

### MIDVAAL - THE PLACE TO LIVE!!

A report by the Gauteng Planning Commission's Quality of Life Survey, ranks Midvaal Municipality as the province's top municipality in terms of quality of life.

This survey, which was conducted in late 2009, shows that at almost every level, across numerous ranking categories, Midvaal residents experience better living conditions and governance than those living in other municipalities.

The report shows that Midvaal has the highest satisfaction rating for any municipality in Gauteng. Midvaal is the only municipality in Gauteng whose residents express more confidence in municipal government than in the provincial and national governments, and the only municipality in Gauteng where more than half of all residents are either satisfied or very satisfied with local government.

Of particular significance in this report is the fact that 68% of residents in Midvaal say they are either very satisfied or satisfied with the dwelling in which they reside. This is the highest percentage in the whole of Gauteng. Only 7% of residents say they are very dissatisfied with their dwelling.

Unemployment in Midvaal, at around 26%, is far below that of other municipalities (Tshwane, at second position, stands at around 40%). This reflects the municipality's ability to attract investment – by companies such as Heineken and Ferrero Rocher – which in turn creates employment for local residents. Mayor Nast went on to say that “political stability and value-for-money services have made Midvaal attractive to investors who in turn create employment opportunities for local residents.

In addition to all of this, Midvaal has the lowest incidence of absolute destitution: only 3% of households lacked money to feed children in the 12 months preceding the survey. The corresponding figures for other municipalities are all in the double digits.

Midvaal also registered the lowest rate of alienation of any municipality in Gauteng; fewer than one in five residents believe that “no one cares about people like me”, and Midvaal has the highest proportion of residents who believe they can influence decisions around them.

“The results of the survey confirm what we have been saying for years, namely that Midvaal is THE place in to live!!!”.



# MIDVAAL UITHOURITKLUB

Midvaal Uithouritklub het op 29 Mei 2010 'n baie suksesvolle Uithourit oor 81.2km aangebied by Bloekompoort woonwapark. Die weer was feitlik perfek en die eerste perde het om 06:15 vertrek op 'n plat, sanderige baan met min klip, daarom kon hulle 'n baie vinnige gemiddelde spoed handhaaf.

Ruiters neem in verskillende kategorieë deel, wenners van die kompeterende ruiters was:

Swaargewig: Johan van der Westhuizen van Pretoria klub op sy perd Fanmar Gashel in 'n tyd van 3:55:40

Standaardgewig: Tjaart de Wet van Rand klub op Shaheer Marocco op 3:54:12

Liggewig (en vinnigste algehele spoed): Leani Dickenson van Pretoria op Nabilah Bareg in 3:36:31

Junior: Francois Fouché van Bray op Francisca in 3:41:29

Kind (onder 14jr): DC Saaiman van Loskop op De-Put Prins in 3:52:36

Daar was 91 inskrywings en deelnemers het van oraloor kom deelneem - Randfontein, Pretoria, Middelburg, Sasolburg, Bethlehem, Potchefstroom en ander klubs het almal deelnemers hier gehad. Die klub was ook baie bly dat daar geen ernstige ongevallen was nie. Twee ruiters het onttrek en ses perde kon nie klaarmaak nie agv ligte beserings, wat 'n aanduiding is dat dit 'n vinnige maar veilige baan is.

Midvaal Uithouritklub is ook baie trots op Jeanell Coetzer en haar begeleier, Moses Molehe, wat die eerste been van 31 km op 'n stappie voltooi het - Jeanell is gestrem en loop baie moeilik daarom is dit vir hul 'n voorreg dat sy juis hul baan gekies het om die ware gees van Uithou / Endure met 'n breë glimlag, ten spyte van pyn en ongemak, te vertoon. Sy het dan ook die toekenning "Spirit of Endurance" ontvang.



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compile accurate information, for inclusion in our Midvaal Tourism Information Leaflets and onto our Upcoming Website.

From **OCTOBER** we will be inviting various publications to join us, on **Specialised JOURNALISM BUSES** that will tour products relevant to their publication, to highlight what Midvaal has to offer. Our hope is that these publications will run editorials from November onwards, in time for the December Holidays, Festivities and the New Year.

## TOURISM AWARDS

Sedibeng District Council hosted the first 2010 Sedibeng Tourism Awards on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2010. Two of our members were nominated for these awards; Bass Lake Adventures, Henley On Klip was nominated as a finalist in the Outdoor and Leisure Category and Vaalnest, Vaal Marina was nominated and **WON** the Award in the Accommodation Category.

## MEMBERSHIP

To join our Association, please E-mail: [info@midvaalexplorer.co.za](mailto:info@midvaalexplorer.co.za) or Fax: 086 523 8240, giving us your Contact Numbers, E-mail address and/ or Fax number and your Main Activities/ Services / Products. We will then forward you all membership information.

**We thus encourage you to join our association and enjoy the many benefits of membership of our Association.**

Karen Pepper  
Chairman



On the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2010, the "Midvaal Explorer" Private Business Tourism Association was successfully launched! This is an Autonomous Association of all businesses that operate in the Tourism and Hospitality industry. We represent the needs of the private sector, by working together with our members and with local government, to establish and maintain support services, to aid sustainable and responsible tourism. In addition we create an information and marketing platform for our members. By pooling our resources we are able to achieve the greatest possible marketing exposure and optimize access to pertinent information to our sector.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEXT QUARTER of 2010

**SEPTEMBER** is **Tourism month** and we are planning a "**Midvaal Adventure Race**" that will be hosted over the full month. Visitors are thus encouraged to score high points by visiting as many of our members during this month, where various tasks must be completed. We will ensure that the event is as inclusive as possible of all stake holders.

If you have any information to give us on **historical sites of interest, human interest stories, archaeological sites of interest, etc.**, as well as any photographs, please forward us

# CLEAN UP DAY IN SICELO

*Cllr. Lelokoane discusses work programme with Executive Mayor and fellow Councillors*

**Majoro, Seboledi le Balekgotla ba ile batswa tjaro - ya - mabonwa ba sa natse mohatsela ka la 5 Phupjane 2010 mme ba kena letsholong la ho hwekisa Sicelo ka kopanelo le Lefapha la tsa temo le ntshetsopele ya dibaka tsa mahae la Gauteng (Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development) hammoho le Masepala wa Setereke wa Sedibeng ho keteka letsatsi la lefatshe la tikoloho (World Environmental Day).**

**Tsatsi la ho hwekisa ke karolo ya malkemisetso a Masepala wa Midvaal ya ho ruta baahi ho se lahlele matlakala hohle, ho se lahlele matlakala dibakeng tse sa hlwauwang e le ho phahamisa tihokomediso ya tihokomelo ya motswako wa diphoofolo le dimela hammoho le tikoloho.**



*Volunteers hard at work*

**Majoro o rata ho leboha baithaopi bohle ba nkileng karolo letsatsing la tihwekiso.**

**"Ho bile monate mme bohle re ithutile bohlokwa ba ho dula tikolohong e hwekileng**

## MIDVAAL MUNISIPALE BIBLIOTEKE ONDERSTEUN SKOLE IN DIE ONGEWING

Midvaal Munisipale Biblioteke het met 'n program begin om die erg verwaarloose skole biblioteke in die omgewing te ondersteun. Hierdie inisiatief word uitgevoer addisioneel tot die Midvaal Biblioteke se normale pligte. Opleidingsprogramme vir skole se bibliotekaris se sal deur die Vereening kantoor van die Gauteng Onderwysdepartement vir skole in die Sedibeng Distrik aangebied word.

Die inhoud van sodanige opleiding is gebaseer op die fundamentele beginsels onderliggend aan die bedryf van biblioteke bv. klassifikasie metodes en sisteme, basiese indekse en katalogusse asook praktyke betrokke by die verkryging van toegang tot boeke en ander biblioteek ietems. Die opleiding word voortgesit na die winterskoolvakansie ten einde volgehoue ondersteuning en professionele ontwikkeling van skoolbibliotekaris te verseker in die streek.

Midvaal Munisipale Biblioteke bied tans bystand en ondersteuning aan skoolbiblioteke wat advies en ondersteuning benodig ten einde funksionele skoolbiblioteke tot stand te bring. So word die Tikelo Laerskool in Dassville byvoorbeeld tans ondersteun om 'n volledige operasionele skoolbiblioteek tot stand te bring.



Skole wat advies en bystand benodig is welkom om die Biblioteekbestuurder, Me. C. Oosthuizen by telefoon nommer (016) 360 7445 te skakel.



**Personeel van die Midvaal Biblioteke**

# THE COUNCIL WITH "GEEES"

# MIDVAAL SUPPORTED BAFANA BAFANA

In keeping with the world cup fever in South Africa, Midvaal Municipality staff took the initiative to get the community into the spirit of the first ever soccer world cup spectacle on African soil.

Departmental competitions were run where staff were encouraged to decorate their office space with the soccer theme, but not to use council resources. Midvaal staff were more than happy to oblige and buy items from their pockets.

Every staff member showed enthusiasm and spirit in striving to achieve this goal but as with every competition there can only be one winner!

The winning team was Corporate Services as they drove the initiative from day one and used all possible means available to communicate their enthusiasm to all Midvaal residents.

The rhythm of African football was felt when, during their lunch breaks, staff learnt the soccer-based moves of the disk dance with a lot of passion and energy! The wearing of Bafana Bafana apparel on Football Fridays was encouraged as a sign of support for the biggest sporting show on earth. The SA flag was flown with pride.

The electrifying atmosphere extended throughout Midvaal as residents waved their flags, painted their faces in the national colours and blew their vuvuzela's! Viva Midvaal Viva!!



The Executive Mayor, Cllr. Timothy Nast invited all residents to join him in watching the opening match between South Africa and Mexico at the Sicelo Fan Park on 11 June 2010.

Although 500-600 people were expected, in excess of 2000 excited fans arrived to watch the opening games here.

What an atmosphere!!

Literally hundreds of vuvuzela's, combined with cheers and shouts of encouragement, blew the fan park away.



# FIRE PREVENTION



You are awoken by unfamiliar sounds and the smell of smoke and toxic gasses, everything around you is dark. You realise that your house is on fire and you need to call the fire department. "Guess what you cannot remember the Fire Departments emergency number"

You start searching for the telephone directory trying to switch on the bedroom lights only to realise the current is off and everything is in total darkness

That is the reality that takes place in the 60 seconds after awoken by fire that feels like a lifetime to you.

## 1) Emergency Numbers

- Stay calm do not panic
- From your Cellular phone dial 112 (MTN, Vodacom and Cell C) ER 24 Ambulance Service Dial 084 124
- Netcare Ambulance Service Dial 082 911
- Sedibeng Provincial Ambulance Dial 10177
- Midvaal Fire And Rescue Services Dial 016 360 5911 Or 016 360 7500
- Meyerton SAPS 10111

## 2) Information Required

Once your call has been answered by one of the control centres the following information should be given.

- State your Emergency and speak clearly with a calm tone
- State your contact number should the call be ended
- Give the call taker your physical address, house number, street name, cross street and suburb
- This will make it easier for the emergency crews to find you

## 3) Control room staff

The 4 control room staff from the Midvaal Fire and Emergency services have undergone extensive training in

- Emergency call Taking Procedures
- Emergency Dispatch procedures

When phoning the Midvaal Fire and Rescue services they will answer the phone "Midvaal Fire and Rescue. State your Emergency"

They will be able to assist with various types of complaints after hours by giving the complaint over to the person on standby of that particular section. All complaints will be handled with confidentiality and will be recorded in a complaints register

## 4) Fire Detectors and Security gates

Over 6000 people die yearly in fire related incidents in their houses. This is due to the following reasons.

- People wake up from fire when it is too late and are immediately overcome by smoke and toxic gasses
- People wake up but cannot escape from the fire due to security doors and burglar bars in front of the windows
- Most of our residential fires occur during night times

## 5) Security

Due to the harsh times we live in security has become part of our every day lives. We need to protect our homes and businesses from intruders. We do this by installing security gates, security bars in front of the windows and by securing the sleeping area from the rest of the house.

Do we really take into account that we can escape safely and hassle free in the event of a fire or emergency?

- Companies that install trellis doors in front of the windows in conjunction with the Fire department enforce that all the window security doors are fixed except one. This window security door must be locked with pad locks and be able to slide open in the event of an emergency where the occupants need to escape safely

## 6) Detection by alarm

The fire Department highly recommends that for private dwellings the occupiers install fire detection inside their houses. This device is triggered by:

- Heat
- Smoke
- Combustion gases (For example – Carbon Monoxide)
- Flames

The alarm devices are there to warn you and to awaken you should your house be on fire

- The fire alarm devices can be divided into two types of warning systems:
- Audible warning devices such as bells, electronic sounders and voice alarm
- Visual warning devices including xenon, led and rotating beacons

The question to be asked by every house owner should be "Do I need a fire detection system" and the answer should be "YES" Unfortunately the Fire service cannot enforce home owners to install them, but the Fire Safety Division highly recommends that you do "This could save a beloved one from the terrible fate of a fire"

**All Midvaal Land Owners ( Especially those on Plots and Farms) are invited to the AGM Meeting of the Midvaal Fire Protection Association (FPA) that will be held on 24 August 2010 at 18:00 in the Meyerton Town Hall. The meeting concerns the registration of the Fire Protection Association**

# Heineken

# MOBILE CLINIC



Midvaal Local Municipality has joined forces with The Heineken Africa

Foundation to provide a mobile health clinic ensuring basic health care is widely available in the Midvaal Municipal area.

Heineken, with whom Midvaal has a long standing and sound relationship, provided Midvaal with a brand new, fully equipped mobile clinic which will offer residents in rural areas HIV counseling and testing as well as wellness screening. The wellness screening includes blood pressure, body weight, height, waist circumference measure and the calculation of body mass index.

The vehicle is equipped to dispense general health services including prenatal care, family planning, well-child services, youth care, chronic diseases treatment, acute primary care, health screening, prevention care as well as HIV Counseling and Testing and the distribution of anti-retroviral medication. It is expected to benefit approximately 1,250 patients a month.

The Sedibeng Brewery is responsible for the maintenance of the mobile clinic to ensure it provides a reliable service.



*Midvaal Executive Mayor, TK Nast cutting the ribbon*

An in-depth survey was done and results from this survey provided the impetus for Midvaal to offer health care services to people living on and in the vicinity of farms and informal settlements, as they had to travel long distances to access healthcare facilities.

The Mobile Clinic comes fully operational; supplied with medicine and health promotion materials, and has the capacity to relocate without difficulty, allowing for increased patient care coverage.



“Our involvement in these projects will provide much needed support and assistance to the local community in which we operate here in South Africa,” said Tom de Man, Regional President Heineken Africa & Middle East. “Since we started brewing at the Sedibeng Brewery in September 2009 we have been able to drive economic value to the local community. Now through both these initiatives we can deliver significant social benefits as well.”

Midvaal Mayor, Cllr. TK Nast said: “We have welcomed the construction of the Sedibeng Brewery and the contribution it is making to the economic growth of our country, importantly, our community is also benefiting from positive activities such as the mobile medical clinic and the education programme. We embrace these initiatives as they are helping to strengthen our community today and for the future.”

*Signing of the MOU*

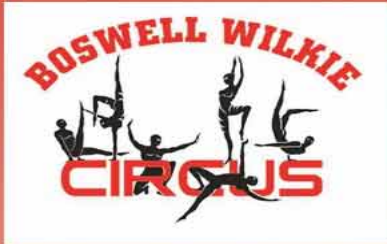


*RH van Konijnenburg, J Doyer, A de Klerk*



*From the left: Pud Merwe, RH van Konijnenburg, J Doyer, TK Nast, A de Klerk, R Smit, C Hartman*

# Art in the Big Top 2010



Skills Development Centre  
Creating an Employed South Africa



## Details

Venue: Boswell Wilkie Circus Tent,  
Springbok Road, Daleside.

Exhibition Dates: 20 - 22 August 2010, 10:00 – 16:30

Official Opening: 21 August 2010, 11:00 (PRIZE GIVING)

## Attractions!

- Art Adventure
- Art Competition for school Children
- Art Exhibition for professional artists
- Art And Craft workshops
- Spot prizes throughout the weekend

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