



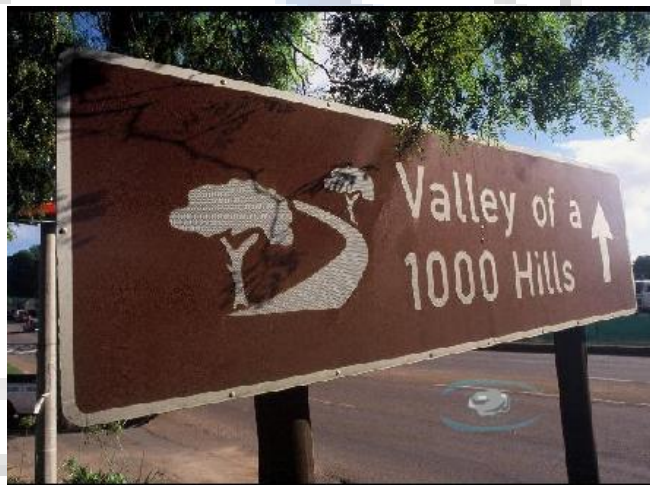
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the Interests of
Ratepayers and
Residents of
Botha's Hill."*



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

Botha's Hill Post Office:

BHRA has been dealing with the problem of the Botha's Hill Post Office post box area being used as a toilet and a drinking area. The possibility was discussed that the roller shutter be closed between 17h00 and 08h00 daily.

BHRA committee members discussed installing a combination lock on a roller shutter, with the combination being given to box holders by the postmaster. It was pointed out that such a lock would need to be permanently fixed to the shutter in a way that it cannot be stolen. The BHRA would then make a notice to that effect, to be mounted within the box area and clearly visible from outside. The committee members are still discussing this problem with the postmaster. Our residents will be updated on this matter in the following issue of the BHRA Newsletter.

Nquma Road Informal Dwellers:

BHRA committee members discussed a growing squatter situation there and what possible solutions could be found. Working with Crimestop, residents have contacted the owner of the property, as well as the Dept of Environmental Health.

It was noted that Councillor Peter Davis no longer represents Ward 8, and PR Councillor Crouch was asked whether he could step in, as the BHRA has done all it can to no avail.



Informal Houses in Patna and Benares Roads area:

This issue has been discussed at committee meetings over the past year and more. A meeting with the absentee landowners was held in late 2009, and thereafter encounters with the Housing Dept were held to encourage that department to buy the land and formalize the settlement that was already far advanced.

On 16th October the BHRA committee members met and our vice chair undertook to update Councillor Crouch with all the information on this situation. It was pointed out that Councillor Noyce had become completely involved in this problem, but there has been no satisfactory outcome to date.

Restaurant: water discharge

Concerned residents have noted that the recent fires have revealed waste water being discharged down the slope below the Pot and Kettle restaurant.

Councillor Rick Crouch was updated on the situation and indicated that he would look into the matter.



Concerns over appearance of the 1000 Hills SPAR in Botha's Hill:

Following complaints from residents, the committee have written to the SPAR organisation, and received assurances that the matter would be investigated, but no satisfactory action had been forthcoming as at 16th October 2010.

It was observed that the management/owners of the establishment were known for their charitable activities with the local poor. However the dilapidated appearance of the complex is not helpful on a tourist route.

Postscript: It is encouraging to note that some revamping of the shop is currently underway.

Container in Kearsney College Road:

The BHRA undertook to write to the offending party about removing this container, which is an eyesore and probably illegally occupying the council pavement. The letter was delivered to the owner on 1st November 2010.

Postscript: Once again, it is encouraging to note that the container has since been removed on 11 November 2010.

ERF 171 Botha's Hill:

Alan Childs of EnviroWest has expressed reservations about the waste water provisions of ERF 171 (formerly the Wood Magic craft Centre opposite the Pot & Kettle), as it drains into the Mhlatuzana River.

The BHRA set out to investigate whether this wedding venue, now under construction, has the proper permissions. We have established from the Regional Co-ordinator: Development Applications of the Outer West that no building plans have been approved at the time of our meeting on 16th October 2010, although it was noted that construction is at an advanced stage of earthworks.



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