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Press release: Blackridge, Boughton and Lesterpark residents rally to establish resident and ratepayer association

Please find press release and photo of Blackridge, Boughton and Lesterpark residents distributing pamphlets for the community meeting on 23 February.

The names of the people in the photo are from left to right: Estell Spires, Jacques Meyer, Jenny Bell, Wendy Meyer, Carey Neal, Jeannie Strauss, Laura-Jane Geekie, Chris Gilfillan, Pat Luckin, Scott Geekie with the two young Geekie brothers in the front Dominic (8) and Jasper (3).

Blackridge, Boughton and Lesterpark residents took to the streets on Saturday 8 February to distribute pamphlets for the community meeting on 23 February. The purpose of the meeting is to establish the Blackridge, Boughton and Lesterpark resident and ratepayer association. At the meeting residents will nomination fellow residents to a resident and ratepayer association committee and thereafter office bearers will be elected.

There is a movement to establish and revive resident and ratepayer associations in Msunduzi and to set up a resident and ratepayer association umbrella body that would comprise all resident and ratepayer associations in Msunduzi.

Residents in Msunduzi are mobilizing to take back their residents so that they are safer, cleaner and to work with their local ward councillors. Residents are frustrated by the Msunduzi council and poor service delivery and the formation of a resident and ratepayer association umbrella body will hold those in power accountable.

Chris Gilfillan a resident from Blackridge said, "I believe that our city has degenerated over the last ten years and has aptly been given the name "City of Filth" in the media. Lights in Mbulu Road which is a very busy road leading to Sweetwaters have not been working. I dread driving in wet weather as potholes are not visible. I keep hitting these craters which has caused a problem with the suspension of my car. I believe the recent court case regarding Makana Municipality is a landmark ruling which we as a resident and ratepayer association will be able to use as a precedent to protect what was once a beautiful city that one can be proud of, the capital of KwaZulu-Natal. A consolidated voice which a resident and ratepayer association can provide is essential."

Blackridge, Boughton and Lesterpark residents are encouraged to attend the community meeting on the Sunday 23 February at 11am at Lynnwood Club, Claude Forsyth Road, Boughton.

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