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LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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Communications Unit



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"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilisation work." — Vince Lombardi



Theft and Vandalism of Municipal Infrastructure Derails Service Delivery

The Municipality condemns the vandalism of municipal infrastructure that supplies services to the community – as these acts undermine and derail the municipal's efforts to ensure services to communities. The municipality calls on the public to report the theft and vandalism of all essential infrastructure which has risen to disastrous proportions, threatening essential services and the lives of innocent people across the municipality.

This is in reference to the reports of several damaged municipal infrastructure in the past few days in many parts of the town, which has left residents in most areas without supply of water and other services.

These acts of criminality undermine government efforts to keep the service delivery wheel in motion.

The municipality urges all members of the community to report all elements of criminality and vandalism taking place in different parts of the municipality to the South African Police Services (SAPS) and the municipal Law Enforcement.

We call on all community members to be active citizens and guard their own infrastructure within their communities and report criminals acts to law enforcement agencies because the infrastructure belongs to them and once vandalized, they will be directly affected.

Any person who unlawfully and intentionally tempers with, damages or destroys essential infrastructure or colludes with or assist another person in the commission, performance or carrying out of an activity of destroying essential infrastructure, is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding 30 years or, in the case of a corporate body as contemplated in section 332(2) of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977, a fine not exceeding R 100 million.

There is no justification whatsoever for vandalizing essential infrastructure but an act of criminality which undermines the government's effort to supply services to communities in a sustainable manner.

Vandalism takes the government back in its service delivery plans and targets.

The building of these Infrastructures takes years to be constructed. We therefore appeal to the members of the municipality and residents to safeguard all municipal infrastructures in their respective communities to report these criminal elements to ensure that the municipality provide services.



"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing – that's why we recommend it daily." – Zig Ziglar



ELM Relay Race

A Relay Race was held for Primary Schools at the Sy Mthimunye Stadium in Ackerville.

Schools that partook in the race are namely Nkonjane, Sibukosethu, Khayaletu, Hlalanikahle and Khonzimfundo Primary Schools.

It is of importance for the Municipality's Sports, Arts and Culture Unit to support and invest in athletes who stand a chance of representing the country in future.

Khayaletu came out as champions as they had the most winners in the various age groups.

The outcomes of the race are as listed below:

1. Khayaletu
2. Sibukosethu
3. Nkonjane
4. Khonzimfundo
5. Hlalanikahle

We would like to thank the teachers, principals and parents for being supportive and helping in the facilitation of the event. It wouldn't have been a success without their commitment and dedication. We hope to have more schools compete in future.



Learners from the victorious Khayaletu Primary School.





Career Expo

Held by SAPS Vosman and the Emalahleni Local Municipality Youth Desk

High School learners from Kwa-guqa Extensions were selected to be part of the Career Expo which was hosted at the CWC Prayer Center in Ackerville.

The engagement with the different stakeholders gave them the opportunity to be exposed to different career paths and advice on which subjects would be suitable in order to obtain the chosen qualification at tertiary level.

Mr. Themba Nkosi who is the manager of the ELM Youth Desk gave words of encouragement to the learner's as they continue their journey in high school leading them into tertiary institutions.

We would like to thank the following stakeholders for being present:

SAPS VOSMAN
Vula Izandla
HITC Training Excellence
South African Council for Graduates SACGC
Highveld Industrial Park
Sanlam



"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore."—Andre Gide



Visit to Water Treatment Plants

The Executive Mayor Cllr. Conny Nkalitshana and MMC Busi Hlumbane conducted an inspection at Klipspruit and Naauwupoort Water Treatment Plants due to reports of vandalism and theft from the Technical team.

The Executive Mayor and the MMC also evaluated the progress on the extension project of Klipspruit Water Treatment Plant which is under a contractor.

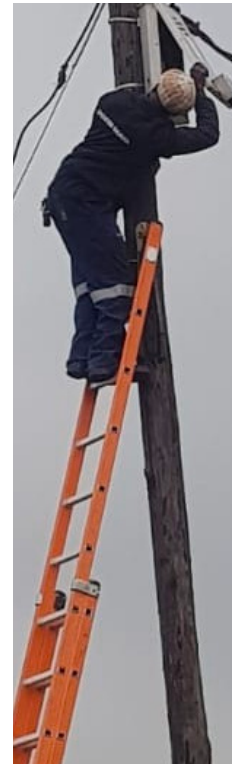




Mayoral Operations Carried Out at Phola

Emalahleni Local Municipality is committed to ensuring that the Municipality makes continuous progress in enforcing its by-laws. The Mayoral Operations Khokha, Hlanzeka and Ziveze have been placed as a mitigating factor between the Municipality and community as a way to ensure that these by-laws are being abided by.

Today the operations were carried out in Phola where businesses which have illegal connections, bypassed electrical meters and water meters which are dysfunctional were issued with fines.



"Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow." — Mahatma Gandhi



It is of importance to note that these operations are continuous, any business that is found to be illegally connected or has bypassed meters will be fined.

We urge all households and businesses in Emalahleni to comply with the by-laws in place, report faulty water and electrical meters and most importantly pay your bills for effective and efficient service delivery.



Unauthorized Selling of Stands in Siyanqoba

It has come to the Municipality's attention that a company that goes by Ditabeng Africa Holdings has been selling stands to the amount of R5000.00 for 250m² situated in Bloekombos 414 JS which is near Siyanqoba. This became evident when The office of Executive Mayor, Municipal officials and the office of the Municipal Manager were receiving an influx of calls enquiring about this project and its legitimacy.

The Executive Mayor Cllr Conny Nkalitshana and Municipal Manager Mr S Mayisela met with the following stakeholders who are part of Ditabeng Africa Holdings:

Place Making Urban Planners
Khulanathi Community Development
Enough is Enough Workers Forum

Ditabeng Africa Holdings were given the opportunity to present to the Executive Mayor and Municipal officials prior to them being questioned about the processes which they followed in ensuring that their development is in line with Municipal by-laws and spatial planning procedures noting that the Municipality is well aware that due diligence processes had not been followed by Ditabeng.

After listening to the presentation the Executive Mayor, Municipal Manager and officials representing the Municipality raised their concerns regarding the approach used by Ditabeng by advertising their stands without consulting with the Municipality. Kindly note that the Municipality needs to issue an approval for any development taking

place in the Emalahleni as the developer needs to be advised accordingly by relevant departments and going through the established channels.

Following discussions with Ditabeng after their presentation, the Executive Mayor, Municipal Manager and representatives from Development Planning expressed concern in the manner in which Ditabeng conducted its processes.

The meeting came to a conclusion with the Municipality stating that Ditabeng should STOP selling stands with immediate effect.

Ditabeng has placed the Municipality in a compromised position as the Municipality is accountable for any development taking place. We would like to make the public aware that we have not approved any new development in Siyanqoba.



"When you change your thoughts, remember to also change your world."—Norman Vincent Peale



7:30AM
FRIDAY
24
MARCH

2023
EMPLOYEE
Wellness
RECOGNITION DAY

7:30 - Hiking
10:00 - Education / Awareness on Health Finances & Lifestyle
13:00 - Refreshments & Music

**EMALAHLENI
RECREATIONAL RESORT**

Professional Assistance through Wellness Programmes in the form of Medical Screening, Financial Rehabilitation, Stress and Depression Awareness, and Promoting Healthy Lifestyle through Physical Activities.

HIKING **HEALTH** **FITNESS** **FINANCE**

Lifestyle

The Emalahleni Local Municipality Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Unit hosted an Employee Wellness Recognition Day which included the following activities:

Hiking

Medical Screening

Financial Rehabilitation

Body Under Construction Organization

(who provided aerobics classes for the employees).

The event was a huge success with employees using the opportunity to educate themselves on physical, mental and financial wellness.

We would like to thank the following stakeholders for partnering with us in to ensure that event was a success:

iMas Insurance Brokers
OLDMUTUAL
LA Health Discovery
SAMWU Med
Hosmed
Bonitas
Hollard
Orchid Medical Aesthetics

Health Services: Cancer, Dental, Physiotherapist, & Body Under Construction Organisation .



"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." — Winston S. Churchill



Nkangala District Outreach program

The IDP outreach program held at Klarinet X3 Community Hall on Saturday, 18 March 2023. The Honorable Executive Mayor of Nkangala District Municipality, Leah Mabuza, shared a report on the budget, planning, and feedback for the financial year 2021/2022.

The community of Emalahleni representing different wards were given an opportunity to participate and respond to the report given by the Honourable Executive Mayor. They raised issues ranging from the state of the local roads, the issue of water, electricity and sewer, local job creation, and other related concerns.

Executive mayor Leah Mabuza informed the community about the new bridge project that is coming soon to combat the traffic at the railway road leading to Klarinet. The community is encouraged to participate in community development programs for the betterment of the lives of the people of Emalahleni and Nkangala District as a whole.



Cllr. Leah Mabuza
NDM Executive Mayor



Cllr. Betty Maphosa
ELM Active Executive Mayor



Cllr. Mduduzi Mswati Nkosi
ELM Speaker of the Council



"I never dreamed about success. I worked for it." —Estée Lauder



In honour of Our Fallen Heroes



Mpumalanga Premier Ms Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane has embarked on initiatives aimed at supporting military veterans. These initiatives are based on deliberations with the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Military Veterans Affairs and the establishment of the Premier's Military Veterans Council.

The program started at Emalahleni Local Municipality with the erecting of tombstones of our fallen heroes at the Pretoria Road Memorial Park.

It is said that the graves belong to about two hundred (200) fallen heroes in Emalahleni. So far, twenty-seven (27) tombstones have been erected after permission was granted by their families.

Premier Mtshweni-Tsipane, Nkangala District Mayor Leah Mabuza, Emalahleni Local Municipality Executive Mayor Conny Nkalitshana led a wreath laying ceremony at the Pretoria Memorial Park gravesite, accompanied by the members of the families and the leadership of the Umkhonto Wesizwe Veterans' Association (MKVA) and later moved to the Lynville Park where a Cenotaph and a candle light ceremony took place.



"Success is getting what you want, happiness is wanting what you get." —W. P. Kinsella



"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." — Will Rogers



Council Resolution on Indigent Consumers

Indigent consumers have received write-offs for the 2021/2022 financial year in accordance with the Credit Control & Debt Collection Policy and the Municipal Indigent Policy.

Section 24.9 of the Credit Control & Debt Collection Policy states as follows:

“The arrears debt 30 days balance, as the beginning of the financial year of all approved indigents consumers for the specific year qualify for the write off”.

An indigent debtor shall qualify for consideration of indigent benefits in terms of the laid down procedures of Council, which are:

- A debtor is considered indigent if the verified total gross monthly household income of all occupants over 18 years of age is equal to or less than an amount of two government pension grants;
- The applicant should be a resident or owner at the premises for which application is made within the Municipality, receives municipal services and is registered as an account holder on the municipal financial system; and may not own any other property whether in or out of Emalahleni municipal area;
- The applicant should be a citizen of the Republic of South Africa in possession of a valid South African Identity Document; and
- Child-headed household will also qualify for indigent support in terms of the policy.





Disaster Management Awareness Campaign

The Disaster Management Section held an awareness campaign in Phola, at the Sakhile Sports ground, in partnership with Nkangala disaster management center, Fire Service, SAPS, Saws, and traditional leaders. The focus of the campaign was on reducing the negative effects of natural disasters such as floods.

It is through information campaigns that raise awareness to communities and for preparation in dealing with critical situations, with the support of the necessary equipment. Information campaigns include different measures to disseminate information to the people in our communities.



"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman." – Margaret Thatcher

VISION

To be a centre of excellence and innovation.

MISSION STATEMENT

"Empowerment of our communities and providing innovative and excellent service that is conducive for sustainable economic development and social transformation."

SLOGAN

"The energy heartbeat of Southern Africa and economic hub of Mpumalanga."

CORE VALUES

Accountability | Transparency | Excellence | Integrity | Innovative | Responsiveness

TOP 5 MUNICIPAL GOALS

Spatial transformation and social cohesion
Sustainable and affordable services
Clean administration and good governance
Financial viability
Socio-economic growth and a safe environment

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