



Chairperson's Report – Northriding Residents Association AGM

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To our fellow residents, committee members, and stakeholders,
It is with great pride and gratitude that I present our first Chairperson's Report for the Northriding Residents Association (NRA). As we gather for this AGM, we reflect not only on the milestones we've achieved over the past 12 months but also on the resilience, commitment, and unity of our community.

1. Community Safety and Security

One of our top priorities has remained the safety of all residents. We are pleased to report a closer working relationship with local authorities and private security companies. Through collaborative efforts, we've:

- Strengthened our Community Policing Forum (CPF) ties.
- Expanded the network of our WhatsApp groups.
- Supported more residents with engagement via security and cpf teams.
- Advocated for improved patrols and quicker response times in crime hotspots.

We still face challenges, especially with opportunistic crimes, but continued vigilance and reporting by residents have proven vital.

2. Infrastructure and Maintenance

Maintenance and infrastructure have also remained front and centre. Over the past year:

- We successfully lobbied for several roads' potholes filled, particularly in high-traffic areas. Whilst this is not always fruitful due to city budget constraints, we continue to soldier on to ensure we get the respective attention and urgency.
- Streetlights in key sections were repaired, improving night-time safety.
- We engaged City Power and Johannesburg Water to address recurring outages, sewer and pressure issues.

Unfortunately, illegal dumping, loitering and the deterioration of some public spaces remain a concern. We are actively working with municipal departments to resolve these issues and encourage residents to report service delivery failures directly and through our channels.

3. Environmental and Beautification Projects

We are proud of our ongoing commitment to environmental awareness:

- Our clean-up campaigns had gained momentum but fell to the wayside as on a few would show up consistently.
- A proposal is underway for a Adopt a Spot project, which we hope to launch in this fiscal year.

4. Communication and Community Engagement

In the digital age, timely and transparent communication is essential:

- Our monthly newsletters are in progress and will be hitting your devices in the coming weeks.
- The NRA website has been upgraded for better accessibility and community engagement.



- We hosted three well-attended community meetings, allowing residents to voice concerns, suggest ideas, and receive updates.
- The introduction of an online suggestion portal which is going to be an inclusive and efficient feedback method is also on the cards for this year.

5. Financial Health and Membership

Our financial position remains unstable.

- We have managed to cover all operational costs.
- Investing in signage, security upgrades, and community events remain a high priority activity but has been delayed due to compliance process which was delayed. We are happy to announce that that NRA now has SARS Section 18 certification which allows us to engage local business for funding.
- Established a modest reserve fund to help cushion unforeseen expenses.
- Membership, however, is still not where it should be. We encourage all residents to consider subscribing monthly to sustain and allow the area upliftment to progress.

6. Community Spirit and Social Development

Community isn't just about infrastructure and safety—it's about people. This year saw:

- A donation drive that provided winter clothing and food parcels to over 40 vulnerable households.

7. Looking Ahead

While we've made great strides, there is still much to do. Priorities for the coming year include:

- Continued lobbying for better municipal services.
- Expanding our environmental programmes.
- Increasing membership and volunteerism.
- Strengthening disaster preparedness plans considering recent weather-related disruptions.

Conclusion

In closing, I want to thank each one of you—our residents, committee members, partners, and volunteers—for your support, time, and belief in a better Northriding. Community-building is a continuous journey, and I am confident that with your continued involvement, we will go from strength to strength.

Let us carry forward the spirit of collaboration, resilience, and hope as we shape the future of our neighbourhood—together.

Thank you.

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