

LETTERS



BIG NIGHT: City Manager Michael Sutcliffe and jazz greats Al Jarreau and George Benson at the official opening of the ICC Arena

Picture: BONGA MSIMANG

ICC concert parking woes

COULD you shed some light on the parking problems that occur when one attends shows at or near the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre Complex (ICC), when one is forced to park at the Workshop underground parkade?

We attended the George Benson and Al Jarreau Show, who were outstanding, as is the new extension to the ICC.

The problem comes when, due to all other areas being full, they force you to use the Workshop as the only safe parking left.

One is tired and ready to go home but one is then locked into the garage because they only supply one cashier that still has to take money and give change for each car.

The traffic is indescribable as are the exhaust fumes from all the cars waiting to exit.

They must have known that with Decorex, the Motor show and George Benson that they would need more staff manning more tills.

I have experienced the same scenario at the Johnny

Clegg show, where we waited for an hour to exit.

Do you suppose those patrons are going to want to attend shows in that vicinity again in a hurry?

I certainly wouldn't make an effort to tell friends and colleagues to park there in the future. I shall organise a taxi instead.

I don't believe that the entire ICC's new parking could have been full. We were not allowed to park at the Hilton and for all the hordes of police in a ring around the block, none of them could point us in another direction for parking.

The only great thing the ICC did was supply security guard lining the pathways to the workshop after the show for our peace of mind.

Please could you get back to me if you can find some explanation for this unacceptable parking problem?

MEGS TWEEDIE
Durban

THANK you for your letter. We are seeking an official response and hope to publish it in the next edition.
— Editor

Well done Themba!

I WOULD like to say thumbs up to Themba Dlamini, Plan Examiner for City Engineers, for his determination and commitment.

A well-organised and dedicated eThekweni employee, Dlamini is simply the best you can get.

He is always willing to help, always there when you call for a plan follow-up and

always ready to give assistance when needed.

He takes whatever you give him from the beginning right to the end with no hassle. He is a good example to other employees. We need more excellent employees like him.

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PROFILES: COUNCILLORS

The city's 200 councillors have begun their new term, assessing the needs of their communities and seeking ways to improve service delivery. In this, and future editions, we will profile them so that you can put faces to names and get to know them better



Name: Diana Gloria Hoorzuk
Age: 51
Family: Divorced with one son
Party: ANC

Ward: 18 – Nipper Road, Cowies Hill, Westville and Pinetown
Committees: Housing, Cleansing and Solid Waste and Corporate Human Resources
Ward needs: Upgrading the semi-informal settlement in Clermont. Upgrading parks. The area next to the river that runs behind that settlement needs to be cleaned. Pavements and steps outside households. There's a need to restructure informal dwellers in the Pinetown central business district to regenerate business.

Has delivered: Engaging with ward authorities to raise awareness of providing sufficient services, and to help in identifying loopholes that hinder development.

Challenges for 2007: To revamp the Pinetown CBD (getting informal dwellers re-allocated). To deal with crime.

Passionate about: Providing efficient services to the community I serve.

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Name: Mama Mary-Jane Ntshangase
Age: 45
Family: Married with one son and

two daughters
Party: Nadeco
Ward: 38 – Richmond Farm, Lindelani and part of Ntuzuma
Committee: Masakhane
Ward needs: Areas such as Richmond have a lack of passages and footpaths. We need libraries, speed humps, houses, parks, pavements and a taxi rank. There is a lack of transport. There are not enough buses. We need to develop a youth centre. There is also a shortage of employment.

Has delivered: We have delivered houses, water, electricity, clinics, and roads.
Challenges for 2007: One of the difficulties that continues to face the community is crime, and we need to find ways to tackle it. The community is also battling with poverty.

There are environmental health issues.

Passionate about: I am passionate about bringing the community and the youth together as well as spending time with my family. I love to watch TV.
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Name: Melta Khanyisile Mthembu
Age: 44
Family: Single with no children
Party: ANC

Ward: 68 – Merebank, part of Wentworth, part of Bluff and Jacobs

Committees: Health, Safety and Social Services
Ward needs: We need places of activity where the youth can keep themselves busy, such as indoor sport centres and sports fields. We need to renovate flats, build houses, and deliver land to all. Roads need to be renovated.

Has delivered: Pathways, sidewalks, road surfacing, handed over the hostel in Jacobs. This was phase one of transforming this dwelling into a respectable place for people.

Challenges for 2007: Finding land to build houses for people. A lack of land delays the process of building youth and community facilities. We want to ensure services get to the people. The issue of environmental health is another challenge that we want to address.

Passionate about: Sports. Creating opportunities to improve the skills of youth. Recognising the role of women in sport.

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Name: Nokuthula Judith Makhanya
Age: 33
Party: ANC
Family: Single with

two daughters
Ward: 71 – Bottlebrush, Shallcross, Crossmoore and part of Chatsworth
Committee: Health and Social Services
Ward needs: Housing is a major problem in Bottlebrush. Water and sanitation in Bottlebrush is also a problem as there are no flushing toilets. Traffic calming measures, roads need to be upgraded and crime needs to be dealt with.

Has delivered: An infrastructural housing programme in Bottlebrush. A cleaning project, which has employed 30 people in Bottlebrush to clean the area. People were chosen to undergo training on how to manage their own businesses. Selected a ward committee.

Challenges for 2007: Combating crime, as people are scared. Speeding up the housing project for the homeless.

Passionate about: Young women development. Service delivery. Youth empowerment.

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Name: Nokuthula Goodness Zulu
Age: 37
Family: Married with a son and a

daughter
Party: ANC
Ward: 65 – Greenfields, Hillary, Bellington and certain portions of Malvern and Bellair.

Committee: Masakhane
Has delivered: Orchestrated the building of government-subsidised houses in the Greenfields area.

Succeeded in pioneering the construction of a local clinic in the Bellington area.
Challenges for 2007: The most important challenge is to build more houses in the ward.

Another challenge is to have the Bellington area upgraded. This area falls behind in terms of infrastructure such as sporting facilities.

To maintain ward unity which has helped fight crime.

Passionate about: Working with the community at all levels, especially women. This remains my ideal passion.

Seeing women developing and taking an active role in the government's development projects in the ward gladdens my heart.
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Name: Ntombi Beatrice Ndlela
Age: 43
Family: Single with one son and

four daughters
Party: ANC
Ward: 9 – Molweni, Lower Molweni, Wushwen A and B, Emadimeni, Mageza, Dark City, Waterfall, Christie, Hillcrest, Langafontene, Kwadinabakubo, Nogxaza

Committee: Infrastructure
Ward needs: Houses, employment and electricity, schools at Wushwen A section, tarred roads, road signage, speed humps, bridges, a rank and parks.

Has delivered: Roads, clinics and water and sanitation which has opened job opportunities. Upgraded the community hall and delivered a community hall at Wushwen. A rank has also been delivered in upper Molweni.

Challenges for 2007: Working with the community to fight poverty and crime. Also, to create opportunities for young people to learn skills and help them to stay away from substance abuse.

Passionate about: I love soccer and listening to gospel music.
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Name: Thembi Teresa Nzuzza
Age: 37
Family: Married with one daughter

and three sons
Party: IFP
Ward: 82 – Umlazi section H, N, R and W and Umlazi Baker

Committees: Masakhane and Grants in Aid
Ward needs: Housing, electricity, water and sanitation, job creation, road maintenance (there are many potholes), a clinic and a recreation centre for children, who at present have no alternative to playing in the street.

Has delivered: Got Home Affairs to help the community with identity documents and death certificates. There is a library and community hall in W section.

Challenges for 2007: Housing, especially for those living in informal settlements, and unemployment. A lot needs to be done so more finance will help speed up the process. Aids is a huge problem.

Passionate about: Development. I enjoy seeing the people I serve happy.
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Name: Wayne Maxi Thring
Age: 43
Family: Married with two sons and a daughter

Party: ACDP
Ward: 13 and 15 – Mariannhill, Mariannridge, Dassenhoek, Kwandengezi, Mpola, Tshelimnyama area, Ashley, and Mtola Heights.

Committee: Economic Development
Ward needs: Housing, roads and pavements. Job creation and sports facilities.

Has delivered: I have helped the community get their title deeds for the land that was sold. I have helped pensioners apply for pensions. I have applied to the council for infrastructure. In the Mariannridge area there is now an entrance and exits, which helps with traffic. There is greater involvement with the municipality and the community.

Challenges for 2007: Housing and reducing unemployment. The improvement of sports facilities. Reducing the spread of HIV/Aids.

Passionate about: People, I want to see people get houses. I enjoy sport. Family life.
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