



# ROCKLANDS GALLO MANOR



## Rocklands Report - March 2018

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### FRIENDS OF THE PARKS

Did you know?

Although the Home Owners Association maintains the Parks as a Security Measure, this is limited to the Cutting of the Grass, Trimming of the Edges and Pruning Trees and Undergrowth to maintain a Clear Line-of-Sight. Repairs to the River Course are also carried out if they impact Safety & Security and Infrastructure, such as the Pedestrian Bridges, are maintained regularly.

Everything else is undertaken by the Friends of the Parks or through Community Projects, such as

- The Family Park Initiative
- 100L Family Park Tree Initiative

The Friends of the Parks are those Residents, Neighbours and Companies who contribute to the creativity, improvements and beautifying of these community created and maintained Public Areas through donations of Trees & Plants, Materials such as Building Materials, Split Poles, Playground Equipment, and Services.

One of our greatest Contributors is the Country Club Johannesburg and their Groundskeepers, Golf Data who frequently assist with Machinery such as a TLB & Seeder, Fertiliser at cost, Grass seed as well as invaluable assistance and advice. Another frequent Contributor is our friendly Civil's Contractor, Birdsong Logistics & Plant Hire, who frequently donate and deliver Soil and Rock as well as occasionally allow us the use of their TLB.

The Civil work in the Children's / Family Park (WEIR) would not have been possible without the assistance of Atterbury and Labucon who donated and delivered more than 80 Truckloads of Soil and 90 Tons of Rock. The Civil work in Park #09 (STORM WATER DRAIN) would not have been possible without Afrisam's Jukskei Quarry and Unitrans who donated and delivered more than 90m3 300mm Shot Rock. Birdsong once again donated and delivered more than 30 22m3 Truck Loads of TOP SOIL.

There are many, many more who make up the Friends of the Parks and who deserve our gratitude but none more so than Jac van Niekerk who planted more than 300 Indigenous Trees and gave 30+ years to our Community created & maintained Parks! Jac retired in October 2017.

**A big thank you to Jade and Tyson who ensure that we can all enjoy our beautiful parks. Come and enjoy them with us!**



## FRIENDS OF THE PARK



## DID YOU KNOW?

Your outside verge is an extension of your home and a well-kept verge adds value to your home.

### What can you do?

- Clean up any rubbish
- Trim back trees
- Remove dead trees
- Plant grass or water friendly plants
- Cut outside grass on a regular basis

Is your neighbour an empty house? Give their outside grass a cut when busy with yours. Many Gallo Manor residents are already assisting the community in this effort.

## SUNNINGHILL NEIGHBOUR'S WRITE

Recently there have been a number of videos and pictures going viral on social media with regards to crimes committed. I ask that you take the time (although it is long) to read what is written below. Sharing these videos on social media can aid criminals and be detrimental to us.

### POSTING CRIME INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

I quote Brigadier Egen Moodley – Station Commander Sandton SAPS.

*"Any information which will be included in a Police case docket should not be "published" on any social media platform since there's simply no guarantee that somebody on the group will not repost it to other public groups. Not all ID parades are concluded before the first appearance of the accused and most ID parades often occur after the first appearance. Similarly not all witness statements are obtained immediately especially witnesses who saw vehicles involved in crime. I would say that we need to be very cautious when posting actual pictures of vehicles involved in crime. On the one hand we want to alert as many people and security officials, etc but on the other hand we don't want to compromise the investigation or linkages."*

In addition to this, criminals also have access to social media and once these "pictures" get out there, they will a) change the number plate of the vehicle and/or b) change the vehicle being used to commit the crime. This we don't want as it then becomes impossible to identify them or protect ourselves against them. Anyone who has videoed or taken photographs should first and foremost give these to the SAPS and check with THEM before posting. Once posted there is no control, information changes and becomes incorrect and distorted and causes panic. We all know about theft out of motor vehicles and how to protect ourselves, we all know about being followed from shopping centres, the danger of wearing expensive jewellery and how to be alert. Most recognised security companies work closely with other security companies and the police and are given these lookout details and are therefore ALERT for the suspects at all times. These security companies do not post this information to those security companies who are not on a secure list.

### WITH REGARDS TO PUBLISHING PHOTO'S OF SUSPECTS:

According to Section 69 of the South African Police Service Act, Act 68 of 1995 (and subsection 6 of the SAPS Amendment Act, 1997)

- (2) No person may, without the written permission of the National or Provincial Commissioner, publish a photograph or sketch of a person—
  - (a) who is suspected of having committed an offence and who is in custody pending a decision to institute criminal proceedings against him or her;
  - (b) who is in custody pending the commencement of criminal proceedings in which he or she is an accused; or
  - (c) who is or may reasonably be expected to be a witness in criminal proceedings and who is in custody pending the commencement of his or her testimony in such proceedings.
- (3) Any person who publishes a photograph or sketch in contravention of subsection (2), shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months.

Brigadier Moodley continues to say: *"For example, suspects have been acquitted by the courts after arguing that their conviction was based on a prejudicial Identity Parade since his pictures were all over social media prior to the parade. "*

**THIS WE DON'T WANT – This means they are back out their terrorising people once again.  
WE NEED TO THINK BEFORE WE ACT.**

## AND NOW...OVER TO YOU!

This is YOUR Community Newsletter and needs YOUR articles, letters, comments, pictures and any other original contributions of interest or entertainment.

**SUBMIT NOW**  
for consideration by  
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next Issue!



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### Looking for available Gallo Manor staff?

(Niki (076) 512-4330, Satara Rd, for refs). Liz & Danny have worked in Gallo Manor for a number of years and are familiar with the area and people, both reliable & security conscious. Domestic worker, Liz (lives in Gallo Manor). Avail: Tues & Thurs. Child minding & pet experience. Odd job handyman, Dan. Avail: Mon & Friday. Painting, waterproofing & more.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our community roads are DUAL-ZONE ROADS, therefore they are used regularly by much more valuable and softer items than motor vehicles.

- Please drive with caution
- Obey all the road signs
- Adhere to the recommended maximum speed limit at all times



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