



Your UIP

"Tackling crime and grime in your precinct"

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From the General Manager's Desk

Hello and welcome to another informative edition of Your UIP. In this issue, we feature the South Beach Community Policing Forum, which will be launching an interactive, user-friendly website soon to help you stay safe in your communities and provide information anonymously without any worry of intimidation. We also highlight some of the daily activities of our cleaning and security teams who provide a valuable, top up service, and showcase some of the key social and business events in Durban.

The UIP is indeed your UIP, and we encourage you to engage with us through the newsletter and our website and Facebook pages. We want to hear your thoughts and how we could serve you better. Like our pages by visiting www.uipco.co.za today. You can also access it from your cellphone. The more people you tell, the more we will be able to grow our support, and you could also win!

Regards

Colin

Precinct Meetings April/May 2015

Remember to attend a precinct meeting near you and have your say. See our April and May calendar below.

Precinct	Apr	May	Address	Time
NEB	14	12	City Lodge	2:30 pm
CBD	20	19	Florence Mkhize Building	2:30 pm
SB	16	21	Garden Court	2:30 pm

Important Contact Numbers!

SAPS
10111 (24 Hours)

Metro Police Services
031 361 0000
(24 Hours)

**UIP SB Precinct
Cleaning**
083 303 4697

**UIP CBD Precinct
Security**
031 304 9911
082 852 1204
Cleaning
073 346 7791

**UIP NEB Precinct
Security**
031 304 9911
082 852 1204

Date: 28/04/15

Tickets: R150-R280 from Computicket

Indaba

Indaba is one of the largest tourism marketing events on the African calendar and one of the top three 'must visit' events of its kind on the global calendar.

Venue: ICC

Event Type: Tourism

Date: 9/05/15 - 11/05/15

International Conference on Global Business, Economics, and Social Science

A premier event in the business services industry.

Venue: Blue Waters Hotel

Event Type: Business

Date: 04/06/2015

KwaZulu-Natal Industrial Technology Exhibition

Venue: Durban Exhibition Centre

Event Type: Business

Date: 09/06/2015

LOAD-SHEDDING

Load-shedding can be a nuisance and can disrupt your daily routine, but with power outages being South Africa's current reality, rather than throwing our toys out the cot, we might as well look on the bright side and make the most of the darkness.

BEAT THE LOAD-SHEDDING BLUES



THEY CAN TAKE OUR ELECTRICITY, BUT THEY CAN NEVER TAKE OUR BRAAI!

See page 4 for tips on how to beat the load-shedding blues

The UIP Social & Business Events Guide

Inferno Lan and Expo Durban

Inferno LAN brings you 3 days of ultimate gaming experience. The ticket also gives unlimited access to the inferno expo with gaming, technology, digital and more.

Venue: Durban Exhibition Centre

Event Type: Lifestyle, Exhibitions and Gaming

Date: 19/04/15

Tickets: R375 from Computicket

Crown of the Russian Ballet

This world renowned three-act ballet featuring performers from across the globe and brings ballet to the masses with new choreography built to mesmerize both young and old.

Venue: The Playhouse Opera Theatre

Event Type: Ballet



Meet energetic music-maestro Birthwell Velaphi Dladla who has been 'working' outside the City Hall for the last three years. Instead of doing crime, Birthwell believes that the City has provided him with a means to use his skill to earn a living.

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SOUTH BEACH CPF UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT



POINT CPF

Support from the community at these meetings needs to improve and we urge residents to attend meetings where they can have their say and help make their surroundings safer," said Ebrahim.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SOUTH BEACH CPF

- ✎ To establish and maintain a strong and open partnership between the community and the South African Police Services (SAPS) in all aspects of crime prevention.
- ✎ To promote goodwill and maintain effective communication between the police and the community.
- ✎ To improve transparency and accountability with regards to the level of police service delivery.
- ✎ To create a harmonious relationship between the police and the community by addressing policing concerns, problems and complaints from the community.
- ✎ To evaluate and provide constructive input on visible policing in the area, from procurement, input on siting and staffing of stations, residential & business patrolling, etc.
- ✎ To work with business and other organised interest groups in the area to encourage joint action on issues of mutual concern.
- ✎ To make representation to or negotiate with local, provincial or national government bodies, departments, etc. on safety and security issues affecting the community.
- ✎ To monitor the processing through the judicial system of serious crimes in the area and act in respect of any instances of negligence, dereliction of duty or malpractice.
- ✎ To address all issues of concern to the community in respect of safety and security and law enforcement, e.g. The corruption of police officers.

REPORT CRIME

To report a crime, call **062 082 9903** or email crimereport@cpfpoint.org.za

STAFF

Chairman Victor Naidoo
Vice Chairman Ebrahim Vadachia
Secretary Juanita Gouws

MEETINGS

The South Beach CPF meet every second Wednesday of the month, 2pm at the Parkview Retirement Home on Boscombe Terrace. All are welcome!

SUPPORT

To assist the CPF with the new website, please contact Ebrahim Vadachia on 031 202 0370.



Victor Naidoo - Chairman
South Beach CPF



Ebrahim Vadachia - Vice Chairman
South Beach CPF

“Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country!” Every citizen in Durban who wishes to become part of the solution against crime in our city and country is encouraged to become actively involved in the Forum. Join the South Beach CPF today!

The South Beach Community Policing Forum (CPF) is under new management. At the helm are chairman Victor Naidoo and vice chairman Ebrahim Vadachia, who are committed to active engagement with residents and law enforcement officials in an attempt to reduce the incidence of crime in the area. Both businessmen also serve on the UIP Board and together with other board members plan to build new partnerships and enhance collaborative relationships that will assist in crime prevention.

Spearheading this new initiative is Ebrahim, whose charismatic and assertive personality, combined with a hands-on management style, has seen some exciting new changes that promise to benefit the South Beach CPF Sector 3 community.

Top on the agenda is the imminent launch of an engaging and interactive website. The website will provide a one-stop powerhouse of information ranging from crime tips, crime hot-spots and crime partners, to a form whereby residents can report crime on the website anonymously. “We would like to regularly update the website and have a dedicated person to respond to queries. We have invested in the initial cost, but require more funding in order to continue to maintain the site and to ensure its effectiveness. The website is a valuable tool that will benefit not only the residents in the South Beach area, but anyone who is concerned about crime,” said Ebrahim.

Other plans include a knock and drop campaign to build awareness and other marketing initiatives to promote the importance of the CPF in the community.

“As a resident of South Beach, I fully understand the daily challenges of crime in our area. Our approach is direct with the objective of achieving measurable results, as no one should be left at the mercy of criminal elements.” He went on to say that crime is a major concern for residents who felt the proliferation of bars and clubs in the area attracted undesirable elements, leading to increased alcohol and substance abuse, drug peddling, muggings, theft, prostitution and other illegal activities. “Crime occurs in broad daylight. We need to be vigilant and work closely with law enforcement and security personnel to prevent crime and enhance the safety of residents.” He highlighted the value of associations like the UIP and the CPF, which were not merely token bodies, but critical support structures for the SAPS, Metro Police Services as well as the community.

UIP General Manager, Colin Burnett welcomed new ideas and emphasized that the UIP and the CPF are driven by a common objective of crime prevention, and a need to work together to achieve common goals and objectives.

“The CPF relies heavily on the support of residents and businesses located in South Beach and the greater Point area.



Snippets of Previous Meetings

CBD PRECINCT/SRA: 17/02/2015

- The UIP Crime Monitor has resumed his duties in the CCTV Control Room following its refurbishment. The UIP base set that was temporarily out of order is now fixed, allowing for direct communication with the crime monitors on the street and the central UIP base.
- The palisade fence (Dr Yusuf Dadoo Street & N3 freeway intersection) is now positioned in place. Thank you to all concerned.
- The UIP has sent an email to the Architectural Department indicating that the Warwick pissoire (public urinal) design is not suitable for use in Greenacres Passage or in the CBD. The design caters for two people, with the second person visible to the public and both users feet and upper bodies exposed.
- A representative of the Business Support Unit confirmed that, with the staff complement of only four, it was not possible to address the major challenges of illegal traders. Their primary goal is stakeholder engagement and adult educational training. A leaflet is also available to assist with bylaw awareness.
- Metro Police has reconfirmed their position with illegal traders, with no real strategy in place to address this on-going problem. The depletion of captains in the Hawker Unit due to promotions means fewer staff focusing on illegal traders. The process to employ additional Captains is currently taking place.
- Thank you to the UIP/Enforce Crime Monitors who are assisting the SAPS at hot spots from 4-6pm daily with petty crime, in the absence of the UMZ.

NEB PRECINCT/SRA: 10/02/2015

- The problems of noise at the Workshop Auditorium from tenants at the Tourist Junction continue. An alternative solution is being considered to tackle this problem.
- iTrump informed the meeting that complaints can be logged through the UMZ, and each call was referenced and accountability could be tracked.
- The committee were all of the opinion that the discontinuation of the UMZ guards had seen an increase in crime, but called for more support from bodies like the UIP, as well as other strategies, like the increase in CCTV monitoring.
- The Chairman advised that at his request, vagrants sleeping on the bench in front of the Renault car dealership were removed. He thanked Metro Police for their assistance.

The Chairman thanked the Metro Police for the regular sweeps early in the morning that has resulted in the removal of vagrants sleeping along the fence of George Campbell.

Despite a red line now in place in front of the Reserve Bank in Dr A B Xuma Street to prevent illegal parking by buses, this practice continues. The UIP has brought this to the attention of senior Metro Police officers.

SB PRECINCT/SRA: 12/02/2015

- The UIP thanked the UMZ for responding to the request to clean Trafalgar Lane and poison the weeds.
- Colin advised that Conrad Dlamini is the Ward 26 Councillor for the South Beach area, and a meeting will be set up with him.
- Although bright yellow parking lines were painted in Granville Place and Beatty Place, the problem of parked buses, taxi's and cars blocking the traffic flow was considered such an issue to warrant red lines and traffic signs being put into place.
- The UIP conducted their monthly walk-about and an updated snag list was forwarded to the relevant department for corrective action. Members were once again reminded that snags could be logged through the UMZ Helpdesk on 031-332 0442 (Raveshnee Pillay), or raveshnee.pillay@durban.gov.za where they are referenced and followed up on.

Crime Reports: January & February 2015

CBD PRECINCT - ENFORCE SECURITY TEAMS IN ACTION

**NEWSFLASH -
10 arrests/3 assisted arrests/
Tackled 49 incidents/Helped Metro
Police with 106 incidences**

CBD CRIME REPORT

05/02@17h45 : Crime monitors apprehended a man for impersonating a police officer at the corner of Dr Yusuf Dadoo and Dr Pixley KaSema Streets. The suspect was handed over to members at SAPS Broad Street.

12/02@15h05 : Crime monitors apprehended a male for theft under false pretences outside 344 Dr Pixley KaSema Street. The suspect offered a woman permanent employment if she handed over her mobile phone and R115. The complainant did not want to open a case as she had all her belongings returned to her.

13/02@16h26 : A female was arrested for theft of money (R510) at the corner of Monty Naicker Road and Soldiers Way. The suspect was taken to the SAPS Workshop and detained.

16/02@13h36 : A shoe repair man and one of his clients were involved in a verbal altercation at the corner of Anton Lembede Street and Greenacres Passage regarding outstanding payment for work done. Crime monitors intervened and the matter was resolved.

19/02@18h00 : Members of the public pointed out an unknown male at the corner of Dr Pixley KaSema Street and Greenacres Passage who was accused of murder in the Lindaleni area. Crime Monitors took the suspect to SAPS Broad Street, where he was detained. The Investigating officer in this case was contacted and he collected the suspect.

19/02@11h30 : Three suspicious persons were observed outside 219 Monty Naicker Road for remote jamming. The crime monitors approached them, one ran away, the other two were searched but nothing was found on them and they were released.

20/02@07h02 : At 320 Monty Naicker Road. Two males stabbed a man twice on his leg, took his cellphone and fled the scene. UIP Control Room contacted Emergency Medical Services and the victim was taken to hospital for treatment.

27/02@08h30 : Crime monitors apprehended a man for snatching a necklace off a woman's neck at the corner of Anton Lembede Street and Bay Passage. The complainant did not want to open a case as her necklace was returned to her.

NEB PRECINCT - ENFORCE SECURITY TEAMS IN ACTION

**NEWSFLASH -
Handled 301 incidences in two months**

NEB CRIME REPORT

20/02 @ 08h02 : A motor vehicle accident with slight injuries occurred at the corner of KE Masinga Road and Stalwart Similane Street. The UIP Control Room contacted Metro Police who attended to the accident.

SB PRECINCT - SIYABUYA SECURITY TEAMS IN ACTION

**NEWSFLASH
914 incidents
136 members of the public assisted
96 incidents of illegal activities
Helped Metro Police with 106 incidences**

SB CRIME REPORT

02/02/15@03h22 : Crime monitors Masango and Mhlongo chased four men who were attempting to rob two females at the corner of Dr Pixley KaSema and Gillespie Streets.

07/02/15@22h01 : A UIP/Siyabuya Crime Monitor assisted a woman who was about to be robbed off her handbag by two males. The suspects fled towards Point Road.

15/02/15@18h10 : Two UIP/Siyabuya Crime Monitors assisted a woman who was nearly robbed by a man at OR Tambo Street.



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Although she did not want to lay a charge, the suspect was handed over to the police.

22/02/15@14h00 : A UIP/Siyabuya Crime Monitor reported that a SAPS vehicle searched two Nigerian males in front of Four Seasons Hotel, 81 Gillespie Street and found drugs in their possession. They were arrested and taken away.

26/02/15@18h05 : A white Mercedes Benz was found in Blenheim Place with a broken back window, but no glass pieces around it. A UIP/Siyabuya Crime Monitor tried to locate the owner. He watched the vehicle, until the owner returned.

28/02/15@00h00 : Siyabuya staff reported that there were a number of bikes and vehicles revving their engines and causing a disturbance in OR Tambo Street. The bikers were warned and they left the area without any further incident.

Cleaning Reports

CBD Precinct/SRA: Cwebezela Trust February - March 2015

Daily Activities

During the period of February-March 2015, the Cwebezela team picked up 2700 bags and 225 cubic metres of litter. The teams continue to work from 07h00 until 17h00 daily, including Saturdays. The Sunday shifts are staggered to accommodate the different collection times of DSW. On weekends, employees on leave are replaced by the relief team to ensure the correct number of cleaners are on the street during the morning and afternoon shifts.

Allocation of Bins

Cwebezela Manager, Patrick Mahlangu is currently monitoring the correct allocation of bins, in order to ensure compliance with municipal billings. A request was made to DSW to check the bin allocation at Russell's, OK and Joshua Doore. Patrick also met with DSW to highlight the accumulation of waste behind Savelink. These bins were cleared by Cwebezela and collected by DSW.

Lanes and Passages

Some of the challenges in Mark Lane include the accumulation of black bags in Monty Naicker Road from mainly salons in Mark Lane requiring collection and another bin next to the Bible Shop that needs to be cleaned regularly. Cwebezela has addressed this directly with DSW.

Greenacres Passage remains a problem, particularly with the waste generated from illegal traders. In addition to waste, the walls continue to be defaced with posters. The Cwebezela team is calling on other role players to police and apprehend illegal-poster activity, but will continue to clean and remove the posters when possible.

Telkom Telephone Banks

Despite commitment from Telkom last year to remove these damaged telephone banks, they continue to be a waste of space and are used as a public toilet facility. Telkom has been asked again to remove these telephones.

Other Problem Areas

Cwebezela has highlighted the large number of holes in School Lane that need repairing. This not only makes cleaning difficult, but is a danger to the public. The UIP has included this in its weekly snag list for attention.

The Cwebezela team has addressed concerns of not enough DSW staff in key streets, like Dr Pixley KaSema, Dr A.B Xuma and Monty Naicker Streets. With the Cwebezela team shift ending at 5pm weekly, after hours refuse by traders needs to be collected timeously to avoid unsightly and unhealthy streets.

SB Precinct/SRA: Shanela Environmental Management January - February 2015

As predicted, January is a high litter period, with 6 880 bags uplifted (37 840kgs of waste). February dropped dramatically, as the festive season came to an end.

February recorded 5 540 bags and 30 470kgs of waste collected. A welcome decrease of 7 840kgs for the year-so-far.

The team continues to monitor faulty street light poles, with regular reports to the UIP central office for action with the municipality.



Here's a few nifty ways to beat the load-shedding boredom:

- 💡 If it's a hot day and load-shedding has stolen your right to air-conditioning, pack your family in the car and head off to the beach. It's all natural, a great way to cool off and best of all - it's free!
- 💡 South Africa's favourite pastime, braaiing becomes very useful during these times. So, throw your hands in the air, step away from the stove, and head outside to make your meals 'caveman-style'.
- 💡 Make sure your laptop is charged (that's something you have to do before the power goes off) and then use the power wisely by catching up on valuable work or watching your favourite movies.
- 💡 Engage in all those fun electricity-free activities that you just never have time for. Go on a hike, try your hand at gardening etc. The lightless world is your oyster!
- 💡 If you're thrown back into the Stone Age while at the office, use the offline time to do some team-building exercises. You could try group yoga, group debates or even partake in some overdue spring cleaning and rearrange your office space.