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# STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY NEWSLETTER / NUUSBRIEF / IPHEPHANDABA

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### ONS DORPE BLOM EN IS PRAGTIG!

Dis 'n mooi tyd van die jaar, seker my gunsteling tyd van die jaar. Dis ook 'n besondere besige tyd met die skole en universiteit wat sluit en talle jaareindfunksies vir besighede en instansies. Tog wil ek nog graag vir oulaas hierdie jaar met u gesels.

#### WOORDFEES

Een van die hoogtepunte van die afgelope paar weke, was natuurlik die terugkeer van die Woordfees. Dit was wonderlik om ons dorp so woelig en lewendig te sien. Ek het self 'n vertoning of drie bygewoon en die terugvoer wat ek uit alle oorde ontvang het, is dat die gehalte van die produksies puik was.



Dit was die eerste keer dat die Woordfees gedurende hierdie tyd van die jaar plaasvind en ek bedank graag die organiseerders vir die uitstekende werk wat gedoen is om feesgangers te vermaak, veilig te vervoer en hulself te laat geniet.

## LONGLANDS

After years of delays and several appointed contractors going bankrupt, a tripartite agreement between the Department of Human Settlements, Stellenbosch Municipality and Longlands Village Pty (Ltd) was entered into to fast-track the project.

The project includes the construction of roads, the installation of municipal services to 145 erven and the construction of 106 Breaking New Ground (BNG) houses. Work on the serviced sites began in May 2020 and construction of the new houses commenced in April 2022.

We also handed over certificates of appreciation to the nearly 50 workers who worked on this project - many of them from the community.



## 16 DAE VAN AKTIVISME

Die jaarlikse veldtog vir 16 Dae van Aktiwisme vir Geen Geweld teen Vroue en Kinders skop op 25 November weer af en duur tot 10 Desember. Jaar na jaar is ons koerante vol van 'n ongekende aantal gruweldade teen vroue en kinders. Wat my hart breek is dat in so baie gevalle die aanvallers aan die slagoffer bekend was.

Ons moet aanhou praat oor die voorkoming van geweld teen veral vroue en kinders. Ons moet eerlike praat met mekaar oor hoekom dit gebeur en ons moet bewus wees van die tekens van veral mishandeling en geweld teen vroue en kinders. Ons mag nie stilbly oor wat ons weet agter toe deure gebeur nie. Ek weet dit vra baie dapperheid van slagoffers om te praat oor die probleem, maar ter wille van u eie oorlewing en ter wille van u kinders, praat asseblief.

Dra asseblief hierdie 16 Dae 'n strikkie op u bors, sodat ons slagoffers kan bemoedig en vir hulle wys, ons is hier as hulle iemand soek om mee te praat.



## ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTERING

Our battle against illegal dumping and littering continuous unabated. This isn't a phenomenon unique to our region and I can assure you that towns across the province and country struggle with this problem. We are however doing everything in our power to address this scourge and we need your help, as active citizens.

Our cleaning crews are out in various parts of the municipal area (WC024) every day. Law Enforcement addresses illegal dumping and littering by issuing fines. However, our officials cannot be everywhere and see everything as and when it happens. We therefore encourage residents to be our eyes and ears on the ground. If you witness illegal dumping, littering or vandalism, please inform us immediately:

- 24-hour Control Room: 021 808 8999
- WhatsApp Control Room: 079 622 4722
- WhatsApp service line: 076 951 0768 (to request area cleaning)

Die blombeddings in en om ons dorp begin nou pragtig lyk en ek bedank ons spanne by die Parke Afdeling vir die harde werk wat hul daaglik doen om hierdie beddings in stand te hou. Die kleur en die verskeidenheid struik, bome en blomme sit elke dag 'n glimlag op my gesig.



## PLEINSTRAT BIBLIOTEK

Ek herinner inwoners daaraan dat die munisipale biblioteek in Pleinstraat tans gesluit is vir dringende herstelwerk wat uitgevoer word. Ongelukkig is hierdie weens onvoorsiene omstandighede en ons vra om verskoning vir die kort kennisgewing en enige ongerief wat hierdeur veroorsaak is. Ek moedig u wel steeds aan om gebruik te maak van ons bibliotekdienste by ons 8 ander biblioteke in die munisipale area.



## STELLENBOSCH LAUNCHES NEW NGO WEBSITE

The Stellenbosch Civil Advocacy Network (SCAN), the local umbrella network for non-profit organisations, recently launched a first-of-its-kind website for the Greater Stellenbosch Municipal area. The directory showcases profiles of socio-economic development organisations working in the area, detailing their focus areas, contact details as well as ways in which the general public can get involved. Another great feature of the directory is that it is searchable by municipal ward and impact field (i.e., food security, youth development, education etc).

Organisations in the sector not yet registered on the website are encouraged to do so. The SCAN Website was sponsored by the Stellenbosch Municipality through Grant-in-Aid funding. We are proud to be working with SCAN as a platform to engage with all NGO's working in our local communities. The platform does not just provide access to information, possible partnerships and collaboration opportunities, but provides opportunity for the municipality to engage with this sector.

The municipality urges all local civil society organisations to join SCAN. Approving the Grant-in-Aid funding to build the website was a privilege and we look forward to many more fruitful engagements with SCAN. Access to the website is also available on the landing page of the Stellenbosch Municipality website.



## TOUGHEST FIREFIGHTER

In case you missed the news, I present to you one of South Africa's toughest firefighters. Jurgen Williams of the Stellenbosch Fire Department recently became the toughest firefighter in the over-40 category at the South African Toughest Firefighter Alive Challenge 2022. The event was hosted in Mossel Bay Municipality. Thanks for flying the Stellies flag high, Jurgen! Ons is baie trots op jou en bedank jou en jou kollegas vir die onbaatsugtige toewyding waarmee julle elke dag ons dorp, ons infrastruktuur en ons mense veilig hou.

## FESTIVE SEASON

During the Festive Season, many of us go on holiday. Please drive carefully and be patient. To those who travel long distances by car, please be careful. Make sure your vehicle is roadworthy before you leave and ensure that your vehicle license is up to date. Please come back safely. Our own traffic officials will be on duty throughout the festive season, as part of the national and provincial campaigns for road safety. On behalf of our entire community, I want to thank them for their hard work during the festive season, making sure passengers and pedestrians are safe. Your sacrifice saves lives!

***To all our residents who celebrate Christmas, may it be a blessed time with your friends and family. To our residents who celebrate Hanukkah, may it be a time filled with light for you and your loved ones.***

On behalf of the entire municipality, I wish you a blessed festive season and a wonderful 2023. Important dates:

- 23 November – Last council meeting
- 25 November – Start of 16 Days of Activism
- 1 December – International Aids Day
- 5 December – Commemoration of former President Nelson Mandela's death
- 14 – 15 December – Public schools end of term
- 16 December – Day of Reconciliation
- 25 December – Christmas Day
- 26 December – Day of Goodwill

***Take note: RATES REBATE for senior citizens and disabled residents. Click here to download the application form: [bit.ly/3SDFrbQ](https://bit.ly/3SDFrbQ)***

Tot volgende keer,

*Burgemeester Gesie*



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