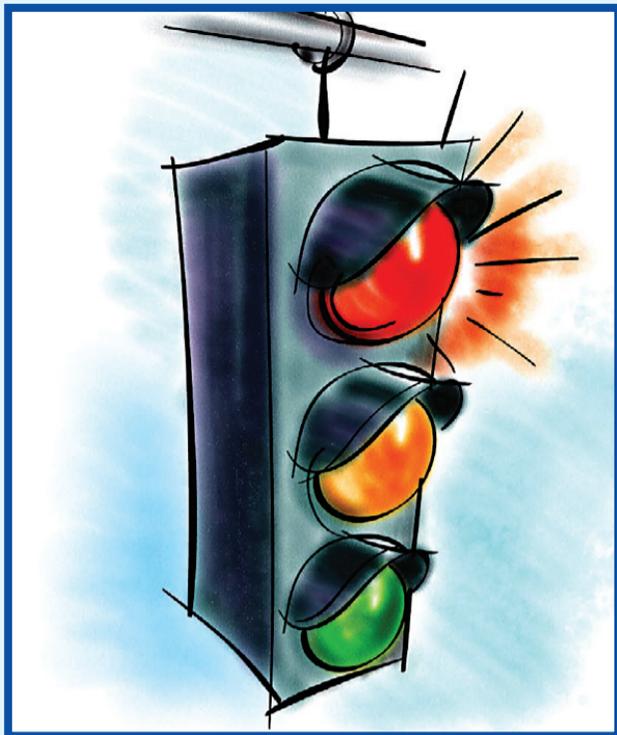


LETTERS



Robot timing needs fixing

I'M FROM the Newlands West area and a frequent user of Nandi Drive.

Once I get to the robots at Newlands East Drive, I turn left onto Inanda Road and I then have to turn right at the next set of robots, but this is difficult, due to the fact that the robots are not programmed to give right of way to motorists turning right into Briardale Drive.

The other day I had a pretty nasty experience, while I was at the intersection waiting for the oncoming traffic to clear – which by the way only happened when the robot showed red.

A driver coming out of Briardale Drive at that intersection got extremely impatient, blasting his hooter at me.

This is so unnecessary. It would be safer if the robots were programmed to give drivers turning right, the right of way by means of a flashing green arrow.

Please sort this out.

SHARM SOOBARAMONEY
Newlands

I HAVE read and totally agree with the article sent by D Singh, a Phoenix community based

organisation representative, regarding the traffic chaos.

I have lived in Phoenix for several years and have written to traffic authorities to no avail.

Supt Marcus Quarsingh is missing the point as D Singh is addressing more the traffic congestion both in the mornings and evenings at particular points that need traffic officers on a more regular basis rather than once in six months.

Through this medium I am calling on councillors from the different political parties responsible for transport matters in Phoenix to address this issue with key stakeholders within the community because I believe the main roads into Phoenix and onto the Northern Freeway should be improved to facilitate a smoother traffic flow, especially in the mornings when many people are made late for work.

ASHOK RAMBHAROSA
Phoenix

THESE issues have been forwarded to the relevant departments and we will carry their responses in the next edition of eZasegagasi Metro.

Get rid of red tape

MOST elegant and simple solutions are usually staring us right in the face.

In all the pictures of the street signs I see on streets that have already been renamed, the old name is still there, with the new name hung underneath.

The old name has a thin

piece of red tape from the top left corner to the bottom right, but you can still make out the old name. Just get rid of that little bit of bureaucratic red tape and leave both names up.

TOM DENNEN
Greyville

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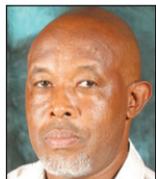
PROFILES: COUNCILLORS

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: Benjamin Elijah Mveli (PR)
Age: 60
Family: Married with five

sons and three daughters
Party: IFP
Wards: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 91: Ward 4 – Inchanga and Fredville. Ward 5 – Mophela, Sankotle and Georgedale up to Cato Ridge. Ward 6 – unit 1, 2 and part of unit 6 in Mpumalanga. Ward 7 – Shongweni Dam, Kwambiza, Cliffdale, part of unit 6 and Emaromeni. Ward 91 – unit 3, 4 and part of unit 6 in Mpumalanga
Committee: Economic Development
Ward needs: A community hall in ward 5, shelters at bus ranks and stops, high schools, upgrading of roads, streetlights, parks and clinics.
Has delivered: Three clinics in ward 7, a community hall, water, roads and electricity. In ward 4, the taxi rank is being upgraded. Houses have been built in ward 91. VIP toilets are being built.
Challenges for 2007: Satisfying the community's needs, reducing crime and creating employment.
Passionate about: Watching the news and sports and working with the community.
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Name: Divas F Mncwabe (PR)
Age: 58
Family: Married with one son and two

daughters
Party: IFP
Ward: 99 – Magabeni, Umkomaas, Craigieburn, Amahlongwa, Crowder, eHlanzeni, Magabeni Rural area and Daganya
Committee: Infrastructure
Ward needs: Electricity, houses and tarred roads, especially in Magabeni, and Daganya. A clinic in Magabeni. The ranks and bus stops have no shelter. A community hall, police station and parks for small kids and employment opportunities.
Has delivered: Water. delivery is moving slowly but we are trying our best to speed things up.
Challenges for 2007: Crime is one of the greatest challenges as well as satisfying community needs. Roads in Umkomaas are terrible. Umkomaas is a town and there are no lavatories. There are also no public toilets in Craigieburn.
Passionate about: Sport. I used to box. I enjoy reading and motivating people, especially the youth.
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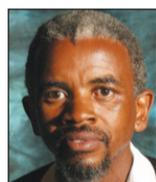
Name: Primrose Phumzile Hlengwa
Age: 38
Family: Single with one daughter

Party: ANC
Ward: 97 – Amanzimtoti, Doonside, part of Ilovo township, Bhukulwandle, Mthombeni and Saint Winefred
Committee: Infrastructure.
Ward needs: Roads in some parts of the rural areas, houses, toilets, water and speed humps in the townships.
Has delivered: We have started with a housing project since the budget has been approved. We have also started building toilets.
Challenges for 2007: Skilling women and the youth. We want to give skills training so that they can be able to empower themselves and get jobs.
Unemployment is another challenge that we are faced with which seems to be a challenge for almost all the wards.
Passionate about: Helping the youth and women to be self-sufficient. I want to help them become less dependent and help them be able to stand on their own two feet.
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Name: Pragasan Padayachee (PR)
Age: 42
Party: MF
Family: Married with

one son and daughter
Wards: 58, 61 and 62 – Tongaat
Committees: Health, Safety and Social Services, Metro Police, LLF and Placement Committee and the eThekweni Aids Council
Ward needs: Health is a problem in the informal settlements. Ablution facilities need to be created as there are mobile toilets. Upgrading of robots in Tongaat. More light poles in areas where crime is on the increase. Placing of traffic calming measures near schools and drop-off zones at schools.
Has delivered: Upgrading of electricity and especially service delivery in all aspects.
Challenges for 2007: To make life more comfortable for the community and to satisfy their needs. Upgrade roads and install electricity. Rectify traffic congestion in the CBD.
Passionate about: My community, service delivery and my family. Promoting sport among the youth.
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Name: Simosakhe David Mnguni (PR)
Age: 43
Family: Married with one son and

one daughter
Party: IFP
Ward: 88 – parts of Umlazi such as V, A, B and unit T at 17. Also three informal settlements – Ezimeleni, Zakheleni and Umhlabeni
Committee: Economic Development and Planning
Ward needs: The provision of title deeds to residents of V section, the conversion of informal settlements at B section into formal households, the provision of decent houses for those living in informal settlements, a community hall at unit T, a clinic and a community hall. There are also river streams at B and D sections that need to be revamped. This is needed to prevent spillages that cause floods.
Has delivered: Involved in bringing together a ward committee to improve service delivery.
Challenges for 2007: The provision of electricity at Ezakheleni as well as the establishment of a healthcare centre.
Passionate about: Politics, soccer and gospel music.
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Name: Cyril Maurice George (PR)
Age: 60
Party: ACDP
Ward: 25 – Sydenham, Overport,

Asherville, Springfield, part of Mayville, Sherwood and Glenwood
Committee: Health and Safety
Ward needs: Formal houses for all occupants of six informal settlements. Also, to provide decent houses for about 3 000 squatters living at Jabu's Place informal settlement. Speed humps in some of the roads in Sydenham. Traffic calming devices in the ward as there are lots of school kids in the area that become victims of car accidents. The creation of business opportunities for small businesses. Seminars to encourage moral regeneration in the ward.
Has delivered: The creation of a ward committee. Traffic lights on Sparks Road and traffic calming devices.
Challenges for 2007: To get proper houses for people living in informal settlements and the construction of more clinics.
Passionate about: Trying to get God's principles spread to the people. Educating the youth.
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Name: Nkosinathi Erick Mpungose (PR)
Age: 31
Family: Single with

one child
Party: IFP
Wards: 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10
Ward 2 – Maphephethweni, Mkhizwane and part of Nyuswa. Ward 8 – Nqethlo and Ntuswa. Ward 9 – part of Hillcrest, Waterfall, Ncolosi, Greater Molweni. Ward 10 – Kloof.
Committee: Economic Development and Planning
Ward needs: Clean water, electricity, roads, toilets that are in good condition, sportsfields, crèches, a taxi rank, shelter, community hall, a police station to fight crime, and employment.
Has delivered: Delivery is slow. We have delivered road humps on some roads, electricity, and water.
Challenges for 2007: Employment is one of the challenges. Youth have no job opportunities. Diseases are a challenge as well as drugs and crime, especially with the youth.
Passionate about: Communicating with different people to gain new ideas and knowledge.
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Name: Manilall Naranjee (PR)
Age: 75
Party: IFP
Family: Married with

one son and one daughter
Wards: 15, 17, 19 and 23.
Ward 19 – Wyebank, part of Kloof, Zamokuhle, Sub-5 and a portion of Clermont. Ward 15 – Pinetown, Motala Heights. Ward 17 – Savanna Park, Shallcross and Welbedacht. Ward 23 – Reservoir Hills and Westville
Committee: Health Safety and Social Services
Ward needs: Housing. Schools, there are very few schools in the area. Viable crime prevention measures, employment opportunities, road improvements, with proper paths for pedestrians, clinics, libraries and water and electricity in areas that are being developed.
Has delivered: Donated the land on which Wyebank clinic is situated. Assisted in the provision of low cost houses at Motala Heights, Wyebank and Stockville.
Challenges for 2007: Besides the provision of facilities, I am concerned about the country's political situation.
Passionate about: Children's needs, especially those from disadvantaged communities. I also enjoy sports.
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