



Who to phone at SAG?



Your new SAG Committee is...

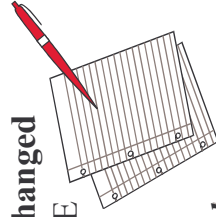
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Jhb Emergency Services 375-5911
Police (Flying Squad) 10111



DATABASE UPDATE !!

We have recently updated our SAG database. If you are a **new resident OR ANY OF YOUR DETAILS have changed** (eg. cellphone number or e-mail address), PLEASE contact us on the numbers above or e-mail us at sag2004@mweb.co.za



An updated database can SAVE YOUR LIFE and valuable TIME in an emergency. Your fellow SAG members may not be able to contact you in a hurry if your details on the database are incorrect. So please action this IMPORTANT aspect as soon as possible.



Sharonlea Action Group
Newsletter

December 2004

Christmas Edition

**Seasons
 Greetings
 and
 Best Wishes
 for a
 Fantastic,
 Safe and
 Secure
 2005!**



From the Chairman

Well, here we are with the launch of the new SAG Newsletter, getting it out just before another (lighting fast) year comes to an end. Our intention is to release a monthly newsletter during 2005 and eventually send it out on e-mail to all our Residents. The main aims of this newsletter are to **update** and **inform** you about any issues, crime incidents and various projects in our community. So, please let us have any news, articles, views, comments or suggestions. With your help and participation, we will make this an interesting, informative publication. We are also trying to gather additional funds and so you may see some advertising in the newsletter in future.

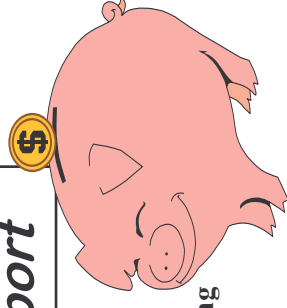
At the Residents Meeting held at the Olivedale Library in November, a new Committee was elected. The names of the new Team are on the back of this newsletter. Please contact them if you have any queries about SAG. They truly are a dynamic team and have been working flat out on so many issues during the past month. **We are especially thrilled that the Guarding Service has been re-instated**, but there is more to come... watch this space into 2005!

Also, on behalf of the entire Lower Sharonlea Community, I again sincerely thank the previous Committee for all their hard work and dedication in addressing the various issues (including security) in our area. Under the leadership of Rodney Van Kraayenburg, there were so many issues being addressed without residents even knowing about it. Thank you so very much for everything you folks did for the community. We really do appreciate all the time, hassle, projects and investments you made into SAG.

May you all enjoy a festive, blessed, Safe & Secure holiday and be re-energised for 2005!

Derek Arnoldi

The Treasurer's Report



As explained in the Constitution document handed out at the last Residents' Meeting, the **SAG account is open to any resident wishing to inspect or audit it**. Please contact your Street Leader in this regard.

Also, actual financial figures will only be presented at the monthly Residents Meetings since there is no point in reporting old information here.

We would, however, like to tell you about some of the expenses and purchases made during the past few weeks:

1. SAG had 5 (five) two-way radio's that were purchased by the community some time ago. These were for the use of the block watch patrollers. Since the Guards were introduced, these radio's were no longer used. Some residents have recently asked about these radio's and so we had them serviced; including a new battery and charger for each. Although the costs for this amounted to R1493, the Committee felt that we could raise (much needed) funds from these un-used radio's. We are therefore now making them available to any resident for purchase. The cash price is only R1000 (radio, new battery and charger all included!). There are only 5 available so please contact Derek on 082 800 1060 as soon as possible. First come, first served.
2. We are also happy to report that Bulls Eye Security have been fully paid up for services provided during October and November.
3. Bulls Eye Security have also been contracted to re-instate the Guarding Service as from Wednesday 15th December. This service will require a huge part of our funds.
4. We have also repaired the broken window at the Guard house, sent a Get-Well card to the Residents that fell victim to criminal attack and will shortly be funding other projects/issues – please see projects page.

SAG JUMBLE SALE

Remember the SAG FUN DAY and JUMBLE SALE that we used to have every year in September? At the last residents meeting held at the Library in November, it was agreed to have another Jumble Sales Day. The aim was to get the residents together and sell any jumble to the local shoppers. These funds would then be used to finance the various SAG projects. You know what they say : **“One man’s junk is another man’s treasure!”**.

Despite very little time for planning, the day was a huge success. Many residents came early in the morning, dropped off their ‘goodies’ and browsed for those bargain buys.



We are thrilled to report that a whopping

R3893

profit was made on the day. Many of the “shoppers” (seen in the photo’s) found “bargains” and could not stop buying the various items/clothes on offer.

We are already planning the next Jumble Day and will let you have more information at the next **Residents Meeting at the Olivedale Library.**



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Domestic Workers Security Meeting

Without a doubt, the domestic workers and gardeners in our area are a valuable part of the community and important role players in the security of our homes. These are the people who are often entrusted with the valuable property of their employers and are mostly home alone. They also know what is happening, who is coming into the area etc. We decided to host three meetings with the Domestic Workers and invited them to come and chat about these issues. Chubb responded to our invitation and sent a Manager to address the ladies in their own language. They found the talk very interesting and left with some helpful hints on how to combat crime. Thanks to Chubb and all those that attended.

Some Safety & Security Tips

Before going on holiday, remember the following:

- Test your alarm system
- Inform your Security provider or the SAPS
- Ensure a responsible person has your keys
- Cancel all your deliveries (newspaper etc)
- Ensure your garden is maintained whilst you are away
- Have your post collected or cleared daily
- Use strong, good quality locks.

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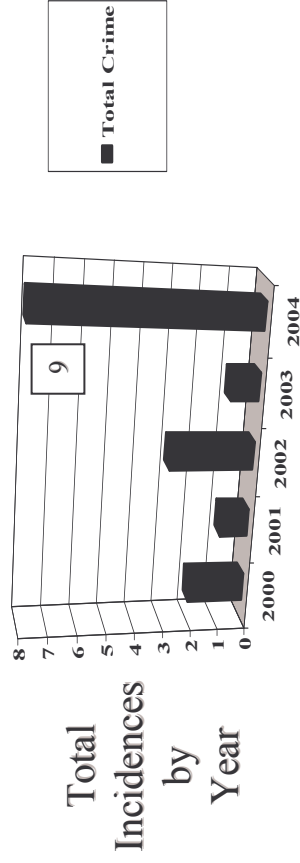
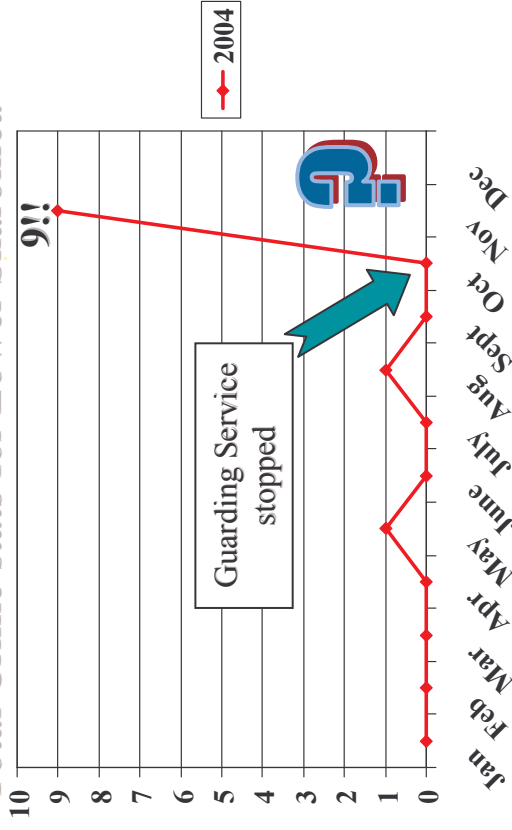
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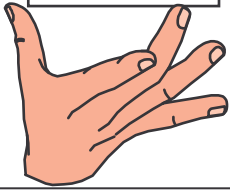
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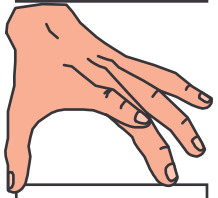
Unfortunately, this is the part where we only have BAD news! Since the guarding services were stopped in mid November, we have had NINE incidences already...the most recent being a violent attack on the residents inside their own home. Anyone can see that we HAVE to make a stand and fight these criminal activities. The alternative is to live in fear and see our property values plummet into oblivion. We MUST take back control of our area from the criminal element. Still not convinced...check this out! More specific stats on the Douglasdale area next time.

Total Crime stats for Lower Sharonlea





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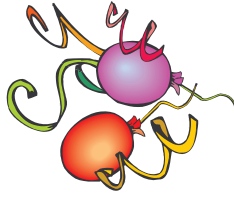
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2. Send all logo's as jpeg format and wording in MS Word.
3. Photo's may be included if higher than 300 dpi.
4. We will design the advert for you and send you a proof for approval.
5. Contact the Editor for any enquiries.
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Delicious "boerie rolls" were on sale as well as muffins (donated by Baobab 15).



AISH!! And this dress is only R15. I wish I could buy more!



How much? Sooo cheap!!

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PROJECT FEEDBACK

This is where we give you an update on the various projects we are busy with. More detailed information is also provided at the monthly Residents meetings. Should you want more info or have some questions, please contact any one of the SAG Committee members.

LIGHTING

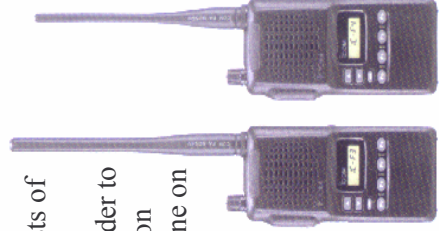
Our suburb is one of the few that is very well lit at night. All our lights have been installed and come on automatically at sunset. They do provide a deterrent to the criminals who lurk in the dark. We will need to remove some lights upon request from residents who no longer want the lights up. We will try and re-position these as soon as possible, funds permitting.

SECURITY PATROLS (Guarding Service)

As you will have seen, we are very glad that the Guards are back. We only have enough funds to keep this going until early in the new year and so are depending on the contributions, debit orders and sponsorships in January to give us sufficient funds to continue this service. In the January 2005 newsletter, we will introduce you to the Guards (with a photo so you will know who is who).

RADIO NETWORK

The radio network was started some 7 years ago. This consists of two-way radio's used by various residents to stay in touch. Residents are asked to 'check in' every evening at 7pm in order to determine who is 'on-line' and in the area. Radio's are kept on during the night and should any incidents occur, then everyone on the network is immediately notified. This system of instant communication to all on the radio channel works extremely well. If you would like to purchase a radio, they are approx R1400 (excl VAT). There are no licence fees since we are on an 'open channel'. Please contact Derek at the SAG e-mail address at sag2004@mmweb.co.za for more information (or to order your radio).



PALLISADE FENCING

This is another important project for 2005. We are working very hard to secure a large donation for this fence but cannot provide any promises for now. We understand that this is a 'hole' (literally) in our defence and are doing our best to address it. The main issue is, as always, funding. It was agreed to rather have the guards back at the recent Residents' Meeting and should surplus funds be available, to then re-start the fencing of the remaining 400 metres (approx).

LIAISON WITH NEIGHBOURING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS

We are aware of various other associations (like RAC and Sector 6 Policing) that are also focusing on crime in the greater Douglasdale area. Our aim will be to meet with them in 2005 and find how we could compliment and assist each other in fighting crime.

NOTICE BOARDS

Please keep an eye on the notice boards when driving into the area. This is an important, easy and effective way of communicating any events, news or announcements to you, the residents of Lower Sharonlea. We are also investigating the erection of a larger new board at the entrance next to the Guard House. This board will (hopefully) be sponsored and will greatly benefit SAG financially. If you have anything you would like to place on the notice-boards, contact Willem Lombaard at 083 327 8818.

JUMBLE / CLOTHES COLLECTION

At the recent Jumble Sale Day, we gathered a huge sum of money by simply selling old clothes and other unwanted items. There clearly was a demand for these clothes and many 'shoppers' wanted to know when the next day would be. The Committee felt that the clothes were the easiest to sell and brought in the most revenue. We will therefore focus on clothing (only) in the future. We will try and have these on a bi-monthly basis so please keep any old clothing for us. We will even collect it from you and cart it away to the 'sale'. Keep an eye on the Notice-boards and newsletters for the next Jumble Sale Day (most likely in Feb 2005).

There are many more projects we are working on but we will inform you at the **Residents' Meeting on 7th March at the Olivedale Library at 7pm.**