



**Wierdapark Residents
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Wierdapark Residents Association (“**WPRA**”) Hosts Successful Awareness Campaign

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Dear WPRA Members, Wierdapark residents, business owners, stakeholders and sponsors.

A heartwarming thank you on behalf of WPRA to all WPRA Members, Volunteers, Wierdapark Residents, Business Owners, Stakeholders in Security and Safety, Ward Councillor Marika Kruger, City of Tshwane Health Department and various sponsors of WPRA.

WPRA organised a groundbreaking awareness campaign at the Wierda shopping centre on Saturday, April 20th, 2024, between 09:00 and 13:00. The event, a first of its kind in Wierdapark, aimed to unite residents and stakeholders in promoting safety, security, and environmental consciousness within the community.

Beginning as early as 06:00, the shopping centre parking area buzzed with activity as WPRA volunteers, business owners and residents from all backgrounds joined forces to set up gazebos, arrange tables, and adorn the space with colourful banners and promotional materials. The atmosphere was characterised by an evident sense of unity and camaraderie, reflecting a collective commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Wierdapark.

A highlight of the day was the WPRA's initiative of appreciation towards safety, security, and emergency responders. These heroes of the community were treated to a drive-by service, where they received refreshments as a token of gratitude for their selfless dedication to keeping the community safe.

At 09:00, the event officially commenced with the blare of sirens, marking the beginning of a day filled with engaging activities and meaningful interactions. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with various safety, security, and intelligence services, gaining insights into their operations and reaffirming their commitment to community welfare.

The day was marked by exciting surprises, including the arrival and public display of a large fire truck courtesy of FADT, offering some residents the opportunity to experience a ride through Wierdapark in this fire truck. The solemn moment of reflection prompted by the sounding of the fire truck horn served as a reminder of the challenges faced by first responders in their line of duty.

Additionally, the sighting of a security and emergency chopper from FADT circling the shopping centre added to the event's atmosphere of reverence and appreciation for the crucial role played by such aerial support in emergency response efforts.

This milestone event signifies the beginning of a series of safety, security, and municipal initiatives that WPRA and its stakeholders will activate with the aim to create a safer, cleaner, and more environmentally sustainable environment for all residents and businesses in Wierdapark.

WPRA is a non-profit organisation representing the community. It operates on principles of inclusivity of the entire community, is non-political, and supports communal solidarity. Its mission to foster a spirit of Ubuntu, where residents stand together and look out for one another, reflects a shared commitment to collective well-being and sustainable development within the community.

It is time to come together, take hands and create change for Wierda Park.



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The following safety, security and intelligence services were present and showcased their hard work, efforts and unwavering commitment to the community of Wierdapark:

The Community Policing Forum (CPF Sector 3) represented by:

Kirstie van den Berg, Estiaan du Plooy, Hennie Weber, Yaseen Ansar, Tristan-Rose Williams and Anelique Heszler (Sector 1).

Safe City Projects represented by:

Mark Laros, Cornell Tome, Liezel Tome, Raynard Daniels, Rikus Rabie, Veronique Stevenson, Charlene Korff.

Scorpion Risk Solutions represented by:

Michael Vorster, Mishack Makgwale, Motlaung Edward Itumeleng.

Monitornet represented by:

Bernadette Le Grange, Christo Smith, Jean Pierre Le Roux (JP).

FADT represented by:

Andries Coertzen, Charl Botha, Dudley van Merwe, Cobus Bester, Simon Rickard, Nemukula Andani and Tyron Barnard (Fire Team).

From the City of Tshwane:

Ward councillor of Ward 70, Marika Kruger.

City of Tshwane Health Department team.

We want to thank the following sponsors and contributors for making this day possible:

Buffalo Pub:

Jan Vosloo and Anita Vosloo and their friendly staff provided music, assisted with logistical arrangements, provided chafing dishes to keep the food warm for the first responders, extra tables where needed for stakeholders, ice to keep the drinks cold for first responders. A special thank you to Jan, Anita and staff for opening your hearts and business and allowing the use of restrooms by all stakeholders.

Wierdapark Butchery: We want to thank Lufuno Tshivhase, Siya and the team from Wierdapark Butchery for the gracious sponsorship of the boerewors rolls for our first responders and preparing them with so much love and care.

Hans and Antoinette Janse van Rensburg:

Sponsoring all WPRA Crew, T - shirts and doing the print and artwork with a personal touch, love and care. We appreciate your continued support and inputs into the objectives of WPRA.

Safe City Projects:

Cornell Tome, Mark Laros and their friendly team arrived very early to help with logistical arrangements, safety matters and barricading the area. Thank you for your positive energy you invested and constant support



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from the beginning in this initiative. The assistance in communication with certain stakeholders to arrange participation in the event and special arrangements to extend invitations to stakeholders and first responders for the drive by initiative is much appreciated. The popcorn provided by your team made a huge contribution to the friendly vibe felt by all people connecting from different spheres of Wierdapark.

PJC Sports:

Kobus Barnard, thank you for the huge contribution and sponsorship of water and cold drinks for our security, safety and first responders who were served during the drive by initiative.

Property Principal Group:

Louise van Rooyen for sponsoring one WPR banner. As a WPR Exco member you always put yourself out there to serve the community with a passion and dedication quite unique and valued by WPR and the community.

O Yes Properties:

Johan Roelofse, thank you for the contributions and sponsoring cold drinks for our security, safety and first responders and showing your valued support to these initiatives within our community.

Adler Technik (Pty) Ltd:

Werner Bekker thank you for your continued involvement and support to WPR, the sponsoring of one WPR banner and the monetary sponsorship towards food for security, safety and first responders. Your passion for service delivery and concern for your community and environment is valued and appreciated.

Pizza Baby Wierdapark Ext 2 Shopping Centre:

Thank you Chalta Meyer for the 50 loyalty cards stamped for discount and two pizzas for our first and emergency responders to use.

WPR Members, Executives and Volunteers:

Shelly Beckbessinger:

As a director and executive member managing various time-consuming portfolios and being exceptionally passionate to the fulfilment of the objectives of WPR, we thank you for all your hard work, efforts and commitment in support of to the administration, communication and overall contribution to success of initiatives like these.

Jacqueline Burn:

Jacqui as director and executive member we thank you for your ongoing commitment, dedication and sleepless nights as the creative brain behind all WPR designs, social media, advertising, public communications and the website. We appreciate your sacrifices to ensure all these special moments and memories are captured with sheer professionalism and passion. Residents, stakeholders and members of



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WPRA are invited to visit the memories captured by Jacqui of this day on www.wpra.org.za. Some are shown in this newsflash but all images are available in the gallery on the website.

Francois and Surita Mellet:

Thank you, Francois and Surita for your unwavering commitment, loyalty, hard work and hours you dedicate to WPRA, always availing yourselves to be ready and jump in where help is needed. We are grateful for the efforts in transporting and providing all WPRA event equipment (gazebos, chairs, tables, tablecloths, cooler boxes, all print work), the assistance in setup and logistical arrangements and various hospitality contributions you invest passionately into the WPRA team and our members and residents of Wierdapark.

Noleen Marais:

Your passion, dedication and concern for the wellbeing of residents of Wierdapark is an inspiration to many. Thank you for the assistance transporting event equipment, sponsoring jaffles, use of various personal catering items and the early assistance running around setting up, taking care of certain logistical arrangements and monitoring safety and security matters in between.

WPRA Members and volunteers showed up in numbers and assisted with passion and made various contributions administratively or physically on the day. Thank you for all the messages of support from our committed members and volunteers who due to other family and personal commitments were not able to attend the event. Your support how great or small remains valuable to WPRA. The following people attended, assisted and arrived to support WPRA:

Shelly Beckbessinger
Frans Barnard
Jacqueline Burn
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Membership to WPRA is open to all residents and business owners above the age of 18, free of charge, inviting active participation in shaping the future of Wierdapark as a desirable neighbourhood for current and future generations. To join, please register by visiting www.wpra.org.za

Our community, our legacy

Regards Liza Vorster, Chairperson, WPRA





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