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Focus on

Sunninghill

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2010 – A Year of Hope and the Soccer World Cup

2009 was a tough year – and if you failed to notice it, you were probably on an extended space mission or something. A year during which the economy reached an all time low, many of thousands lost their jobs, businesses closed down, Tiger Woods got clubbed, and the Bafana Bafana won 1 match out of 11! On the upside, the Bulls won the Super 14, the Springboks the Tri-Nations and many bank executives earned big bonuses.

In Sunninghill things were not much different. We also had our ups and downs; City Council killed our trees (in Maxwell Drive), didn't fix our potholes, etc. On the other hand, crime remained among the lowest in Gauteng, we had good rains, exceptional weather, etc.

Something that should assist in the economic recovery of South Africa and that should focus our thoughts

away from our immediate problems is the approaching Soccer World Cup. Sunninghill will most certainly see its share of the World Cup action, with many foreign tourists that will stay in our area, visiting our restaurants and shops, and travelling on our roads. We will all have to contribute to their South African experience by dressing Sunninghill in its Sunday best! Why not make a special effort with your gardens this year? Sunninghill Community will do its best to make sure that the infrastructure is in good condition, either by attending to matters itself or by making sure that City Council fulfills its obligations.

May all of you have a successful 2010 and may we together make Sunninghill an ever better place to be!

P A Laubscher
Chairman



*Have you visited the
Sunninghill Community
web page?*

Sunninghill Community regularly posts articles on events and happenings in our suburb on our webpage:

www.sunninghillnews.co.za.
Make sure you visit this site regularly to keep informed.

Are you receiving regular bulk emails from us?

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Security Report back

Sunninghill Community Security is pleased and proud to say that we had only one incident of crime reported to us over the Festive Season. There might have been one or two not reported to us, however, we can confirm that the crime stats for this Festive Season were the lowest we have had in Sunninghill in many years.

Our Security Initiative launches some three years ago in Sunninghill Gardens and then expanded to Sunninghill Estates and Park, goes from strength to strength. Our security network comprising of four dedicated Savika Armed Response patrol vehicles and 35 live monitored CCTV cameras has enabled us to reduce our crime, especially violent crime dramatically. A few years ago around 70% of crime experienced was violent. Now only 20 – 30% of the crime experienced is of a violent nature.

In Sunninghill Park, house break-ins in complexes continue to plague us and Sunninghill Community Security (the security branch of our ratepayers association) will put a lot of emphasis on trying to eradicate and reduce this during 2010. We do urge all who have investment units/homes in Sunninghill, to be extremely careful of whom you let your homes and flats out to. What makes these crimes so difficult to solve is the “internal syndicates /criminals” that operate from within.

Read more about Sunninghill Community Security and why you should join us in our fight against crime, by visiting our website: [**www.sunninghillnews.co.za**](http://www.sunninghillnews.co.za)

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RECYCLING PUT ON HOLD

Unfortunately the recycling initiative with Mama She's has been discontinued. The subsidy promised them has not materialized and it is not financially viable for them to provide this service free of charge any longer. Sunninghill Community feels very strongly about recycling and is investigating an alternative / solution to this problem.

In the interim we ask that residents revert back to putting their garbage in their green bins and not in blue bags on the pavement. We have requested from Pikitup that they remove these bags but are having problems getting this message through to the collection vehicles and as a result the suburb is now full of blue bags standing for days without being removed.

COULD A MUCH NEEDED COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SPORTS FACILITY BECOME A REALITY FOR SUNNINGHILL?

Sunninghill Community has submitted a proposal to Council to take control of the land next to the Sunninghill Village Shopping centre and hope to erect on this land a community centre and sports facilities for the use of those who live and work in our suburb.

Sunninghill has for many years needed a facility where complex and community AGM's, Police meetings, educational upliftment programs and sports coaching amongst others could be held.

These are but some of our visions for this property should our application be approved. We know you will be as excited about this project as we are, so hold thumbs for our success. We will of course keep you posted.



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