



6 August 2024

Dear GPRRA member,

Management Committee

Eager to share some positive developments but must first mention membership. Thanks to those who have renewed. 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.

And please join us at our AGM on 19 September (5:30 for 6pm) at Hamiltons Rugby Club, 1 Stephen Way, Green Point Common. We have much to celebrate. After an agonizing wait of seven years, the GPRRA received notice from Heritage Western Cape that its previous declaration of the Green Point Common is reconfirmed and will be promulgated in the Provincial Gazette. The public has 30 days to appeal the decision. Please support the GPRRA in agitating for the final declaration at end of August 2024 (see attached document – please complete & return by Fri 9 Aug to Izbknight@gmail.com or by whatsapp 0765972640).

Antonia Malan will be discussing the long road to this achievement at our AGM. Other presentations not to be missed - Rob Quintas (Mayoral Committee Member: Urban Mobility) and Councillor Ian McMahon as well as updates by GPRRA Committee. Councillor Quintas' presentation is in line with a primary concern of the GPRRA Built Environment Committee as current surge of developments in Green Point will have an impact on traffic. The committee is waiting for information from CoCT on the scope of the Traffic Impact Assessment.

Meantime residents on High Level and Ocean View Drive are benefiting from the positive effect of the speed radar measurement warning signs funded by Cllr McMahon. Hopefully more signs to be installed. The one on High Level provided stats showing that speeding had been substantially reduced. (Also monitoring by cameras at stop signs have resulted in drivers being fined R1500).



Sanet Tattersal, Steve Massey & Stuart Brunett



Antonia Malan & Guillaume Narianne



Guests were welcomed by Captain Sabelo Mdlalose (Transnet National Ports Authority) and Cllr Nicola Jowell to the 200th anniversary of the Green Point Lighthouse. Designed by Herman Shutte, it took three years to build and was first lit on 12 April 1824. (It is often mistakenly referred to as the Mouille Point Lighthouse.) Deputy Mayor Eddie Andrews and Anroux Marais (Minister of Cultural Affairs) spoke of the importance of yet another heritage site. Highly recommend exploring the site and reading Paige Nick's narrative (attached).

1 July marked the first anniversary of the launch of the GPCID along Somerset & Main Road (Highfield to Varneys roads). Businesses and residential owners were acknowledged for their support of the initiative and Marc Truss, Marius Swanepoel, Dolf Venter, Ray McMaster and the rest of the GPCID team were applauded for reaching challenging goals. Testimonials reflected that from day one, expectations had been exceeded in terms of crime reduction and environmental improved along with the realization of the benefit of having a CID.

Green Point community is very aware and appreciative of the escalated presence of the Green Point Neighbourhood Watch. Chair Graham Louw organizes frequent and impressive patrols at night with SAPs, Law Enforcement and security companies and during the day smaller groups are a constant on our streets.



Have you noticed the new garden comprising Coral trees and large chess board on corner Helen Suzman Boulevard and Beach Road in Three Anchor Bay (part of our Ward). The theory is that a private donor wanted to fund the DA but Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis suggested rather to garden this much neglected area.

Liz Knight



Events:

The last few months have been relatively quiet for Events, as is the norm for the winter months. There were a few events of note in March, most of which were well run and caused little disturbance. One worth mentioning, as it will be with us again in 2025, was the Spar Women's Challenge. In previous years the amplified sound from the event had indeed been a challenge. This year's event went off without any issues at all.

The Under 20 Rugby World Cup was held at the Stadium from 29 June to 19 July. This is the 3rd time that South Africa has hosted this event. The majority of the games took place in torrential rain and strong winds and only ardent supporters braved the Final. England beat the defending Champions, France.

The Stormers played numerous games at the DHL Stadium and were sadly knocked out by the Glasgow Warriors in the Semi Final.

The Currie Cup matches will take place over the next few months and we wish Western Province all the best for their upcoming game this Saturday against the Novavit Griffins.

While on the subject of Rugby, the Springboks will be playing New Zealand on 7 September at the DHL Stadium. Traffic will be an issue so best to avoid the area after the game.

For more information on upcoming games and events at the DHL Stadium, check out their new website - www.dhlstadium.co.za

The following is a list of upcoming events in Green Point and surrounds for the next few months, that we have had Event Applications for :

2024:

- PSFA Blisters for Bread - 25 Aug - start & finish at GP Cricket Club

- The Sasol Solar Challenge Awards Ceremony – 21 Sep - starting in Secunda and ending in Cape Town
- Kapstadt Cup Football Festival - 2-6 Oct – Green Point Stadium on the Shared Fields
- World Masters Hockey World Cup (opening ceremony) – 11 Oct - V & A Waterfront Cape Town
- The Outsurance Gun Run – 14-15 Oct - 20000 participants
- The Sanlam Cape Town Marathon – 17-19 Oct - a circular regarding road closures and no parking areas on Main Road, Green Point will be circulated shortly
- Cape Town Country Music Festival - 26-27 Oct - at DHL Stadium
- Freestyle Kings - Motorbike event - 9 Nov - at DHL stadium
- HSBC Sevens Cape Town – 6-8 Dec – Green Point Stadium on Shared Fields



2025

- Cape Town Triathlon – 19 Jan
- Calabash Music Festival with Robbie Williams - 22 Jan - at DHL Stadium
- Cape Town Cycle Tour - 9 Mar
- Cape Town Carnival - 15 Mar
- Spar Women's Challenge - 30 Mar
- Andrea Bocelli concert - 12 & 13 Apr

We will continue to monitor Event Applications and have meetings with the CoCT, Councilors and Event Organisers to ensure that issues such as Amplified sound, Parking, and traffic congestion are addressed timeously.

Steve Massey

Human Environment Committee (HEC)

First wish to thank the many residents who have responded so generously with donations to our initiatives.

The HEC covers the length and breadth of Green Point but with an emphasis on finding solutions for those living on our streets, maintaining our open spaces and creating employment. We have benefited (thanks to Cllr McMahan) since 2022 from a National Government Covid relief fund. It has come to an end but CoCT continues, understandably in a much reduced form. Our

SafeStreet Collective has shrunk from 16 to 3 and the fund does not sustain our field worker Riedoewaan Galant. In the month of July, he assisted 15 people off the street either to shelter or reunification with families. We are indebted to Peter Cookson (CoCT Social Development) for his support also in these endeavours. Please encourage those sleeping rough to seek help - Peter will find space. Recovery is possible for those who reach out for assistance and are willing to go through the necessary stages of shelter to finding permanent work and own home. The new Safe Space 3 on Ebenezer Road is impressive. It opens today (6 August).

Our focus is on developing diverse sets of skills and to promote mental health. Each member on our teams has had access to training as reflected in their CVs and progress in finding employment at the end of our program. Our current small team James Johnson, Clayton Cupido and Jody Botha manage our 28 gardens and parks in upper Green Point as well as around Granger Bay Circle and at Colin Eglin Library. They clean our pedestrian routes and streets as well as clearing and documenting needles. They are also making progress with paving the children's playground at the Library. Thornhill Park has new grass thanks to Cllr McMahon who also donated 150 bulbs so expect a mass of colour in September. Please remember to take organic poop bags with you so that others including children can enjoy the park.



James Johnson, Clayton Cupido and Jody Botha at Colin Eglin Library Garden

At International Book Day on 23 April at Colin Eglin Library Cllr Jowell acknowledged the crucial role of the Library in the community and the outreach work done by its manager Katherine Moon. Mention was also given to the gardening skills of our Collective team led by Riedoewaan Galant (in return Katherine offers them computer literacy training).



Thornhill Park



We thank all volunteers on Merriman and Springbok roads as well as those on Glengariff who undertake the huge challenge of cleaning the slopes of Signal Hill. Good connections with San Parks result in bags being removed promptly. GPRRA organizes regular cleaning along Upper Strand Street with support from GPCID.

Councillor Francine Higham for Ward 77 confirmed that the fields in the Quarry are being used by FC Bo-Kaap soccer team for practices. The grass is growing nicely and our team has joined efforts to clean. It will be a while before the fields are 'formalized'.

Liz Knight

Service Requests: participate in the day-to-day management of our environment with service requests: https://eservices1.capetown.gov.za/coct/wapl/zsreq_app/index.html or 0860 103 089 or download the App on your phone
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.thunkable.android.muldereugene.MyCapeTown&hl=en_ZA

Report all crime: Sea Point Police continue to urge the community to report all crime, no matter how small, as soon as possible, and give all relevant information. This is to ensure that the police are aware of all incidences for deployment purposes. By working together crime can be curbed.

Organic and recycling waste: appealing to residents, especially in blocks, to be diligent about reducing content in bins given that services are currently erratic. Recommend following steps: participate in the CoCT's free recycling service (including bags); reduce organic waste by composting; waste less food. Together we can reduce waste going to landfill and protect our environment as well as the teams who are having to clean outside your front door. Reminder ... please recycle and only put wet litter in bins and only put bins out on morning of collection. Contact Liz Knight to sign up for recycling lzbknight@gmail.com or [0765972640](tel:0765972640)

Yours sincerely,

GPRRA Management Committee