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Dear GPRRA member,

Management Committee (MC):

We continue to safeguard your interests and rights as well as celebrate achievements in line with our motto: *'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has'* – Margaret Mead.

Thanks to those who renewed membership. Your support is essential to balance our incidentals. For those yet to renew, please visit our website <https://www.gprra.co.za/membership> or pay via GPRRA First National Bank | Cheque acct no: 62143274059 | Branch: 560|250655 (ensure name appears on EFT). Fee is R250 per annum, per household.

The City has called for public comments on topics such as the Draft Budget 2025/2026 categorized as their 'most inclusive social package' for indigents and pensioners (comments due on 2 May); the vision for the mixed-use development at Three Anchor Bay; the proposed redevelopment of Strand Street Quarry; water and sanitation infrastructure; draft mobility and access plan for Cape Town CBD. **Please contact us if you have not seen the various documents** (email lzbknight@gmail.com or WhatsApp 0765972640).



Vision for the mixed-use development at Three Anchor Bay

Please save the date for our AGM at Hamilton Rugby Club on 18 September 5:30pm for 6pm. We will in due course announce our impressive lineup of speakers.

Attached is an invitation to join an important community initiative - on Sat 3 May at 9am we will be addressing environmental problems on the slopes of Signal Hill with support from SANParks, Cllr Ian McMahon, CoCT Law Enforcement and Solid Waste. Please join us at the top of Carreg Crescent (limited parking). Please bring gloves.

Community participation plays a crucial role in preserving and protecting our iconic mountain, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility. Thanks to Jocelin Kagan and Lauren Jonson for motivating the communities on Springbok and Merriman roads to support their monthly cleaning initiatives. Also to Jon Norsworthy for taking on the challenge of cleaning further up the slopes. Acts

like these have had a positive ripple effect in bringing the community together.



Signal Hill

Timely to share this uplifting article on Table Mountain as a 'living entity':

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2025-04-22-towards-the-recognition-of-table-mountain-as-a-living-entity-in-law-and-beyond/>

Liz Knight

Events Committee



Cape Town Cycle Tour

As winter sets in, the number of events diminishes. Apart from the occasional charity race or walk, and a few rugby and soccer games, the events calendar is fairly clear for the next six months. Over the past three months, there have been several large events - from the Cape Town Carnival and Cycle Tour to concerts at the stadium. Noise levels continue to improve, thanks to ongoing negotiations between ourselves, event organisers, sound consultants, and our ward councillors. Our insistence on events having independent sound consultants, whom we can contact if sound levels are too high, seems to be paying off.



Cape Town Carnival

Unfortunately, it remains difficult to control the enthusiasm of certain sports announcers at major race events. However, we do insist that all speakers face away from residential homes. Weather patterns can also affect how sound travels up the hill. At the recent Andrea Bocelli concert, for example, the stage was facing out to sea, and we could hardly hear the concert from Ocean View Drive in Green Point. This is definitely something worth considering for future concerts.

Traffic volumes continue to increase in our area, and congestion is worsening daily at the circle and the various Buitengracht Street intersections. This ongoing issue is particularly frustrating during events and causes much angst among local residents, who are often forced to stay at home to avoid the chaos. Fining drivers who block intersections would help alleviate this problem, but that would require Law Enforcement to monitor the intersections - something that is, unfortunately, unlikely to happen.

In the meantime, event applications are already being submitted for major events in 2026. Enjoy the peace and quiet during this lull.

Steve Massey

Built Environment Committee

The BEC is currently addressing over 20 applications, a significant increase over previous years. The number of demolition applications indicate that we can expect to see more redevelopments.

Upcoming developments:

The Daily on Cavalcade Road - the extensive excavation for 3 floors of underground parking is nearly complete.

55 High Level Road - construction work on this site has required temporary traffic lights on a few occasions. Probably not over yet.

108 Main Road - we expect building work for the 7 storey mixed use development on the Ultra Liquors site to commence later this year. It is anticipated that the combined impact of closure of existing parking on the site followed by major construction work on this already congested stretch of Main Road is likely to be significant.



Ultra Liquors site

Stuart Burnett

Human Environment Committee (HEC):

Our Social Activities:

We celebrate an impressive goal reached by our field worker Riedoewaan Galant – over ten months he has convinced 84 people on our streets to accept offers of shelters. His role is also to remove needles (153 needles and 258 caps since July). We believe our approach to addressing homelessness is thoughtful. We emphasize sustainable support and long-term intervention. Please consider channelling your generosity to shelters. Their services as well as the City Social Development team reflect a commitment to meaningful, lasting change rather than temporary fixes. Their offices at Golden Acre Mall, 9 Adderley Street are open for assistance from 6:30am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Some problem areas require interventions by Law Enforcement and Social Development. For example, Helen Suzman Boulevard (in front of Pinocchio Creche), Main Road (beyond GPCID), Fan Walk and McDonalds, and behind A Track. Councillors Ian McMahon and Nicolla Jowell are actively motivating for action.



Leroy Jantjies



Social Development team

Social Development were actively involved in convincing Leroy Jantjies to move to Safe Space 3 after living on the street for 22 years. He is attending the Matrix program and is on the right trajectory. Wise counsel from Alex Kriel, City field worker: 'The first month is the most important. But I am quite

surprised by his good progress. He will work the rest of his life on his addiction. The community needs to understand the dynamics of addiction.'

Our streets can be very inhospitable. Riedoewaan was able to assist a young man from Johannesburg who had responded to a job opportunity - only to discover it was a scam. He had no alternatives but to sleep on the street. He was robbed and assaulted. He reached out for help and Riedoewaan provided emotional support, arranged a Greyhound bus ticket and a food package to sustain him on his journey home. We also connected with his mother who later confirmed he arrived home safely. This is a reminder of how quickly someone's life can be upended, and how vital it is to show compassion and practical support when people need it most.

SafeStreet Collective:

The transformation of previously neglected open spaces speaks to the enthusiasm our gardeners have for their work. The routine for Jody Botha, James Johnson, Glen Barbier and William Kleinbooi starts at the Granger Circle and then Thornhill Park and the 28 lane. Two days a week are dedicated to the garden at Colin Eglan Library. The photos are evidence of the skills they have learnt and continue to develop. The latest site is the north west side of Granger Bay Boulevard.



Glen Barbier & Jody Botha at Granger Bay Circle gardens – south west & east (top) & north west (recently planted) & east (bottom)

We are always happy to see children playing in Thornhill Park but are concerned about the lack of attention by dog owners. We appeal to everyone to please pick up after their dogs. The gardening team spends approximate one hour each day to clear.

Jody and James are also alert about other challenges in our hood – they recently intervened in an incident at the A Track by alerting Law Enforcement that a foreign visitor had been scammed with a

fake device. There was time to cancel cards and the visitor was assisted to catch his flight home.
(Please see attached security tips created by Green Point Neighbourhood Watch.)

We urge all residents to recycle with WasteWant and only use bins for wet litter to make a significant difference in our community's cleanliness and also save the team the challenging tasks of clearing the streets and lanes. Residents should also be cautious about what goes in drains.

Liz Knight

Yours sincerely,

GPRRA Management Committee