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From the GRA committee

The Groenkloof Residents’ Association’s aim for 2015 is to establish good and continuous communication with all residents. Planning for the year includes items such as better communication with Council, a new GRA website and three newsletters to be distributed during 2015.

Groenkloof Parks

Eight indigenous trees were donated and planted in Eugene Marais Park by ENVASS, an environmental consulting group, on the 14th of November 2014. ENVASS is located 1km from Eugene Marais Park and as they operate in this area it was decided it would be the ideal location for these trees. By initiating this project, something is given back to the community. This event also commemorated Arbor Day 2014.

Three Celtis africana; (White stinkwood) three Vachellia karoo; (Sweet thorn) and two Searsia leptodictya (Mountain karee) were planted in co-operation with Tshwane Nature Conservation and the Friends of Groenkloof Nature Reserve (FGNR). An identifying tree tag was attached to each of the trees. They were planted within easy sight along the north-western fence and along the footpath. It is envisaged that the planting of endemic trees in the larger Groenkloof Nature Reserve will become an annual event.

- Clive Napier - GRA committee member and member of Friends of Groenkloof Nature Reserve (FGNR)

Eugene Marais Park

A well-kept secret and a little luxury in Groenkloof is the short (30 minutes) circular path way that winds through this park on the corner of Van Reesema and Van Wouw Streets. The Park is home to mostly indigenous vegetation left in its natural state, without any gardening done, scarce butterflies, birds and the spoor of porcupine. The tree names are indicated and the Municipality clears the trail route annually. The Park is open every last Sunday of the month from 08h00 to 16h00. Now that the secret is out … see you there!

- Johan Schoeman

There are currently six species of bats residing in Eugene Marais Park. They have made home in the old cement building in the park, which used to be the original pumphouse of 30 years ago.

- Martin Ryan
Groenkloof: Green House

Various Groenkloof residents have gone a long way to adopt green measures at their houses. We asked Groenkloof resident and engineer, Jacques Pienaar, about measures that he has implemented:

- **Install a Solar Hot Water System**, reducing your power bill by up to 50%. Cost for a 200 l low pressure system around R11 000 (incl. installation). Add roughly R4000 for a high pressure system. Ours includes a “geyserwise” control. The temperature of the water can be boosted electrically with the push of a button. This is only required once or twice annually.

- **Install Solar Panels for Power Supply**. A battery bank with roughly 3 times the capacity of your daily consumption is required. In future it will be possible to use a grid tied inverter to push solar power back into the municipal grid. The power meter’s little wheel will turn backwards reducing your meter reading, therefore your bill will be reduced.

- **Get a Borehole**. The cost is around R50 000, including installation of pumps, pipes and a storage tank. Our water has been tested by the CSIR and is a class one water source according to all criteria with a bacteria count of zero. Our 5 000 l tank gives a pressure of 7 m in the house which we find quite acceptable.

- **Johan Schoeman**

Groenkloof Access Monitor Project

The GSI is now preparing the final documents for the Groenkloof traffic control initiative for submission to the Tshwane municipality. Letters of support for this closure, needed for the submission, has been received from the SAPS Sunnyside, the Japanese Embassy and the Groenkloof Residents Association. Further letters of support are now being collected from the businesses in George Storrar Street and from property owners near the proposed gates.

- **Johan Schoeman**

Traffic Management

We have over the last few years made contact with the Traffic Department of the City of Tshwane to discuss various concerns. They understand our position, with the biggest issues currently being “rat-runners” using Groenkloof as a detour during peak hours, speeding in the suburb and dangerous intersections at Wenning/Florence Ribeiro and Engelenburg/George Storrar. City Council has a panel of consultants, one of whom we have engaged with recently regarding our challenges, who subsequently drafted a proposal. Unfortunately the process is slow and they are looking at revised budget to address this. We will keep you informed.

- **Werner Comrie**

Payments 2015

The GRA would like to thank all residents for their 2015 contribution towards the GRA. We have already received various donations, as well as “sponsor another member” option, for which we are very thankful. Your assistance in this regarding is greatly appreciated. Should you require information to make a payment or contribution, feel free to contact Juanuette Nel on 074 740 4444.

To report power failures, contact (012) 339 9111 or sms “power” and your account number to 082 612 0333.