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BURIALS IN ILLEGAL GRAVES

THE COMMUNITY OF EMFULENI IS WARNED AGAINST BURYING THEIR LOVED ONES IN ILLEGAL GRAVES ALONG THE FOCHVILLE ROAD. AN ILLEGAL CEMETERY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED NEXT TO WESTSIDE PARK.

EMFULENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HAS DISCOVERED THAT UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE AND UNDERTAKERS HAVE ESTABLISHED AN ILLEGAL CEMETERY ALONG THE FOCHVILLE ROAD. THE CEMETERY IS NOT AN OFFICIAL ONE, AND THEREFORE RESIDENTS ARE DISCOURAGED FROM BURYING OR CONDUCTING BURIALS IN THAT ILLEGAL CEMETERY.

RESIDENTS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO CONDUCT BURIALS OVER THIS WEEKEND IN THE SAID CEMETERY ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO IN THE FOLLOWING CEMETERIES: NANESCOL, VANDERBIJLPARK, EVATON (REBURIALS), JACOBKOP AND RUSTERVAAL. THE MUNICIPALITY WILL REROUTE ALL BURIALS IN THAT CEMETERY, WHICH ARE SUPPOSED TO

TAKE PLACE OVER THE WEEKEND. ALL LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS WILL BE TAKEN CARE BY THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE COST OF THE UNDERTAKER CONCERNED AND THE SAID OWNER OF THE GRAVEYARD.

THESE ILLEGAL BURIALS ARE TO BE EXHUMED AT THE COST OF THE OWNERS, STARTING FROM THE WEEK OF MONDAY THE 18TH OF JANUARY 2010. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS SUCH AS GRAVE NUMBERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE FORMER LEKOA CEMETERIES, ADANTA BUILDING, VEREENIGING.

RESIDENTS ARE STRONGLY AND SERIOUS DISCOURAGED FROM USING THAT FOCHVILLE CEMETERY. IT IS ILLEGAL AND POSED A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE HEALTH AND THE WELL BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY. POLICE WILL DISPATCHED FROM TODAY TO GUARD AGAINST ANY ILLEGAL BURIALS.

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