



Who to phone at SAG?

(keep these numbers for future reference)

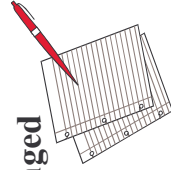
- Derek Arnoldi (Chairman) 082 800 1060
- Charnelle Opperman (Chamfuti) 082 787 9486
- Frank McDouall (Baobab) 084 252 5252
- Deneen Combrink (Beesvygie) 084 847 9931
- Willem Lombaard (Sterkbos & Wieke) 083 327 8818
- Nicolette Joubert (Lima) 083 679 3102
- Ria Van Tienhoven (Accounts) 462 1546 (home)
- Sarel Ferreira (Bulls Eye Guards) 082 831 6501

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



DATABASE UPDATE !!

We are continually updating the 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 or send the completed form on Page 5 to us. **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. Page12



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NEW GUARD MONITORING SYSTEM IS IMPLEMENTED.

On the 3rd January 2005, the new MagTouch Guard Monitoring System was installed in Lower Sharonlea. The function of this system is to ensure that patrols are being done **effectively** and as scheduled. The Guards check in by holding a baton against various sensor points located throughout the area. The data is then downloaded to a PC and analysed. A short example of a typical report is shown.



EXAMPLE REPORT

3/6/2005	2:51	1 Guard House
3/6/2005	2:54	2 Wieke
3/6/2005	2:57	3 Sterkbos Top
3/6/2005	2:59	4 Sterkbos Lower
3/6/2005	3:01	5 Chamfuti Lower
3/6/2005	3:04	6 Chamfuti Top
3/6/2005	3:07	7 Lima (station)
3/6/2005	3:10	8 Baobab Top
3/6/2005	3:12	9 Baobab (Fence)



The efficiency of the Guards can now be monitored and we are sure that it is MUCH better than before.

We will be telling you more at the **Residents Meeting on 7th March from 7-8 pm at the Olivedale Library.** Please attend.

From the Chairman

I cannot believe that we are already into March of this year. It seems as if the first 2 months flew by in the blink of an eye!

I know that we promised to send out a Monthly newsletter but unfortunately time caught up with the Committee. We have all been working non-stop on keeping things on track for SAG – there really are many projects being worked on behind the scenes. Please review the Projects page and contact your Street Leader if you have any input or can offer ANY assistance. We really do need ANY help we can get. We will only be sending out quarterly newsletters for the rest of the year.

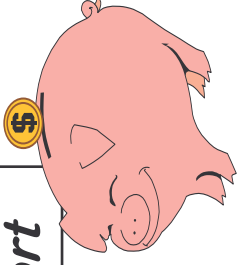
I was walking in our suburb last week (just after the great rains) and felt truly proud that we have 'taken it back' from the criminal element. We are especially happy that there have been no crime incidents since the Guards were re-employed. Let's all hope and trust that this trend continues. Of course, we should all remain vigilant and alert for any criminal activities. Please report anything suspicious to either the Guards or Sarel (Bulls Eye Security) – see his cell number on the back page. You could also e-mail us at

sag2004@mweb.co.za

I would also like to re-thank all those Residents who are continually contributing to the safety & security of our area. Without your financial contributions and debit orders, we would not be able to have Guards and the safe area we all enjoy. Many thanks! If for some reason you are still not paying, we implore you to make an effort to contribute – you are enjoying the benefits so please pay up! A Debit Order Form is included in this newsletter as well as our Account details.

Till next time... **Be alert.** **Derek Arnoldi**

The Treasurer's Report



As explained in the Constitution document handed out at the Residents' Meeting in December 2004, the **SAG account is open to any resident wishing to inspect or audit it.**

Please contact your Street Leader (or Ria Van Tienhoven-Accountant) in this regard. See the back page for their contact details.

Also, actual financial figures will only be presented at the monthly Residents Meetings.

No of residents/households contributing = 66 vs 113
Percentage = 58%

SAG Account details (Keep these details for future reference)

Bank : Standard Bank
Account No: 22 101 826 3
Branch Code: 01 80 05 90
Type of Acc: Cheque
Payment Amount: R250 per month

Please remember to include a REFERENCE with each payment. This is the only way we can ascertain who has made the payment/deposit. Refer to your address and month you are paying for (eg. 20 BOABAB – March2005). For any queries, contact Ria Van Tienhoven on 462 1546 (after hours only).

WEBSITE

We are still working on getting our website fully operational. If you have any expertise in this area and can assist, please contact us. We already have a site/domain registered but we need a Webmaster to update it. So if you are a WEB GURU, please get in touch with us and to 'get connected'.

SMS and E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS

We send out e-mail and SMS communications only when necessary. We do not want to 'spam' you but rather provide you with timeous, relevant crime-related information and reminders (for meetings, payments etc). If you do not want to receive these communications, please let us know and we will gladly remove your name/address from the circulation list. Of course, then you will be missing out on all the news...

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.

If there are any projects or issues you would like to raise, please let us know.

REMINDER : SAG RESIDENTS MEETING **6th June 2005 – Olivedale Library 7pm**



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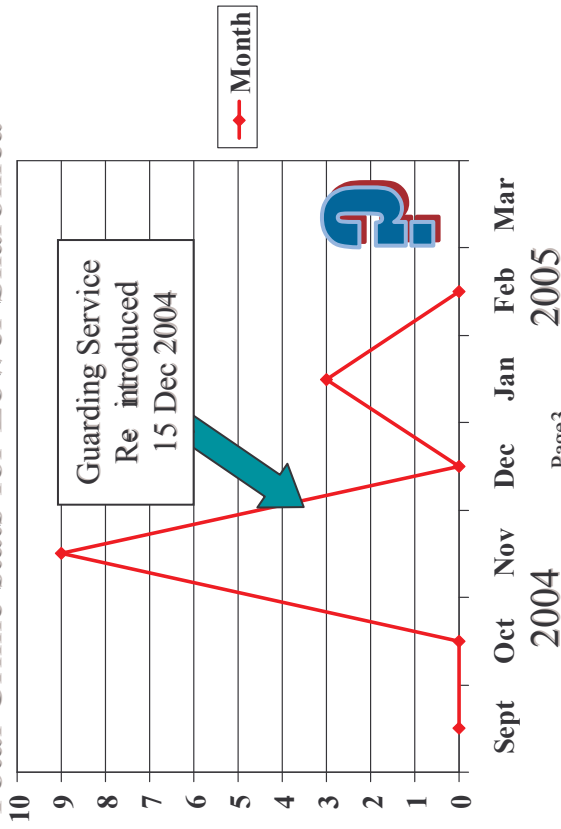
CRIME REPORT

We are thrilled to report that we have had NO crime incidents in the past month. Since the Guards were re introduced on 15th December, we have had only 3 minor incidents (all in January). This is truly good news and clearly shows that our Guards and other crime fighting projects are working. Bulls Eye Guards have reported a marked increase in both vehicular and pedestrian traffic through our area during February. A few days ago, they also chased away two suspects (in the early morning) seen jumping a fence.

Also, the Guards have reported seeing many homes with open garage doors or security gates. Please ensure that, even when you are at home, your property is secure and does not allow any unwanted guests inside.

A thank you to the Douglasdale SAPS who also conduct occasional patrols into our area. Thanks guys!

Total Crime stats for Lower Sharonlea



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Please DO NOT HOOT at the Guards

Two signs have been erected in LIMA road near to the Guard House asking drivers NOT to hoot at the Guards. There have also been notices posted on the Notice Board but we are still receiving complaints from Residents. Please feel free to greet the Guards (by hand) but **do not hoot** at them since this is a real inconvenience and disturbance to the residents living close to the Guard House. Please be considerate.



Grrrrr...

If you have pets, please ensure that they are securely kept inside your property at all times. The Guards have complained that they occasionally get attacked by some vicious dogs and that they really have to

make a hasty getaway. In the past, some of the Guards were actually bitten and the dog owners then had to pay all the related medical bills. So, **please...make sure that your trusted friend is inside** and does not run after our Guards!

Access to the River Park area

If you would like to access the Park area next to the River, please contact Willem Lombaard (Street Leader for Sterkbos – see Cellphone number on the back page). Willem has extra keys and can issue them.

PLACE YOUR AD HERE.....

for ONLY **R250**

(Quote this ad size as : Size C Banner)

Additional DEBIT ORDER Form

If you have not yet signed a Debit Order Form and wish to do so, please fill in the form below and hand it in to your Street Leader as soon as possible.

Tear out and hand it to your Street Leader

Additional SAG DATABASE Form

If you have changed any of your personal details, cellphone numbers etc, please use this form to update the SAG database. **Please be assured that ALL information will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and will ONLY be used by the SAG Committee to communicate with you.**

Name & Surname

 Address:

 Tel no (home):

 Tel no (work) :

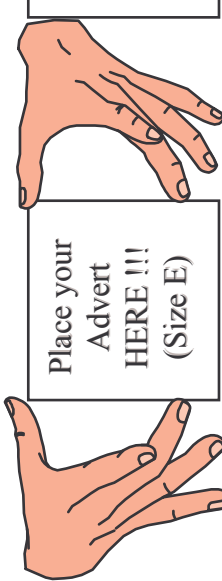
 Fax no :

 Cell no's (all please) :

 E-mail address(es) :

 Other info:

Tear out and hand it to your Street Leader



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R150

Size E
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Size E
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Advertise Here

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Half-page = R400

Note to Advertisers:

1. All material (wording, logo's etc) must be submitted by **last Monday** of each month to sag2004@mweb.co.za
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.
6. Contracts are available should you wish to sign up.



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

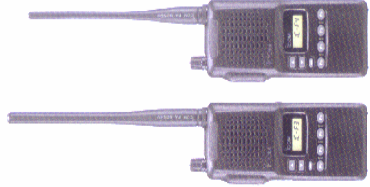
We have received news from the Council that they are due to install new street lights within our area in the near future. They are currently installing in the neighboring areas and will include our area as soon as they can. The new lights are much brighter and consume less electricity.

SECURITY PATROLS (Guarding Service)

The Guarding patrols have, without any doubt, deterred the criminals entering our area. They have stopped pedestrians and vehicles and investigated suspicious activities. Through their pro-active approach and high visibility, they are making it known that they are here in the area. We have also implemented a Guard Log Monitoring System (MagTouch) which requires the Guards to log in to selected 'check-in' points throughout the area. This information is then downloaded onto a PC and analysed in detail. Any problems or missed patrols can easily be identified. At present, the Guards are operating at above 80% efficiencies (much higher than when we started in December 2004).

RADIO NETWORK

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, please contact SAG at e-mail address: sag2004@mweb.co.za or phone your Street Leader for more information.



PALLISADE FENCING

Most of the area is enclosed with pallisade fencing except the final 400 metres in Sterkbos Rd. We have 60 metres of finished pallisade waiting to be installed. Unfortunately, the SAG contributions are simply not enough and so we have to wait to get this installed. Can you help? Willing to dig some holes, mix some concrete and help with the installation of this fence? If so, please contact Derek Arnoldi (Chairman) – number on back page.

NOTICE BOARDS

We have also managed to get TWO large, new signs sponsored from a signage company and they will be installed by the end of March. These new signs will be very visible and are an important, easy and effective way of communicating any events, news or announcements to you, the residents of Lower Sharonlea. Please keep an eye out for any notices when entering the area.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

At the last Residents meeting, it was agreed to gather any old clothing for re-sale (during March 2005). Please sort out ANY old, unwanted clothing or shoes and place them outside your front gate during the early morning on **FRIDAY 11th and again on SATURDAY 12th March (before 8am)**. We will collect these items/clothes and will then go and sell them at the Randburg Markets. Last year we netted over R4000 at the Fun Day selling old clothes. Remember, your unwanted goods could be someone else's treasure!

ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIPS

If you would like to place an advert in this Newsletter, please contact your Street Leader or e-mail us. Various options are available.

PARK AREA CLEAN-UP

The public park area has recently been cleaned up and the grass has been trimmed. We will be continually communicating with the Council to request them to come and cut the grass.