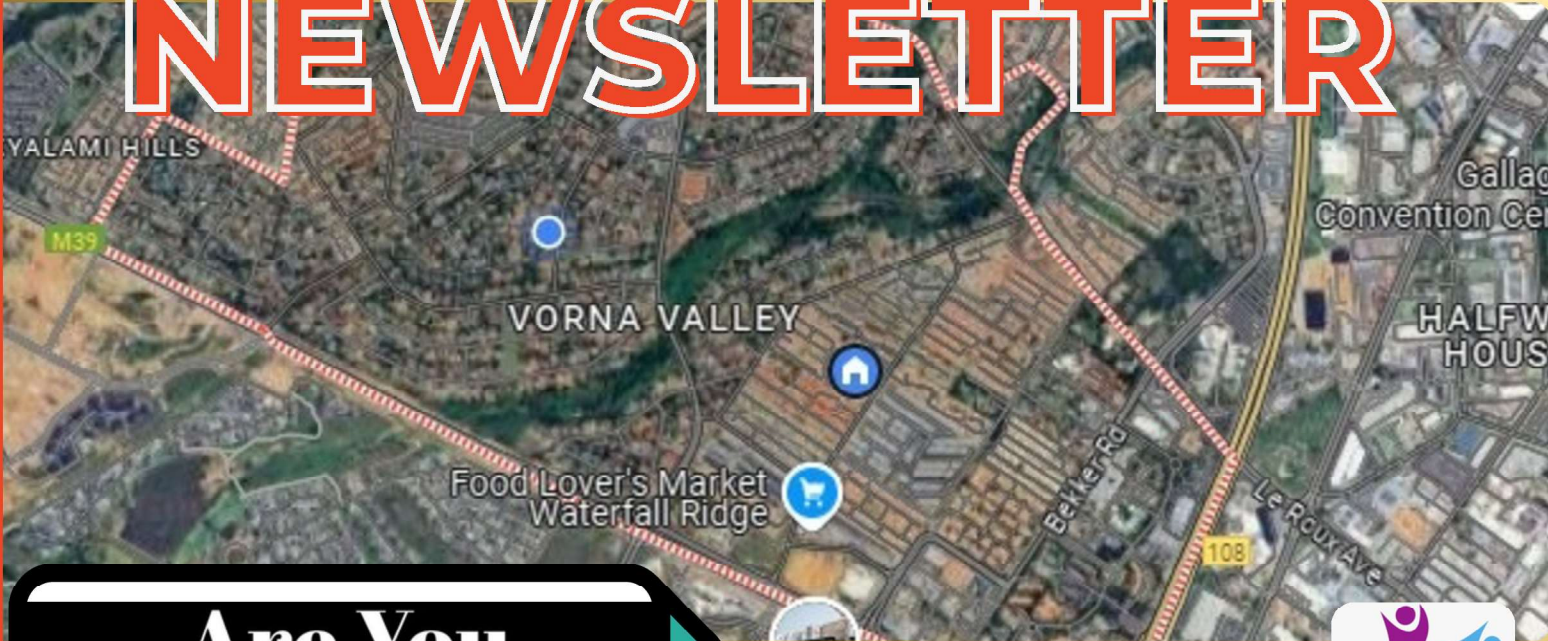


VORNA VALLEY COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER



Are You

- A resident in Vorna Valley
- and is frustrated with service (non) delivery?
- R10 p/month is all it costs to be

A Member

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In case you missed it,
 You are (un)officially
 The Neighbourhood
 Watch Star 

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Trash talk
 in this issue!
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 details
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**Clogged
 Storm Water
 Drains Cause
 Flooded Streets**

but here's how you can prevent it!

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Our community thrives when you...



The VVRA recently reached out to remind everyone that our beloved resident's association thrives on the monthly monetary contributions of our neighbours, and we have been profoundly heartened by the positive and generous response from so many of you.

Your support reinforces a powerful truth: when we amplify our private efforts within the suburb, we can achieve what constrained public services cannot, i.e. building the community we all wish to live in.



It is important to remember that the people working behind the scenes are your neighbours – volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, and passion without any expectation of compensation, working tirelessly and thanklessly for the betterment of our suburb.

When you acknowledge that some of our shared goals require financial support and pledge towards this initiative, you directly empower these volunteer efforts. Your contribution, no matter the size, is a vote of confidence in our collective future and the fuel that allows us to grow from strength to strength, turning our common vision for a safer, more beautiful, and connected neighbourhood into a reality.

See Something, Say Something



Safety in our neighbourhood is more than just good security; it's about ALL of us being active eyes and ears for each other. Residents ought to stay vigilant and keep an eye out for anything that seems unusual or out of place in our suburb.

Whether it's an unfamiliar vehicle circling the blocks, suspicious activity close to home, or something that just doesn't feel right, your awareness is our first and best line of defense.

If you see something that concerns you, please don't hesitate to say something. Immediately report it to our dedicated security company and also alert your neighbours via our community WhatsApp groups. This quick sharing of information allows us to respond rapidly and effectively



By working together and speaking up, we not only prevent potential incidents but also send a powerful message that our community is alert, united, and has zero tolerance for criminal or undesirable activities. Let's continue to make our suburb a model of safety and cooperation.

Unscramble the 9 letter word below and send us your answers to: communication@vvra.org.za

C U L L Y I N U K

Hint: With much misfortune

Last Month's Solution: **WEEKNIGHT**



YOUR BIN IS LYING TO YOU. IT'S FULL OF CASH!

Go on, take a peek inside that black bin bag.

Looks like rubbish, right?

WRONG! That's not waste –

it's wasted opportunity.

It's a landfill of lazy choices, and frankly, we're better than that. While you're casually tossing PET bottles and glass jars, you're literally throwing money in the trash.

Up to 90% of
what's in there
could be
recycled.

Let that sink in!



This isn't about feeling good.

It's about NOT being the reason our kids grow up playing next to garbage heaps. It's about jobs. It's about pride. It's about looking your bin dead in the eye and saying, "Not today."

So stop dumping your potential.

Recycle like you mean it – because frankly,

our future depends on whether you can or can't (pun intended) be bothered, to rinse a tin.

Yes, get Paid,
for your trash!



Starting recycling isn't some hippie, high-effort lifestyle.

It's using a **second container**. (An old crate. A bucket. Seriously, that's it.)

Rinse four things: plastic bottles, glass jars, tins, and cardboard.

Flatten the boxes.

Boom! You're now a recycler.

Not a hero – just someone with basic foresight. Then, either leave your clean recyclables out for the waste pickers (who won't make as big a mess as they do now) or take them to a buy-back centre and get paid!

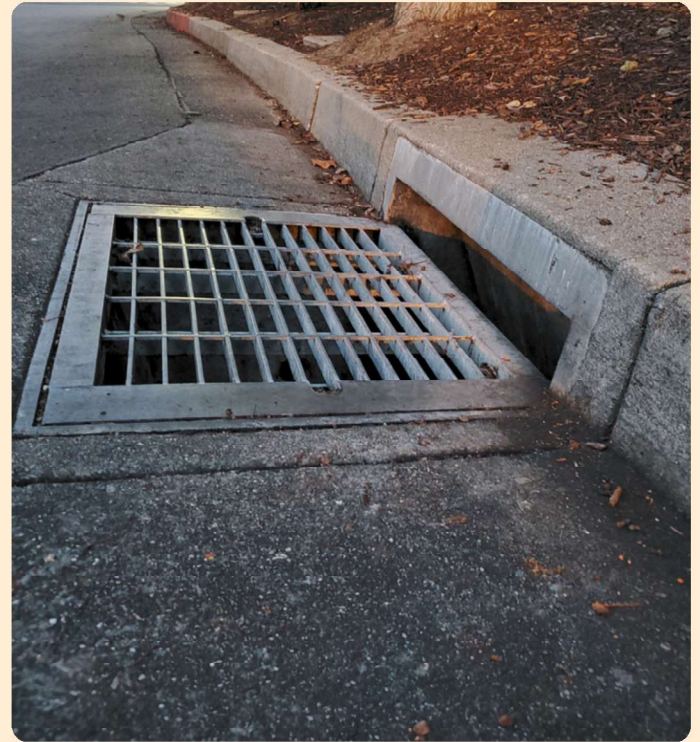
Drain Gain: Don't Let Your Clutter Rain on Our Parade!

Take a stroll down any street in our lovely suburb and you'll see them: those humble, grated cuts in the sidewalk.

They're not the most glamorous feature of our neighbourhood, often overlooked in favour of a beautiful rose bush or a freshly painted fence.

But what if we told you that these unassuming grates are actually the unsung heroes of our urban landscape?

Meet the Stormwater Drain – your neighbourhood's first and most important line of defense against turning our streets into a temporary Nile, during a summer downpour.



Their job description is simple but vital: to whisk rainwater away from our roads and properties, preventing floods and keeping our feet dry. They are designed for water, and water alone. They are most certainly not a convenient shortcut for disposing of garden clippings, sweet wrappers, or that mysterious liquid from the braai. When we treat them like a mini landfill, we're essentially firing our flood prevention team. That pile of grass cuttings might seem harmless, but it's like throwing a woolly jersey into the shower drain – eventually, everything backs up.

The repercussions are very real: **blocked drains** lead to street floods, which turn **potholes** into ponds and our intersections into islands. This standing water becomes a prime breeding ground for mosquitoes, and can even damage road surfaces and property foundations.

So, let's give our gritty grate friends a break!

Instead of sweeping leaves into them, compost them. Instead of tossing a cooldrink bottle near one, pop it in a recycling bin. It's a small act of civic heroism that keeps our community **safe, clean, and flood-free**.

Remember, whatever goes in that drain doesn't just disappear – it goes on a journey that eventually affects our rivers and local environment. Let's keep their mission pure.

Sincerely,

Your Sidewalk Hero!




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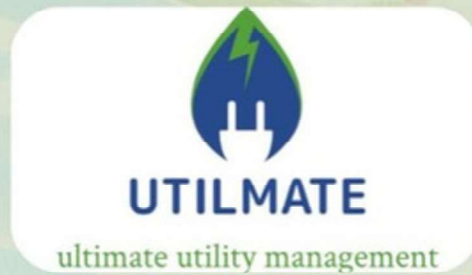
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