

Hi to all those within the CKN Boundaries

Recently we decided we would no longer send out hard copies of our newsletters and correspondence and we would only communicate via email and the Whatsapp group. Both forms of communication only going to CKN members.

I have decided to communicate with you via hard copy for two reasons. There are those in CKN that are non-members and so are unaware of how real crime is and secondly to make contact with those that request help from the association, promise to join, and never do.

On point one. Amongst other hats that I wear, I am on the CPF executive in the Honeydew Precinct and also the chairman for sector two in Honeydew. CKN is part of the sector. On a daily basis and sometimes even hourly, I am made aware of crime incidents. Crime comes in many forms, to name a few, burglaries, hijackings, armed robberies, car theft, theft out of cars, rapes, smash and grabs and assaults. No one can say crime can never affect them. We have to be alert at every turn. As an association we will do everything we can to make our neighbourhood a safer place. The police cannot do it all and most security companies are re-active. It is up to you and I to fill that security gap and make a difference. It is a collective effort.

My point here is crime is real.

On my second point, why do so many choose not to have the benefit of an association? They know where to turn when they need help. On so many occasions I have heard – I never thought it would happen to me and how do I get involved? By then it is too late.

Associations are run by people who believe they can make a difference. They get no compensation for their time and effort. They get very frustrated when crime occurs as a lot of time and effort does go into crime prevention. Support them. The benefits of a neighbourhood watch are for all.

In closing, I repeat, crime is real. You need to know what is going on. You cannot put your head in the sand and think crime does not exist. I see the trauma and grief crime brings almost daily.

Do not become another statistic. Safety begins at home.

I am happy to take any questions and concerns.
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Stay safe
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