VAN RIEBEECKSHOF
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

SECURITY

We are pleased to inform you that several additional measures to improve the security of the Van Riebeeckshof suburb have been implemented over the past few months.

These measures resulted from a request at the Van Riebeeckshof Homeowners` Association's annual general meeting in June 2024, where it was felt that it was necessary to further enhance the suburb's safety and security.

To ensure security measures of the highest level, the MHOA felt it necessary to source objective professional guidance to assess the security risks in Van Riebeeckshof. A safety and security specialist, Mr Frans Jacobs, was subsequently commissioned to assess the existing security measures in the area and provide the MHOA with a report on how these measures can be enhanced.

Mr Jacobs has an impressive track record. He headed protection and security services for, amongst others, the City of Polokwane, Nedbank's national portfolio and for G4S at different airports. Since 2016, he also delivered security consultancy services for the University of Stellenbosch, AIG, MTN, SANLAM, Capitec Bank, Redefine Properties, Distell/Heineken, JD Group and various estates such as Steenberg, Fancourt, Houghton & Woodhill Estates.

To involve all VRH residents, a follow up meeting was held on 17 September 2024 at which Mr Jacobs presented his security report.

The following recommendations presented at the meeting, have now been implemented:

- Additional security cameras were installed at key locations (including cameras at the Eskom power station gate).
- Eden Landscaping has been contracted to clear and maintain the area along the entire length of the security fence
- ADT has been contracted to replace the contractor that was previously responsible for the maintenance of the security perimeter fence.
- In addition to the existing electrified perimeter fencing, solar-powered motion sensing electrical lighting has been installed along the entire length of the perimeter security fence.



- The VRH has also installed license plate recognition cameras at key locations. These cameras constantly monitor vehicles that have been previously reported as stolen or having been involved in crime. Cameras are monitored at Welgemoed CID, and any suspicious activity is reported to Fidelity ADT that provides security services in the Van Riebeeckshof Valley.

The VRH MHOA would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the safety in our area by offering suggestions to improve security, being vigilant, looking out for neighbours, and get involved in a small or big way.

Although we are satisfied that the additional measures have enhanced our safety, we would like to stress that safety and security remain a key focus for the Van Riebeeckshof suburb and surrounding areas.

It should, however, be pointed out that the additional security measures do not suggest that homeowners can rely solely on these measures for their protection.

Homeowners are still responsible for their own safety and should be vigilant at all times.

VRMHOA Trustees

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