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A call to help prevent the
beetle from spreading.



Rest In Peace Councilor
Ansaaf Crombie. 

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It's Easter time again. Wishing
you blessed one.

Message From The Mayor

Maart was 'n besondere besige maand in die Munisipaliteit en April lyk selfs nog besiger!

Ek wil graag begin deur weereens my diep medelye met die familie en vriende van Raadslid Ansaaf Crombie uit te spreek. Raadslid Crombie is wat vroeg in Maart oorlede is.

Ons groet Raadslid Ansaaf Crombie

Raadslid Crombie was 'n uiterse knap raadslid en dierbare mens wat al sedert 2006 in die Raad dien. Ek sal haar uitstekende bydraes tot haar gemeenskap sowel as ons dorp, baie mis. 'n Groot akker het in die bos geval. Sy het aanvanklik gedien as wyksraadslid vir Klapmuts en het later ook gedien as die wyksraadslid vir Vlottenburg. Na die 2021 munisipale verkiesing, is sy weer verkies as DA PR-raadslid waar sy met toewyding en trots haar gemeenskappe gedien het.

Raadslid Crombie het tot op die einde aktief deelgeneem aan die werk van die Raad. Sy was aan die einde van verlede week nog hard besig met oorsigbesoeke aan verskeie gemeenskappe vir die Jaarverslag. Sy was uiters beginselvas, het opreg omgee vir almal om haar en het selfs nog oor die naweek hard gewerk aan die opkomende tussenverkiesing in Wyk 21.

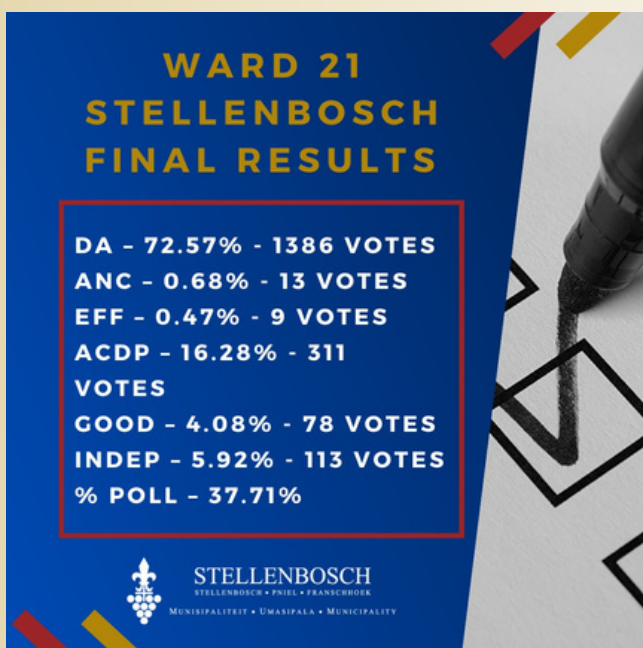
Hou asseblief haar familie, vriende en kollegas in u gedagtes en gebede gedurende hierdie moeilike tyd. Ons was almal baie lief vir haar en gaan haar baie mis. Ons innige simpatie vir hul groot verlies. Mag haar siel in ewige vrede rus.

Welcome to our new Ward 21 Councillor

I would also like to welcome our newly elected councillor for Ward 21. Mr Mynard Slabbert of the Democratic Alliance (DA) was elected as the new Councillor for Ward 21. This area includes Jamestown and Paradyskloof.

A vacancy arose in the ward following the resignation of Councillor Rikus Badenhorst, who took up a position in National Parliament in the National Council of Provinces (NCOP).

The by-election took place in Ward 21 on 8 March 2023, after the MEC for Local Government proclaimed a by-election for the Ward. The results, as verified and proclaimed by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) are as follows:



I wish to welcome **Councillor Slabbert**, a long-time resident of Jamestown, to the Stellenbosch Municipality family. I wish him well on this new journey and look forward to working with him.

Welcome



Kom ons keer die kewer!

Die *PolyphagousShotHoleBorer*, oftewel die Stompkopkewer, is vir die eerste keer in 2012 in Suid-Afrika geïdentifiseer. Hierdie kewer kan groot skade aanrig indien ons niks doen nie. Die munisipaliteit het egter 'n mitigasie plan in plek en is proaktief besig om die risiko aan te spreek, tesame met kenners van die Universiteit Stellenbosch, belanghebbendes en boomliefhebbers.

Kom ons kyk saam, inspekteer saam en werk saam om hierdie kewer uit die Eikestad te hou! Indien u vermoed dat 'n boom siek is of tekens wys dat dit deur die kewer besmet is, kontak ons asseblief dadelik sodat die nodige stappe geneem kan word:



Load shedding relief efforts

Stellenbosch Municipality started to proactively research the potential to mitigate the impact of load shedding on our residents in 2018. In January of 2021, the Stellenbosch Council gave the green light for a scientific investigation and feasibility study to be conducted into various alternate sources of electricity.

Our aim with this, was to ensure that we get energy experts involved in our plans to co-generate electricity to protect our residents and businesses from the devastating effects of Eskom's load shedding.

A Council Item that included the Energy Master Plan, to provide details on the findings of these studies and what exactly our short- and long-term plans entail, served before open council at the council meeting on 29 March 2023.

Many suggestions were received from the public around building our own power stations, erecting massive wind farms, and even commissioning a nuclear power station. These all sound like quick fixes but they are not. Some are not environmentally friendly or affordable. Going this route will be costly and can only be afforded with exponential tariff increases as the funding for these projects will have to be funded from our own annual budget. Therefore, we must be conservative with our approach and implement plans that are realistic, feasible and affordable. The plan that was adopted by Council in January 2021 is to be able to drop one or two stages of load shedding and to control our own load shedding. This is a two-phased plan. You can read more on the exact details and timeframes here:

<https://stellenbosch.gov.za/2023/03/06/load-shedding-relief-efforts-by-stellenbosch-municipality/>

Have your say on the IDP and Budget

The IDP/Budget Public Participation period is in full swing and I encourage all residents and stakeholders to actively participate. The period for public inputs started on 3 April 2023 and closes on 24 April 2023. Public meetings are also currently being held across all parts of the municipal area.

For the full list of public meetings, please visit:

<https://stellenbosch.gov.za/download/public-participation-meetings-april-2023-idp-budget/>

Residents are also encouraged to make use of our IDP-WhatsApp line to the IDP email address to submit inputs quickly and conveniently:



Ek staan altyd in verwondering oor hoe vinnig die tyd aanstap. Dit voel asof hierdie jaar op 'n drafstap verby vlieg en ek nie elke dag seker is wat ons het om daarvoor te wys nie. Wanneer ek egter vir 'n minuut of wat stil sit, besef ek net hoe besig ons die afgelope tyd is en was, en waaraan ons al ons tyd spandeer het. So het die winter ook by ons aangesluit ek hoop u geniet die koeler en natter weer. Dit is vir my 'n spesiale tyd van die jaar en ek hou daarvan om tyd af te knyp om voor 'n kaggelvuurtjie te sit met een van Stellenbosch se pryswenner wyne!

Aan almal wat gedurende April Paasfees gevier het, ek hoop dat dit vir u 'n wonderlike en geseënde tyd saam met familie was.

Gesie

