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Deputy Mayor at the Stellenbosch Mass Iftaar.



Mayor visits Kayamandi to hand over title deeds to locals.



The the reopening of the Distillery Road Bridge. (Steenenbrug)

We are almost halfway through this year!

I can hardly believe it. It feels like Christmas was only yesterday. But here we are and there is still a lot that needs to happen over the next 6 months.

The rains are here, but let's be waterwise

The winter has started to arrive and along with the cold weather we have been blessed with some good rains. I would however like to remind all residents that we should adopt a waterwise lifestyle. Our region's water usage has climbed rapidly to pre-drought levels. Meteorologists are predicting that an El Niño climate system is likely on its way back this winter.

This could bring about a below-average rainfall season, which is particularly problematic for the Western Cape that receives the bulk of its rainfall in winter. It is important that we adopt a waterwise lifestyle and that we always keep in mind that we live in a water scarce country. By working smarter with water, reporting leaks to the municipality immediately and using water sparingly, we can save water and bring usage down.

Publieke deelname (GOP en begroting)

So tussendeur die klomp vakasiedae en die skoolvakansie, vlieg die tyd omtrent! Hier by die munisipaliteit staan dinge egter alles behalwe stil. April en Mei is oor die algemeen baie besige maande vir ons. Die publieke deelname proses rondom die GOP en begroting is suksesvol afgehandel en die finale GOP en begroting sal teen die einde van Mei goedgekeur word deur die Raad.

Baie dankie aan elke inwoner wat deelgeneem het aan hierdie publieke deelname proses. Baie inwoners het vergaderings in hul wyke bygewoon, terwyl ons ook baie insette ontvang het op ons WhatsApp-lyn, per e-pos en op ons aanlynvorm op die munisipale webwerf. Dankie aan die personeel wat tot laat in die aand gewerk het en vir weke lank familietyd moes afstaan, so tussendeur die chaos van beurtkrag ook nog, om van hierdie proses 'n sukses te maak.

Ek sal graag in volgende maand se nuusbrieff aan u meer inligting wil verskaf rondom die finale begroting, wat beplan word en hoe dit u sak gaan raak.



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Stellenbosch Mass Iftaar



Stellenbosch Municipality, in collaboration with the Shumeez Scott Foundation Stellenbosch Gujjatul Jamaah and other stakeholders, could for the 3rd consecutive year host the Stellenbosch Mass Iftaar over the weekend of 15-16 April.

This year, the main event was held at the Ida's Valley Sport Grounds and was attended by Deputy Mayor Jeremy Fasser and several ward councillors who also had feeding points within their wards.

This was the biggest celebration we have undertaken so far, and we are extremely honoured to have been able to host this year's Iftaar again. We thank all the sponsors and donors who so generously contributed to make this event possible. A special word of thanks to ER24, our neighbourhood watches and other security partners for their continued support.



Titelaktes

Ons gaan steeds onverpoosd voort met die oorhandiging van titelaktes in al ons gemeenskappe! Ek het onlangs begunstigdes in Kayamandi gaan besoek. Dit was so ongelooflik om deel te kan hê aan hierdie inwoners se vreugde. Ek was ook op 20 April in weer in Klapmuts vir die oorhandiging van nog titelaktes aan ons inwoners. Hierdie aktes gee aan inwoners sekuriteit en dien as bates wat niemand van hulle kan wegneem nie. Khaya Lam help ons deurlopend om die kostes en administrasie van die oordrag en registrasie van titelaktes te dek. Hierdie is 'n lang en duur proses en sonder hulle bystand sou ons nie naastenby so vining kon werk nie! Ons is baie dankbaar vir hul bystand en hulp!

Steenenbrug Reopend





It was such a privilege to part of the reopening of the Distillery Road Bridge (Steenenbrug) after extensive upgrades. This is the spot where the first ever bridge in Stellenbosch was constructed.

The Steenenbrug (known today as the Distillery Road Bridge) was built after the Heemraad (Town Council) decided, in August 1691, to build a bridge along the course of the old wagon road 'highway' where it crossed the Dwars River at the foot of the Papegaaiberg.

Steenenbrug was the main entrance to Stellenbosch from the Cape for about 260 years - from 1691 to the early 1950s.

The bridge has now undergone extensive upgrades and renovations. A new double-lane bridge, that also includes a pedestrian and bicycle crossing, has been constructed while maintaining the exact position and alignment of the original bridge. The central stone pier was also retained in its current location and left as unaltered as possible. The existing bollards at the bridge entrance was also reused as spatial markers.

May you have a blessed and prosperous month ahead! Enjoy Freedom Day as well as Worker's Day. If you are planning on taking a few days leave to travel with family or friends, please be safe on the roads.

Until next time,

Gesie



Workers' day is a public holiday in South Africa that is celebrated on the 1st of May every year. It celebrates the role played by Trade Unions and other parties to achieve equal employment standards for everyone.

HAPPY WORKERS DAY

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