

Not all men are trash

KwaThema - New Life Feeding Scheme hosted the Not All Men Are Trash seminar to motivate men who are doing good for the community to keep at it on Saturday.

The event was in response to the ongoing hashtag# on social media labelling men as trash.

Participants were given ties as tokens of appreciation for their attendance.

Event organiser Pastor Selina Mashego says they were concerned about the national outcry that labelled all men as trash.

"Through the event, we want to celebrate and identify those who go all out to empower and support the community.

"We understand women become victims of crime at the hands of the men but there are also men in the community who would give their lives to protect women.

"We are encouraging these

men to teach the younger generation to become better and responsible citizens," she says.

KwaThema SAPS Colonel Mariketle Malapane says most of their cases the victims are women and men are the suspects.

"Most of the male suspects are older men and this is an eye-opener because we expect the same men to teach younger boys to become model citizens.

"We are pleading with men to relook their actions and start protecting women," she says.

Malapane is encouraging residents to report any actions of abuse.

"Turning a blind eye to abuse because it doesn't affect you is wrong.

"You are then just as guilty as the abuser.

"You have to call the police and let the law deal with the abuser," she says.

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 3 35 & 36 (5) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)

Notice is hereby given that African Grave Relocation Specialists and Manungu Colliery Delmas intend applying in terms of Section 35 and 36 (5) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and Section 2 (1) of the Removal of graves and dead body/bodies Ordinance (Ordinance no 1925) The Exhumations Ordinance no.12 of 1980; and the Human Tissues Act (Act 65 of 1983 as amended) as well as the relevant local regulations; to the Provincial Administration of the province in which the graves are located, the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) or their legislated provincial agency and the relevant local Municipality of Victor Khanye Local Municipality.

Description of activity:

Tshedza Mining Resources (Pty) Ltd Manungu Colliery Delmas is proposing to extend its future mining development within some of the farms portions within the Manungu Colliery mining rights, as part of the development Manungu Colliery appointed African Grave Relocation Specialists to undertake the process of relocating graves which will be impacted upon on the farms Weillaagte 271 IR Portion 5 and Welgevonden 272 IR Delmas.

LOCALITY OF ACTIVITY AND PROPONENT

Farm name : Weillaagte 271 IR Portion 5 Delmas (Mabaperikisi) (Jozi)

Farm name : Welgevonden 272 IR Delmas

Name of Proponent : Tshedza Mining Resources (Pty) Ltd Manungu Colliery Delmas

Any person who are or family representative (descendants) or friends with any knowledge of these graves and who wishes to provide information in this regard are urged to contact African Grave Relocation Specialists details below:

African Grave Relocation Specialists

Anna Marie Ludik: 073 1929 390

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As part of the social consultation process, AGRS arranged weekly meetings which will be held on the following dates:

PLACE: Mbuyelo Colliery Security Gate Delmas

14th July 2018 from 10:00 - 14:00

21st July 2018 from 10:00 - 14:00

28th July 2018 from 10:00 - 14:00

04th August from 10:00 - 14:00

11th August 2018 from 10:00 - 14:00

18th August from 10:00 - 14:00

Brakes slammed on municipal depot

KwaThema - Construction work on a municipal vehicle parking depot in Ward 78, on the corner of Kgaswane and Moshoeshoe streets, has come to a halt again.

The depot is being built at a cost of more than R10-million.

The project started in April 2016 and was supposed to be completed within six months.

In May Ward 78 cllr Zanele Nyakale promised the project would be completed by the end of June.

However, because of delays and a shortage of funds, the project has been ongoing for more than two years.

Nyakale says they are facing challenges with the main contractor, but they are working on them.

"We are still left with a few things to do, which include ablution facilities and completing some of the paving.

"We can no longer afford the delays because the project has been postponed for years.

"We need the facility to be up and running as soon as possible, and the unnecessary delays are pulling us back," she says.

The project's community liaison officer (CLO), Sello Malaka, says they still need to complete the bathrooms for the offices.



Construction work on a municipal vehicle parking depot has been delayed yet again. Seen at the depot are the project's community liaison officer Sello Malaka and Ward 78 cllr Zanele Nyakale.

"We are currently working on the final touches of the project, which include tiling, ceilings, windows and the paving of the site.

"The delivery of paving material was made on Wednesday and the workers will start working again.

"For the ablution site, we are waiting for the constructors to come

through.

"They were supposed to start work last week, but didn't come through.

"The project has been delayed, but we are hoping it will be back in progress as soon as possible.

"We don't have the exact time period in which the project will be completed," he says.

Angry residents demand RDP houses

KwaThema - Residents of Mari-kana took to the streets on Saturday morning demanding that electricity be restored in their section.

This after the electricity was cut off in KwaThema from 8am last Friday and was supposed to be restored at 6pm on the same day.

This was to enable the maintenance of one of the transformers in the area but the electricity was not restored as promised.

On Saturday morning the residents could no longer take being cold without electricity.

They blocked Vlakfontein Road demanding the electricity be restored.

Concerned resident Maria Sibeko says the residents were frustrated because they were promised the electricity would be restored by Friday evening.

"We spent the whole day without electricity and could not go without electricity for another day.

"The only time our leaders listen to us is when we protest.

"A few hours after we blocked the road the electrician, who was on standby, came to assist us.

"This shows they were dragging their feet to help us," she says.

On Monday morning the residents blocked the road again demanding RDP houses.

They damaged and stole from a truck delivering building material and on Tuesday the group damaged a dairy truck.

Another concerned resident, Godfrey Ngobese, says they have been staying in the informal settlement for over seven years with very little service delivery.

"In the last national elections we were promised houses but to this day we are still waiting.

"We are tired of empty promises and will continue being destructive until we are heard.

"We are the residents of this country and deserve services," he

says.

Truck driver Moses Nkabinde says he was driving along Vlakfontein Road when a group of people ran out of the bushes and started throwing stones in the truck's direction.

"I lost control of the vehicle and drove off the road.

"As soon as it stopped moving, I, together with my two colleagues, ran for safety.

"The group stole building materials and other equipment," he says.

Attempts by the African Reporter to get hold of councillor Tshepiso Montlane failed as his cellphone was switched off. KwaThema police spokesperson, Captain Thabo Sibuyi, says no one has been arrested.

"Illegal protests are unlawful and residents can be arrested, especially if found damaging public facilities and putting the lives of the residents or road users at risk.

"Residents can use some of the channels available to raise their frustrations," he says.

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