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“To be a centre of excellence and innovation”

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Opening Day: The Executive Mayor Cllr. Leah Mabuza Visits Empucukweni High School

The beginning of the school year plays a crucial role in setting the tone for the academic year ahead for learners.

Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza encouraged learners of the school to be game changers, highlighting the importance of focusing on their studies and not letting the various circumstances that these children face at their homes deter them from their goals.

She emphasised the importance of respect amongst each other as peers despite their financial circumstances and family background and that respect should be given to their teachers.

The use of substance abuse was discouraged as this will likely destroy their future.

As the school visits continue with councillors visiting various schools, the aim is to ensure that they are aware that they have the support of the government directly through their ward councillors.

We wish all learners a successful academic year, and for them to follow the municipality's vision to be the centre of excellence and innovation.



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Handover of Vehicles to the SAPS by Seriti Mine

It is with great pleasure for Emalahleni Local Municipality to host the handover ceremony of SAPS vehicles which have been donated by Seriti Mine.

Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza emphasised the role of the mining industry which is crucial in the advancement of the social contract that the government has with the community which is non-negotiable. She further stated that this handover contributes to Emalahleni's Safer City Concept.

Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza highlighted the growth of the Emalahleni community which impacts the demand of service delivery and this includes addressing issues of crime.

The Executive Mayor continues to advocate for active CPFs within our communities

as this will help in coming closer to combating crime.

The plea for extra police vehicles was made to Seriti by the SAPS due to the increase of crime within Emalahleni.

Seriti adhered to the call and came in to assist with resources in the form of vehicles to enhance the protection within the community of Emalahleni.

Provincial commissioner of Mpumalanga Lieutenant General S.D Manamela stated that there has been an overall increase in various violent crimes in Emalahleni and the country as a whole which the SAPS is determined to combat.

Seriti shouldn't be the only company in the private sector intervening in the fight for crime but other mining houses should also intervene as there are crimes which include illegal mining which greatly affects the mining industry as a whole.

CEO of Seriti Mr. Mike Teke spoke on generating value and creating value within the community trust which aims to make communities better. What Seriti realised within the trust was the safety and security of the community.

MEC for Safety Security and Liaison Vusi Shongwe thanked Seriti Mine for their contribution as this will make contribution will make a difference in the purpose of serving and protecting the community.

We thank all the dignitaries who were present at the event which includes the president of Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa and chairperson of Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders Kgoshi L.M Mokoena.



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House Handover by Inayo Mining

The municipality had the pleasure of being part of the handover ceremony of a house to an elderly woman in the area of Ga-Nala Thubelihle. This project was initiated by Inayo Mining and supported by Universal Coal New Clydesdale Colliery, inmine and Pioneer Drill and Blast.

The directors of Inayo Mining Ms Thando Maseko and Mr Gideon Van Heerden expressed their willingness to fund the project due to the conditions the elderly woman was subjected to and the urgency to which the project would need to be executed. The atmosphere was filled with jubilation as community members came together in celebration.

The home is fully furnished and equipped with back up systems such as a solar system, solar powered geyser and a Jojo tank. Contract work was fulfilled by Hlompho Mining and Logistics.

We'd like to thank the above mentioned companies with a special thanks to Inayo Mining for heeding to the call.



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Outreach Programme with Gateway Church International

Gateway Church International reached out to the municipality by inviting the Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza to join their Easter Outreach Programme under the theme Impact.

The church made a commitment to partner with the municipality and embark on a project that aims to restore and beautify the dignity of our city by adopting Elizabeth Avenue.

We would like to thank Gateway Church International and its leaders Pastors Eddie and Stella Phetla for a commitment of this magnitude.



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DMRE School Outreach Program

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy led by Minister Gwede Mantashe hosted a school outreach program in Spring Valley Primary School in Emalahleni.

The aim of the outreach program is to motivate teaching and learning, and to motivate learners to stay in school and provide the required assistance that will enable the learners to access quality education

The DMRE gave out school shoes and other learning materials to the learners.

Several companies made donations, such as Glencore donated school bags and pencil cases, Africa Remediation Technologies (ART) installed a borehole and a generator and donated to the pipe works, Sasol donated school uniforms, lockers and garden equipment, Seriti made school bag donations and other educational materials.

The minister emphasised on the importance of companies contributing to this initiative as it is part of their CSI and SLP's.



"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



Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.” – Vernon Sanders Law



SOD TURNING

An SOD turning event was held in Hlalanikahle for the water project at Emalahleni Local Municipality. The following wards will benefit from this project: wards 1, 4 and 5 at Hlalanikahle Emalahleni Local Municipality

The project is estimated to run at a duration of eight (8) months.

A contractor has been appointed for the project and it is anticipated that local sub contractors and local labour shall benefit from the project.

By providing ongoing support for water system needs, the municipality is able to ensure the longevity of all of our water projects.

It is with the support and engagement of our partner community members that we can provide reliable access to clean water, creating a ripple effect of impact that spans generations.



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



Emalahleni Local Municipality STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The Strategic planning session was held at the Khayalami Lodge in Emalahleni from Monday 11 March 2024 to Tuesday 12 March 2024.

Both the Administration leadership and political leadership of the Municipality gathered to determine their vision for the future of the Municipality and to identify the organization's goals and objectives.

The strategic planning session is where the leadership addresses the challenges in governance, financial management and administration challenges that may hinder the progress of service delivery within the Municipality, the team also establishes a sustainable plan that will ensure that there is sustainable growth and to build on good practices.



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Farms Site Visits and Engagement

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Ms Thoko Didiza, together with the Deputy Minister Mcebisi Skwatsha and Mpumalanga MEC for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Ms Busi Shiba, and MMC corporate services Cllr Faith Msibi went for an overview visit at the Naga farms and Kleinwater farm in Emalahleni Local Municipality.

This was part of the build-up activities for the District Development Model (#DDM) Presidential Imbizo.



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



Mayor's Church Visit

The Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza visited Lutheran Bapedi Church in Thushanang today.

The Executive Mayor was accompanied by MMC Development Planning Cllr V Nhlapho, MMC Environmental and Waste Cllr Nombuso Mokwane, MMC Finance Cllr Hessie Maseko and MMC Corporate services Cllr Faith Msibi and ELM officials to handover some blankets to the elderly and reach out to the community.



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Illegal Power Supply Cut offs

The Cut off operation started at Ward 23 in KwaGuqa extensions today, targeting big and small businesses and residential complexes.

The team was cutting off and issuing fines to any illegal connects found.

Illegal electricity bridging connections have increased drastically over the last couple of years

It was discovered that the community in Ward 23 is surrounded by illegal spaza shops ran by foreign nationals who are illegally connected to the the power supply and are selling counterfeit goods in an unhealthy and unclean environment.

The executive mayor, Cllr Leah Mabuza was part of the cut of team and noted that Emalahleni Local Municipality is losing millions of rands annually due to illegal connections within the business sector alone.

Cllr Mabuza encouraged the community of Emalahleni to approach the Municipality in order to settle unpaid bills and make arrangements to settle their debt.





Presidential Imbizo in Emalahleni

The President of South Africa, President Cyril Ramaphosa led the District Development Model (DDM) Presidential Imbizo in Sy Mthimunye Stadium, Emalahleni, Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province, with the theme 'Leave No One Behind'.

The aim of the Imbizo is to promote a democracy that engages and promotes public participation and inclusive development by allowing community members and stakeholders to express any concerns or dissatisfaction they may have about conditions in their community.

Through the engagement, the members of the community raised, issues of water, electricity, and housing and in response to the issues raised, the President called responsible Ministers to respond to the issues and the status of various projects.



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Linah Malatjie Sports Tournament



The Linah Malatjie Sports Tournament was held today at the Lynnville Stadium, the event was to commemorate the memory of the late former Executive Mayor Cllr L.M Malatjie.

The event was facilitated by the Sports, Arts and Culture Unit which falls under the Community Services Directorate. Various sporting codes were represented which included the fun run and walk , netball matches and soccer matches.

The event was honoured by our Executive Mayor Cllr L.M Mabuza who appreciated community members who came in numbers and formed part of the event in honour of the late Cllr L.M Malatjie. Cllr L. M Mabuza encouraged the continuous participation in sports by the youth in order to harness their talents and redirect their focus and energy into activities that are beneficial for their mental and physical wellbeing.



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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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