THE RAND RUNDOWN

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FROSTY MORNINGS, HOT NEWS: WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RAND ESTATE

WINTER SOLSTICE: LIGHT ON THE HORIZON

On 21 June, we marked the Winter Solstice – the shortest day and longest night of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.

From this point on, the days begin to grow longer, little by little, as we move toward spring. It's a quiet turning point – a reminder that even in the stillness of winter, change is gently unfolding.

Whether you lit a candle, paused for a moment of calm, or simply noticed the crisp beauty of a winter sunset, the solstice invites us to reflect, recharge, and look forward to the light ahead.

"Watt's" Going On? Dealing with Power Cuts & Dark Streets

We've all been there. You're mid-sentence, mid-movie, or mid-toast-making when suddenly – poof – darkness. Cue the scramble for candles, torches, and possibly your last shred of patience.

Yes, power cuts and faulty street lights can be a real shock to the system. But reporting them doesn't have to be.

Here's how to lighten the load when the lights go out:

- Online: Report via this online link .
- Phone: Call 012 358 9999 and follow the voice prompts.
- SMS: Text the word "power" + your account number to 082 612 0333 or 44676.

If your evening jog feels more thriller than tranquil, it may be time to log a faulty streetlight:

- Login to Tshwane's Online Portal
- Select "Query / Complaint / Compliment"
- Choose your municipal account
- Go to "Energy and Electricity" → "Streetlights"
- Fill in the details and hit submit!

THEN VS NOW

In the hustle of daily life, it's easy to miss just how far we've come. But sometimes, a glance into the past is all we need to feel inspired about the future.

Take a look at this snapshot below from Google Street View – the Border West entrance as it stood back in September 2009. Modest beginnings, simple landscaping, and a glimpse of the potential that lay ahead.

Now fast-forward to today, and we see infrastructure and landscaping that have become part of our everyday – a testament to steady growth and shared effort.

Let this then-and-now moment be a reminder: progress doesn't happen overnight, but it does happen. One step at a time, with care, collaboration, and commitment, we are shaping The Rand Estate into something we can all be proud of.



Rand Riddle:

***I** go up, I go down, I glow in the night, I let you in when the timing is right. What am I?*

Answer: A Boom Gate

FEEL LIKE GETTING INVOLVED?

Join us in shaping The Rand Estate into a vibrant and connected community! Your involvement brings life to our shared spaces, fosters meaningful connections, and creates a welcoming environment for everyone.

Street Representatives:

Border Road: Pet 083 216 1181 /
Rowland 073 402 6638
The Rand: Leonard 082 772 9644 /
Nerina 082 772 9644
Kay Ave: Johannes 081 381 9988 /
Attie 060 685 7189

THE INSIDE INFO

- The Rand Estate has a webpage that contains all our community information and links to important documents, application forms and even a link to report power failures. If you have not had a chance to check it out: https://linktr.ee/therandestate
- Fidelity Control Room: 074 052 8966
- Thinking of signing up to contribute towards The Rand Estate - fill out the form here.
- Need a sticker for your car? Apply here.

RAND ESTATE ROUNDUP: PROGRESS IN MOTION

Eyes on the Prize

We're pleased to share that security cameras are now fully installed and working smoothly – not just at the Border and Atterbury gates, but also at Kay and Rand.

With all four entrances now covered, our estate's security has taken a big step forward. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped bring this upgrade to life – quite literally keeping an eye on things!

Maze No More: Signage in the Works

If you've ever felt a bit turned around trying to leave the estate, you're not alone. The good news? New signage is on its way.
The quotes have been paid and production is underway – soon, visitors and delivery drivers will find their way around more easily. External signage is also on the radar, so keep an eye out for more updates.

Boom Gates, Brighter and Better

The main entrance boom gates are due for a refresh. We'll be installing new booms with integrated LED lights, making them more visible and easier to navigate – especially after dark.
It's all part of improving day-to-day ease for residents and guests alike.

A Little TLC for the Gates

In the coming weeks, you may spot contractors giving our gate areas some attention. The gates will be sanded down and repainted to keep them looking smart and well cared for.
If you pass by while they're working, a friendly wave will go a long way. It's the little things that keep our estate feeling like home.

Do you perhaps have old photos of the area or any interesting stories to share? Please feel free to submit to us for our next newsletter - we would love your input. Please feel free to send your stories by clicking on this link.

Wishing you a wonderful festive season and a happy new year!

UNTIL NEXT TIME

AGM 2025 Wrap-Up

Our very first online AGM was held on 27 February 2025 via Zoom.

Here's what went down:

- Levies will increase from R1100 to R1150 starting 1 August 2025
- A strong turnout and solid feedback helped shape some big plans for the year ahead!