NEWSLETTER

November 2016



Dear Resident

Another year has come and gone and the Christmas season is upon us. It is the time of year when most residents go on a well-deserved holiday. Unfortunately this is also the time when criminals consider empty houses an easy target. Please make sure that you have all the preventative measures in place to avoid becoming part of the crime statistics.

Wapadrand has seen a number of security incidents lately. As so often in the past, the mountain has been the hotspot area for criminal activities. In a fair number of cases these incidents could have been prevented if electric fences, security beams or alarm systems had been functioning. Please don't neglect the upkeep of your security equipment.

Also, please take note of the list of security measures as supplied by Dave de Wet elsewhere in this document. It is to your own benefit.

Thank you very much to all members who are paying the levies so diligently. You're the heroes of this success story.

May you all have a blessed Christmas.

Kind regards

Herman van Staden

Chairperson

MAILBOX SERVICE AT WAPADRAND SPAR

Dear Wapadrand Residents,

We are currently busy with a survey to determine the need for mailboxes in the Wapadrand and surrounding areas.

Our goal, if there is a need for mailboxes, will be to install mailboxes, accessible to the public, within the Wapadrand Spar, conveniently and securely placed in the front end of the store. You will simply enter the Spar, open your mailbox and collect your mail. The Wapadrand Spar trading hours are as follows:

Monday to Sunday including most Public Holidays: 06:00 - 21:00

Taking this into consideration, the accessibility to mailboxes will be very convenient and SAFE. Furthermore, it is also against our policy to allow any junk mail and/or marketing materials to be placed into mailboxes.

Should the feedback be of a positive nature, and we decide to proceed with the placement of the boxes, we will notify each and every one about when the boxes will be available, as well as the procedure to follow in order to open your own mailbox service. Rates will be competitive @ approximately R550/year. We are hoping to commence with the service by early next year, obviously depending on the demand.

Gerneral

Your feedback may be of a suggestive nature, but a simple yes or no by means of an email to hendri@ absamail.co.za will suffice.

We are looking forward to your response in this regard!

Kind Regards

Hendri vd Watt

082 499 5461

Wapadrand Spar & Tops

MEASURES TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY AND SECURITY

- 1. Have your alarm tested and serviced, including the keypad.
- 2. Change your alarm code regularly and only inform persons authorized to use it.
- 3. Place all emergency and important phone numbers where it can be seen by anyone that should need it. (for example Next to your bed, on the fridge)
- DO NOT pick up casuals to work on your property without clearing them first. The security officers at the gate know which casuals can be used.
- 5. If you must use a casual labourer, please have them check in at the security gate in the proper manner using their ID document. By ignoring this you are not only putting yourself and your belongings at risk, but you are also jeopardising the security of our village to the detriment of all other residents.
- 6. Alternatively go to the Garsfotein SAPS and fetch a labourer who has been cleared through the "Job Seekers Project".
- 7. If ANYTHING look suspicious or out of the ordinary, report it to security or anyone else on the Wapadrand number list.
- 8. DO NOT give food to any of the people loitering at the shopping centre and the Caltex Garage. You could be mugged or robbed.
- 9. Ensure all lights outside your house are in working order.
- 10. If applicable, have your electric fence serviced. Test this alarm as well.
- 11. Install motion detecting lights outside if you have not done so already thieves hate them!
- 12. Do not ignore your dogs barking in the middle of the night of early morning hours. DO NOT go outside to check. Instead phone security or/and SAP. Press panic button, should you have one. Noise and alarms make thieves flee!
- 13. If you are going away for the Festive season, make the necessary arrangements. Like people to visit your house regularly. If you wish, let Dave de Wet know you have left, he will also keep an eye. Kindly inform him of

any person/persons that are authorised to enter your property during this time.

- 14. If you receive mail or papers on your property, please ask the people attending your property to empty the letterbox regularly.
- 15. Bushes, shrubs and trees can offer an intruder places to hide and camouflage signs of a break-in. Trim back any overgrown vegetation so that your home's windows and doors are visible to neighbours and passers by.
- 16. Use shades, drapes and other window treatments to keep potentially tempting household items out of view. Burglary is sometimes a crime of opportunity and "window-shopping" is one way criminals choose potential targets.
- 17. Be sure not to draw undue attention to your home by discarding empty boxes at the curb with your trash a big problem during the holidays. By putting out boxes from a new flat-screen television, video game system, a laptop computer or other expensive home electronics at the curb, you're showing a potential burglar exactly what new and valuable items are now available in your home.
- 18. There is a new tendency by criminals to target women with expensive jewellery. They follow the lady home where they rob them or they rob them where they are alone. There has been quite a number of these incidents recently. Use your discretion here. If you suspect you are being followed, drive to a place where there are a lot of people, like a shopping centre or a police station. Do not enter any premises or locations where you can be "cornered" alone.

Strange but true...

"If you want to change the world, do it when you are a bachelor. After marriage, you can't even change a TV channel..."

Listening to wife is like reading the terms & conditions of a website. You don't understand it but you still accept it.

Chess is the only game in the world, which reflects the status of the husband; the poor king can take only one step at a time.... While the mighty queen can do whatever she likes.

Why do most Indian women request for the same husband, in the next life - how can you let such good training go to waste?

All men are brave, horror movies don't scare them.... but 5 missed calls from wife, surely does!

What's Checkmate?

You tell your wife "I saw a lady, looked exactly like you" and wife asks "Was she gorgeous..?" You can't say 'No' and you can't say 'Yes' – now that's Checkmate!

Words of Wisdom...

"Apologizing doesn't always mean you're wrong and the other person is right. It just means your value your relationship more than your ego." - Unknown

A Happy Marriage is the union of Two Good Forgivers. - Robert Quillen

"To find someone who will love you for no reason, and to shower that person with reasons, that is the ultimate happiness." - Robert Brault

"The first to apologize is the bravest. The first to forgive is the strongest. The first to forget is the happiest." - Unknown

"If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito." - Betty Reese

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are. - John Wooden

God gave us mouths that close and ears that don't - that should tell us something.

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny." - Lao Tzu

"I've always believed that a lot of the trouble in the world would disappear if we were talking to each other instead of about each other." - Ronald Reagan (April 11, 1984)

Don't think less of yourself, think of yourself less - Unknown

God gives you answers in three ways: he says yes and gives you want you want, he says no and gives you something better, or he says wait and gives you the best. - Unknown

If we all did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves. - Thomas Edison

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do. - Unknown

Kontak Nommers / Contact Numbers

• Waghek / Gate

- Wagte beheerkamer / Guards control room
- Dave de Wet (sekuriteitsbestuurder / security manager)
- Andre Olivier (ASP wagte / ASP guards)
- Charl Naude (direkteur / director)

Herman van Staden (voorsitter / chairperson)

- Steven van Rensburg (direkteur / director)
- Sektorpolisievoertuig / sector police vehicle
- Garsfonteinpolisie / Garsfontein police

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