



MENLOCLOSE

**IT IS FINALLY OUR TURN!
MONITORED ACCESS CONTROL IS
COMING TO MENLO PARK!**



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Background: Why do we need road closures?

Crime in Menlo Park has, in recent months, reached unacceptable levels. Most suburbs surrounding Menlo Park have been closed off or are in the process of closing, and crime is subsequently spilling over into our area. On average, property values of adjacent closed off areas have increased between 15-20%, while the property values of Menlo Park have decreased.

The solution to this is to create a safe neighbourhood by implementing monitored access control in Menlo Park. It is proven that the crime rate reduces in areas with monitored access using smart technology and visible security patrolling. It is also proven that residents in safer areas enjoy an improved quality of life, and property values increase as desirability and demand increase.

Benefits of a Neighbourhood Closure

- The total reduction in criminal activity
- Safe environment for young & old
- Improved living conditions
- 20% growth on property value
- Reduced short term insurance premium.
- Decrease in thoroughfare of traffic and pedestrians.



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How will access to MenloClose be controlled?

All entry points to the MenloClose suburb will be access-controlled and monitored with smart technology, number plate recognition and high-definition cameras.

Each entrant is required to manually open the boom gate by activating a sensor upon entry. During this process, licence plate recognition and facial recognition cameras will be recording details of both the driver and vehicle. A security firm monitors this surveillance on a 24/7/365 basis. Lockdown gates will also be installed at all entry points, which can be closed in the case of emergency. All pedestrians and visitors will gain monitored access at all entry points.

How much will it cost?

A **monthly fee of R912 per full title house** (less per duet, complex and flat – visit menloclose.co.za for fees) is required for the application, implementation, and management of the closure. This fee is based on a 70% participation rate from the community, and if more residents sign up, then the monthly fee will decrease. Debit orders will be activated once we receive 70% approval from the residents of Menlo Park. Later on, the monthly contribution will be channelled to cover the monthly operating costs.



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What is the process?

To view the timeline visit menloclose.co.za
Implementation of the closure can be broken down into the following 4 phases:

1. Phase 1: Application
2. Assemble street representatives for the different areas.
3. Obtain the required approval from the community: a minimum of 67% of residents in the MenloClose area is required to support the application to the Tshwane City Council.
4. Community members to sign Consent and Power of Attorney form.
5. Initiate debit orders once a 70% approval rate has been achieved.
6. Initiate the traffic impact study and prepare the application to council

Phase 2: Approvals

1. Application to Council
2. Council Approval
3. Appointing contractors

Phase 3: Construction

1. Construction of entrances and gates
2. Implementation of systems and infrastructure
3. Go live

Phase 4: Operational phase

1. Management of the estate
2. General upkeep of infrastructure & systems



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How long will it take before the roads are closed?

With the necessary support from the residents, road closures could be initiated during 2023.

What is the next step in the process?

It is imperative to achieve 67% support by community members. Please support the initiative by completing the **Consent and Power of Attorney form** urgently.

The form can be requested by email from menloclose@gmail.com, but is also available on menloclose.co.za

What about the existing security areas?

All existing closed areas in Menlo Park are welcome to join, thereby supporting the initiative. They may however, retain their existing security.

Who is representing the residents?

The MenloClose Committee will submit the application for suburb closure. To keep costs to a minimum, a few residents have volunteered to assist with planning of the initiative and lobbying for the support of residents.



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What will happen to the MenloClose Committee once the road closures are in place?

The mandate and purpose of the Committee will be reviewed once the suburb closure is in place.

What about areas and streets that are not included in this initiative?

We would have loved to include all areas of Menlo Park in this initiative. This is however, not possible since within the greater Menlo Park area there are the Greenlyn Centre and the businesses in 13th Street. Unfortunately, we cannot restrict access to these. The MenloClose Committee would like to assist the areas that have been excluded from the MenloClose neighbourhood by providing guidance and advice.

Where can I learn more about this initiative?

Please follow us on the MenloClose web menloclose.co.za

For enquiries, email menloclose@gmail.com

