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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK MARCHING FORWARD IN MARCH

Another month has literally just flown by! We have been very busy at the municipality and I'm sure all residents have noticed that life in and around our towns are back to normal. Restaurants, cafes, small businesses, and wineries are busy wherever I go. It's wonderful to see that we are bouncing back after two years of economic hardship and restrictions on our economy. It's great to see our student residents back and it's encouraging to see many new establishments popping up in several areas.

Dit was vir my 'n groot eer om weereens vanjaar aan die Universiteit van Stellenbosch se verwelkomingsweek deel te neem. As oud-Matie, kan ek elke student belowe dat hierdie van die beste jare van julle lewe gaan wees. Werk hard en

woon julle klasse by, maar geniet ook die studentelewe en alles wat ons pragtige munisipaliteit bied. Julle studeer nie net hier nie, maar word ook nou inwoners van ons dorp. Ons verwelkom julle met ope arms en vra dat julle verantwoordelike Stellenbossers sal wees.



Ek het ook Suid-Afrika se topmatrikulant van 2021, Ulrich le Roux, ontvang en spesiaal verwelkom in Matieland. Ulrich was onlangs deur die Department van Onderwys uitgewys as die land se toppresteerder.

On 31 March 2022, the National Department of Communications will be implementing its transition from analogue to digital television reception signals. This means that all viewers will require a decoder to receive the SABC and E-TV signals.

People who have dishes and decoders do not have to do anything.

Government is subsidising decoders for households with a combined income of less than R3500 and all households who qualify for this, are urged to apply at your nearest Post Office. Don't get left behind, please contact the numbers below for more information.

I am incredibly excited to announce our new Job Seeker's Database that went live in February. The database seeks to capture accurate information on jobseekers in our municipal area that can be easily accessed and updated.

Any skilled or unskilled individual who resides in the Stellenbosch Municipal Area can register either via the VOIS MGOV App available on the Google Play Store or by completing a form and returning it to our offices at 127 Dorp Street, Stellenbosch. To register, you will need your South African ID, proof of address and proof of any qualification or skills if applicable. I encourage all residents of the municipal area (WC024) to register as soon as possible.

Ek herinner u graag aan ons Eskom petisie en vra dat u dit deel met u familie, vriende en kollegas. Eskom se voorgestelde prysverhogings is eenvoudig net te hoog en ons inwoners se sakke sal diep geraak word indien dit deur NERSA aanvaar word. Die petisie is beskikbaar op alle sosiale media platforms van die munisipaliteit sowel as op die tuisblad van die munisipale webwerf. Ons inwoners kan dit eenvoudig nie bekostig nie!

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GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED DECODERS
VISIT YOUR NEAREST POST OFFICE TO APPLY
QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1 PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:
An affidavit confirming ownership of a fully functional television set will be provided at the Post Office.

2 PROOF OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP:
A valid South African green barcoded identification document (ID) OR smart ID card.

3 PROOF OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

- The household income must be R3 200 or less per month;
- A pay slip from your employer;
- A letter from your employer confirming your earnings, for persons who do not receive a pay slip;
- A bank-certified three months statement, for persons with bank accounts;
- Households that depend on a child support grant, a grant for older persons and/or a disability grant must provide confirmation of receiving such social grant/s; and
- An affidavit will be provided at the Post Office in cases where there is no income (unemployed).

4 PROOF OF PHYSICAL / RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

- Municipal bill, retail account, bank statement, etc. clearly showing physical address of the applicant;
- A signed letter from the local house of traditional leaders or ward councilor, for households without a documented physical address;
- A signed letter from the employer;
- Correspondence from the landlord or body corporate showing that the applicant is an owner/tenant/occupant; and
- An affidavit will be issued at the Post Office where proof of physical address cannot be provided.

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Register On Our Jobseekers Database

Who Qualifies?
Any Skilled and Unskilled Individuals.

What you need?

- South African ID
- Proof of Address
- CV
- Qualification
- Proof of Skills (Those who have)

How to Register?

- Via the Job Seekers App (VOIS MGOV) Available on Google Play Store
- Hand Deliver at 127 Dorp Street

NB: Applicants who previously registered on the old employment database are advised to re-register from the 1st of February 2022.

For More Information please contact:
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STAND TOGETHER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Ida's Valley Community Trails was recently announced as a winner of the World Economic Forum's *BiodiverCities* Challenge for their incredible work in the Ida's Valley Nature Reserve and surrounding community.

Rangers of the trail have been hard at work for more than two years to transform the nature area into a sustainable and attractive adventure hub. Their contribution to the conservation of the nature area and the selfless work they do in uplifting the community and getting young people involved in their work, cannot go by unnoticed. On behalf of the Stellenbosch Council and the administration, I wish all those involved well as they continue their selfless work.



One of Strijdom van der Merwe impressive works of art.



**HUMAN
RIGHTS
DAY**



While I'm on the topic of residents who are performing so well, I would also like to say congratulations once again to local artist, Strijdom van der Merwe. Strijdom is a South African award-winning artist who was recently named as one of the recipients of the coveted Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant for 2022. He is well known for using a variety of materials he finds on site to create his pieces of art. His art installations, sculptures and in particular his land art has earned him recognition as one of South Africa's leading artistic minds.

Strijdom's artwork can be seen all over our municipal area as well. Two of my favourite pieces that immediately comes to mind are the Nelson Mandela Sculpture and Installation that stands proudly in front of the Stellenbosch Town Hall as well as the historic mill wheel that was installed at the bottom of Church Street.



Disaster Management team partnered with Maties first years on a food drive outreach.

Natuurlik was een van die laaste paar weke se absolute hoogtepunt vir my die opening van die nuwe tennisbane in Idasvallei. Die ontwikkeling was moontlik gemaak deur die samewerking van Tennis World Foundation (TWF), die Idasvallei Sportraad en die Munisipaliteit. Die tennis ontwikkelingsentrum wat op die perseel bedryf word, stel nou baie kinders en skole van regoor Stellenbosch bloot aan tennis vir die eerste keer. Afrigting word deur die TWF aangebied en wie weet, dalk kom die volgende Kevin Anderson hier uit ons Vallei uit...

Maart is Menseregtemaand en ons vier Menseregtedag op 21 Maart. Daar is dus nog 'n lekker langnaweek wat vir ons wink. Ek wens u 'n veilige en geseende maand toe. Kom ons staan op vir mekaar se regte en vier ons medemens hierdie maand.

Tot volgende keer,
Mayor / Burgemeester

“To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.”

Gesie

-Nelson Mandela

