

midvaal news



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR



Dear Midvaal Residents,
In light of the developments regarding COVID-19, I would like to first say that our thoughts are with those affected by the virus in our municipality and around South Africa. As we closely monitor the evolving impact, we are implementing ongoing measures to ensure the health and safety of our staff, while also maintaining the highest level of service to our residents. We are keeping up with the guidance of the COVID-19 protocols, and we will continue to adjust our guidance accordingly.

In accordance with the provisions of the laws that govern the affairs of the municipality, we have successfully concluded a process of public consultation (Integrated Development Plan - IDP) with all our stakeholders within our communities. This stakeholder engagement has helped us to receive meaningful input and acknowledge areas which need immediate attention. This participatory mechanism is our

"reflective mirror" which helped us to assess the level of accessibility, quality, sustainability, and accountability of service provided by this administration.

I am proud to announce that, once again, our municipality received a clean audit award from Auditor General (AG). This confirms that the municipality's financials are reliable, compliant and on par with legislation and reporting performance standard. We count it all to our competent staff and management who worked tirelessly in ensuring good governance and effectiveness in our institution. While we are proud and celebrate our achievements, we must also concede that there is still a lot we can and need to do to realise our vision to see all our communities always enjoy the same quality services. We also acknowledge that there is room to grow and improve.

This is a challenge we accept and will be working towards achieving in 2021. Through the Sebenza Mbokodo initiative, we managed to award over R 300, 000.00 in financial assistance to women in the informal trading sector. We are looking forward to assisting more women around our communities in 2021.

The Executive Mayor:
Midvaal Local Municipality
Ald. Bongani Baloyi

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE QUARTER

JANUARY - MARCH 2021

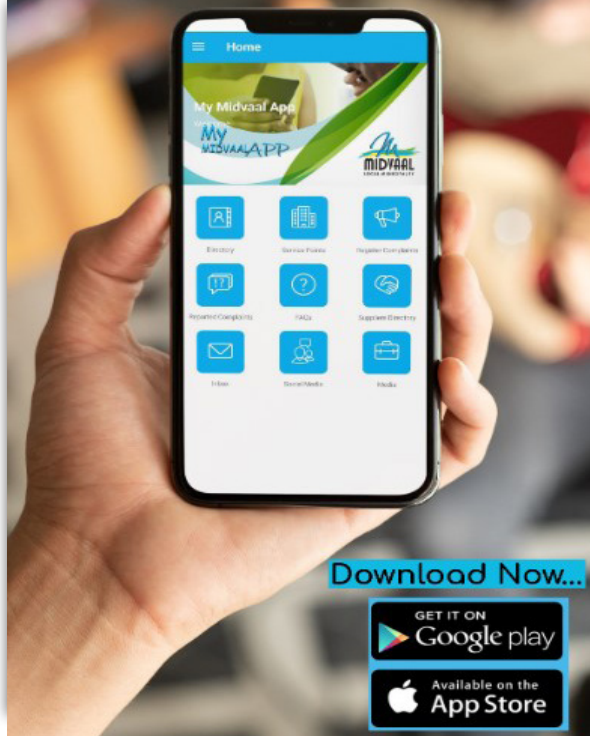
Midvaal Service Delivery Interventions

Advanced Traffic Speed Cameras for Road Safety

Tar Road Development in Midvaal

Clean Audit for Seven Consecutive Years

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APPLAUDING MIDVAAL HEROES



At the beginning of the new year 2021, we hosted #MidvaalHeroes profile drive to thank all our essential services staff from the municipality for the hard work they've done throughout the covid-19 Pandemic. Our essential services staff ensured that the municipality deliver the necessary services in our community. We thank them for dedicated in their duties.

NATIONAL POLICE DAY OBSERVED



In honour of National Police Day former MMC for Community Services, Cllr Hennie Oosthuysen visited our local Police stations on the 27th of January 2021 to extend Midvaal's appreciation to the team for their hard work and dedication in keeping the community safe.

As a token of appreciation Cllr Hennie Oosthuysen also handed over gifts to our local Policemen and women.

TAR ROAD DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDVAAL

Midvaal Roads section team have been hard at work during the past few months ensuring that new roads are built and delivered to its residents on time.

As part of the first road opening our Executive Mayor Ald Bongani Baloyi opened a newly built road in Boltonwold on 12th of February 2021 together with Former MMC for Engineering Services Cllr Teixeira and our MPAC Chairperson Cllr Mazibuko.



NEW WATER LINE CONNECTIONS EXTENDED IN KOOKRUS



On the 16th of February 2021, our water section team was in Kookrus extending the water line for new connections, as well as installing fire hydrants.

The Municipality upholds its promise in ensuring that the community receives excellent service delivery.

MIDVAAL LIBRARY'S SAFETY DURING COVID – 19

On 17th of February 2021, former MMC for Community Services Cllr Hennie Oosthuysen engaged with the management and staff at our library facilities to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to ensure safety of residents when visiting the Libraries during Covid and the current services provided at the library in the midst of the pandemic.

The services include book pick-up service where users can remotely access the library catalogue online - with this service, users can be able to select titles online and place a request to the relevant library via email; the library staff on duty will fulfil the requests and communicate the dates and time for the collection with the user.



CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY



On 19th of February 2021, our former MMC for Corporate Services, Cllr Lynda Parsonson was at an ECD in Sicelo to premiere the Midvaal Storytime video that the Municipality had compiled as part of our initiative in International Mother Language Day. The Midvaal Storytime video consists of a collection of children stories books (sourced from our Midvaal Library shelves) read out by our employees in all 11 official languages. MMC Parsonson also handed out school bags.

SICELO ELECTRICITY METERS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The former MMC for Engineering Services, Cllr Peter Teixeira has taken the initiative to check up on the progress and outcome of an electrical project in Sicelo on the 24th of February 2021 in order to reduce power outages and electrical losses focused on replacing outdated meters with split – phase meters. This project will soon be rolled out to other areas in Midvaal.



INFORMAL TRADERS MASK DONATION DRIVE

The former MMC for Development and Planning, Cllr Mokete Motsamai and his team continued with the mask donation drive established previously and distributed 320 locally produced face masks to the informal traders at Loch Street, Meyerton on the 25th of February 2021.

HANDHELD SPEED CAMERAS FOR ROAD SAFETY

On the 25th of February 2021 the former MMC for Community Services, Cllr Hennie Oosthuysen engaged with the Traffic Department during a road safety campaign in the Midvaal area, the objective of this campaign was on the safety of learners travelling to schools and that motorists abide by the traffic laws. In recent efforts, the Municipality also successfully procured mobile handheld speed cameras and Midvaal Traffic officials have been trained and certified in the use of this asset against lawbreakers.



MIDVAAL WATER TREATMENT WORKS (WTW) WELL MAINTAINED



Midvaal currently has five wastewater plants that we consistently maintain namely, Meyerton Wastewater Treatment Plant (biggest by capacity), Ohenimuri, Eye of Africa, Bantu Bonke And Vaal Marina. On the 1st of March 2021 our Waste Water Treatment Works team was on site in Ohenimuri to ensure the smooth running of this plant and ensuring that we keep up with the legally required green drop water levels

PRE- WINTER FIRE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Our MMC for Community Services Cllr Peter Teixeira participated in a Pre-Winter Fire Awareness campaign in the Boitumelo informal settlement on the 9th of March 2021 to educate the community on preventing fires, solar lights were given out to households. This campaign was a collaboration with Provincial, District, and Municipal Fire Departments.



POTHOLE REPAIRS PROGRESSING WELL



As part of the Municipality's efforts to keep up with the prolonged road potholes due to the rainy season throughout Midvaal, our MMC for Engineering Services Cllr Hennie Oosthuysen was on-site in Homestead Apple Orchards on the 10th of March 2021 checking on the progress of pothole repairs taking place in the area.

ILLEGAL DUMPING CLEAUP INITIATIVE BY LAKESIDE COMMUNITY



The youth of Lakeside have taken a proactive initiative to clean-up the illegal dumping areas and transforming the cleaned areas into a community food garden. Our Executive Mayor Ald Bongani Baloyi, MMC for Community Services Cllr Peter Teixeira assisted on the 11th of March 2021 the youth in the clean – up initiative and also donated, masks, PPE, and tools for the Lakeside youth's clean-up program.

S16 ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION RESTORED

In response to a vandalism incident that had occurred at the S16 substation in Meyerton, the team was on site on the 12th of March 2021 working around the clock to restore the power effecting Sicelo, Meyerton Park and Meyerton Farms.

Our MMC for Engineering Services Cllr Hennie Oosthuysen was on-site checking on the progress with the Electrical team and noted that they were able to restore the S16 substation within 8 hours of the reported incident. We would like to commend the team for their quick response in restoring power in the area.



EDUCATING THE YOUNGSTERS ABOUT WATER CONSERVATION

In celebrating the National Water Week 2021, Our MMC for Corporate Services, Cllr Mokete Motsamai partaken in a water conservation campaign at Sicelo Primary school on the 18th of March 2021.

This year's focus was aimed at creating awareness for the Grade 3 learners about protecting and conserving the country's water resources. Rand Water (Water Wise) sponsored the campaign with educational posters, creative books and various other informative items.



ONGOING SANITIZING OF HOT SPOT AREAS

Throughout the COVID- 19 pandemic Midvaal Fire department has been on the field safeguarding that all our residents remain safe. The Ward based War room of Ward 10 with the assistance from our Fire department together with the Cllr Mahlangu were at a previously identified hot spot area on the 25th of March 2021 to sanitize local supermarkets and taxi rank.



INSTALLATION OF PRE-PAID WATER METERS COMPLETED IN SAVANNA CITY

Our MMC for Engineering Services Hennie Oosthuysen was checking the completion of the installation of Pre-Paid water metres in Savanna City on the 31st of March 2021. MMC Oosthuysen also engaged some community members regarding the installations.

MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CONTINUES TO SCOOP MORE AWARDS FOR STERLING PERFORMANCE

Midvaal Local Municipality was awarded the Golden Arrow award by PMR Africa on the 24th of March 2021 at Meyerton, Sedibeng district, Gauteng province. This honour is awarded to municipalities and public entities that do the most to combat crime; Job creation; Clean environment; Infrastructure development Attract investment; and Social Upliftment.

The awards are the culmination of research processes whereby companies and institutions are rated based on respondents' perceptions with a strong focus on evaluating and measuring customer service and customer satisfaction.



CLEAN AUDIT FOR 7 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Midvaal Local Municipality has received a clean audit outcome for the 2019/20 financial year, according to the Auditor General of South Africa (AG) on the 26th of March 2021. This is the 7th consecutive clean audit that the municipality has received since 2013, when Executive Mayor Ald Bongani Baloyi commence his term of office.

A clean audit refers to a financially unqualified opinion by the AG, indicating that each of the financial records provided by the municipality have no material findings or misrepresentations, and are in accordance with the law and regulations relating to spending on public funds



UPHOLDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



March has been marked as Human Rights Month; the Government declared the Human Rights theme for 2021 as "Promoting Human Rights in the Age of Covid-19."

On the 31st of March 2021 our MMC for Corporate Services, Cllr Mokete Motsamai together with MMC for Community Services, Cllr Peter Teixeira had a joint oversight visit to Meyerton Clinic, to inspect the facilities and thank our Health care workers on behalf of the community of Midvaal for upholding a good standard in providing health care services to the community in the Age of Covid -19.



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