

# Watch out!

Vodacom warns about scam



Vodacom warned cell phone users for the past week to ignore text messages which claim they have won money. The cell phone giant said many people have been duped after being asked to send airtime in exchange for a cash prize.

Vodacom's Richard Boorman said they are not running any such com-

petition at present. "We've seen quite recently an increase in the number SMSes being sent to people from fraudsters.

We just want to remind people that if something sounds too good to be true... It usually is. Vodacom would never ask you to pay airtime in order to claim a prize," he said.

## Letter to the Editor

### Mayor Khunou is a

# "dedicated man of action"

Rustenburg – The Zinniville Committee and Zinniville Ratepayers Association are happy with the quick response and action by the executive mayor of Rustenburg, Cllr Mpho Khunou last Tuesday at the Zinniville School Hostel.

The Mayoral Committee was officially welcomed by the chairman Farouk

Saloojee, who raised the concern about the budgets and sports grounds in Zinniville.

To his credit, the Mayor gave us assurances that the challenges in the area would be rectified. It was a very positive and promising meeting.

# Rampage @

# Bleskop...



**Rustenburg** – On September 27, community members of Bonabona outside Morokweng village clashed with members of the SAPS over service delivery issues.

The police were summoned after members of the community converged, closed the main road with barricades and burned tyres. They also trashed tuck-shops in their village.

Police rescued nurses and other community members who were locked inside the local clinic by angry protesters.

Meanwhile, about four thousand community members went on a rampage on 27 September 2011 in Nkaneng, an informal settlements outside Bles-

kop mine near Rustenburg. They barricaded the mine road linking Bleskop with Marikana and Rustenburg, with burning tyres and other objects. Service delivery is believed to be the cause for the protests.

Community members complained of a lack of services such as water, proper housing and electricity. The community members accused their local councillor for the failure of service provision in their area.

Some of the protesters allegedly called for the ousting of their local councillor. They demanded speaking directly to the District Executive Mayor about their plight. In both cases, no one was arrested and the police closely monitor the situation.



Rustenburg Local Municipality



# Mayoral Imbizo @ Sunrise Park

**Rustenburg** – The Executive Mayor of Rustenburg, Cllr Mpho Khunou, visited the community in Sunrise Park on Wednesday 28 September as part of his hugely popular Mayoral Imbizo Programme. The session – which was held at the Sunrise Park Community Hall – was also attended by Cllr Tsheho Maifala (MMC for IDP), Cllr Diutlwile Mmapula (MMC for Special Projects), Cllr Michael Mhlungu (MMC for LED), Jan Pieters (Director of Planning in the Rustenburg Local Municipality) as well as other councillors based in the city. The Imbizo was very enlightening as ordinary people in the area got a first-hand chance to air their views and challenges directly to the Executive Mayor. Among some of the issues raised by the residents are the high levels of unemployment and the lack of business opportunities for people living in the area.

"There is no work for our children when they finish school," said one resident. "This is a problem because they end up turning to crime and this is not good for our community. If the municipality can be able to address this issue, then we would be very happy," added the resident. One of the problems faced by residents living in Sunrise Park is the fact that when it rains, most residential areas become flooded as there are not proper channels for the water to pass through. "A very serious problem we have in this area is that when it rains, the place gets flooded and this makes it difficult for us to move from one point to another. We would like the Municipality to address this issue quite urgently." Another Sunrise

Park resident complained that people from outside the area were being considered when it comes to business opportunities and projects at the expense of residents based in Sunrise Park. "How can we have a situation where people from outside come and have more opportunities than us, who live in the area? What is the benefit of belonging to a certain area, then?" queried the resident. Addressing the residents, Cllr Mpho Khunou said the municipality would forge ahead with projects and make follow ups to make sure that the people benefiting actually come from that area. He added that the municipality would also address the lack of tarred roads in the area and would implement a turnaround programme designed to better the lives of residents. The Mayoral Imbizo gives an opportunity to residents living in Rustenburg to relate with the Executive Mayor on a one on one basis in e development that gives them a direct channel of communicating the challenges they are facing in their everyday lives. The Mayor and his mayoral committee are then able to formulate and adjust their policies so that they are able to address the grievances that would have been raised.

On Monday October 2, the Mayor and his team are expected to travel to Boitekong for the next phase of the Mayoral Imbizo. Residents living in this area are encouraged to attend the meeting so that they can air out some of the problems and challenges that they are facing.



Executive Mayor of Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr. Mpho Khunou

