



UPPER UMHLANGA SECURITY TRUST
(Funded by MEMBERS)

Dear Members
«Residents_Name» «Street_Name»
Member Number : «Member_Status»

31 March 2017

UPDATE FROM SECURITY

March crime stats for the UUST Zone:

3 Break-ins
1 Domestic issue

04/03/2017

At approx. 14H30 a domestic issue between the owner and the domestic took place.

06/03/2017

At approx. 17H30 a road rage incident took place in Mendoza where a member was stabbed in his thigh and twice in his back.

08/03/2017

When a tenant returned home his cottage had been broken into.

23/03/2017

Four men entered the property at approx. 12H30. One tried to suffocate the owner with a cushion while the other three raided the house. They then left in a BMW with the stolen goods.

As members want and need to know about incidences that occur within the UUST Zone, the Trust has taken the decision that Kevin will provide notification of incidences to members via the UUST security WhatsApp groups. Communication of incidences helps prevent complacency, create awareness and provides sufficient factual information, preventing unsubstantiated rumour mongering,

Should you wish to be kept informed of incidences as and when they occur please contact Kevin and request to be added to the UUST security WhatsApp group.

Kevin will be sharing some valuable security tips for the upcoming holiday period with all UUST members in a security newflash next week.

UPDATE FROM CLEANING AND GREENING

IAP's – Invasive Alien Plants in the Upper Umhlanga area



As promised last month, Bernard shares his valuable knowledge on invasive alien plants (IAP's);

Invasive alien plants (IAPs) are usually attractive ornamental plants, non-indigenous to the area in which they inhabit. Many of the species come from South America or Asia, although some indigenous plants, not endemic to an area, have become similarly problematic. The state is concerned about these plants and has classified them into three categories according to the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (CARA). Regulation 15 of this Act (2001) lists 198 species declared as weeds and invasive plants.

They are usually fast growing with the ability to spread unassisted by people into natural or semi-natural areas, where they are destructive to biodiversity; they outcompete and replace indigenous plants.

Some of the IAPs identified in the UUST zone will be featured with descriptions and pictures to make identification easier. In this UUST monthly newsletter the *Rivina Humilis* will be discussed;

Binomial name: Rivina Humilis

Family: petiveriaceae

Common names: bloodberry, rouge plant, rivina or pigeonberry

Origin: USA

Indigenous alternatives: Justicia capensis-moneyplant and Plectranthus zuluensis-zulu spur-flower

Facts about the Rivina Humilis

- ✿ This IAP is an up standing vine-like herb reaching a height of 1.5m.
- ✿ The fruit that grows on the plant is a glossy blood red berry.
- ✿ Originally introduced as ornamental however escaped from formal gardens and grows elsewhere and is commonly found in forests or roadsides.
- ✿ The flowers are in slender terminal racemes, usually pink, white, or green sepals.
- ✿ Flowers present at the same time as berries.
- ✿ The leaves are green, and ovate, lanceolate or triangular in shape. The standard slender.
- ✿ The whole plant is poisonous especially the leaves although birds eat the berries.

Eradication

To eradicate this plant one would need to pull out the plant by its roots. It is advisable to remove the berries and place them into a bag for disposal. By extracting young plants before they cycle, the growth cycle can be interrupted.

In the Upper Umhlanga Rivina Humilis can be spotted at:

- ✿ On the bank of the Broadwood sports field. The UUST Cleaning and Greening team are currently eradicating the Rivina Humilis from this area.
- ✿ Hilken Drive, opposite the M4.
- ✿ On the bank along Engret Lane.

UPDATE FROM MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

Hawaan Forest Walk with Jocelyn and the UUST

BOOKED OUT!

On Saturday the 18th of March 2017 the UUST teamed up with custodian and tour guide Jocelyn Sutherland for a guided walk through the magnificent Hawaan Forest, boarding Herald Drive in the Upper Umhlanga. Jocelyn shared very interesting information on all the various inhabitants of the forest, from creepy crawlies to hundreds of years old of trees.

Jocelyn Sutherland is a member of the Botanical Society of South Africa and holds the portfolio of Durban head of CREW (custodians of rare and endangered wildflowers). She is also the custodian of Hawaan forest, a position entrusted to her by Tongaat Hulett limited, in 2012.

Due to the great success of the event and numerous requests received by members to hold another walk, the UUST will plan another guided walk through the Hawaan Forest with Jocelyn. A very big thank you to Jocelyn Sutherland, Bernard Chatikobo and Anne-Mettler-Lawson for their time and effort given to this community event. For further information or enquiries about future walks please contact Bernard.



Service of thanksgiving

On Saturday the 25th of March 2017 St Michael's Church hosted an interdenominational service of thanksgiving for the environment, its protection and preservation, and for those who take care of it.



With Easter and Pesach around the corner, the UUST would like to wish all our Christian community members a Happy Easter and to all our Jewish community members we wish you a Kosher and happy Pesach.



Private and public schools close for the end of the first term on Friday the 31st of March 2017. Wishing all students and educators happy holidays.

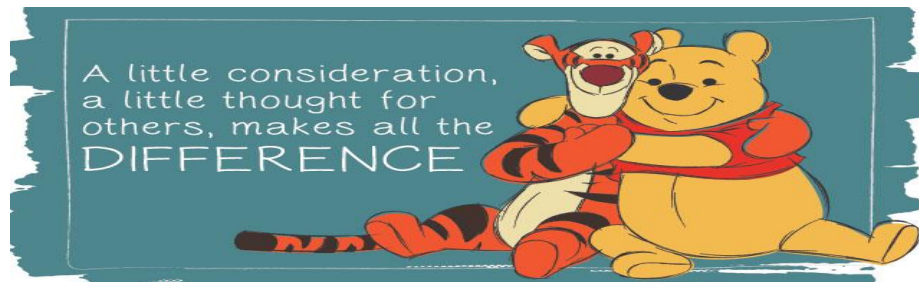


Supporting the businesses of UUST members

In support of local business and entrepreneurs residing in the UUST Zone, we offer residents the option to include a small advertising insert in the UUST's monthly newsletter at a minimal fee. Should any UUST member be a business owner please send your business contact details and a brief description to info@uust.org.za, and your details will be added to the local business owners data base.

LIVEWIRE INDUSTRIES

For all your ELECTRICAL needs, contact LIVEWIRE INDUSTRIES (Members of the UUST, Electrical Contractors Association, Electrical Contractors Board, and Department of Labour). Our services include: Certificate of Compliance (COC), fault finding, DB upgrades, maintenance, repairs, new installations, pool pumps, power trunking, daylight switches, residential, commercial & industrial. Contact Lewellyn 083 776 6605 or Felicity 082 652 3632



Many residents have brought to the UUST's attention that they are increasingly noticing dog faeces being left behind on their own, as well as, other households' verges. Please can dog walkers be mindful of cleaning up after their pooch. It not only detracts from the area but is inconsiderate to your fellow neighbours.



Come partake in the holiday festivities at the Umhlanga Rocks Promenade

The UUST in collaboration with the **UIP** and **Park Run Umhlanga** are hosting an April holidays, fun-filled Park Run event, on Saturday the 15th of April 2017. The event is free of charge. The UUST and UIP will be distributing Easter eggs to each participant at the end of the walk/run. Remembering the disadvantaged and underprivileged this holiday season, collection boxes will be on site, and we appeal to participants to please donate good quality used or new takkies and socks. All takkies and socks received will be donated to LIV Village.



Keep the UUST updated with your details

Should any members have changed their contact details please be so kind in notifying the UUST by sending an email to info@uust.org.za with your updated contact details.



If any members would like to make suggestions to our team please contact them on;

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ONWARDS AND UPWARDS THE UUST IS CONTINUING TO ENSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ITS MEMBERS!

The UUST does not endorse any services or goods advertised through this medium but offers the option to promote one's business to local residents. Should you wish to advertise via our newsletter please contact us.

[Click here to contact the team](#)

