

# Importance of green spaces highlighted

To conserve natural spaces and green zones, Edenvale resident and environmentalist Neil Heron hopes to initiate a conversation between conservancy groups, schools and local businesses.

Set to give a similar discussion at the Modderfontein Conservation Society's (MSC) February meeting, the nature guide and author hopes to see community members preserve green spaces in Edenvale and the surrounding areas.

One suggestion Neil made is initiating discussions about the importance of conservancy with primary and high school learners.

He said once this is done, eco gardens or bird gardens can be established at schools before relationships between conservation groups, businesses and schools are developed.

"Local businesses or groups such as Birdlife SA could assist the schools to develop their initiatives further," said Neil.

"At schools where conservancy is highlighted, a vegetable garden could be their first project. Learners and schools could benefit from the crops and realise the importance of keeping a green space."

He said when children see the benefits of green spaces, it helps to develop a greater interest and care for the environment later in life.

Speaking about the green



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spaces around us, Neil said for some, they can be found on the properties we live on.

"Green spaces can be in residential gardens, school grounds, community parks, dams and nature reserves."

He said although some animals may remain in some green spaces, other migratory animals need sustainability steps. These animals need to move to areas to feed and to fly as they travel.

Neil said to knit the green spaces in the community together, the community must unite.

"There would need to be buy-in from the schools to create more environmental awareness for their learners."

He said another option could be green energy companies partnering with schools to reduce carbon emissions in the area.

"I would like to initiate a discussion. I do not want to tell people what to do; that is not my place."

Neil, who spent many years trying to rehabilitate Frank Marret Park with the help of community members such as Mike Anderson, said it was difficult to achieve goals with limited community input.

"There are already many community members and organisations that do so much to look after the community," said Neil.

However, by working together, he believes more can be achieved.

He highlighted a community's biggest resource is the youth. "The children are important; they are our future and are the ones who will live here after us."

Neil highlighted that green spaces in the greater community need to be protected. He said without them, residents would live in concrete cesspools.

Neil will speak at the MSC meeting on February 24 at 14:00. Entrance fees are applicable. For more information contact Robbie Vermont on 082 800 3704.



Essentially Edenvale launched its war against weeds clean-up campaign on February 10.

## Weeds lose the war

NPO Essentially Edenvale held the first community clean-up of the year on February 10, at Horwood's Farm.

Members of the NPO were hard at work in their attempts to keep the park clean with their war against weeds initiative.

Seventeen people attended the campaign.

Campaign organiser Lisa Atkins said the clean-up was a 'great' success.

"We had Catherine, who is one of the trained horticulturists from Edenvale

Parks, assisting us on the day," she said.

She urged more community members to join the initiative and support the NPO.

"Supporting the NPO's initiatives you get to enjoy the fresh air and Edenvale's green spaces," said Atkins.

To get involved residents can reach out to Lisa Atkins on 082 900 8847 or by following the Essentially Edenvale Community Volunteers Facebook page for upcoming events.

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# Concerns over newly appointed top cop



The DA expressed its concern about the recent appointment of the deputy chief of police, Julius Mkhwanazi. According to DA spokesperson for community safety, Clr Jaco Terblanche, the DA obtained documents that reveal that the newly appointed deputy chief of police was recommended for disciplinary action for allegedly fraudulently registering vehicles owned by the City of Ekurhuleni to a private security company. “The city appointed an external company to investigate this matter at

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a cost of R600 000, and the investigation is yet to be finalised. “The Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) also made a recommendation of disciplinary action against Mkhwanazi following the allegations of fraud,” said Terblanche. Terblanche stated that it is inconceivable that the city would promote Mkhwanazi to the second most powerful position in the EMPD following these allegations instead of dismissing him. “It is a clear indicator of the

Clr Jaco Terblanche.

ripeness of cadre deployment in the metro and is a slap in the face of law-abiding residents of Ekurhuleni,” he said. Terblanche stated that while Mkhwanazi was suspended with full pay for three months, whistle-blowers approached the party and revealed that he has now been appointed as the deputy chief of police with a salary of over R1.3m. “Some of the core requirements for the position include excellent knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation that guides policing services, the ability to display and build on high standards of ethical and moral conduct and financial management skills. “Mkhwanazi cannot be said to comply with these core requirements.” Terblanche said he will be writing to the MMC of Community Safety, the mayor of Ekurhuleni and the city manager to reject the appointment of Mkhwanazi. He has demanded that a full investigation be conducted as to whether the city did investigate Mkhwanazi as per IPID recommendations and what the findings were. “Community safety is important given the high crime rate in the city, the EMPD can therefore not be headed by criminals.” The Kempton Express sent an enquiry to the City of Ekurhuleni on February 9, requesting comment on February 12. By the time of going to print, no comment was received.

## ISAZISO ESIPHATHELENE NETHUBA LOKUBAMBA IQHAZA KWINQUBO YOKUGUNYAZWA YOKUFAKA ISICELO ESIPhakanyisiwe SEPLANTI YESIKHUNGO SAMANDLA SE-KELVIN ESIHLANGANISIWE SOMJIKELEZO KAGESI, KUMASIPALA WEDOLOBHA LASE-EKURHULENI, KUSIFUNDA SASE-GAUTENG, ENINGIZIMU AFRIKA.

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Imisebenzi ecacisiwe efakwe kuhlu ye-EIA kanye/noma ukusetshenziswa kwamanzi kuzoqinisekiswa ngesikhathi senqubo.

Umfaki sicelo ufisa ukuthuthukisa i-Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (i-CCGT) Power Plant Kusiteshi Samandla sase-Kelvin. Amandla akhiqizwayo azolinganiselwa ku-600 megawatts. Imboni Yamandla ye-CCGT izofaka i-H class gas turbine eyodwa, i-boiler yokutakula kanye ne-steam turbine. Izakhiwo ezinkulu ezifaka iplanti zifaka ukwakhiwa kwe-gas turbine, ukwakhiwa kwe-steam turbine, iplanti lokulashwa kwamanzi, isikhqizi ze-steam sokuphinda kutholwe kokushisa, umbhoshongo wokupholisa osalungiswa osebenza ngesandla, isiteshi esingaphansi se-EHV, isitaki sokokukhipha, izakhiwo ezisizayo kanye nezakhiwo zokuqondiswa. Enye ingqalasizinda engaba khona ifaka olayini bamapayipu abangeziwa bamanzi nabalashiwe bokuhlinzekwa kwendle kwamanzi kadoti, kanye nolayini bokudluliselwa kogesi kusiteshi esingaphansi se-CityPower Sebenza esibhekene nesiteshi samandla.

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