

# Get your ID now and register to vote

**T**HE simple definition of democracy is that it is government of the people, for the people, by the people.



**Obed Mlaba**  
eThekweni Mayor

representatives, you need to go and register. Even if you voted last time it is still important to go and verify with the IEC that your name is still on the voters' roll.

The government is concerned about the plight of our people. It wants to improve people's standard of living, including building houses and roads, and supplying water and electricity. These things will not be achieved if we do not vote.

By voting we are giving a mandate to people we have voted for to fight for things we need in our communities.

Throughout November the IEC will be making the rounds in various centres.

It is not too late for those who do not have identity documents. They can still register for IDs.

A bar-coded ID is needed for voting purposes.

Let us make sure that we are not caught napping. Let us prepare right now to avoid the last-minute rush which usually comes with disappointments.

Register for your ID now so that you will be able to vote.

What that means is that the people themselves form the government. Whatever the country produces and whatever wealth it grows should be used to improve the lives of the people of this country. This poses a big challenge to all patriotic citizens.

They have to shape their own future and that can only happen if they register as voters and then go to the polling stations and vote for the people they would like to represent them in parliament.

Registering as a voter with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) is the first step to taking your future into your own hands.

Failure to do so has dire consequences.

It is tantamount to asking your enemy to shape your future.

Surely our young people cannot afford to give their future to people who do not have their interests at heart?

To make sure that you have a direct say in choosing your



**MABHUTIZA and Musa Mbothe (left to right) stole the limelight during the recent opening of the new KwaMnyandu taxi rank at Umlazi's Z-section. The pair have worked as taxi conductors, 'oscabha', since 'the early days of the KwaMnyandu Association', they said. Send your Durban photos to eZasegagasi Metro, PO Box 5588, Durban, 4001, or e-mail [naidoothrusha@durban.gov.za](mailto:naidoothrusha@durban.gov.za) and we will publish the best high-resolution photos**  
Picture: SIYABONGA MAPHUMULO

# Talk helps see us through tough times

**T**HE past few weeks have been quite tough for the City. Youngsters drinking on the beachfront without caring for their environment and the needs of others, illegal strikes by solid waste and Durban Transport workers, and the usual range of problem areas have all attracted unnecessary and negative publicity to the City.



**Michael Sutcliffe**  
eThekweni Manager

as quickly as possible to finalise these matters.

Similar concerns were discussed with the solid waste workers who also went on an illegal strike.

While it would be easy to say that you never engage with people who do not follow "normal" labour relations processes, from a tactical point of view we needed to get the service back up and running as soon as possible.

There were very violent elements taking advantage of these strikes, and workers, commuters and residents were being caught up in a set of strikes that had the potential to get very ugly.

Sitting and talking through the pertinent issues and providing an opportunity to communicate our processes made a big difference and, at least, we now have the services back in place.

We have a great city and great plans for this city. However, these strikes and the interactions I have with residents brings home to me that we still have a lot to do to ensure our strategies and plans are properly communicated across the breadth of our city, and elsewhere.

There are many and diverse interests, each of which requires information packaged and communicated in different ways.

I know we have much to do to ensure that we are properly communicating what we are doing and I trust the many communities out there will tell us how we can communicate better.

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During such times it is always best to ensure we keep our eye on the ball driving our plans as articulated in our Integrated Development Plan.

But we must also make concessions when needed to move difficult matters forward.

In the case of the Durban Transport strike, while we are unhappy with the way commuters have been inconvenienced, we do recognise that bus workers and drivers have valid concerns about what will happen to them when the contract with Remant Alton ends, no later than October 2010.

The Chairman of the ANC in eThekweni, John Mchunu, who mediated the settlement of the strike, requested that we create a forum to which the workers' representatives would be invited, allowing them to directly hear about the process of transition.

Making such a concession is something we have done many times before as we have always committed ourselves to ensuring workers do not lose their jobs in any restructuring process.

We have agreed that we will work

# Informal traders imbizo called

**MACK MAKHATHINI**

ALL INFORMAL traders have been invited to attend an information sharing imbizo on Tuesday, 4 November, at Albert Park.

Mayor Obed Mlaba and KwaZulu-Natal Finance and Economic Development MEC, Dr Zweli Mkhize, will address the imbizo, which runs from 9am to 2pm.

It is aimed at giving traders an insight into government plans for promoting the informal economy in eThekweni.



**ZWELI MKHIZE**

Traders will also be briefed on the economic preparations for the 2010 World Cup.

Thulani Nzama, Informal Trade Manager for the City's Business Support Unit, urged all informal traders to attend the event.

"It's crucial that traders come in numbers to hear about the 2010 opportunities that are relevant to them.

"They will learn where new developments are taking place so that they can provide their services there," said Nzama.

He said Mkhize would explain how his office plans to help informal traders.

Transport to Albert Park will be leaving from the following points at 9am:

Pinetown Civic Centre (two buses); Verulam bus rank (one bus), Tongaat (one bus); Isipingo - Nwabi Road, Market via Wema and Clairwood Hive (three buses); Amanzimtoti Post Office (one bus); KwaMashu Station (one bus); and Bester (one bus).

For more information call Thulani Nzama at 031 311 4500 or 083 378 8804 or Thembi Nzuza on 033 264 2625 or 079 525 6231.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE: EVENT APPLICATIONS CUT-OFF DATES

The eThekweni Municipality Festive Season Management Committee would like to inform event organisers, companies and individuals who want to hold events in Durban and/or along the beaches during the festive season, that the cut-off date for applications to hold such events is **14 November 2008**. The season runs from 1 December to 19 January 2009.

This applies to areas/beaches in central Durban, Southern and Northern areas.

**Northern areas:** Westbrook; Cazorina; La Mercy; Umdloti; Umhlanga  
**Southern areas:** Umkomaas; Isipingo South; Amanzimtoti; Kingsburgh; Umgababa; Warner Beach  
Applications for Northern areas must be faxed to 031 566 3712 and

Southern areas to 031 903 7493. Central areas include beaches from the Blue Lagoon to uShaka, and Brighton and Anstey's, on the Bluff. Applications for these areas must be faxed to 031 332 5323.

Note that sending an application does not guarantee permission. The applicant will be notified if the application is successful or not.

## STATUTORY NOTICE 2570

### Proposed acquisition of land for Housing Programme: KwaMashu/Newlands Interface Project

The eThekweni Municipality is interested in acquiring the sites set out hereunder for the KwaMashu/Newlands Interface project. But, letters of offer to

purchase written to the registered owners of these sites by the Municipality have not elicited any response. In the interests of this project, it is necessary that the matter of the acquisition of these sites should be concluded urgently. Accordingly, should any of the registered owners of these sites, whose names are set

hereunder, be interested in selling their land to the Municipality, they should contact Bridget Zamakhosi Nxumalo of the Municipality's Housing Unit, 13th Floor, Shell House, 221 Anton Lembede (Smith Street) Street at 031 311 3171 or 078 166 28 44, on or before 28 November 2008.

Name	Street address	Site No
Siphiwe Msomi	49 Nyalazi Road KwaMashu-C	Erf 1895
Elijah Boyi Thabethe	15, 106349 Street KwaMashu-C	Erf 1933
Elijah Boyi Thabethe	11, 106349 Street KwaMashu-C	Erf 1934
Jabulani Christian Khuzwayo	9, 106349 Street KwaMashu-C	Erf 1935
Phumulile Dorothy Shezi	7, 106349 Street KwaMashu-C	Erf 1936
Velaphi Albert Cekwane	3, 106349 Street KwaMashu-C	Erf 1938
Dlokwakhe Maxwell Dlamini	47 Nyalazi Road KwaMashu-C	Erf 1939