



# NEWSLETTER

## May - August 2022

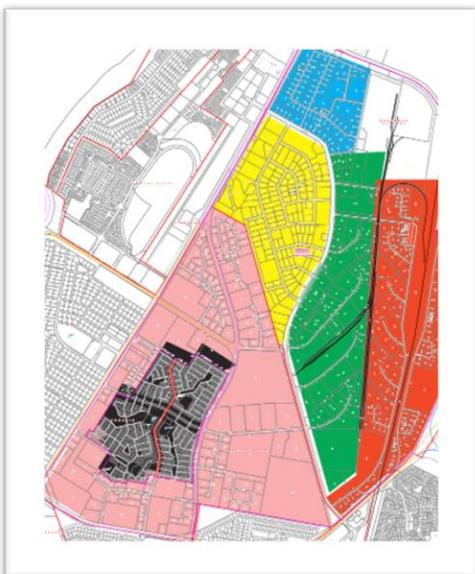
It is difficult to believe that at this time last year we were trying to navigate the turbulent waves of the economy, and now in August 2022, we are finally back to normal and without face masks!

Finally, the 'better' tomorrow that we have been dreaming of is here. The excitement among the business owners and their staff is tangible. You have all proven your resilience and we have learnt the valuable lesson that tough times never last. Take every chance that comes your way and make the best of every opportunity. There is no time like the present. Take today and use it to create a better tomorrow.



We realize that small businesses are faced with loss of profits during loadshedding because in most cases they require electricity to function and run their businesses. Then we won't even start with the increase in fuel prices.

The good news is that the MMID can still operate 100% during loadshedding and we can provide the top-up service to our members. The cleaning team of 4 staff, will continue to clean and maintain the Montague Gardens and Marconi Beam areas as best possible. Refer to the schedule below to see when they clean in your area/zone. The schedule can change on short notice or in the event of unforeseen circumstances.



### CLEANING TEAM ALLOCATED ZONES PER WEEK:

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

From 1 August 2022 a team of 4 additional cleaners joined us to concentrate on the hotspot areas, where there is a high volume of pedestrians, as these areas require more regular cleaning.

## CLEANING & ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE

<p><b>STATISTICS</b> MAY - JULY 2022</p>	<p>MMID BAGS COLLECTED</p> <p><b>2825</b></p>	<p>SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BAGS COLLECTED</p> <p><b>333</b></p>	<p>TOTAL % RECYCLED</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>57,18</b></p> </div>
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### Omuramba Road



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

The cleaning of Omuramba Road is an on-going challenge and the MMID is working with our Public Safety Officers and Law Enforcement Officers to improve the area and maintain a visible improvement.

The MMID support the proposal, currently being considered by the City of Cape Town, to reintegrate the MyCity bus lane into Omuramba Road.

## URBAN MANAGEMENT

Two years ago, the MMID cleared a piece of land in Station Road of Port Jackson trees and chipped it. These heaps of chippings were left to rot naturally. We had to be patient as composting wood chips is a long, slow process and some woods are especially slow to decompose. This compost was used in the preparation of the ground in Freedom Way.

The corner of Freedom Way and Printers Road were identified as a problematic area with vehicles parking illegally on the verge. The picture shows the composted and newly planted area. The City of Cape Town installed the railings and the MMID installed the curb stones to prevent trolleys and vehicles to park on the verge.



Freedom Way verge

## OTHER PROJECTS

*Link Road Bridge*



*Montague Drive -Total Garage*



*Freedom Way - Disa Hardware*



**Montague Drive – Peter Park****MAINTENANCE STATS**

<b>MAINTENANCE STATS</b>			
<b>VERGES CUT</b> 24	<b>AREAS WEEDED</b> 5	<b>TREES TRIMMED</b> 141	<b>C3's LOGGED</b> 151

**GREEN CLUB COMPETITION**

**Beautifying the entrance of your business and/or property**



South Africa celebrates Arbor Week from 1-7 September annually. The aim of Arbor Week is to promote and create a better life for all. **Can your business create a garden from scratch?**

If you believe your company can be a winner, please take this month to create a garden from scratch. The MMID can assist you to maintain the verges going forward, but please be willing to water it in the dry season. Let's beautify Montague Gardens, together and create **sustainable gardens**.

**Rules:**

1. Plant waterwise plants that add colour to the environment.
2. Add flower beds or boxes, even potted gardens.
3. Commit to long-term maintenance of these installations.

The best 3 gardens in Montague Gardens-Marconi Beam will each receive R1000 (one thousand Rand) Garden Centre Voucher from the MMID as well as a Green Club Board installation.

Be proud of the environment around you and create a beautiful garden on the verge in front of your business.

Send your **BEFORE** and **AFTER** pics, company name and contact details to [info@mmid.org.za](mailto:info@mmid.org.za)  
by 30 August 2022



## Your bin is a tool for crime!

### Empower yourself

- It is a **LADDER** to climb over your wall.
- It is a **HIDING** place to ambush you.
- It is used to **TRANSPORT** stolen goods.
- It **ATTRACTS** vagrants to your house.
- It tells that you might **BE AWAY**.



Only put your bin out the morning of Collection Day and make sure it is back on your property and out of sight the same day.

Ask your neighbours to help you if your routine makes this difficult.

**Municipal wheelie bins are increasingly being used as a tool to commit crime in the area.**

Yet, you put the bin out weekly not knowing that it can aid criminals in their efforts.

Your bin needs to be emptied the next morning and as the proactive person you are, you think to put it out the evening before just in case you forget, or the refuse truck beats you to it. **Big mistake!**

- Never leave your bin out too long, and only put it out on collection morning and bring it back afterwards as soon as possible. Your bin has wheels and is relatively light, which means it can easily be used as a ladder to climb over your wall. All they need to do is simply wheel it close to the wall, step on it and jump over.
- Criminals also use bins as the perfect hiding place, hiding behind it in the dark to wait for the right time to ambush you.
- Recent trends indicate that criminals even hide inside the bins. Unbeknown to the tenant, the bin feels heavy, as the tenant assumes that refuse was not collected - wheeling the criminal inside the property, giving the criminal ample time once inside to plan his attack.
- Criminals also steal bins and use it to store or carry stolen goods in. Paint your property address on the bin and paint it bright, so that if someone sees the bin in the other part of the neighbourhood it will alert suspicion.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

The MMID is in the process of upgrading the CCTV infrastructure in the Montague Gardens-Marconi Beam district to create a dynamic and effective network. In one month, the CCTV triggered 880 movements, after hours, and was backed up by three MMID Safety Patrol Officers.

## QUARTERLY REPORT

MMID PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	CCTV ACTIVATIONS	LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS	PREMISES GATES OPEN
Vagrant interaction 221	2365	48	61
Dumping/Littering 120			
Suspicious activity 2367			

Here are some questions you can ask yourself to ensure your premises are secured properly:

1. Assess your risk level – do you have lots of valuable equipment or stock? Do you handle cash? Are your premises in a high-risk area?
2. Are there areas of your premises that are hidden or dark? Are all your doors and windows always visible? Do you have external lighting?
3. Do you need CCTV? If you have CCTV, does it cover dark areas?
4. Do you have appropriate locks on your doors and windows?
5. Do you need to control access to your premises? Do you have staff who work alone and how are they protected? Do you have panic buttons? Can you see everywhere in your premises at all times?
6. Are your emergency escape routes accessible?
7. Do you carry out regular inspections to check the security of your access points?

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Are you aware of the Notice of the 30-day public participation commenting period (11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022) for the post-application draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and the application for atmospheric emission license in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998) and the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (39 of 2004), respectively? It is for the proposed establishment of a crematorium facility on Erf 2433 in Montague Gardens? You can find the document on our website [www.mmid.org.za](http://www.mmid.org.za)

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