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Botha's Hill Residents Association

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Residents of
Botha's Hill."*

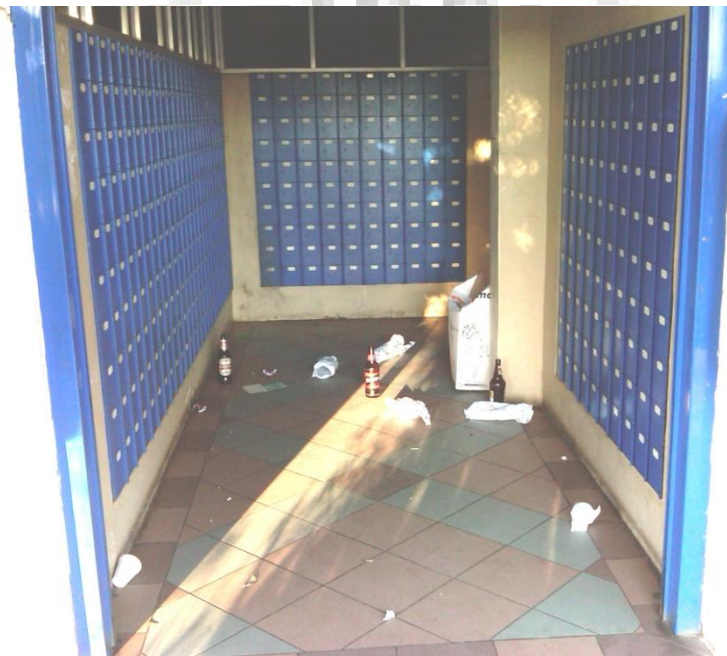


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Botha's Hill Post Office

Although it seemed as if the post office was looking better, committee members who visited recently in the early morning were appalled at the mess left in the alcove. It was strewn with empty beer bottles and general little. Efforts will again be made to approach the manager for a system whereby the gate could be locked over night. The suggestion is that residents who needed to collect their mail after 19h00 should be given a key, against payment of a deposit. We will keep residents informed.



Tavern (Sugarloaf Centre)

Objectors have now received a thick submission showing that the municipality is defending its decision to refuse special consent to the tavern to operate. The new KZN Liquor Act has been gazetted (February 2011) and provides that a tavern should not be situated within 500 metres of a learning or religious institution. It remains to be seen if the law can be applied to the tavern, since the tavern applied for special consent before the legislation came into effect.

Spar in Botha's Hill

With regards to cleanliness and hygiene, there have been gradual improvements are being made. The committee members will keep monitoring this.

Road Hazards

Traffic problems relating to taxi misbehavior, absence of number plates, overloading, etc should be reported to metro police, with details of time, road, and number plate if possible: Telephone 031 767 1222 for the closest Metro. It is also possible to phone the Mpimpa hotline at all hours on 086 221 1010 to report problems. The BHRA committee would like to encourage local residents to report problems directly to the Mpimpa Hotline. You can read all about it on our website here: <http://bhra.yolasite.com/mpimpa-hotline.php>.

Illegal Dumping

Ms Lynette Dorkin of the BHRA noticed illegal dumping on Old Main Road outside Falcon Crest and has brought it to the attention of the metro police. Please residents, if you should see any illegal dumping please take note of vehicle details and particularly registration numbers, so that offenders can be reported immediately.

Anyone who notices this should report with date and time to Durban Solid Waste: 031- 311 8804.



Conomirra Meeting Report:

(The Confederation of Mistbelt Ratepayers and Residents Association)

- Inanda Road will be completed by the end of the year.
- The Shongweni Valley is being inundated with industrial activity, and this is being opposed by Conomirra.
- There is a plan for Botha's Hill CBD, and we will be informed in due course.
- Kloof Civic offices have gone out to tender again, with Kloof Resthome keen to become the new tenants.
- Residents are urged to report empty houses to BHRA and Crimestop as empty houses are being stripped.

AGM

Annual General Meeting – 27th August

The date set is Saturday 27th August at 10h00 at the Chefs School. Residents are invited to make every effort to attend the 15th annual meeting of the Association. The newly elected councillors for Ward 8 have been invited as guest speakers, to talk on current issues and plans for Botha's Hill. Tea and scones will be served, compliments of the Chefs School.

Current members of the Association attending the AGM will be entered into a draw to be awarded on the day. The prize is a delicious hamper from Quills Deli, kindly sponsored by the 1 000 Hills Chefs School.

Annual membership subs will be collected: R50 per household and R25 for seniors.

Referrals to Councillors & Feedback

Restaurant Complaint

A complaint received about two pipes from the restaurant discharging waste water down the mountain was referred to the councillor. It seems that Waste Management and Health visited the property, but the outcome is not known as yet.

Furniture Shop Abandoned

A complaint has been received that there are no building plans for this shop on the corner of Patna and Old Main Road. It is alleged that the building now been abandoned and people are living in it illegally. Once details of the owner are known, the Councillor will become involved.

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