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# STELLENBOSCH NEWS

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## TOP NEWS



Seen around town, 'Benches in bloom' project for Garden town these were decorated by pj Oliver art school



On 18 November, the Stellenbosch Disability Network hosts their annual Walk with Disability. Everyone is encouraged to get involved.



Mayor and Alderman Theresa Uys, for the ribbon cutting and launch of the Hazendal Wine Estate Hotel and Spa.



# GARDEN TOWN TIMES

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*Welcome to November! Probably the most beautiful time of the year. The trees are green, the flowers are in full bloom, the vineyards are looking great and the hot summer months are announcing their return after a very long, cold, and wet winter season.*

Our Valley is indeed a hive of activity during this time of the year. There is so much happening and I'm sure we can all feel that last rush before the festive season officially arrives, and things start to quiet down.

Een van die hoogtepunte op ons dorp se kalender is natuurlik Woordfees en dit was wonderlik om ons dorp so besig en woelig te sien. Ek het self 'n hele paar vertonings bygewoon en die terugvoer wat ek uit alle oorde ontvang het, is dat die gehalte van die produksies puik was. Dit was die tweede keer dat die Woordfees gedurende Oktober plaasvind en feesgangers het hulself behoorlik geniet! Ek bedank graag die organiseerders vir die uitstekende werk wat gedoen is om feesgangers te vermaak. Die fees het beslis geborrel dat dit bars!

Another highlight on our social calendar was the annual Flower Parade that took place on 31 October. The Flower Parade forms part of Garden Town Stellenbosch - one of the country's most prominent garden lifestyle celebrations, that took place between 27 October to 5 November 2023. The Parade weaved its way through the town center, departing from and returning to The Braak. The music, the atmosphere, the colourful outfits, decorated bicycles and even decorated prams were amazing to see.

Under the theme "Common Ground," Garden Town Stellenbosch seeks to celebrate the universal love of gardening and to foster a stronger, more connected community. The festival explored the shared passion for gardening and the deep sense of belonging it creates among individuals from diverse backgrounds. Supporting communities and nurturing relationships around the shared love of gardening and our beautiful outdoors not only cultivates vibrant landscapes but also fosters connections that can blossom into lifelong bonds. Garden Town Stellenbosch was a massive success and attracted visitors from far and wide. It reminded us that our roots are intertwined with those around us, and just like a tiny seed grows into a flourishing plant, cultivating determination and nurturing dreams can lead to success in life, where each effort contributes to a thriving environment for all. Thank you to Visit Stellenbosch for organising this world class event.

**THE FLOWER PARADE FORMS PART OF GARDEN TOWN STELLENBOSCH - ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST PROMINENT GARDEN LIFESTYLE CELEBRATIONS.**



**I had the honour to join City of Cape Town Mayco member for Corporate Services, Alderman Theresa Uys, for the ribbon cutting and launch of the impressive new Hazendal Wine Estate Hotel and Spa. This new establishment will create economic opportunities and attract more visitors to our region. We wish the management team the best of luck and look forward to reading about their successes in the years to come!**



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 ongekeende aantal gruweldade teen vroue en kinders. Wat my hart breek is dat in so baie gevalle die aanvaller 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.

**On 18 November, the Stellenbosch Disability Network hosts their annual Walk with Disability.**

I encourage everyone to get involved. Put on those walking shoes and come out to show your support for this amazing organisation and our disabled residents.

Thank you to all residents for your patience and understanding around some delays that were experienced around our grass cutting schedule. Municipal teams were hard at work cutting grass in our parks, public spaces and next to sidewalks throughout October and this month. We were slightly behind schedule, as teams from our Parks Department as well as cleaning crews from Infrastructure Services were busy with clearing debris and cleaning after the devastating floods. Getting the areas that were impacted by the floods cleared and open for business was prioritised. Our crews have now cleared the backlog. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



## WALK WITH DISABILITY

1.5 KM WALK STARTS & FINISHES AT  
STELLENBOSCH CENTRAL: DIE BRAAK

Register group via email to:  
[cindy@changeability.org.za](mailto:cindy@changeability.org.za)

day  
**18 Nov 23**

time  
Registration from 8am  
Walk starts 9am

place  
**Die Braak**

Organised by the Stellenbosch Disability Network  
in partnership with Stellenbosch Municipality &  
Stellenbosch University Sport Science

Ek wil graag hartlik geluk sê aan Rhenish Girls High School en die Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof wat vanjaar uitgeblink het by die nasionale onderwys-toekennings. Die twee spogskole is aangewys as deel van die top 3 kwintielvyfskole in die land! Dis 'n werklik 'n prestasie om op trots te wees. Baie geluk aan elke leerder, onderwyser en ouer.

Important dates:

**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**

Until next time

*Mayor Gesie*

**ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**MAYOR GESIE HANDED OVER 89 TITLE DEEDS TO THE LONGLANDS COMMUNITY!**



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