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# STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY NEWSLETTER / NUUSBRIEF / IPHEPHANDABA

August/September 2021



## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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### Dear Residents,

Spring has finally sprung and with new life, comes new opportunities and a new newsletter. It gives me great pleasure to be writing to you in this, our fresh and new, monthly municipal newsletter. I look forward to receiving your thoughts, suggestions and ideas as I would like to use this newsletter as a vehicle to communicate the good news in our towns. From incredible achievements by so many of our scholars and students, to amazing volunteer work being done by organisations and churches, to wonderful initiatives of our local businesses and entrepreneurs – I want to know about it and I want to tell you about it! Please feel free to share these with us by emailing [mayor@stellenbosch.gov.za](mailto:mayor@stellenbosch.gov.za).

We have now been in some state of lockdown since March 2020 – that is more than 17 months ago. This has indeed been a trying time for many of us and it seems likely that we will continue with this new way of life for the foreseeable future.

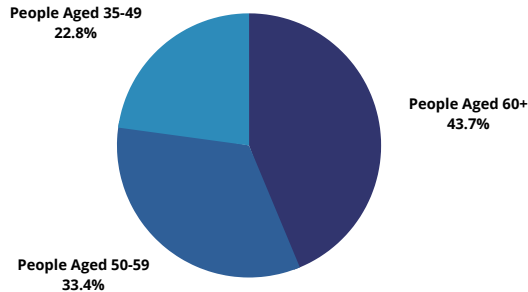
**Uitvoerende Burgemeester  
Executive Mayor**

**Gesie van Deventer**



I know I must sound like a broken record, but I continue to encourage all residents to stick to the rules. Wear your mask in public, wash/santise your hands regularly, keep your distance from others and avoid gatherings and crowded spaces. This is not only for your own safety, but the best way to keep our businesses open.

At the start of August, I was presented with vaccine registration statistics from the Department of Health. Although Stellenbosch is faring well compared to many of our neighbouring municipalities, we still; have a long way to go. The percentage of the population in the Stellenbosch Municipal Area (WC024) who have successfully registered for the COVID-19 vaccine, as at 3 August 2021.



**Make sure that you register for the vaccine as soon as you can. This is so important! The number of registrations, are used to determine the need in an area and vaccines are distributed according to this need. You can dial \*134\*832# or WhatsApp the word REGISTER to 0600123456 or simply visit <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>**

I'm incredibly excited about the inaugural Garden Week Stellenbosch, scheduled to take place between 30 September – 10 October 2021. This week-long festival will transform our streets and surrounding countryside to showcase our natural surroundings through walks, talks, tours, art, wine & food. Garden Week Stellenbosch is an initiative of Visit Stellenbosch and is presented with a variety of collaborating partners including Stellenbosch Municipality, Stellenbosch Wine Routes, Stellenbosch Visio, Stellenbosch Outdoor Sculpture Trust (SOST), Rama, Remgro, Candide App and Garden Day SA.

What better way to celebrate the start of Spring than through this one of a kind festival. As an avid gardener myself, I regularly get my hands dirty and I love admiring the multitude of beautiful gardens we have in our municipal area. I've had the pleasure of visiting residents who take great pride in their gardens – from lush traditional gardens, to smart waterwise gardens, to newly established gardens. I encourage all residents and visitors to participate in this unique festival and to support our local tourism and experience economy for the benefit of all communities.

The festival ties in beautifully with Arbor Week during the first week of September as well as Tourism Month, which is celebrated annually in September. I can't wait to hit visit communities where we will once again be planting new trees for future generations! Please keep an eye on our social media pages and join us for these occasions. This Tourism Month, let's support our local restaurants, cafes, wine farms, shops and small businesses and let's show the world that Stellenbosch is open for business!

We are very thankful to the Western Cape Library Services that are assisting libraries with resources for a e-book facilities. You are now able to borrow e-books and audio books for free. The e-book service was launched to the public on 17 August 2021. This is definitely a game changer for libraries in the Stellenbosch Municipal Area and I urge you to make use of this service. Contact your local public library for more details.



**“We need women at all levels, including the top, to change the dynamic, reshape the conversation, to make sure women’s voices are heard and heeded, not overlooked and ignored.”**

- SHERYL SANDBERG

Of course, August is Women's month. A month during which we commemorate the role of women in creating a democratic society and celebrate the women in our lives. I would like to salute all women - every grandmother, mother, mother-in-law, stepmother, aunt, friend, cousin, daughter and little girl. Over many centuries, the precious value of women has been demonstrated time and time again. Through your courage and strength, we have been carried through many times of crisis. In our unique COVID-19 crisis, this is no different. Thank you for your contribution to our households, schools, businesses and governments. May you have a happy and blessed Women's Month!

Take care,  
Mayor Gesie



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079 622 4722



Let's Fix It  
076 951 0768

## BOODSKAP VAN DIE MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER

Geraldine Mettler

Kan u glo ons is reeds in September? Ek is oortuig daarvan - elke jaar word net doller en besiger. Die staat van inperking en die feit dat baie van ons personeel op 'n rotasieskedule vanaf hul kantore werk, het ook natuurlik sy uitdagings, maar ons laat dit werk en ons hou aan met dienslewering aan ons gemeenskappe.

Ek wil u graag bedank vir u begrip gedurende hierdie vreemde tye waarin ons leef. Dit mag dalk af en toe langer neem om u vullisdrom te verwyder of om 'n straatlig te vervang, vanweë die feit dat ons personeel ook soms siek raak of moet isoleer, maar ons staan beslis nie terug vir werk nie en ons werk deurgaans hard daaraan om te verseker dat dienslewering vlot verloop.

Ek herinner alle inwoners graag aan ons belangrike kontaknommers vir enige klagtes rakende water, elektrisiteit, paaie, stormwater of vullisverwydering. Ons beheerkamer kan na-ure bereik word op (021) 808 8890 of (021) 808 8891. Indien u verkies, kan u 'n epos stuur aan [engineering.services@stellenbosch.gov.za](mailto:engineering.services@stellenbosch.gov.za), maar die maklikste en vinnigste bly egter om van ons WhatsApp dienslyn gebruik te maak: **076 951 0768**.



## Let's Fix It

Please report all water, electrical, roads, stormwater, refuse removal and area cleaning issues to the Municipality directly:

Stellenbosch / Klappmuts /  
Kayamandi / Jamestown / Raithby  
021 808 8215 / 8953 / 8343

Dwarsrivier Region / Franschoek  
021 808 8632

AFTER HOURS FOR ALL REGIONS  
021 808 8890 / 8891

Alternatively, send an email to [engineering.services@stellenbosch.gov.za](mailto:engineering.services@stellenbosch.gov.za) or **WhatsApp** us on **0769510768**

If we don't know about it, we cannot fix it!

### HET JY GEWEET?

Die ou kliniek in Victoria straat is onlangs omskep in 'n moderne nuwe fasiliteit wat entrepreneurs en plaaslike kleinbesigheidseienaars mentor en bystaan om die mark te betree. Maak gerus 'n draai en ondersteun ons jong besigheidseienaars!



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U het dalk al die goeie nuus gehoor, maar ek deel dit graag weer: Ons munisipaliteit het 'n skoon oudit behaal vir die 2019/20 finansiële jaar. Die Ouditeur Generaal van Suid-Afrika het bevind dat al ons finansiële rekords in orde is en dat u geld korrek spandeer word. Dankie aan ons Finansies spanne, bestuurders, amptenare en natuurlik ons gemeenskapsgroepe en inwoners vir die volgehoue ondersteuning. Goeie dienslewering gaan hand-aan-hand met uitstekende finansiële bestuur. Tot volgende keer!

Munisipale Bestuurder

*Geraldine Mettler*



## MEETINGS

All council and mayoral committee meetings continue to take place virtually. Members of the public are invited to attend these online meetings via MS Teams. Links to the meetings are placed on social media.

Mayco meeting - 18 August  
Council Meeting - 24 August  
Mayco meeting - 15 September



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# HAPPY HERITAGE DAY

**24 SEPTEMBER**

*Enjoy Braai Day!*

