



NEWSLETTER: SUMMER EDITION

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WARD 60



Chairperson's message: Imtiaz A. Adams

Developing this generation's civic literacy is vital to maintaining and strengthening the foundation of democracy. There is an urgent need to improve civic education and promote civic literacy, knowledge, and engagement among today's learners, students, and eventual functional and economic contributors to our society. We remain positive and hopeful albeit the uncertainty, threats, and challenges in our country.

My opening sentence has as its backdrop the health challenges during the pandemic, but more pertinently, the brazen challenges to the rule of law in our beloved country [murders, looting, and destruction] we witnessed a few months ago. I therefore write to you that we do the right things (as a citizen of our country) with the right strategies at the right time. The time is NOW!

Your Civic Association is active; refreshed and re-invigorated at the last AGM in April of this year. If the attendance at the AGM is our barometer of success- then we've failed! Despite promotion and advertisement via social media, there is great apathy in Civic affairs. I call on all *Sybies* to support the group of volunteers sacrificing their time and energy to make Sybrand Park a pleasant and safe suburb.

**The best defense against
usurpatory government
is an assertive citizenry.
William F. Buckley, Jr**

The uncertainty of the pandemic – with negative spin-offs such as loss of life, unemployment, poverty and hunger; together with the introduction of the POPIA- with limitation and restrictions of sharing data; it becomes difficult to engage with all residents as initially planned. We are moving digitally and virtually and the Civic keeps abreast of these changes. In our quest to go paperless- we require your email or whatsapp details to keep in touch with and to communicate with you.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Sybrand Park Civic Association I convey our condolences to all families who have lost loved ones and friends since our last communication. A warm word of welcome to all new families who have joined our neighbourhood- I trust that you will have a safe and pleasant stay in our fantastic suburb. To the learners at school and students at university- everything of the very best with your studies. It's been a tough and strange academic year, but study hard and progress towards your next grade / phase next year. Those embarking on travels during the holidays- take care and remain safe.

Towards engaging citizenry, Imtiaz

PORTFOLIOS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Adams, Imtiaz	Chairperson	Ward Forum Liaison
Hill, Richard	Assistant Chairperson 1	Trees & Environs / CoCT Service delivery
Minnaar, Keith	Assistant Chairperson 2	Golf Club Liaison / Land use & TDA
Antvorskov, Shahieda	Treasurer	Park & Field Monitoring / CoCT Service delivery
Du Toit, Fuad	Secretary- Executive	ICT & Media / Social Media
Greenfield, Dawn	Secretary- Minute	Sector Liaison
Johnson, Belinda	Assistant Secretary 1	Enviro & Conservation Friends Of The River
George, James	Assistant Secretary 2	POPIA Compliance / Newsletter / Website
Sparg, Liz	Communications & Social Media	Enviro & Conservation / Friends Of The River
Greenfield, Dawn	Police Sector Representative	Catering & Refreshments
Hoffman, Claire	Police Sector Representative	Catering & Refreshments
Melly, Pat	Greater Ct Civic Alliance Rep	Website Management / Friends Of The River

The **CONSTITUTION of the 'Sybrand Park Civic Association'** aims to ensure that all residents live in a relaxed, well-serviced, secure and safe neighbourhood. The Association is non-political, non-sexist, non-racial and religiously and culturally accommodating.

Revisions to the Constitution were approved at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 10 April 2021. The updated Constitution can be found at: www.sybrandparkcivic.co.za

Key changes to the Constitution involve (1) membership; (2) annual fees; (3) the holding of virtual meetings, and (4) the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act.

1) Membership is open to all adults who have lived in the area for 3 months. The Annual Membership Subscription includes two fee options:

- (i) R50 per adult person (18 years of age or older), or
- (ii) R100 per household which gives membership to all adults in a household.

The Association depends on subscriptions to continue our work.

2) Account Details: Nedbank- Pinelands (104-709); Current- Account Number: 107 323 8385

[See Insert regarding payment of subscriptions below]

Subscriptions should be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the Association's bank account using as identifier the house number and street name of the subscribing person or household. Residents who have paid should send a follow-up email to the Treasurer of the Association, Shahieda Antvorskov shahieda@finnweld.co.za indicating the full names of the persons living at the street address for whom the fee has been paid.

3) In response to the Covid pandemic, the Constitution has been modified to allow electronic meetings. The AGM and monthly meetings are currently face-to-face meetings - implementing all Covid protocols - supplemented by Zoom meetings for those who want to attend virtually.

4) Members may be requested to provide limited personal information and contact details. Access to such information shall be restricted to members of the Executive Committee of the Association who shall ensure that the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, Act No. 4 of 2013, are upheld. Members shall be made aware of what information is being collected and how it will be used. The 'Security Safeguards' of Clause 19 of the Act shall be strictly upheld to prevent the loss of, or unlawful access to, the personal information provided by members.

MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST - **Keep these numbers easily accessible**

Accounts & Enquiries	0860 104 089	Emergency [From Mobile]	107
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	0800 435 748	Solid Waste	0860 103 089
Ambulance	10177	Disaster Management	021 597 5000
Cable Theft	0800 222 771	Housing	021 376 1313
Electricity Services	0860 103 089	Saps	10111
Electricity Services SMS	31220	Metro Police & Traffic	0860 765 423
Electricity Services Email	Power@capetown.gov.za	Transport, Roads & Stormwater	0860 65 64 63
Emergency [From Landline]	021 480 7700	Water & Sanitation	0860 103 089
Clir Mark Kleinschmidt Ward 60 Cell: 082 572 2562		Water & sanitation SMS	31373

SYBRAND PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION- BANKING DETAILS

Name: Sybrand Park Civic Association
 Bank: Nedbank
 Branch: Pinelands (104-709)
 Type: Cheque/Current- Account Number: **107 323 8385**
Please pay your subscription of only R100.00 per year [per household]
 Use your Street Address as reference



*The Sybrand Park EXCO wishes all learners & students success in their final examinations.
 An encouragement to Parents and Guardians to provide them with all the support and guidance they require during a very tumultuous and challenging year.
 Remember: Luck is for the lazy, success is for those who work hard and smart.*

Our engagement with Rondebosch Golf Course- Keith Minnaar

The golf course management responded to a request to clean up the branches hanging over the boundary fence of the suburb with the golf course. This was creating the risk of the fence being pulled over in a number of places as well as branches – under the weight of winter rain – hanging in the way of vehicles driving along Golf Course Road.

That clean-up work began in July – significant sections of the boundary fence were cleared, but the work was not able to be completed as the resources doing the clean-up had to be reallocated to essential maintenance on the rest of the golf course. The club manager has reassured me that, although there will be a delay, the work along the boundary fence will be completed by early summer, including repairs to the boundary fence.

Some of the main issues dealt with by the Sybrand Park Civic Association the past year:

- Continued support and cooperation with our neighbourhood Watch- towards **increased safety in our area**
- Soccer Field Lease to Star College; **park upgrade and safety**
- Relieving traffic congestion Star College; Installation of road calming measures to reduce speeding on other roads
- **Beautification of our area**; trimming of trees; cleaning up along railway line; security at subway; etc.
- Communication with Rondebosch Golf Club: lease, security issues, trimming of tress, etc.
- Developments, constructions, etc. [**spatial development**] in Sybrand Park.
- Ward forum representation; **promoting interests of Sybrand Park**
- Effective and efficient logging of **Service Calls**. Calling on all residents to be vigilant as regards service delivery.
- **Updating our Constitution with the mandate obtained at the AGM. Our Constitution is dynamic and remains in touch with new developments and challenges facing our Suburb; as well as within the broader community.**







