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## TOP NEWS



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



The fire season is upon us, please stay safe.



The draft budget is out for public inputs and comments

# Message From The Mayor

The first three months of the year has truly flown by in the blink of an eye! But I don't mind, as this means that we are slowly but surely creeping towards Autumn, by far the most beautiful time of the year. It's that time of the year when our streets, pavements, and farms start looking like paintings - pops of red, orange, brown and green decorating our landscapes! The hot summer months, and we've really had some hot days, are finally coming to an end and being replaced by cooler evenings and more bearable days.

It is a very busy time for the municipal administration. At the end of the March, I presented the draft budget for the next financial year to Council. The draft budget must now go through a public participation process where you as resident play an important role. When we say that we want you to participate and have your say, we mean it! It is the responsibility of every resident to have a look at the draft budget and to give inputs and comments on areas you feel deserve attention. The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) process will give you an opportunity to ask our officials questions about how the budget will be applied and you.

This plan provides a focused set of objectives to ensure that public funds are channeled to the programmes and projects that deliver the most benefit for the public, as equitably as possible. It is for this reason that the inputs we receive from our communities form the backbone of the entire IDP and budgeting process. Residents are provided with many different ways of interacting with us on the IDP and their ward priorities. The Stellenbosch Citizen App, interactive pages on our municipal website, emails, a dedicated WhatsApp line, social media platforms and traditional written submissions are all important channels used to engage with communities. These tools, together with community meetings across the entire municipal area, provided residents with ample opportunity to form part of the process. Please keep an eye out in the local newspaper, the municipal website and our social media platforms for details on the upcoming IDP season.

Ons streek se waterverbruik het drasties gestyg tot voor droogte vlakke. Die damvlakke van die 6 groot damme in die Wes-Kaap se watervoorsieningstelsel wat ons streek, asook die omliggende munisipaliteite, van water voorsien is tans op 62% kapasiteit – dit is amper 25% minder as vir dieselfde tydperk verlede jaar.

Dit is belangrik dat ons 'n waterslim leefstyl sal aanneem en volg ongeag van hoe baie of hoe min water ons tot ons beskikking het. **Ons moet altyd in gedagte hou dat water 'n skaars hulpbron is in ons land.** Deur water slimmer aan te wend, lekkasies dadelik aan te meld by die munisipaliteit en deur water meer spaarsamig te gebruik, kan ons almal wat spaar en ons waterverbruik verlaag.



**LET'S SAVE WATER AND  
BRING USAGE DOWN  
WHILE WE CAN**





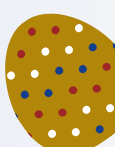
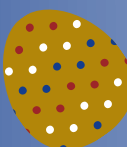
We are in the midst of the fire season. There have already been several mountain fires and veld fires in and around our municipal area. I want to remind residents that it is illegal and irresponsible to make fires anywhere other than in designated picnic areas. In fact, we urge the public not to make fires anywhere except at home. Coals often do not extinguish fully and are then reignited by a breeze, causing fires in surrounding bushes that quickly progress to a wildfire. Land and property owners should remove dead and alien vegetation from their property, including the verges (borders). Make sure to cut back vegetation and branches that are close to windows, glass doors and wooden decks. All controlled fires are illegal during the summer months, which means that permits for burning waste and alien vegetation are not issued from October to April (the fire season).

Please report any fires immediately to the Cape Winelands Fire Services Control Room on 021 887 4446 OR Contact the Stellenbosch Municipality Control Room on 021 808 8999 or simply send a WhatsApp to 079 622 4722.

April is sommer al klaar om die draai. Die tyd vlieg letterlik! Maart en April is vol vakansiedae asook Paasfees. Baie van ons gebruik die geleentheid om 'n breek te vat en met vakansie te gaan. Wees asseblief versigtig op die paaie. Paasfees is een van die besigste tye op ons land se paaie, en daarom ook van die gevaarlikste tye. Maak seker u motorlisensie en u bestuurderslisensie is in orde en dat u voertuig padvaardig is. Aan ons inwoners wat Paasfees of Pesach vier gedurende die tyd, mag dit vir u 'n geseënde tyd vol vrede wees.



*Gesie*



# A LITTLE HISTORY ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Human Rights Day in South Africa is historically linked with 21 March 1960, and the events of Sharpeville. On that day 69 people died and 180 were wounded when police fired on a peaceful crowd that had gathered in protest against the Pass laws. This day marked an affirmation by ordinary people, rising in unison to proclaim their rights. It became an iconic date in our country's history that today we commemorate as Human Rights Day as a reminder of our rights and the cost paid for our treasured human rights.

The history of Human Rights Day is grounded in the Sharpeville Massacre that took place on 21 March 1960, where the apartheid police shot and killed 69 people in a peaceful protest march.

This year's commemoration of Human Rights Month coincides with the 26th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution. The Constitution enshrines the rights of all people in South Africa and affirms the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom.

Source: [www.gov.za](http://www.gov.za)



**"To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity."**

**- Nelson Mandela**