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# BHRA Newsletter

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## Botha's Hill Residents Association

*"To Promote  
the Interests of  
Ratepayers and  
Residents of  
Botha's Hill."*



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Greetings:

## Appeal to forward our Newsletters

This newsletter reflects a summary of some of the issues and concerns that have come to the committee for discussion and action.

The BHRA would like to make an appeal to all Botha's Hill residents to please forward our newsletters to any person who you feel might be interested no matter where they live.

We would also like to appeal to other residents to become members of the BHRA and support its efforts.

## Lily Peddlers:

There are lily peddlers at Kassier Road traffic lights and at the West Riding / Rail track crossing, The BHRA are appealing to residents of Botha's Hill to please spread the word not to support them. These lads think it is funny when we ask them not to pick and sell these lilies, because they are not able to understand the consequence of their actions when they sell endangered lilies.



## Clean up in Botha's Hill CBD on Sunday 28 November 2010

It was a very disappointing turnout from the residents of Botha's Hill on Sunday morning, 28<sup>th</sup> November. Participants consisted of DA activists from other areas and their children; and some committee members of the BHRA.

A reporter from "The Hilltop" was there as well. Mr. Peter Davies told her that she could quote him as BHRA Secretary, that he thought it was a pathetic response from our residents.

Hopefully if events like these are organised and advertised well in advance, more residents will be able to participate.





Participants noticed how unbelievably dirty and horrid the entrances of many of the businesses were.

When a certain concern was approached about litter on their premises, management responded immediately with a sweeper.

Let's stand together and approach these offending businesses in this same manner reminding them that they could be fined for such unkemptness.

## The Platform 28 November 2010

Local ratepayers were treated to another splendid evening of good food and company at 1000 Hills Chef School. Aptly named "The Platform" artists of all genres are most welcome.

Our hostess Mim steered the evening so that we could sit back and enjoy the best of local talent, both musically and artistically.

The best thing about this Platform is the insistence on silence during the musician's performances – the respect they so deserve. There was plenty of time to chat, mingle and share ideas in between.

Lots of the 'audience' said they had talents to share, and we look forward to what they have to offer.

There was a delicious, light meal, prepared by the 1000 Hills Chefs, some who are destined for greatness all over the world – and drinks available, including the brand new local "Quills" brew – to complete the evening.

See you all next time – 5.30 Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> 2011



## Springside Hillcrest Nature Reserve: Guided Walks

You, your friends and family are invited to join the regular twice-monthly walks held on the 2nd Wednesday and 2nd Sunday of each month. Suggestion: record these days in your new 2011 diary.

Non-walkers are invited to relax on the Resource Centre patio or in the shady picnic site while the walkers are out on the trails.

To share and appreciate the flora and fauna being conserved in this natural gem in the heart of an otherwise bustling Hillcrest, the walks are led by environmental specialists and/or general nature lovers who volunteer their time, knowledge and enthusiasm; tea, coffee and eats are served after the walks, also by voluntary helpers; all offers of assistance are welcome.

Please refer to our BHRA website: [www.bhra.yolasite.com](http://www.bhra.yolasite.com) for details of topics and contacts.



## Turn It Around: Let's change South Africa for good.

(<http://www.turnitaround.co.za>)

Below is part of an email we would like to share with you. It is from 'Turn It Around':

During the World Cup 2010 we managed to catch a glimpse of the full potential of what we can be as a nation. Everything worked and everyone got along incredibly well, even the politicians kept quiet and criminals took a month long holiday. What this proved to us is that we could actually become the fabled Rainbow Nation if we wanted it badly enough. This was a glimpse into what our great country could be like if we all united together...

The website aims to drive positive change in South Africa by leveraging off the power of social networking to help communities to fight crime and corruption, share information, raise political consciousness and promote local government accountability...

People can join this initiative and add their energy to make it happen by going to the Turnaround website..

## Press Release: Compliance with Regulatory Provisions and Rating Policy

This press release was emailed out on  
24 November, 2010 at 19:50

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Recent media reporting regarding alleged illegal activities, and in particular, business use of residential property refers. The Head: Real Estates, Keith Matthias clarifies the matter as follows;

Residents are reminded that the eThekweni Municipality, in its Rating Policy, has provided for a Category of Property of Unauthorised or Illegal Development/Use. In effect it results in a property that is unlawfully used being rated on a higher rates Randage than that of a compliant property.

By way of example, residential rates are currently calculated on a Rate Randage of 0,852 cents in the Rand, however the Randage applicable to Unauthorised or Illegal Development/Use is 4,08 cents in the Rand. Hence a residential property that is illegally used for business purposes would face a rates obligation over 4 times that previously levied if re-Categorised.

Whilst the Municipality does not make such changes lightly, it is proving to be an effective mechanism to ensure compliance with our Legislative environment.

For more information, contact Keith Matthias, the Head: Real Estates on 031-311 4300. Issued by eThekweni Municipality, Communications & PR Department, call Thabo Mofokeng on 031-311 4820 or [mofokengthabo@durban.gov.za](mailto:mofokengthabo@durban.gov.za) or Themba Nyathikazi on 031- 311 4804 or e-mail [nyathikazit@durban.gov.za](mailto:nyathikazit@durban.gov.za)

## Graffiti:

There is a re-emergence of graffiti, firstly on the Botha's Hill wall going down Botha's Hill and secondly, where the taxis are parking close to the medical centre along Old Main Road. We believe that there is more graffiti in Winston Park. The BHRA are in the process of dealing with this issue. Anybody who can assist with the identification of these tags and possible offenders is urged to contact the BHRA or the police immediately.



## Rates Calculator:

The following calculations were shared by Mr. Peter Davies of the BHRA

<b>MONTHLY RATES CALCULATION</b>	
<b>Sheet to calculate Rates for month:</b>	<b>Nov-10</b>
<b>Insert a Valuation for your property</b>	<b>1440000</b>
<b>Pensioners Rebate "Yes" or "No"</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>Mains Sewerage: "Yes" or "No"</b>	<b>no</b>
<b>Rate Randage for current year</b>	<b>0.00852</b>
<b>Re-valuation giving credit</b>	<b>no</b>
<b>Credit Amount</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Estimated Valuation</b>	<b>1440000</b>
<b>General Rebate</b>	<b>120000</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1320000</b>
<b>Multiply by Rate/Randage</b>	<b>0.00852</b>
<b>Monthly Rates</b>	<b>11246.4</b>
<b>Less credit</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Less Pensioner rebate</b>	<b>210</b>
<b>Monthly Rates</b>	<b>727.2</b>
<b>Refuse Disposal Charge Excluding VAT</b>	<b>94.60</b>

ENTER DETAILS IN YELLOW CELLS ONLY

Rate/Randage from 1st July 2009	<b>0.00900</b>
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## VAT CALCULATION

<b>Monthly Rates</b>		<b>727.2</b>
<b>Pensioners Rebate "Yes" or "No"</b>		<b>yes</b>
<b>Monthly Water Useage in K/Lts</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Fractional Sewerage Amount</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Sewerage Charge</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Electricity Charge without VAT</b>		<b>177.93</b>
<b>Metro Club Member "Yes" or "No"</b>		<b>no</b>
<b>Approx VAT on sewerage</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Approx VAT on refuse</b>		<b>13.24</b>
<b>VAT on Electricity</b>		<b>24.91</b>
<b>VAT on Metro Club</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL VAT</b>		<b>38.15</b>

<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE</b>	<b>1037.88</b>
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