



Good day, Park Islanders!

Welcome to the second quarterly newsletter of 2026. We hope the year continues to treat you and your families well. As always, PICID remains committed to maintaining a safe, well managed and environmentally responsible neighbourhood that we can all be proud of.

A reminder of your PICID Committee Portfolios holders for 2026:

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| 1. Colin Reeves: | Chairperson Security Guarding Portfolio |
| 2. David McBain: | Administrative Portfolio |
| 3. Boudje Giljam: | Environmental Portfolio (Open Spaces) |
| 4. Gregory Meierhans: | Security Surveillance Cameras Portfolio |
| 5. Patrick Tuckwell: | Contacts & Street Representatives Portfolio |
| 6. Rob MacLean: | Water Quality Portfolio |
| 7. Lara Röttcher: | Communications Portfolio |

Please read on for the updates on each portfolio.

Finance & Governance

The next Board Meeting is provisionally scheduled for the 23rd of July. Please note that any of our members can attend the Quarterly Board Meetings to raise concerns or discuss issues of interest. This attendance is by appointment only. Please send us an email if you are interested and be sure to outline the topic you wish to discuss. Furthermore, A provisional date for the 2026 PICID Annual General Meeting is 26 November 2026. Provisional board meeting dates for the year are available on our website.

With one month remaining in the financial year, PICID is right on target. We are expecting a small surplus, which will be added to our reserves.

Two of our board members serve on the MDGA Executive Committee, representing Park Island and ensuring that PI residents' interests are considered at a broader Marina da Gama level.



Regarding Our Open Spaces

With the first winter rains arriving, the focus of our open space activities is shifting from maintenance to development.

Maintenance

Maintenance by the MDGA gardening team has settled into a good routine. Park Island benefits from several dedicated volunteers, each managing their portion of our public open space. Our latest recruit, Angela, has joined to care for the peninsula end of Michell Walk. If you know of anyone who would be happy to become involved and help care for their corner of our public open space, please let us know via email.

The grass-mowing project is being incorporated into a marina-wide programme managed by Andrew de Kock of the Marina Office and Patrick Williams of City of Cape Town (CoCT). Furthermore, Andrew maintains a register of all trees on public open space requiring attention or removal by the Council, coordinating priorities with Patrick.

We extend sincere thanks to all residents who generously give their time and energy to support environmental initiatives. Your involvement makes a meaningful and visible difference in our neighbourhood.

Upcoming Projects

The following projects are planned for the coming months:

1. Terracing of the corner of Park Island Way and T'Wagen to address plant loss due to watering runoff
2. Fynbos Life plant purchases and planting: filling existing beds in Thibault Park (waterside), the entrance garden, DeLille Square and the T'Wagen corner, as well as new beds adjoining and opposite the guard hut
3. CoCT Adopt a Tree programme: 26 trees have been requested for planting this winter, pending confirmation of allocation
4. Wooden stake terracing of the approach to Eastlake Bridge
5. Wood chipping on paths at the entrance, Thibault Park and the gangetjies

Projects in development include plantings around the stumpery, the peninsula at the end of Michell Walk, and renewal and extension of the Worcester gravel at the entrance.

Council infrastructure projects being pursued include an asphalt sidewalk in Park Island Way from Prince George Drive to T'Wagen, a sidewalk in T'Wagen from Park Island Way to the bridge, steps and a ramp from the T'Wagen bridge to Michell Park, and repair of the river stone paving on the corner of Park Island Way and Prince George Drive.

An Update on the Waterways Portfolio

The Marina da Gama waterways, including the Park Island canals, remain in generally good condition.

Water Quality

Water quality results over the past few months have been good, consistent with low rainfall and the late summer season, with salinity in the vlei peaking in late March and early April. The *Ruppia* pondweed remains productive and alive, which is having a positive impact on water quality throughout the vlei.

The Marina da Gama channels have remained turbid throughout the summer season, likely due to the relative scarcity of epiphytic and floating algal mats. Higher winds in early summer and weedharvester turbulence are attributed to have prevented algal growth from establishing. As a result, the weedharvesters have been able to keep on top of accumulations within the Marina during the summer season. While less algae has been a relief to residents, it is not the ideal ecological state for the canals, and a better balance between water clarity and biomass is hoped for in the next summer season.

Water quality has been within the range for safe intermediate contact (recreation) over the past month. However, the Sand River has had a few isolated incidents and overflows, resulting in slightly elevated readings in the northern section of the waterbody. Following the first catchment flush of the season, water quality is expected to be monitored closely. Sampling occurs every two weeks.



Mouth Management

The mouth management programme continues, though there have been some challenges outside of the Reserve's control. Operator and machine availability led to a missed closure in late March and early April, resulting in temporarily low water levels. A natural breach subsequently caused sand accumulation within the canal, which hampered the breaching process. The stormwater teams were able to open the canal on Sunday 19 April, preventing flooding, though water levels reached 1.3 m above mean sea level.

Please note that the National Canoe Championships are scheduled for 3 to 5 July. A temporary closure may be executed for this event to ensure sufficient water depth.

Dredging of the Vlei

Progress continues on the proposed dredging of the vlei. Authorities have reviewed data collected during the previous year and identified priority areas for intervention. A final report is being prepared, which will initiate the Environmental Impact Assessment and public participation process. ZPAAC will be formally engaged once the report is tabled. This remains a long-term process, with budgets still to be secured before moving toward tender.

Feedback on Our Security Program

We are pleased to report that, to the best of our knowledge, no serious crimes were recorded in Park Island during the past quarter. Our Security Officers continue to carry out their duties diligently and operations are running smoothly.

CCTV Camera Network

We are actively expanding our camera coverage across Park Island. An additional camera will be installed on a pole outside No. 8 Park Island Way to provide coverage of the guard house and entrance area. The existing wooden pole will likely be replaced with a galvanised pole at the same time.

MDGA has approved the installation of an initial two cameras along the Prince George Drive boundary, positioned at the corner of the vacant stand. These cameras will be funded by MDGA and powered and connected via a neighbouring resident's property. Installation is scheduled for 30 April, with further cameras to be added along this boundary over time.



Response Companies

Deep Blue remains our preferred response company for incidents in Park Island. They operate three vehicles in the area during weekday daytime hours and two vehicles at night and over weekends. Ithuba Security also responds to incidents and maintains one vehicle in the area 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Both security service providers respond to incidents reported in public streets only. They ***do not respond to private properties unless residents have a separate contract in place*** with their chosen armed response provider.

Control Room Contact Details

- **Deep Blue Control Room:** WhatsApp text messages only: 076 433 8658
- **Ithuba Control Room:** Cell phone voice and text: 079 905 7633

Both providers are members of the Park Island Emergency WhatsApp group. Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity directly to the Deep Blue Control Room, providing as much detail as possible, including clothing descriptions, vehicle colour, registration numbers and make of vehicle.

If you have suggestions or wish to raise concerns, please contact Colin directly via WhatsApp on 083 625 4845.

Emergency WhatsApp Group

The PI Security WhatsApp group, named ***PI Emergencies, is strictly for emergency use only***. It serves as a communication channel between the person initiating an emergency and those responding, including security companies and nearby residents. It is intended to complement, not replace, residents' private armed response services. The group must be kept free of non-emergency posts at all times.

Thank you to residents for your continued vigilance and cooperation in keeping Park Island safe.

Dog Walking and Litter Disposal

Following community discussions on dog walking and litter disposal within the PICID area, a number of bins are now active and available for dog poo bags and general litter. Please make use of them:

- Wheelie bin next to the children's play park in Thibault Square
- Wheelie bin on the corner of Thibault and T'Wagen on the approach to the pedestrian bridge
- Wheelie bin behind the guard hut on the corner of Park Island Way and Eastlake Drive
- Wheelie bin on the Park Island bridge to the Nature Reserve
- Fixed bins at the two gates to the dog park in the Nature Reserve

These bins are put out on refuse collection days for emptying. Please use them as indicated and help us keep Park Island clean and pleasant for everyone.

Verge Drive: Show Us What You've Got!

We are launching a **Verge Drive** to encourage residents to take pride in and beautify their piece of our community. Park Island's verges are part of our shared public space, and well-kept verges make a real difference to the character and appeal of our neighbourhood.

Each quarter, we will be out and about with a camera, featuring standout verges in the newsletter. At the AGM in November, we will announce the top three verges of the year. A little community pride, a little friendly competition: let's see what Park Island can do!

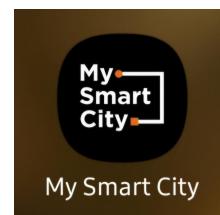
Please send us your photos of beautiful verges, gardens and open spaces across Park Island for use in the newsletter and on the website. Drop us an email at parkislandcid@gmail.com.

City of Cape Town Reporting:

Please report any faults in our wonderful area, like blocked drains or water leakages, to the City of Cape Town. Do not report it to us as we cannot assist.

The Service Request reporting must go through the City's official channels:

1. Report online: www.capetown.gov.za/ServiceRequests
2. Call centre: **0860 103 089**
3. SMS 1: **31220** (electricity faults)
4. SMS 2: **31373** (water faults)
5. Email: contact.us@capetown.gov.za
6. App: Download **My Smart City** app via your app store (free of charge)



Please ensure that you receive a reference number for your service request. This number needs to be quoted when following up on the progress of your query.

City News of Interest

1. **Winter readiness sees R85 million invested in flood mitigation projects** 02 June 2026
<https://www.capetown.gov.za/Media-and-news/Winter%20readiness%20sees%20R85%20million%20invested%20in%20flood%20mitigation%20projects>
2. **Reminder to comment on Road Safety Strategy for Cape Town** 01 June 2026
<https://www.capetown.gov.za/Media-and-news/Reminder%20to%20comment%20on%20Road%20Safety%20Strategy%20for%20Cape%20Town>

Stay Connected

Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions or comments at our email address: parkislandcid@gmail.com.

Further information, newsletters and updates are available at:

www.parkislandcid.co.za

If you have any photos to share of our beautiful Marina and Park Island that we can use in our newsletters and on the website, please do share them with us!

The contacts database for all residents of Park Island continues to be updated. The contacts database includes tenants and family members living here. We are continuously surprised by how often people seem to change their email addresses, so please do let your street rep know if your contact details change. Similarly, if you notice a new neighbour, please spread the news of our CID and encourage them to send us their contact details to our email parkislandcid@gmail.com. And if you're too shy, then pass the news on to your street rep or to Patrick Tuckwell. We need to keep our database as up-to-date as possible!

Thank you for your continued support as we move through 2026 together.

Warm regards,

Your PICID Committee