




## Van die Burgemeester From the Mayor

Liewe Inwoners,

 *Die Feesseisoen is hier en Kersfees is om die draai! Dis 'n spesiale tyd waarna ons die hele jaar uitsien, 'n spesiale tyd om saam met familie en vriende deur te bring.*

### Veiliger Stellenbosch


Die misdaad waaronder ons area die afgelope tyd deurgeloopt het, plaas egter 'n demper op ons almal en maak almal met reg baie kwaad. Ons huise, strate en dorpe, ongeag van waar ons bly of loop, moet veilig wees en ons moenie bang wees om rustig in ons huise te verkeer nie. Sommige mense kritiseer ons dat ons as munisipaliteit niks hieraan doen nie. Dit is egter onverdiende kritiek. Ons is besig met die opgradering van die CCTV netwerk, nuwe LPR kameras gaan geïnstalleer word regoor die munisipale gebied en ons hoop om met die volgende finansiële jaar 4 LPR-eenhede operasioneel te maak wat addisionele ondersteuning sal bied aan die SAPD.

Ons ondersoek ook die moontlikheid om ons wetstoepassingskediule uit te brei na 'n 24/7-skediule met die nodige magte soos daarvoor voorsiening gemaak word in die Strafprosedeswet. As Burgemeester, is ek baie ernstig oor veiligheid en sekuriteit en binne ons voorgeskrewe mandaat doen ons alles wat ons moontlik kan. Graag betuig ons simpatie en meegevoel met Piet Verster se familie en alle families wat onder misdaad deurloop.

### Raak betrokke

Ek wil inwoners weer aanmoedig om betrokke te raak by u plaaslike buurtwag. Indien u area nie oor een beskik nie, kan u een begin. As u onseker is oor hoe om te

Dear Residents,

 *The Festive season is here and Christmas is around the corner! It is a special time that we look forward to throughout the entire year to spend with family and friends.*

### Safer Stellenbosch

The crime our area has been subjected to recently, has however placed a damper on us all and has made everyone very angry, and rightly so. Our homes, streets, towns, regardless of where we live or walk, should be safe and we should not have to be afraid of staying at home. Some people have criticised us as a municipality and say we do nothing about this. It is however undeserved criticism. We are busy with the upgrading of the CCTV network, new LPR cameras will be installed across the municipal area and we hope to make 4 LPR units operational in the next financial year, to provide additional support to the SAPS.

We are investigating the possibility of extending our law enforcement schedule to a 24/7-schedule with the necessary powers as it is provided for in the Criminal Procedures Act. As Mayor, I am very serious about safety and security and within our prescribed mandate we do everything that we possibly can. Our sincere condolences to the family of Piet Verster and all families who have been affected by crime.

### Get involved

I want to encourage you to become involved with your local neighbourhood watch. If your area does not have one, you can start one. If you are unsure about



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werk te gaan, kan u die Burgemeesterskomiteelid vir Veiligheid en Sekuriteit, Quintin Smit, kontak vir meer inligting (quintin.smit@stellenbosch.gov.za). As inwoners kan ons 'n bydrae maak om die sigbare polisiëringsnetwerk te versterk en so misdaad help voorkom.

## Stap met leerders

Gemeenskapsinisiatiewe en paraatheid het 'n wesenlike impak op algehele veiligheid. Ons het saam met Minister Dan Plato, die Provinsiale Minister van Gemeenskapsveiligheid, onlangs in Cloeteville 'n interessante gemeenskapsinisiatief geloods. Die Lopende Bus-projek (Walking Bus) maak staat op gemeenskapsbetrokkenheid om veilige roetes vir kinders skool toe te verseker. Met die loods van die projek het ek, saam met Min. Plato, Wyksraadslid Elsabe Vermeulen en die Burgemeesterskomiteelede, leerders langs die pad gekry (opgelaa) en saam hulle gestap tot by hul onderskeie skole. Ek het ook die voorreg gehad om vrywilligers uit die gemeenskap te ontmoet wat elke dag help om voetoorgange te beveilig vir die leerders. Baie dankie aan elkeen wat help hiermee! Dis wonderlik om te sien hoe mense help in hul gemeenskappe.

## Fynproewersjefs

Ons gemeenskap is vol uitblinkers en dit is lekker om te hoor van hoe goed ons inwoners en besighede presteer. Onlangs is die nuwe Eat-Out Restaurant toekennings weer uitgedeel en ons het geskitter! Die breër Stellenbosch/Franschhoek area het 4 restaurante in die top 20 restaurante in Suid-Afrika. Baie geluk aan Overture, Jardine, Foliage en Jordan Restaurant! Dit is lekker om te weet ons trek die fynproewersjefs na ons omgewing!

## Skoolhoof blink uit

Nog 'n uitlinker in ons gemeenskap is Mnr. Roy van Rooyen, skoolhoof van Rietenbosch Primêre Skool. Mnr. van Rooyen is vereer by die Naskoolse Uitnemendheidstoekennings wat deur Premier Helen Zille aangebied is. Die toekennings word gegee aan skoolhoofde wat deur hul leierskap, kreatiewe en dinamiese na-skoolse programme aanbied. Leerders van Rietenbosch Primêr het toegang tot 'n verskeidenheid van sport-, kuns en kultuurprogramme, akademiese ondersteuningsprogramme asook lewensvaardighede na skool. Die skool werk saam met die private sektor, insluitend die Universiteit van Stellenbosch wat help om die geleentheid vir die leerders te verbeter. Baie geluk en baie dankie Mnr. Van Rooyen, u maak 'n reuse verskil in die lewens van u leerders. Ons is trots op u.

## Koor kraai koning

As deel van die pas afgelope Vervoermaand het ons Die Stellenbosch Universiteitskoor is ook onlangs deur INTERKULTUR aangewys as die beste koor in die wêreld. Hierdie koor is jaar na jaar bo aan die wêreldranglyste en is 'n bron van groot trots vir die breër Stellenbosch gemeenskap, die universiteit en die inwoners van die hele Suid-Afrika. Dit is wonderlik om 'n groep jongmense te sien wat deur musiek

how to do this, you can contact the Mayoral Committee member for Safety and Security, Quintin Smit, for information (quintin.smit@stellenbosch.gov.za). As residents, we can contribute to strengthening the visible policing network and in that way, prevent crime.

## Walk with learners

Community initiatives and awareness makes a real impact on our general safety. Recently, we launched an interesting community safety initiative in Cloeteville with the Provincial Minister for Community Safety, Dan Plato. The Walking Bus project relies on community involvement to ensure safe routes for children on their way to school. With the launch of the project, Minister Plato, Ward Councillor Elsabe Vermeulen, Mayco members and I collected learners along the way and walked with them to their various schools. I had the privilege to meet volunteers from the community who assist at the pedestrian crossings every day to ensure learner safety. Thank you to each and every one who assist with this! It is wonderful to see how people support their communities.

## Connoisseur Chefs

Our community is full of shining stars and it is great to hear about the achievements of our residents and businesses. The Stellenbosch and Franschhoek area shone at the annual Eat-Out Restaurant Awards held recently. Our area hosts 4 of the top 20 restaurants in South Africa! Congratulations to Overture, Jardine, Foliage and Jordan Restaurant! It is great to know we attract connoisseur chefs to our area.

## Honouring a Headmaster

Another achiever in our community is Mr Roy van Rooyen, headmaster of Rietenbosch Primary School. Mr van Rooyen, was honoured at the After-School Excellence Awards, presented by Premier Helen Zille. These awards are given to headmasters, who through their leadership provide creative and dynamic after-school programmes for learners. The learners of Rietenbosch Primary School have access to a variety of sport, arts and culture, academic support and life skills programmes after school. The school works with the private sector, including the University of Stellenbosch, to improve the opportunities learners have access to. Congratulations and thank you Mr van Rooyen, you truly make a difference in the lives of your learners. We are proud of you!

## Congratulations Choir!

The Stellenbosch University Choir was recently appointed as the best choir in the world by INTERKULTUR. Year after year this choir is at the top of world charts and is a source of pride for the broader Stellenbosch Community, the University and South Africa. It is wonderful to see a group of young people who are united by music and living the message of South Africa on the international stage. Congratulations and well done!



verenig word en die boodskap van Suid-Afrika uitleef op die internasionale verhoog. Baie geluk en welgedaan!

## Verbeterings by verkeer

Na afloop van 'n aantal klagtes wat ek ontvang het oor ons verkeersdienste, het ek onderneem om hierdie probleem met alle erns aan te spreek. Verkeersdienste word dikwels gesien as 'n frustrasie. As Burgemeester wou ek graag inwoners se ervaring hiervan verbeter. Daarom het ons begin met die implementering van die Verkeersdienste Verbeteringstrategie. Ons het reeds in 2016 stelselmatig met die strategie begin deur 'n lisensiering- en registrasietoonbank oop te maak by die munisipale kantore in Franschhoek. Die kantoorure vir die verkeersdepartement in Stellenbosch is ook verleng tot die einde van Desember 2017 en sal dan weer hersien word vir Januarie 2018. Weeksaes is die kantoorure verleng en maak die verkeerskantoor nou 07:30 oop. Elke tweede Saterdag van die maand is die kantoor oop van 08:00 tot 12:00. Addisionele klerke is opgelei in Oktober en werk nou by die toonbanke en twee addisionele klerke word tans opgelei vir verdere ontplooiing.

Die wag- en aantreestelsel is ook opgedateer en verbeter. Kliënte word voorsien van 'n kaartjie met 'n nommer op wat uitgeroep word. Die stelsel bied aan kliënte opsies om in die korrekte ry te staan volgens hul behoeftes. Die opsies is: voertuiglisensie hernuwings, padwaardigheidsaansoeke en handelaars. Die stelsel kan ook aangepas word indien die behoeftes van die kliënte dit so aandui. Dit verhoed dat onnodige lang tye by die informasietoonbank vorm en onnodige frustrasie skep. Gee asseblief terugvoer oor hoe u die opgraderings ervaar. U terugvoer is vir ons van groot waarde.

## R44 opgradeer

Die Provinsiale Regering is tans besig met opgraderingswerk op die R44 tussen Stellenbosch en Klapmuts. Die pad sal nie normaalweg gesluit word tydens die opgraderings nie, maar die werk kan moontlike vertraging tot gevolg hê. Inwoners wat die pad daaglik gebruik moet asseblief paraat wees en ook die moontlike vertraging by u reistyd insluit. Hou ook asseblief die padtekens en kennisgewings deur die media dop vir sluitings en ompaie.

## Wees veilig hierdie vakansie

Gedurende die feesseisoen is dit UITERS belangrik dat u veilig op ons paaie moet wees. Indien u van plan is om die langpad aan te durf gedurende die vakansie, maak asseblief seker u voertuig is padwaardig, u voertuiglisensie en bestuurslisensie is op datum en dat u ten alle tye die padreëls navolg. U kan verseker wees dat die verkeersbeamptes regoor die land aan diens sal wees om seker te maak almal kom veilig by hul bestemmings aan.

## 12 Toekennings vir Stellenbosch

Sedert Augustus 2016 het Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit nie minder nie as 12 toekennings ontvang en almal hou verband

## Improvement at traffic

Following several complaints that I received about our traffic services, I addressed this problem in all seriousness. Traffic services are often perceived as frustrating. As Mayor, I wanted to change and improve the experience of residents. That is why we began with the implementation of the Traffic Services Improvement Strategy. We have already started systematically in 2016 with the opening of a licensing and registration counter at the municipal offices in Franschhoek. The office hours of the traffic department in Stellenbosch has been extended until the end of December 2017 and will then be reviewed in January 2018. During the week, office hours have been extended and the traffic department now opens at 07:30. The offices are also open every second Saturday of the month from 08:00 to 12:00. Additional staff has been trained in October 2017 and now works at the counters and another two additional staff will be trained and deployed.

The waiting system has been updated and improved. Clients now receive a ticket with a number that will be called. The system provides clients options to stand in the correct line according to their needs. The options are: motor vehicle licenses renewals, roadworthy applications and traders. The system can also be adjusted according to the needs of the clients. It prevents the forming of unnecessarily long queues at the information desk and eliminates unnecessary frustration. Please give feedback about how you experience the improvements. Your feedback is very important to us.

## Upgrading R44

The Provincial Government is currently busy with the upgrading of the R44 between Stellenbosch and Klapmuts. The road will not normally be closed during the upgrades, but could possibly result in delays. Residents who use this road daily must please be careful and include longer traveling times in their journeys. Please also be on the lookout for road signs and notices via the media that could indicate possible closures and detours.

## Be safe this holiday

During the festive season it is VERY important that you are safe on our roads. If you are planning to take on any lengthy travels during the holiday, please ensure your vehicle is roadworthy, your driver's license and vehicle license are up to date and that you always adhere to the rules of the road. You can be assured that traffic officers will be deployed across the country to ensure you arrive at your destination safely.

## 12 Awards for Stellenbosch

Since August 2016, the Stellenbosch Municipality received 12 awards, and all are connected to service delivery. The most recent



met dienslewering. Die mees onlangse toekennings is ons tweede plek by die Nasionale Govan Mbeki toekennings vir die Jamestown geïntegreerde residensiële ontwikkelingsprojek en drie toekennings wat ons ontvang het van die Groenste Munisipaliteit Toekennings vir ons innoverende en goeie bestuur van afvalbeheer, asook ons waterbestuur- en bewaringsprogramme. Die erkenning vir wat ons doen is heerlik, maar dit gaan inderwaarheid vir ons oor u, die inwoner. Ons gaan nie ophou werk om seker te maak dat elke inwoner toegang het tot goeie basiese dienslewering nie. Ek weet daar is nog areas waar ons kan verbeter, en ek wil u die versekering gee dat ons nie gaan ophou werk om dit reg te kry nie. Daar is nog n lang pad voor, maar ek is vasbeslote om ons munisipaliteit een van die bestes in die land te maak.

## Hou aan water spaar

Ons damme is steeds leeg en die voorspelling is dat ons teen Maart 2018 nie meer water uit die damme sal kan pomp nie. Alhoewel ons 'n paar heerlike buie reën geniet het die afgelope paar maande, was dit glad nie genoeg om die voortslepende droogte te breek nie. Indien u besoekers ontvang gedurende die feesseisoen, maak asseblief seker dat hulle ons ernstige waterbepelings toepas en verstaan. Gastehuiseienaars en ander toerisme-instellings word ook versoek om besoekers bewus te maak van die waterbepelings. Die munisipaliteit is tans besig om sy noodplan in werking te stel, indien die ergste gebeur. Dit sluit in die sinking van boorgate en samewerking met die universiteit vir alternatiewe oplossings. Ek is tevrede dat ons alle nodige stappe doen om hierdie dreigende ramp te kan hanteer en ons het reeds R36 miljoen begroot vir boorgate en toerusting.

## Help iemand in nood

Ons het elkeen 'n verantwoordelikheid om hierdie feesseisoen as ambassadeurs vir al ons dorpiers op te tree en besoekers hartlik te verwelkom. Dit is veral 'n tyd wanneer ons Suid-Afrikaanse besoekers verwelkom en ons unieke omgewing met hulle deel. Wees behulpsaam en vriendelik daar waar u iemand in nood sien.

## Dankie Stellenbosch!

Graag wil ek die laaste nuusbrieff van die jaar afeindig deur u te bedank vir die ongelooflike gees van samewerking en positiewe insette wat ek regdeur die jaar ervaar het. Samewerkende regering is al hoe ons werklik 'n verskil kan maak en u bydraes word werklik waardeer. Ek wens al ons inwoners 'n Geseënde Feesseisoen en Wonderlike Nuwejaar toe. Mag u die tyd saam met vriende en familie werklik geniet. Ek hoop u almal kry darem ook 'n ruskans. Aan ons inwoners wat Hannukkah vier, mag u Geseën wees deur liefde, vrede en vreugde. Aan ons inwoners wat Kersfees vier, mag dit 'n ware Christusfees vir u wees. Ek klink 'n glasie op al ons inwoners en wil net sê u is 'n besondere gemeenskap! Wat 'n voorreg om u as Burgemeester te kan dien! Ons praat weer in 2018!

*Groete,  
Burgemeester Gesie*

awards are the second place in the National Govan Mbeki awards for the Jamestown integrated residential development, and three awards from the Greenest Municipality Awards for our efforts and innovation in waste management & water conservation and management. The recognition for what we do is really nice, but it really is about you, the resident. We will not stop working to ensure that every resident has access to good basic service delivery. I know there are still areas where we can improve, and I want to assure you we are working to get it right. There is still a long way to go but I am determined to make our municipality one of the best in the country.

## Keep saving water

Our dams are still empty, and the forecast is that we will not be able to pump water from our dams by March 2018. Although we had several fantastic rainfalls the past couple of months, it has not been nearly enough to break the continuing drought. In case you receive visitors during the festive season, please make sure that they adhere to our serious water restrictions and that they understand why it is necessary. Owners of guest houses and other tourism institutions are requested to make visitors aware of our water restrictions. The municipality is currently in the process of implementing our emergency plan in case the worst should happen. This includes the sinking of boreholes and cooperation with the University for alternative solutions. I am satisfied that we have taken all the necessary steps to manage this disaster and we have already budgeted R36 million for boreholes and equipment.

## Help someone in need

We all have a responsibility to act as ambassadors for our towns and to graciously welcome visitors this festive season. It is especially during this time that we welcome South African visitors to our unique environment and share it with them. Please be friendly and helpful if you see someone in need.

## Thank you Stellenbosch!

I want to end off the last newsletter of this year by thanking you for the incredible spirit of cooperation and positive contributions which I have received throughout the year. Cooperative government is the only way we can truly make a difference and your contribution is greatly appreciated. I want to wish all our residents a Blessed Festive Season and a Wonderful New Year. I hope you all have some time to rest. To all our residents celebrating Hanukkah, may you be blessed with love, peace and joy. To all our residents who celebrate Christmas, may it be a Blessed Festival in Christ. I am raising a glass to all our residents and just want to say that you are an exceptional community. What a privilege to be able to serve you as Mayor! We will chat again in 2018!

*Regards,  
Mayor Gesie*