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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### WORKING TOWARDS A SAFER STELLENBOSCH

In the blink of an eye the first few months of this year has flown past. You can see and feel the seasons changing, as we move into autumn. The slightly shorter days and cooler evenings is a welcome reprieve following a long, hot and very dry summer. I adore this time of the year!

An important step towards achieving our goal of becoming the safest municipality by 2025 was the unveiling of the new law enforcement control room. This state-of-the-art facility will serve all of our communities for years to come!

The control room will act as a centralised based from where efforts to combat crime and respond to incidents will be managed. The control room will also house all partners of the Stellenbosch Safety Partnership (SSP), a collaborative umbrella organisation that brings together various private and public safety partners operating across our area.



The new control room has live feeds to numerous CCTV cameras and 67 License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras placed at various sites across the entire municipal area. These numbers will be increased in the months and years to come. The facility also houses a specialised war room with state-of-the-art information and communication technology equipment in order to better facilitate our responses during times of crisis. There are currently 12 control room operators employed at the facility, working in shifts of 3 persons at a time to ensure 24-hour coverage, 7 days a week.

What is amazing, is that this collaboration of all security agencies now has the entire Municipality under safety surveillance – from Raithby to Klapmuts, from Kayamandi to Franschoek, from Pniel to Cloeteville and Ida’s Valley to Jamestown. This facility will ensure the effective sharing of intelligence, efficient coordination of responses and faster reaction times when responding to crime-related incidents in our communities.

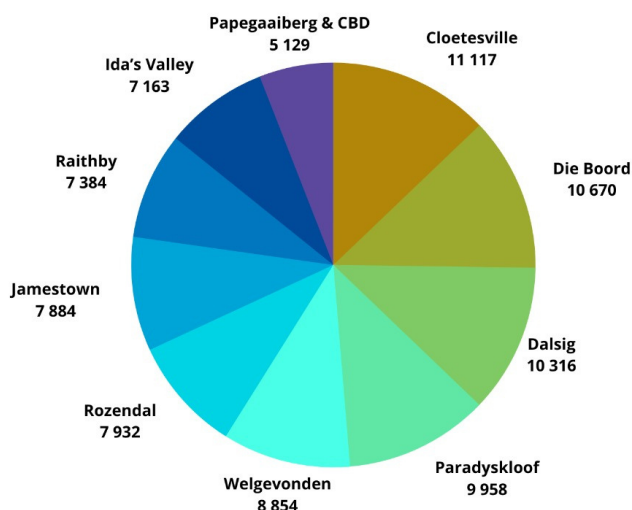
Een van ons munisipaliteit se kern pilare is om ‘n groen en volhoubare munisipaliteit te wees en daarom is herwinning vir ons so belangrik. Ek het onlangs ‘n verslag van ons Ingenieursdepartement ontvang wat die top areas in terme van herwinning aandui. Inwoners word aangemoedig om gebruik te maak van ons herwinningsdienste. Skakel asseblief ons departement op 021 808 8215 of stuur ‘n WhatsApp aan ons dienslyn op 076 951 0768 indien u meer inligting verlang. U kan ook self u herwinning neem na ons nuwe fasiliteit op die Adam Tas Pad, tussen Asara Wynplaas en die Vredenburgpad.

Ons het onlangs weereens deurgeloopt onder Eskom se beurtkrag. Die verwoestende effek van beurtkrag kan dadelik gesien en ervaar word. Nie net hoop die verkeer vining op nie, maar ‘n aantal pompe by van ons watersuiweringaanlegte gee ongelukkig die gees of skakel nie korrek aan nie. Dit is te danke aan die konstante aan en af skakel van elektrisiteitstoevoer. Ongelukkig is hierdie tipe masjienerie nie gemaak om hierdie te hanteer nie en was ons spanne behoorlik besig gehou om pompe so gou as moontlik te herstel.

Ek is verskriklik opgewonde oor die goeie vordering wat gemaak word met ons inisiatiewe om ons eie krag te begin opwek, om sodoende in die toekoms ons besighede en inwoners te beskerm teen Eskom se beurtkrag. ‘n Diensverskaffer is nou aangestel om sonpanele op te rig om verskeie munisipale eiendomme, insluitend die stadsaal, administratiewe geboue, die Van Der Stel Sportgronde, die Verkeersdepartement en die munisipale store. Werk het reeds op 14 Maart begin en daar word beoog dat alle panele op sal wees voor die einde van hierdie finansiële jaar (Junie 2022).

**We had a look at the average tons of recyclables removed per month.**

**Here are your TOP 10 areas!**



Ek sien daarna uit om self 'n draai te maak as die eerste paneel uiteindelik geïnstalleer en aangeskakel word. Hou die spasië dop!

We have implemented extended service hours at the Stellenbosch Traffic Department, to better serve the needs of residents who are unable to visit the Traffic Department during the week. The driving license testing centre (DLTC) and motor vehicle registration (MVR) will be open on alternate Saturdays to assist more residents. The Saturday that they will be open to members of the public are as follows:



Ek het onlangs die groot voorreg gehad om vir Tannie Johanna Cain van Franschoek te besoek op haar 100e verjaarsdag. Tannie Johanna (Sussie) is een van ons streek se oudste inwoners en is beslis nog baie jonk van gees. Ons het heerlik gesels en sy het verhaaltjies gedeel van haar jonger dae toe sy nog op Boschendal gewerk het - sy het tot op die ouderdom van 70 hier gewerk! Weereens hartlik geluk met Tannie se groot verjaarsdag! Ons wens u net goeie gesondheid toe.

Later this month, on 27 April, we once again commemorate an important public holiday – Freedom Day. Freedom Day is an annual celebration of South Africa's first non-racial democratic elections of 1994. Peace, unity, the preservation, and the restoration of human dignity hallmarks Freedom Day celebrations. I wish all residents a safe and pleasant Freedom Day this year.



**“Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better.”**

**-Albert Camus**

*Ramadaan Kareem*

On behalf of the Stellenbosch Municipality, I wish all our Muslim residents well during the month of Ramadaan.

Namens Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit, wens ek alle Moslem inwoners voorspoed toe gedurende die maand van Ramadaan.

The Holy Month of Ramadan will commenced at the start of April and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. On behalf of the Stellenbosch Council, I wish all Muslim staff, residents and visitors a month filled with peace and perseverance. Good Friday and Easter Sunday will take place on 15 and 17 April respectively. May all Christians celebrating this holy time, have a blessed and happy Easter with loved ones. I pray that this Easter brings you peace, happiness, and harmony.

Until next time,

*Mayor Gesie*

# Happy Passover!



On behalf of the Stellenbosch Municipality, I wish all residents celebrating Passover in the Greater Stellenbosch Area a blessed and joyful Pesach. May it be a time filled with peace and togetherness.

# Geseënde Paasfees



Namens Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit, wens ek alle inwoners wat Paasfees vier in die Groter Stellenbosch Area, 'n geseënde Paasfees toe. Mag dit vir u 'n tyd van hoop, vrede, seën en vreugde wees.



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