



SEPTEMBER 2026



GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Garden of Remembrance is taking shape! The first phase of the project is progressing well and includes a new pathway, additional fencing and repairs, a new irrigation system, and the planting of flowers and new flowerbeds. We look forward to seeing this special public space further enhanced for the enjoyment of the Pinelands community.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Pinelands CID's public safety team continues to conduct joint operations with key law enforcement partners. This month, an operation with Law Enforcement, Metro Police and SAPS resulted in five arrests for the possession of drugs and dangerous weapons. These operations forms part of ongoing efforts to address crime and improve safety within the community. Crime statistics released by SAPS show a significant decrease in crime in Pinelands. Comparing the 2024 and 2025 figures, overall crime decreased by 50%. These encouraging results coincide with the deployment of CID Public Safety Officers, CCTV cameras and 24/7 control room monitoring.





SECURITY UPGRADES

Pinelands CID continues to invest in strengthening the public safety infrastructure. The CCTV network continues to expand, with additional cameras now installed in hotspot areas and along the canal. Upgrades to the broader camera network and supporting infrastructure are underway to improve coverage and monitoring capabilities. These improvements will provide more coverage, greater reliability, and enhanced monitoring across the Pinelands CID area.

Our Safety App has been tested and is ready for launch. The first phase of the controlled launch is scheduled for 30 September 2026.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Social Development team continues to support vulnerable individuals with shelter placements and community partnerships. Recent initiatives include distributing food parcels for Mandela Day, partnering with Samaritan's Feet SA and Biovac. The team is also engaging with local soup kitchens and developing a job creation initiative to address waste picking and homelessness.

MAINTENANCE & CLEANING

Two maintenance teams have been deployed to service the area. The teams conduct daily inspections and clear drains to prevent flooding. The canal litter trap and parks are cleaned weekly. Play equipment in parks have been repaired in Keswick Park and Coronation Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADES

Two new gardens have been developed at Forest Place and Coronation Park. Ten new benches were installed along the canal and pathway repairs have been scheduled. Pinelands CID continues to support community initiatives, providing compost and flowers for projects in East Way and Peak Drive and partnering with "Renew the Elsieskraal" and "Network for Good" for the Spring Readiness project.



DOG PARKS

Exciting plans are underway for Pinelands' first dog park, with a site identified in The Crossing. Following the completion of the public participation process, the proposal is now progressing through the City's approval process. Once endorsed by Subcouncil, development can begin. We hope this will be the first of several dog parks across Pinelands, creating more dedicated spaces for residents and their four-legged companions to enjoy.

MEETINGS

Our commitment to community meetings has been effective. The next information session will be held on 30 September 2026 at Mutualpark at 18h00. This year's AGM will be held on 23 November 2026 at the Pinelands Town Hall at 18h00. Visit our website to register as a member.

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