job of collaborating with us to ensure residents and visitors to Green Point are impacted as little as possible by the events here, in terms of traffic, crime, congestion and noise pollution.

Every year we can report that the majority of events we host, go off just about perfectly, without major hitches. Where we find areas we can improve on, we pull together to take note, so we can ensure we can improve on the event the following year.

We are so proud to showcase our beautiful area to the world through our events, and help build on the phenomenal community spirit already inherent in Cape Town, as the newly designated world's top tourism location (*The Guardian*).

If you're a home owner in the area, do join us on the GPRRA, so you can stay up to date on what's happening in your hood, and enhance your experience of living in this wonderful community even further.

***Paige Nick***

### **Built Environment Committee (BEC)**

Finalizing the nomination of the Green Point Common as a Provincial Heritage site has again been delayed. Despite this, Virgin Active has been granted a new lease for the existing premises, having significantly out-bid all competition at auction. At the GPRRA AGM Antonia Malan requested attendees to sign a petition supporting the declaration of the Common as a Provincial Heritage Site. We have over 400 signatures. Liz Knight has submitted this petition to the Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport. So far, no response.

Erf 2127, 38Y Ocean View Drive: the application for rooftop base telecommunication stations at 38Y Ocean View Drive was refused by the Municipal Planning Tribunal and by the subsequent appeal. However, the six base telecommunication stations continue to operate, disturbing the neighbours. Notice to remove them was served on the property owner in February 2023. There has been no response or further developments.



*Erf 363, Sicilia, 30 High Level Road*

This heritage grade IIIB dwelling has been owned by the same family since 1935 and is located within the Braemar Estate. In 2021 agreement was reached with a developer to develop and market the property as a sectional title scheme. In 2022 building work commenced without having first obtained the required permits from CoCT Planning or Heritage Western Cape. When this was brought to their attention, cease work orders were issued by these authorities. Heritage Western Cape has now issued a list of 'further requirements' which it continues to monitor. An application to reduce the required parking bays from 9 to 6 was refused on appeal. We await applications for further departures. The Ultra Liquors site on Main Road and the extension at the back of the Never at Home Hotel next door show no sign of commencing the approved seven-storey redevelopments.

***Stuart Burnett***

### **Human Environment Committee (HEC)**

**Friends of Green Point Lanes (FoGPL):** time and funds continue to be invested in cleaning and gardening our pedestrian routes so crucial to residents and workers as well as tourists. MyCity bus stops are spatially placed at the beginning (or end) of each lane on High Level. We meet many hikers and dog walkers and our walking group is now well established. Get in touch to be part of 'mini watch', to get fit, to appreciate our environment and to engage with your neighbours.

With funding from Councillor Ian McMahon, CoCT Roads have been painting handrails and budget is also committed to installing additional lights as well as for CoCT Parks to trim branches to ensure there are clear views up and down the lanes.



*FoGPL hikers and spectacular view*

We also garden Thornhill and other parks with the help of a team assigned by Peter Cookson (CoCT Social Development) based on our support for his programs. The team is part of the CoCT's Expanded Public Works Program for the unemployed. They earn a monthly stipend and learn new skills...visit Thornhill Park to see their spectacular work. Dogs also welcome in the park but remember 'if you dog poops, please pick it up'.



*Gilbert Gwayi (FoGPL's accomplished gardener) with Sami*



*Thornhill Park*

**CoCT Social Development:** supported by Peter Cookson, we continue to engage with our homeless community to find longterm rehabilitation solutions. The additional 60 beds at Napier Haven and anticipated opening of a 300-bed Safe Space in Ebernezor Road are crucial to all efforts to assist more people off our streets. Safe Spaces provide access to onsite social workers, personal development planning, social grant assistance, family reunification services, substance and alcohol abuse treatment, skills training, job seeking assistance and EPWP work placement. In addition to accommodation and ablutions, they receive two meals a day.

Honoured to attend an event on Women's Day organized by Peter Cookson at Social Development to celebrate eight fieldworkers as well as Megan Pangeni (Head of Area North). Accolades from their male peers revealed the extreme challenges they face. (Earlier in the week they placed 40 people in shelters ...their area runs from Camps Bay to Milnerton). Thanks to donors Herman Pretorius and James Loock shared gift certificates for treatments at The Loft Spa in Green Point with Vuyiseka Ntsukumbini, Zola Sikiti-Nkange, Sharon Tsotsi, Marilyn Cox, Fiona Bosch, Pamela Beukes, Wendy Rass and Ronelle Erickson.



*CoCT Social Development champions*

**GPRRA SafeStreet Collective:** funds from CoCT's Public Employment Program (PEP) continue to transform the lives of our team on Main Road. In addition to a regular income and stable living environment, each has access to skills development. They attend training at Red Security and St John First Aid, computer literacy sessions at the library and six in the team are in progress to secure their driver's licences by November. Their daily routine in and around Main Road includes cleaning, gardening, removing graffiti and retrieving and documenting needles.

They also receive psychosocial support and counselling on substance abuse reduction. For additional mental health and personal growth, we recently introduced hiking followed by chat sessions over coffee. Many thanks to neighbours (Sally-Ann, Deryn, Ute, Marti, Mandy, James and Kevin) for generously donating running shoes for the team. And to Famke for connecting with Puma to donate running shoes and gear to Lunga Keswa. He took part in the OUTsurance Gun Run Marathon on Sunday and will also be participating in the Sanlam Marathon on 14 October. Thanks to Steve Massey for connection to Kevin Lodge of Top Events and Barry van Blerk of Sanlam Cape Town Marathon who generously donated entry tickets.

The team collectively broke a record by doing 604 hours of training in July. The longterm vision is for permanent employment and housing.



*Lunga Keswa with new Puma running shoes and gear*



*Asanda Menzeleleli & Nqaba Nabe with their learner's licences & our manager Riedoewaan Galant*

### **GPCID**

Businesses and residents along Somerset and Main roads (from Boundary to Varneys roads) continue to celebrate the launch on 1 July of the establishment of the GPCID. Visible policing by the public safety teams and officers with radios patrolling 24x7 in vehicles and on foot have had a very positive impact. GPCID also benefits from partnerships with Law Enforcement, Metro, SAPS, Traffic and private security companies and observation via CCTV and Licence Plate Recognition (LPR). It has powers to arrest via their law enforcement program, issue fines and deal with bylaw infringements. In addition, levies ensure

management of litter, noise, street lights and upgrading of public areas. All these factors are rapidly transforming Somerset and Main into a safe and vibrant area to live and play.



*Tapia and Sabei with handlers GPCID Officers Dazuka and Jokazi*

### ***Liz Knight***

**Service Requests:** participate in the day-to-day management of our environment with service requests: [https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq\\_app/index.html](https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq_app/index.html) or 0860 103 089 or download the App on your phone [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.thunkable.android.muldereugene.MyCapeTown&hl=en\\_ZA](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.thunkable.android.muldereugene.MyCapeTown&hl=en_ZA)

**Report all crime:** Sea Point Police continues to urge the community to report all crime, no matter how small, as soon as possible, and give all relevant information. This is to ensure that the police are aware of all incidences for deployment purposes. By working together crime can be curbed.

**Organic and recycling waste:** we continue to lobby residents to be particularly diligent about managing bins given that services are currently erratic. Recommend reducing organic waste by composting and wasting less food. For all your recyclables WasteWanted provides free bags and free collection. See attachment for collection days and accompanying map. Together we can protect our natural environment. Contact Liz Knight to sign up for recycling [lzbknight@gmail.com](mailto:lzbknight@gmail.com) / 0765972640

Yours sincerely,

***GPRRA Management Committee***