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With 129,233 registered voters and 342 candidate entries across Wards 7, 8, 9, 120, 121 and 122, Johannesburg's southern communities are preparing for a significant electoral contest in which voter participation could play a decisive role.

Across 52 voting districts, registrations have increased by 13,338, representing an 11.51% rise since the 2021 municipal elections. However, behind this overall growth lies a striking imbalance that raises important questions about changing voter demographics and electoral participation. Ward 122 has recorded an extraordinary 73.8% increase in registered voters, rising from 18,908 to 32,867, making it the largest electorate among the six wards. Remarkably, Ward 122 alone accounts for 13,959 additional registrations. Without this increase, the remaining five wards collectively show a net decline of 621 registered voters. Ward 120 has experienced a particularly notable decrease of 2,587 registered voters, while Ward 9 has lost 1,901. These shifts warrant closer examination, particularly regarding possible changes in ward boundaries, population movements and voter registration patterns. The scale of political contestation is reflected in the number of candidates competing for representation. Ward 8 leads with 61 candidate entries competing for 20,305 registered voters, followed by Ward 121 with 60 entries and 20,262 voters. Wards

7 and 9 each have 56 entries, contesting electorates of 20,769 and 16,273 respectively. Ward 120 has 55 entries competing for 18,757 voters, while Ward 122 has 54 entries despite having the largest registered electorate. Significantly, 210 of the 342 candidate entries involve individuals contesting multiple wards. Although permitted under electoral rules, this practice raises questions about candidates' familiarity with communities, their accessibility and their ability to provide meaningful representation. However, a crowded ballot does not automatically translate into a close election. The distribution of political support and actual turnout will ultimately determine the outcomes. One of the most important questions facing these wards is whether registered voters will participate. In the previous municipal elections, reported votes represented approximately 43.45% of registered voters across the six wards. Low participation can leave important decisions in the hands of a relatively small proportion of the electorate. Municipal councils influence essential services, including water, electricity, sanitation, roads and community infrastructure. Residents have an opportunity to scrutinise candidates' track records, question their commitments and demand practical solutions to persistent service delivery challenges. With 129,233 registered voters, the real measure of democratic participation will be how many exercise their right to

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tradition promises a day and evening filled with mouth-watering vegetarian food, shopping, entertainment, children's activities, family fun and a spectacular fireworks display, sponsored once again by Santech Fireworks, a South African leader in fireworks. The festival is proudly rooted in Hindu tradition, yet its spirit belongs to everyone. People of all cultures and denominations come together to enjoy the food, music, entertainment and unmistakable Lenasia vibe. Diwali reminds us that light is something we share – a celebration of hope, good over evil, and light over darkness. Come early. Stay late. Make a day of it! The festival begins at 3pm, with the Havan being at 2pm. Everyone is welcome. The entertainment commences at 3pm and continues until after 11pm. The stage will feature actor and comedian Sans Moonsammy, DJ Sanveer, and a variety of Lenasia's talented singers and dancers. Enjoy a wide variety of food stalls, browse clothing, prayer goods, trinkets and other goodies, and bring the children for games and rides. For only R10 per entrant, you can enjoy a celebration that comes just once a year, and if you arrive before 5pm, you don't pay to enter, only to park. The festival is made possible through the generous support of individuals, organisations, professionals and businesses. Donations and sponsorships are welcome. HCC FNB Lenasia Branch. Branch Code: 250737. Account No: 62082100638. Despite rising costs, JOC requirements and other compliance expenses, HCC continues to keep entrance affordable at

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By Kishore Badal | DA Ward 120 Candidate

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JMPD moves in to stop K43 land invasions...



This crowd stands on the private property along the K43 near Lenasia in the hope of plotting a plot after "promises of free land"

Shacks have been repeatedly removed over the past few days with promises of arrests by Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD) on private land along the K43 in Lenasia.

The invasion comes amid efforts by the JMPD, South African Police Service (SAPS) and Gauteng's Human Settlements Department to monitor the area and address unauthorised land demarcations and structures. Land grabbers attempted to forcefully occupy the K43 property before authorities intervened.

JMPD Chief of Police Commissioner, Patrick Jaka, said illegal invaders will be arrested

following a court interdict for their removal. Omar Khan, Ward 120 councillor candidate for the Truth and Solidarity Movement, whose been active on the ground, told **GLOBE POST** that people he questioned believed the land was available for free. "So nobody said that they paid anything," Khan said, adding that he used the government's Geographic Information System (GIS) to establish that the disputed property was privately owned. Following the operation, Khan urged residents to report suspected land invasions instead of confronting people themselves. Residents can report suspected land invasions to 011 375-5911.

Ennerdale Louisa Prince Library reopens after years of closure



Community members and attendees gather to mark the long-awaited reopening

Residents of Ennerdale can access library services following the reopening of the Louisa Prince Library on 1 October.

The facility, situated at the corner of Katz and Louw streets in Ennerdale Extension 9, had been closed for several years, leaving residents without a nearby public library. Its reopening restores access to books, reading resources and a space for learning, particularly for school learners and students who need support with

their studies. The library operates from Monday to Friday, between 9 am and 5 pm, officials told **GLOBE POST**.

The facility provides residents with access to educational resources and a space to develop reading habits, conduct research and support their studies. The reopening marks an important development for the Ennerdale community, where access to educational resources remains essential for learners and residents.



Yaseen Conradie, known as the "Snake Man", relocates snakes and encourages residents to seek professional help rather than kill the reptiles

When residents find a snake in their homes or gardens, fear can lead them to kill it. Yaseen Conradie, known locally as the "Snake Man", wants people to call for help instead.

Based in Lenasia South, Conradie has spent eight years rescuing snakes and relocating them to safer environments across Johannesburg and surrounding areas.

"People were telling me that snakes were being killed, and it used to break my heart. I thought I had to come up with a way to save them," Conradie told **GLOBE POST**. He completed a snake-handling course, obtained a certificate of competence and secured a catch-and-release permit. Conradie said people often misunderstand snake behaviour and assume the reptiles will attack them. "A snake is not like a

vicious dog that is going to run after you to bite you. A snake is just as scared of you as you are of it. It will slither away from you, not towards you," he said. His rescues include venomous snakes such as rinkhals and black mambas. He estimates he has responded to nearly 50 snake-related call-outs this year. Conradie also uses WhatsApp groups to connect residents with trained handlers. One group has about 970 members, while his wider network includes approximately 55 handlers. He urged residents not to approach or attempt to catch snakes themselves. Instead, they should move away, keep children and pets at a safe distance and contact a trained handler. Residents needing assistance may contact Conradie on 065 696 9940.

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Lenasia Crematorium resumes services after gas supply restoration

Cremation services have restarted at Lenasia Crematorium after the gas supply was restored, bringing relief to bereaved families and funeral directors affected by the disruption.

Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ) spokesperson, Jenny Moodley, confirmed the restoration and apologised for the inconvenience caused. The disruption prompted Lenasia-based cultural activist and Crematorium Committee member, Preyalan Pillay, to raise concerns with **GLOBE POST** about the essential service interruptions. During the outage, families could use Brixton Crematorium as an alternative. However, travelling further placed an additional burden on mourners already dealing with the loss of loved ones.

"JCPZ acknowledges that additional burden on grieving families," Moodley told **GLOBE POST**. To reduce the risk of future disruptions, cemetery administrators have been instructed to monitor gas reserves and alert management when supplies reach 50% and again at 30%. JCPZ also thanked the Hindu Crematorium Committee for raising operational concerns and engaging with the authorities. Pillay expressed his gratitude to Moodley: "We welcome the monitoring measures announced."



The church leadership, medical staff and community members come together to promote health and well-being during the Wellness Day

FaithJhb Church partners with Finetown Clinic for community wellness day

Residents received health screenings and food support when FaithJhb Church partnered with Finetown Clinic for a community wellness initiative on, 10 October.

Led by Senior Pastors, Rowan and Nalini Moodley, the church hosted the Community Wellness Day to promote physical, emotional and spiritual well-being while addressing practical

needs. Medical professionals from Finetown Clinic provided essential health screenings and wellness services, encouraging individuals and families to pay attention to their health. The church also ensured that attendees, from young children to adults, received a cup of yoghurt and oats, fresh fruit and a loaf of bread to take home. Church leadership said the initiative reflected its commitment to serving people beyond Sunday services.

"Church should never be confined to four walls or a Sunday service. We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, reaching beyond the pulpit to make a tangible difference in people's lives," the leadership said. The church thanked Finetown Clinic's medical staff, its Serve Team, Zone Pastors and sponsors for helping make the event possible. FaithJhb Church told **Globe Post** it would continue creating opportunities to support and uplift communities through initiatives that combine practical assistance with care and compassion.

ECES hosts cancer awareness walk



Community members who walked in solidarity with cancer patients earlier this month

Ennerdale Combined Emergency Services (ECES) brought residents together for a cancer awareness flea market and 2.5km fun walk on October 3, honouring people affected by cancer while continuing its efforts to secure an ambulance for Ennerdale and surrounding areas.

The event aimed to remember those who have lost their lives to cancer, support people currently undergoing treatment and celebrate survivors. It also offered an opportunity for residents to show solidarity with patients and their families. Participants wore pink in recognition of Cancer Awareness Month, with the colour symbolising hope, courage and strength.

Founder, Janice Campbell, told **GLOBE POST** that the 2.5km walk serves as a tribute to those diagnosed with cancer and those who have passed, while reminding affected families that they have the support of their community. Beyond raising awareness, ECES - established in 2022 - continues to pursue its goal of securing an ambulance to improve emergency medical support for Ennerdale and surrounding communities. The organisation acknowledged Finetown Radio, Face of Finetown, Miss Ennerdale and her princesses, Signature Salon, Busy Corner Carwash, Sue Sweet Shop, Piet's Carwash and Hyperland. She further expressed appreciation for their generosity and commitment to supporting cancer awareness and the organisation's community initiatives. "The event highlighted the role of community participation in supporting people affected by cancer while drawing attention to the need for emergency medical services in Ennerdale and surrounding areas," she added. For emergencies call Campbell on 083 790 1313.

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Eggless Diwali burfi cake



2. Sift the cake flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, salt and ground cardamom into a bowl.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk the yoghurt and castor sugar until smooth,

then whisk in the oil, milk and vanilla essence.

4. Fold the dry ingredients into the yoghurt mixture gently until just combined. Do not overmix.

5. Pour the batter into the prepared tin and bake for 28–35 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean. Cool completely.

- 6 For the burfi topping, melt the butter in a non-stick pan on low heat. Add condensed milk, milk powder and cream, then stir continuously for 5–8 minutes until thick, smooth and spreadable.

7. Stir in rose water if using, then remove from the heat and cool for a few minutes. Spread it over the cooled cake while still soft.

8. Decorate with pistachios, almonds, coconut, rose petals and edible gold. Arrange the nuts in a rangoli-style pattern.

9. Chill for 30 minutes to set the topping, then slice and serve.

Ingredients

- 1.5 cups cake flour
- 1.5 tsp baking powder
- 0.1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 0.3 tsp salt
- 1.5 tsp ground cardamom
- 0.8 cup plain yoghurt
- 0.8 cup castor sugar
- 0.5 cup oil
- 0.3 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 1 tin condensed milk
- 1.5 cups milk powder
- 0.3 cup cream
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 tsp rose water
- 0.3 cup pistachios
- 0.3 cup almonds
- 2 tbsp desiccated coconut
- 1 tsp dried rose petals
- 1 pinch edible gold leaf

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease and line one 20cm round cake tin.

TOGETHERNESS



Sanatana Dharma, Diwali symbolises the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. It reminds us that no matter how challenging life may become, faith, truth, love and righteousness can guide us towards hope and renewal. For many Hindus, Diwali commemorates the return of Bhagwan Shri Ram to Ayodhya after fourteen years of exile and his victory over Ravana. The lighting of diyas represents the welcoming of light, prosperity and divine blessings into our homes and hearts. It is also a time



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Diwali: celebrating the triumph of light over darkness

The Festival of Lights is one of the most significant celebrations in Hinduism.

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for prayer, reflection, gratitude, family togetherness and sharing with others. At Shiva Shakti Mandir, we proudly practise and uphold Sanathana Dharma through our spiritual activities, hosting various pujas, satsangs and religious festivals throughout the year. Our Mandir is open to the community, welcoming all who wish to pray, learn, participate and connect with their spiritual heritage.

On Diwali day, our community comes together for satsang, the lighting of diyas and the sharing of traditional Diwali sweets and treats. These cherished customs strengthen our bonds and remind us of the importance of unity, compassion and generosity. An essential part of our Mandir's commitment is seva - selfless service to others. While Diwali inspires many acts of giving, we believe that charity and caring for those in need should extend

beyond any single festival. Whenever we are able, we strive to serve our community and make a positive difference throughout the year. As we celebrate Diwali, may the light of every diya inspire kindness, dispel ignorance and bring peace, harmony and happiness into every home. Shiva Shakti Mandir wishes the community a blessed and joyous Diwali. May the light within us shine brightly throughout the year



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A message of light, hope, and blessings:

Shubh Diwali from the South African Hindu Maha Sabha

Warm greetings and light to the South African Hindu community as we celebrate the auspicious festival of Deepavali.

As the vibrant rays of the diyas illuminate our homes and hearts, we are reminded of the timeless victory of light over darkness, truth over falsehood, and hope over despair.

In a world that often presents challenges, Deepavali or Diwali serves as a powerful reminder of our collective strength, resilience, and unity.

May the divine blessings of Mother Lakshmi and Lord Rama fill your lives with peace, prosperity, good health, and abiding joy.

Let this sacred season inspire us to spread love, practice compassion, and serve as beacons of light within our broader South African nation.

On behalf of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha Gauteng Executive team, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed, safe, and joyous Deepavali.

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Lenasia South karatekas celebrate black belt achievements



Attendees at Lenasia South Civic Centre to celebrate the eight learners from Moshito oTswelapele Karate Academy

Eight learners reached the glory at Moshito oTswelapele Karate Academy, which is also preparing to extend its youth development programme to Phumlamqashi.

The Academy uses karate to help young people develop discipline, confidence and life skills while creating opportunities for learners to progress through the sport. Achieving a black belt requires commitment, perseverance and consistent training, making the eight learners' accomplishment an important moment for the Academy.

The planned expansion into Phumlamqashi aims to bring karate to more young people and allow them to benefit from structured sporting activities. Beyond physical fitness, martial arts can teach young people respect, self-control and determination, qualities that can help them in their daily lives. Community-based sports programmes also provide constructive activities for young people while encouraging personal growth and positive engagement.

The Academy's expansion could help strengthen access to karate in surrounding communities and create further opportunities for young people to participate in the sport. Residents wishing to register or sponsor the Academy can contact Mabati Makwela for further information.

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Ennerdale boxer secures spot at national championships



Luigi Heyes in action as he works towards competing at the National Boxing Championships in Kimberley

A young athlete from Lenasia South Boxing Club, who lives in Ennerdale, will travel to Kimberley in December to compete against some of the country's top amateur boxers after progressing through the Johannesburg and Gauteng competitions.

Luigi Heyes secured his place at the national event following his performances in the earlier rounds, marking an important step in his boxing journey. He was among two athletes from the club who participated in the Gauteng Championships, alongside Muhammad Noor Kassam. The national competition will give Heyes an opportunity to test his abilities against opponents from other provinces, gain valuable experience and work towards further opportunities in the sport.

Coach Nazeem Kassam told **GLOBE POST** boxing requires discipline, physical fitness and commitment, with athletes spending hours training to improve their technique. Community support can help young boxers access these opportunities and continue developing their skills. Want to support these athletes? Call Coach Nazeem Kassam on 082 760 9110, or Coach Lameez Kassam on 079 602 5279.

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