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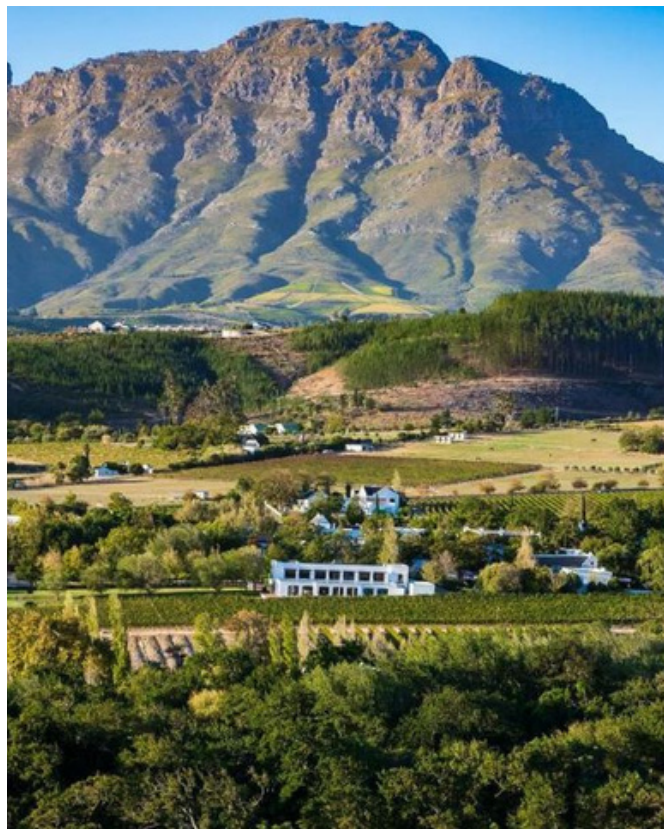
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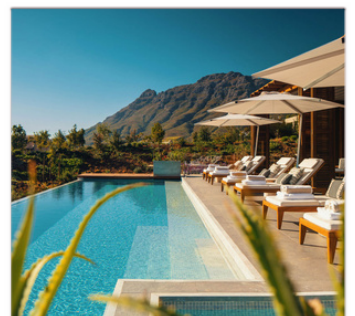
TOP NEWS



Changes to the Mayoral Committee



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We have Lots to celebrate.

In a time of darkness and economic distress - a budget of hope to build a better future through opportunities and innovation.

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July is the start of the new financial year at local government level. It gives me great pleasure to announce that our municipal budget and IDP was passed by Council at the end of May. At nearly R2.8 billion, this is our biggest budget yet!

The greatest part of this budget will be spent on improving service delivery, infrastructure development and the maintenance of infrastructure. Sustainable economic growth of our local economy and the provision of dignified living conditions for all residents is only possible when we get the basics right. The basics at the heart of local government is service delivery: Water, electricity, sanitation, refuse removal, area cleaning, roads, stormwater and all the infrastructure needed to provide these services.

We are focussed on getting the basics done and getting the basics done right: Better service delivery to all residents with an absolute zero-tolerance approach to any form of fraud or corruption. This budget of nearly R2.8 billion is not our money – it is public money; it is your money, and it is our job to ensure that it is spent transparently where it is needed.

While the country sits in darkness for prolonged periods of time, the national economy stagnates, critical infrastructure crumbles in many municipalities across the country, the average South African feels a sense of total hopelessness – let us work together to further cement Stellenbosch Municipality's position as a place of hope.

Hope for a better life, hope for better living conditions, hope for more opportunities and hope for a better Valley where all residents can reach their full potential. Let us take hands and ensure that Stellenbosch Municipality remains a shining example of what can be achieved when local government works.

Please take some time to familiarise yourself with the 2023/24 Budget as well as the new 2023/24 Tariffs.

BUDGET



TARIFFS





Dit het vreeslik baie gereën oor die laaste paar weke. Sover ons kennis strek, is dit van die meeste reën wat in 45 jaar in so kort tydjie geval het. Stormwaterstelsels word deurlopend skoon gehou, maar is ongelukkig nie ontwerp om die BUITENGEWONE hoeveelheid reën in so 'n kort tyd te hanteer nie.

Areas om die Eersterivier wat sy walle oorspoel het sowel as areas in die Dwarsrivier-gebied en om die Banhoekrivier is erg geraak deur oorstromings. Kragtoevoer na talle areas was onderbreek weens die storms en infrastruktuur was heeltemal onder water was. Substasies en kragbokse was vir 'n geruime tyd heeltemal onder water.

Ons het 'n nood gesamentlike operasionele sentrum (JOC) in plek gestel om spesifiek versoeke om hulp te hanteer. Ons vra dat alle lede van die publiek vloedverwante skade by ons Munisipale Beheerkamer aanmeld aangesien die JOC daar sit.

Ons spanne het onverpoos gewerk om op te ruim, paaie en brûe te beveilig en ons inwoners by te staan waar ons kon. Ek het self ook talle areas besoek om te sien hoe en waar ons hulp kan verleen. Baie dankie aan al ons inwoners vir hul bereidwilligheid om te help en mekaar by te staan. Ook 'n groot woord van dank aan ons amptenare wat in yskoue en nat weer aande om gewerk het om skade te herstel en inwoners by te staan.



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CHANGES TO THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE

After an extensive consultation process, it gives me great pleasure to announce the members of my new Mayoral Committee (Mayco). I am confident that the Mayco announced today will deliver and get things done.

Changes were made to the Mayco to ensure that councillors have an equal opportunity to gain experience as the head of various portfolios. Some of the changes involve current Mayco members being shifted to other portfolios, while we also welcome three new councillors to the Mayco.

The Mayco consists of councillors appointed by the Executive Mayor in terms of section 60 (1) of the Municipal Structures Act. This team has been chosen for their combination of experience, new ideas, skills, and commitment to serving our residents. The mix of experience with new Mayco members has led to a diverse skillset and many talents that will be to the benefit of all our communities.

All members of the Mayco will undergo lifestyle audits and will sign performance agreements.

The new Mayco is as follows:



Jeremy Fasser
Financial Services
0814191233



Xolile Kalipa
Community Services
0730812482



Carli van Wyk
Planning, LED and Tourism
0791663899



James Williams
Parks Open Spaces and Environment
0780786949



Joseph Joon
Rural Management
0766122499



Lwando Nkamisa
Corporate Services
0671353277



Peter Johnson
Infrastructure
0737877480



Reginald Pheiffer
Protection Services
0795972765



Rozette du Toit
Human Settlements
0722182267



JC Anthony
Sports, Youth and Culture
0793388451

I would like to congratulate these councillors and wish them well as we continue the work of positioning Stellenbosch as one of the best-run municipalities in the country.

LOTS TO CELEBRATE

As announced by the Auditor General of South Africa, Stellenbosch Municipality has once again received a clean audit for the 2021/22 financial year. I am tremendously proud that we are one only 38 (out of 257) municipalities to receive a clean audit!

Good financial planning, fiscal discipline, continuous oversight and internal controls are key elements in ensuring sound financial management.

Boschendal Wine Estate in Pniel has also recently been rated as 'The Most Beautiful Vineyard in the World'. Congratulations to the entire team. I can't wait for my next visit – it is indeed a beautiful spot!

Locally produced Van Ryn's 15-year-old potstill brandy has also been named the World's Best Wine Brandy at the 2023 World Brandy Awards announced in London, beating competition from France, the United States, Australia and many other South African prominent brandy producers.

It makes me so proud to be the Mayor of this winning municipality!
Until next time – please stay safe and stay warm!

Mayor Gesie



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