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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."*



Greetings:

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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 request 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.

The new eThekweni Rates Policy 2011/2012:

The new eThekweni Rates Policy can be downloaded from our BHRA website under our “Notices” tab, for your perusal. You can also see a comment from Mr. Peter Davies (BHRA Secretary): <http://bhra.yolasite.com>

Please note that pensioners should apply for their rebate by end of April 2011.



Construction Zone

M13 Everton Road Bridge over East Bound Carriageway.
10th January to 10th February 2011 – Speed reduced to 40KPH.

Weather permitting; it is projected that the Lane closure will be lifted between the 3rd to the 5th February 2011. Outer West Traffic Officers Supt. Tony Sills or Sen. Supt. Venu Moodley have assisted with the planning and can be contacted on 031 7671222 at the Outer West Traffic Office.

Illegal signage

Botha's Hill has been plagued by a rash of illegal signage. The BHRA has received the good news that Keep Hillcrest Beautiful has a contract with the eThekweni Metro to remove illegal signs in the Hillcrest area, and can possibly assist in Bothas Hill.

**If you need to put up a sign legally, please see our website for a summary of what to do. Go to the "Notices" tab on the BHRA website www.bhra.yolasite.com:
eThekweni Municipality Advertising Signage Policy**

Illegal parking of Lorries and Bulldozers

The BHRA is in the process of investigating and appealing to the owner, to remove his signs, banners and machines. Heavy vehicles and machinery are often parked all over our verges with banners advertising the machines for hire. Action will be sought from Metro Police if the machines are not removed soon.



Wedding Venue: Planning permission approved

Wedding Venue on Erf 171 – Planning permission has been approved. Storm water and sewage disposal will be approved by the Municipal Water and Waste Management Department, despite the concerns voiced by Enviro-West about package treatment plants.



Lloyd's Tavern: Special consent refused

eThekweni Municipality has refused to grant special consent for a tavern to operate at the Sugar Loaf Centre, in support of the more than fifteen objections submitted by local residents. The applicants have now lodged an appeal to the Town Planning Appeals Board in Pietermaritzburg.

Voter Registration weekend – 5th and 6th

The 2011 municipal elections will take place in eight metropolitan councils, 226 local councils, 44 district councils and 4 277 wards. All the 20 868 voting districts will have their stations open for registration over the weekend of 5 and 6 February 2011, from 08h00 to 17h00 on each day.

An SMS facility has been made available to voters to check their registration details through a cell phone. This facility is user-friendly and is available on all three networks, namely Vodacom, MTN and Cell C. All that voters need to do is type in their identity number and send it to 32810 on all three networks and they will in return receive confirmation of their registration details.

Register at your municipal electoral office during office hours:

Contacts

Tel: (012) 622 5700

Fax: (012) 622 5784

Email: General info: iec@elections.org.za

Webmaster: webmaster@elections.org.za

Call 0800 11 8000 for more info

There are no changes in demarcation for Botha's Hill and residents will be voting again at the Botha's Hill Tourism Office (ward 8).

Unlawful dumping

Vice chair, Mr. Patrick Chetty has spoken to a driver who was in the process of dumping waste in Patna Road, thereby preventing unlawful dumping.

Illegal burial at Benaras Road

Mr. George Moodley of BHRA, recently tried to stop an illegal burial at an informal settlement on private property. Mr. Moodley notified all the correct authorities and the SAPS was called. Unfortunately the authorities were not able to respond in time and nothing has been done about it. The body will have to be exhumed. Residents of Patna and Benaras Road had their Neighbourhood Meeting on the 3rd February 2011 regarding this dilemma.

Newsletter with no community backing (“Ward 8”)

We wish to inform residents that a newsletter is being circulated to residents under the name ‘Ward 8’. To the best of our knowledge this is a private initiative and has no community meetings nor elected members to back its existence. Please be aware and unsubscribe if you wish.

One million budgeted for the upgrading of view points and parking along the 1000 hills tourism route!

Thousand Hill Tourism will be working hard to improve the tourist route, with finance secured from the municipality. Some of the projects include:

- Route Info Sign Board stop over area on Kassier Rd
- View site opposite Heidi's Farmstall
- Upgrade/new bus stop area opposite 1000 Hills Tourism Office
- Upgrade stormwater runoff erosion along Old Main Rd Botha's Hill
- New tourist bus parking area opposite Pot & Kettle
- New Info Route Board and stop area at PheZulu
- Comrades Wall view site upgrade
- Upgrade existing view site after Drum & Bell
- Monteseel Rock Climb site: parking, picnic site

View sites will consist of surface area for parking, pedestrian pathways, picnic seating and landscaping. Information boards depicting information on the views will also be provided.

Residents look forward to hearing more of the progress.



The Platform 27th February 2011

The Platform



Join our hostess *Mim*

The 3rd gathering
of local artists.



Singers Instrumentalists
Acoustic only - no sound system.

Poets Painters Potters Sculptors

27th February 2011

5.30 for 6 to 9 pm

1000 Hills Chefs School

Admission Free - Safe Parking

Reasonably priced curry and rice or meal of the day.



Licensed premises -
new "Quills"
home brew !!

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