



Ari Thompson says its time for the Fairmount soccer grounds to be sorted out.

# Time is ticking for tenant

**Amanda Watson**

*Fairmount:* It's a pretty suburb, where homeowners take inordinate pride in well-kept gardens and pavements. And the sagging fence, building rubble, weeds and general filth of the home of the Belgrade Football Club offends residents mightily.

"The story was that the tenant was extending the fields to two full-size fields, but the dumping of rubble went on for weeks. When it stopped, nothing happened and it was just left

there," said resident Ari Thompson.

Many on-site meetings later, and after a petition was sent to city council, Joburg Property Company (JPC) issued a notice in February to the club to have the area restored.

"The problem is, it was open-ended and gave no indication of when work should start. Now with all the rain, grass and weeds have taken over the banks of the fields, and provide a lovely home for rats."

A flurry of angry e-mails from

residents to JPC ensued, and now a deadline has been set for the end of June, for a retaining wall to be built at the edge of the soccer fields. "This should never have happened in the first place.

"We'll be watching to see that the wall gets built," promised Thompson.

JPC spokesman Mpho Sadiki apologised to residents for the inconvenience caused.

-[amandaw@caxton.co.za](mailto:amandaw@caxton.co.za)

