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LOURIERPARK:

WHY PELLISSIER RESIDENTS DESERVE CLEAR ANSWERS

By Cllr Paul Kotzé

The Democratic Alliance has now filed an application for leave to appeal in the Lourierpark matter. This means that we have formally asked the court for permission to take the matter further so that another court can reconsider the judgment. We now await a determination from the court, as well as the allocation of a court date for the next step in the legal process.

For residents of Pellissier, this matter is not distant. It affects real concerns about safety, traffic, property values, water pressure, stormwater, sewerage, refuse removal and the open land between Pellissier, Mountain View and Lourierpark.

The current situation did not start overnight. In March 2024, the municipality obtained a court order relating to the initial land invasion on municipal land in the Brandkop/Lourierpark area. Despite this, the Mountain View side later became associated with illegal and chaotic occupation, with shacks appearing in an area that was not properly serviced for human settlement.

During December 2025 and early January 2026, we started noticing signs that Mangaung Metro was again preparing for movement in the area. By January, concerns escalated after activity linked to basic water infrastructure and possible preparation for settlement was identified. The DA tried administrative routes first. We raised concerns, engaged officials and sought assurances that the municipality would not enable another unserviced occupation. Those attempts were either ignored or failed to produce satisfactory answers.

On 8 February 2026, after these administrative efforts failed, the DA approached the Free State High Court on an urgent basis. On 10 February 2026, the court issued an order halting further land preparation, demarcation, service installation and settlement activity pending the matter.

On 5 March 2026, the matter returned to court and the existing order was extended while further engagement and disclosure were pursued. The DA continued asking for clear information on approvals, proclamations, development plans, environmental authorisations, services and beneficiaries.

On 5 June 2026, the High Court dismissed the DA's application. After studying the judgment, the DA decided to proceed with the application for leave to appeal.



Since then, the illegal shacks and occupants previously linked to the Mountain View side have largely been shifted to the Lourierpark 2 side, further away from Pellissier. However, the core concern remains: people are being placed on land without the full infrastructure expected from a properly established, fully serviced neighbourhood.

A stand is not a home. A communal tap is not a water network. Temporary toilets are not proper sanitation. Scraped roads are not proper development. A promise of future services is not service delivery.

The DA is not against housing. We are against calling nothing a home. Housing must include proper planning, water, sanitation, roads, stormwater, electricity, refuse removal, safety, public participation and legal certainty.

Pellissier residents deserve facts, not rumours; planning, not panic; and homes with services, lawfully delivered.

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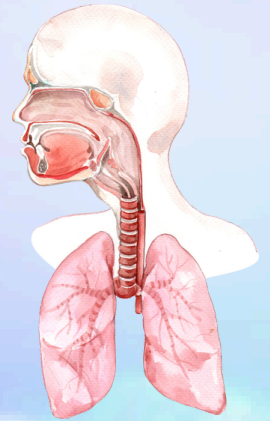
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WINTER'S EXTRA SMOKE EXPOSURE ON OUR BODIES



We all see and smell the smoke in the air during the winter months. As the temperature drops, many of us gather around indoor fireplaces to warm our homes, yet the air we breathe outdoors can be a burden on our health.

Winter air pollution also comes from veld fires and industrial emissions, both locally and from other parts of South Africa, carried across the country by wind patterns. The winter atmospheric conditions also trap the cold air and smoke closer to the surface until the sun warms the earth.

Smoke is a complex mix of microscopic dust, toxic gases, and chemical compounds. While smoke affects everyone, though children, the elderly, pregnant individuals, and people with pre-existing heart or lung conditions face a higher risk. When we inhale these pollutants, they interact with our respiratory system in very specific ways.

- **Nose and Throat:** Our upper respiratory tract acts as our body's first line of defence. Smoke irritates these delicate tissues, causing throat discomfort, dry coughs, increased phlegm and watery eyes.
- **Lungs and Bloodstream:** The microscopic size of fine particulate matter allows it to travel deep into the lungs. Once inside, these tiny particles cross into the bloodstream, triggering systemic inflammation, oxidative stress, and cellular damage throughout the organ systems. This is more of a problem with higher or long-term smoke exposure and for people with underlying health problems.
- **Winter effect on airway linings:** Dry, cold winter air already irritates your airways. Combined with smoke pollution creates extra irritation along our airway linings. This irritation causes inflammation and increased phlegm production, which makes us significantly more susceptible to respiratory infections.

As we can't do much about the smoke in the air, we need to take steps to prevent risks to our health:

- Avoid unvented indoor fires; never use fire inside without proper chimneys and ensuring that the rooms are well-ventilated.
- Keep your fireplaces and chimneys clean and well-maintained to prevent smoke drifting indoors.
- Ensure that your doors and windows are insulated to keep the outdoor smoke outside.
- Stay indoors when the outdoor smoke peaks during the cold evenings or there are veldfires in the vicinity.
- Always do your best to control any health conditions
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle with good balanced nutrition and hydration, rest and exercise.

Managing seasonal air pollution is a shared journey between individual self-care and community awareness. While winter smoke is a reality of our environment, taking precautions empowers us to protect our loved ones while maintaining a warm, comfortable home and still enjoying socialising with an indoor braai, despite the cold outside. By making informed choices about how we heat our living spaces and care for our lungs, we foster a healthier, more resilient community for everyone.





Self-Care: Mid-Year Reflection & Mental Reboot

We're past halfway through 2026. How are you actually doing — not just ticking boxes, but genuinely? It is time to pause and check in on your health, mind, and pace of life.

- Mid-year is a good time to catch up on missed health reviews — BP checks, pap smears, diabetic follow-ups.
- Adults need 7-9 hours of sleep per night — chronic sleep deprivation affects immunity, mood, and heart health.
- If you've been putting off a health concern, it hasn't gone away. Your GP is a safe, confidential first step.

The second half of 2026 belongs to a healthier, more intentional you. Let's build that together. 🌸

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THIS MONTH IN SOUTH AFRICAN HISTORY

On 9 August 1956, more than 20,000 women marched together to the Union Buildings in Pretoria in one of the most remarkable peaceful protests in our nation's history.

Standing in silent protest for 30 minutes, they presented petitions against pass laws, demonstrating extraordinary courage, unity, and resilience.

Today, 9 August is commemorated as National Women's Day; a tribute to the strength of South African women and the lasting legacy of community unity.



THE *Incredible* SWIFTS OF SOUTH AFRICA

If you think swallows are impressive, wait until you meet their cousins—the swifts! These remarkable birds are among the fastest and most aerial animals on Earth.



MASTERS OF THE SKY



Swifts eat, drink, sleep, and even mate while flying. They only land to nest and raise their chicks.



Some swift species can remain airborne for months at a time, making them one of nature's greatest endurance athletes.



While the peregrine falcon is the fastest bird during a dive, swifts are among the fastest birds in powered, level flight, spending nearly their entire lives soaring high above us. Their long, sickle-shaped wings allow them to fly at over 100 km/h, chasing insects with incredible agility.



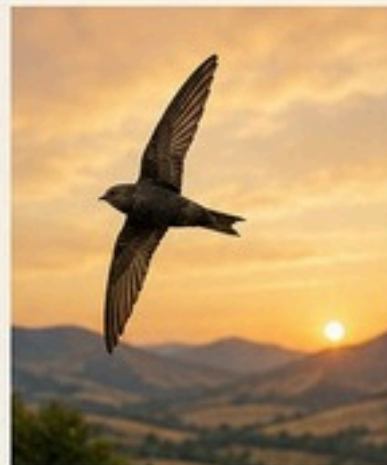
A single swift can catch thousands of flying insects every day, helping to keep mosquito and fly populations under control.



Unlike most birds, a swift's feet are designed for clinging to vertical surfaces like cliffs, caves, and buildings—not for walking.



Species such as the Little Swift, White-rumped Swift, Palm Swift and Alpine Swift are found across much of the country, including the Free State during the warmer months.



AMAZING NUMBERS



Swifts fly an average of 570 to 832 km daily.



A round-trip journey spans 9,600 to 22,000 km depending on the breeding and wintering locations.



A swift can live to 15–20 years, flying up to 6.4 million km in its lifetime.



This is equivalent to traveling to the Moon and back nearly **EIGHT TIMES!**



SWIFTS YOU MIGHT SEE IN SOUTH AFRICA

LITTLE SWIFT



Common in towns and cities, often seen near buildings and rooftops.

WHITE-RUMPED SWIFT



Look for the distinctive white rump as it flashes through the air.

PALM SWIFT



Often seen around palm trees, cliffs and open areas.

ALPINE SWIFT



High-flying and fast, usually seen high in the sky.

Look Up!

The next time you see a small, dark bird darting effortlessly through the sky, remember—you may be watching one of the world's greatest aerial champions!

Let's appreciate and protect these incredible birds that live in our skies.



Swifts are living marvels of endurance, speed, and precision, spending almost every moment of their lives in the air.

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Fallen Trees
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Always get a
reference number

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WHAT TO DO WHEN.....



NO ELECTRICITY

Electricity problems are handled by CENTLEC

1. Check your DB Board for a tripped switch
2. Prepaid: Have you uploaded a token lately?
3. Have your neighbors got electricity?
4. Is your municipality accounts up to date?
5. Call or Whatsapp Centlec



**Get a reference number.*

Prepaid

CANNOT UPLOAD A NEW ELECTRICITY TOKEN

1. Upload the token and give ample time. Sometimes the system takes a while to accept and reflect the new balance. Wait about 20 minutes.
2. Unplug meter completely and wait a few minutes
3. Then plug into another wall socket with no other plug-ins or plug into the wall socket closest the outside meter box. Enter token.
4. Try **#009#** then token, wait, then again **#009#**, wait.

Contact Centlec. Have your meter number ready.



How to log a complaint

To log a complaint, contact their call centre at the following number:

086 007 6937 / 051 409 2345

You can also forward the following details to their Whatsapp number

 **068 178 0700**

Nature of fault
Customer name
Telephone number
Identity Number
Meter number
Suburb
Street name
House number



NO WATER

Water problems are handled by the MUNICIPALITY

1. Are the main valves open at the property?
2. Open and close main valve for an airlock.
3. Have there been any notifications about water interruptions??
4. Prepaid: Have you uploaded a token lately.
5. Do your neighbors have water?
6. Is your municipal accounts up to date?
7. Call 0800 111 300

** Get a reference number*

Burst Pipe

1. Where is the burst in the yard, on the sidewalk, in the road? Before or after water meter?
Prepaid or regular watermeter?
2. Call **0800 111 300**
**Remember to get a reference number*
3. Take photo's

Prepaid

CANNOT UPLOAD A NEW WATER TOKEN

1. Upload the token. Sometimes the system takes a while to accept and reflect the new balance. Wait a few minutes.
2. Try again, stand very close to the metre.
3. Call **0800 111 300**

** Get a reference number*



BLOCKED SEWAGE

Blocked sewage are handled by the MUNICIPALITY

1. Call the Municipality 0800 111 300
2. Get a reference number.
3. Make sure you answer calls and look out for the truck.

- The 0800.... Number Works and is the only place where a fault can be logged with a reference number. Sometimes the waiting line is long, *do not hang up.*
- No reference number logged = no record of the problem.
- With no reference number we cannot assist.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

(PER WHATSAPP OR VIA ANY OTHER MEDIUM)

What info is needed?

The info that you make available determines what and how quickly help is on the way?

ACCURATE INFO SAVES TIME AND RESOURCES

MENTION THE DATE + TIME

To include the date and time in your message can curb a lot for old messages that is circulating.

Tuesday, 4 January 14:15

PRECISE LOCATION

Keep it short:
Property number + Street

27 Example Street

(Send a pin drop, if you know how)



How to send a pin drop in WhatsApp

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU ARE REPORTING ON?

Keep the message short and specific.

house on fire, fire brigade will be needed.

OR

suspicious activities, possible car theft

OR

car accident no official help on scene yet

DESCRIPTION

Be short and specific.

3 Persons in grey bakkie (Make of vehicle) with canopy

OR

Person with Black Trousers, Red Cap, Green Bag

OR

House with grey wall and white garage doors, suspicious persons

*Remember that emergency services do not know the area like you do, so they are relying on all the info you give to get to the right place as soon as possible. The emergencies services is relying on your **CORRECT AND EXACT** info.*

It is a criminal offence to mislead, on purpose, any emergencies services and can cost lives.

If you do not get reaction, phone the emergency number directly.