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The uMhlanga UIP Appeals To Surfers and Early Morning Beach users

The UIP is appealing to surfers and early morning beach users to be aware of where they put their keys when surfing or busy with beach activities after an increase of theft in May and June saw the loss of four vehicles in Lagoon Drive as a result of thieves finding hidden keys.

According to UIP operations manager Dewet Geldenhuys, beach users hide their keys on their cars or in the bushes or sand around the beach and criminals have become aware of this and are watching where keys are being hidden. He also said that the use of locking devices attached to vehicles have in some incidents been broken open, and that people should not hand keys over to car guards.

“The UIP has been more vigilant with security in this area and as a result there were no reports of vehicle theft in July, but beach users really need to be aware of leaving their keys unattended,” said Geldenhuys.

While the UIP will continue to provide as much security as it can, guards are roving and can’t take responsibility for keys. With this in mind, the UIP is appealing to surrounding property owners in Lagoon Drive to assist.

“One of the best things about living at the coast is being able to use the sea with peace of mind, so we are asking if there are any property owners with on-site security at their gates who would be prepared to assist early morning beach users by allowing them to leave their keys with their security,” said UIP project leader Brian Wright.

If you are able to assist the UIP and the community’s early morning beach users, please contact Dewet Geldenhuys on 084 429 8523 / email dewet@urbanmgt.co.za or make contact via www.umhlangauip.co.za

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Note To Editor:

The Structure of uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precinct (UIP)

The uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precincts (UIPs) were established by the uMhlanga property owners to retain existing investment in uMhlanga; stimulate new investment; create economic opportunity; improve safety and quality of life, and respond to the challenge of environmental sustainability.

In terms of structure, there are two UIPs or Special Ratings Areas (SRA) as they are official termed by the municipality namely, The uMhlanga Promenade UIP established in March 2003 and the The Village UIP, established in July 2008. These UIPs, collectively known as the uMhlanga UIP represent 29 large erven. In addition to the two UIPs, there are a further two Associate Managed Areas namely the Southern Promenade Properties (SPP) – established 2004 and the Northern Promenade Properties (NPP) – established 2010. These areas represent approximately 42 large erven.

The UIP partners with the eThekweni Municipality to ensure that this key node delivers an exceptional experience of public space. The UIP management team is constantly responding to the ever evolving needs of uMhlanga, whether it be service levels or special projects.

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