



A Safe, connected and thriving community

Dear Colonel Govender (Parkview SAPS) and Deputy Director Smith (JMPD)

CC Cllr Steer (Ward 87)

Greenside has been negatively affected for many years by illegal business activities and violations of liquor licences and land-use/ building control laws by some venues operating on Gleneagles Rd and Greenway (in the 'business node'). These generate significant ongoing noise disturbances and health, pollution, fire and safety concerns. There has also been a steady increase in drivers spinning their wheels, revving engines loudly and accelerating to show off in front of crowds, doing "doughnuts" in intersections, drag racing, drunk driving and this contributes to speeding especially along Barry Hertzog, Greenway and The Braids roads. There is also a problem of illegal parking, problematic behaviour of "car guards", public drinking and intoxication and so called "car boot "parties" as well as shooting incidents, street fights, sale of narcotics and possible gang activity. Community members are concerned about low police and JMPD visibility and slow response rates to complaints. All of this makes the suburb and surrounds unsafe and dangerous to pedestrians, road users, business owners and residents. In addition this lack of confidence and culture of rowdy drunkenness is eroding the stable rate paying base, driving away legitimate business and compromising the property values, and more importantly, the peace of mind and amenity of the residents of the suburb.

We call on provincial and municipal authorities to urgently investigate and address these concerns.

An online petition run in July 2022 received 470 signatures of support. We attach the list of signatories and details of their specific concerns and comments.

Following this petition we ask that SAPS Parkview, JMPD and COJ management assist with the following:

1. Law enforcement authorities to be adequately resourced and informed as to the nature of problems affecting residents and business owners in Greenside.
2. The City of Johannesburg and The Gauteng Liquor Board to investigate illegal trading, including instances of restaurants trading and liquor licences being awarded in contravention of existing title deed restrictions
3. City of Johannesburg to investigate venues that are operating as bars and clubs in contravention of their business 1 zoning without consent use as places of amusement

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4. City of Johannesburg to investigate venues that are operating without approved building plans
5. The Gauteng Liquor Board to investigate numerous complaints of venues using restaurant liquor licences to operate as clubs/ bars and places of amusement, with consequent significant and ongoing noise nuisances, problem patron behaviour including public rowdiness, drunkenness and street fights.
6. The Gauteng Liquor Board to clarify the processes regarding businesses operating on transferred liquor licences, often long expired, and for unrelated business activities
7. The City of Johannesburg to address reckless driving, traffic and severe parking problems on Gleneagles and Greenway roads, including illegal parking on pavements, traffic islands and the Piazza.
8. The streets surrounding the Parkview Golf course (Greenside/ Barnton and Mowbray roads) have seen a spike in crime as a result of a failure of the Golf Club or the City to maintain the pavements and perimeter fencing of the Golf Course, we ask for the assistance of authorities to address this.
9. All authorities to act with urgency around the longstanding illegal occupation of the abandoned Parkhurst Bowling Club, as well as the issue of people living in public open spaces such as Keith Fleming Park

We look forward to your engagement on these issues and working together to stabilize and improve the suburb.

Greenside Residents Association

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