

RRA - Urgent Appeal for Help

Wednesday, 28 January 2009

1. This letter is an urgent appeal to paying residents to help your committee to increase the RRA income so that we can pay for the security services provided by Piranha. Please review the following facts to enable you to understand the situation.
2. Residents agreed at a meeting in May 2008 to the appointment of Piranha at a higher monthly cost, due to the armed dedicated reaction vehicle exclusively for our area. Piranha's service level has been excellent and your committee is reluctant to reduce any of these services just to balance the books.
3. Your contributions have risen from R70,000 in May 2008 to R120,000 in January 2009, whereas the cost of Piranha's services to the RRA is presently R132,000 per month. Due to the non-participation of 40% of the residents, the RRA now has an accumulated debt to Piranha of R192,000.
4. A solution to this debt problem can be rectified by a once off levy paid by the existing contributing members, currently proposed to be R800 for members and R400 for pensioners. The RRA also needs to increase the monthly membership contributions with effect from April 2009. The proposed increase is 12.5%, which is in line with inflation. The proposed once-off levy amount and percentage increase to subscriptions will be dependent on the number of new members we all can get signed up within the next month. We will be calling a special RRA extra-ordinary meeting towards the end of February to present the proposals and obtain your support.
5. In the recent past your committee of 10 volunteers have contacted all residents via meetings, newsletters, road posters, stopping you at the booms on Saturdays and walking the streets.
6. **We are unable to complete this task without you the larger RRA Team's help, as there are still 270 homes that are not participating.**
7. May we appeal to you to help increase our revenue by you contacting non-contributing residents in your immediate neighbourhood (many of whom you know) to join the RRA and/or change from their existing security service provider to Piranha. Your committee will be happy to attend street cluster meetings in your area if you could arrange it.
8. Your committee will hold an open day at 43 Columbine on Saturday 7th February from 3-5pm in the Lapa (even if it rains), where paying residents will be able to discuss these issues with the committee and bring non-payers whom we can convert.
9. **Please kindly reply to this urgent e-mail appeal, confirming that you would be willing to assist us, and we will provide you with a list of the non-payers in your surrounding streets via your area leaders.**

Should you have any queries or need further information, please call Norma Moulton at our communications office on 083 384 3273.

Many thanks

Your RRA Committee