

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR



Dear Residents:
On behalf of Midvaal Local Municipality, I would like to wish all our residents a happy, prosperous and blissful new year. May this year be your year.

This past year has been a year of many challenges and many achievements. Our community has drawn together and stood as one whenever called upon to do so. I take this opportunity to thank the residents of Midvaal for the support and cooperation during the year, even at difficult times you heed the call.

The COVID-19 situation has evolved further, and we are dealing with a significant global challenge. I urge all our residents to heed the necessary measures instituted by national government. Let us remain informed and only share with others up-to-date and legitimate information. Wear a mask, clean your hands, and keep a safe distance.

Through these trying times, Midvaal Local Municipality wishes to reassure our businesses, agricultural, residential and any other stakeholder of our commitment to remaining a caring and people-centred government. We wish you all a Prosperous 2021.

The Executive Mayor:
Midvaal Local Municipality
Ald. Bongani Baloyi



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE QUARTER

Midvaal Officially Launched a Citizen Engagement Mobile App

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND STORM WATER DRAINS

SMMEs EMPOWERED IN COLLABORATION WITH (DSBD) AND (SEDA)

SEBENZA MBOKODO WOMEN'S FUND PROJECT



BRIDGING THE COMMUNICATION GAP

The My Midvaal Citizen Engagement App was officially launched on the 3rd of November 2020, and offers a full service integrated solution that puts residents first.

The app enables an accessible, convenient and responsive channel for integrated delivery of services to our residents, business and communities.

- Residents are able to report issues in the Municipality faster.
- The Call Centre is integrated with "My Midvaal" Mobile App
- Communication at the comfort of your home.
- Offers a Business Directory for easy navigation in the Midvaal area.
- Download "My Midvaal App" today on Google Play and Apple store.



ROAD MAINTENANCE AND STORMWATER CLEAR-OUTS



MMC for Engineering Services, Cllr Peter Teixeira and the Midvaal roads and stormwater team, have been committed to ensuring that the roads throughout the Municipality are well maintained as we approach the rainy season.

During October 2020 and November 2020, their commitment was intensified on repairing potholes and overall road maintenance, as well as clearing of stormwater channels.

The roads section was recently in the De Deur and Meyerton farms area and will continue to move around the municipality accordingly.



CAMPAIGN HELD TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

On the 1st of November 2020, Midvaal in partnership with car society held a drive slow fundraising campaign to raise awareness about GBV, Farm murder and Human trafficking at the Malonjeni Game farm.



MIDVAAL WORKSHOP TO EMPOWER SMALL, MEDIUM AND MICRO MEDIUM ENTERPRISES



The Midvaal Local Municipality's Development and Planning Department in collaboration with the department of Small Business Development (DSBD), and the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) held a three-day workshop

The workshop aimed to equip Small Businesses with the necessary information required so that their businesses are able and capacitated to deliver on the scope of work on time and with the expected quality. Topics

on the 3rd of November 2020 at the Sicelo Community Hall, 4th November 2020 at the Lakeside Community Hall and 5th November 2020 in Mamello.

covered included: Business Compliance and Development, as well as assisting township entrepreneurs in applying online for funding from the Small Enterprise Development Agency.

The workshop also included information on the land use processes and the cost associated with applying for the relevant land use applications for small businesses and home enterprises.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MIDVAAL INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP – 2021/2022)



In light of Covid 19 regulations under adjusted Level 3 Lockdown, the municipality shall not be hosting traditional IDP meetings in 2021. To ensure community engagement, Midvaal has developed a Community Needs Assessment Form to allow you to share your top 5 community needs. Soft copies of the forms are available on the municipal website www.midvaal.gov.za or Midvaal citizen engagement App and hardcopy forms can be collected at the Office of the Speaker, municipal offices, halls, pay points & libraries for submission by 08 February 2021.



MIDVAAL SUPPORTS WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH LOCAL ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

The Sebenza Mbokodo Women's Fund Project was established in 2019 by the Executive Mayor of Midvaal Local Municipality, Ald Bongani Baloyi. It's primary focus is to provide access to funding specifically to qualifying black women owned businesses that operate in the informal trading sector within the Midvaal Local Municipality. Through this project, black women businesses have not only been provided with funding but access to development where needed.

Midvaal Local Municipality and Standard Bank Enterprise Development seek to fund the Sebenza Mbokodo Women's Project wherein both parties will

contribute towards a fund which will be established by Standard Bank for the sole purpose of funding this project.

This collaboration is a result of both parties sharing the same sentiments and focus where business development is concerned. "It's on the premise that the municipality intends to empower, capacitate and support women led informal businesses," says Executive Mayor, Ald Bongani Baloyi.

Standard Bank is proud to be part of this project and will continue providing a zero percent interest free loan of R 10 000.00 to qualifying SMME's for the next 24 months.

Get funding to grow your business from the Sebenza Mbokodo Women's Fund

The Sebenza Mbokodo Women's Fund is designed to help women-owned businesses in the Midvaal area with funding and business development support services. If you want to take your business to the next level, visit any Standard Bank branch in the Midvaal area, your Midvaal Local Municipality office, or email enterprisedevelopment@standardbank.co.za

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ILLEGAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN ELANDSFONTEIN BY NTHA PROPERTY DEVELOPERS

Since July 2020, Midvaal Local Municipality has been constantly informing residents about an illegal housing development which is taking place on Portion 116 of the Farm Elandsfontein 334 IQ. The Developer of this illegal housing development (Ntha Property Developers) was requested to cease all construction activities and comply with the necessary Town Planning and Building Control processes to formalise the development. The Developer did not comply and to date, this housing development remains illegal as the required Town Planning and Building Control processes as legislated were not adhered to by Ntha Property Developers. As such, legal litigation procedures have been initiated by the Municipality against the Developer who is not even the registered property owner of the property and a Court date has been set for February 2021.

Midvaal residents are advised to refrain from purchasing stands or houses from any of the above-mentioned properties. The properties being sold will never be transferred to the buyers and there is insufficient infrastructure to support the developments. Furthermore, there is no Certificate of Occupancy issued to confirm the structural quality of the buildings on Portion 116 of the Farm Elandsfontein 334 IQ. For more information contact us via email ThuliM@midvaal.gov.za or SylviaN@midvaal.gov.za

HIKING AND PICNIC EXPERIENCE IN MIDVAAL

The Midvaal Municipality hosted a Hiking and Picnic Experience on the 21st November 2020 at the Malonjeni Game Farm in Midvaal. This event was enjoyed by many of our residents and their families, including MMC for Development and Planning Cllr. Mokete Motsamai as they were able to enjoy the landscape and magnificent views that the municipality has to offer.



COMMEMORATION OF 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Midvaal observed the launch of 5 Days of Remembrance on the 25th of November 2020 to honour those we have lost through gender-based violence and COVID-19. The campaign aimed to oppose and raise awareness of violence against women and children.

In commemoration of this event, we had raised The Flag at Half-mast to signify the 5 Days of Remembrance and Launch of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign led by the Executive Mayor Ald. Bongani Baloyi, our MMC for Corporate Services Cllr Lynda Parsonson, our Municipal Manager Serrah Mhlanga, HOD's and staff.



DONATION TO CHILDREN'S ORPHANAGE HOMES

In the season of giving, on the 18th of December 2020 the MMC for Corporate Services Cllr Lynda Parsonson and our Municipal Manager Serrah Mhlanga and their team visited four orphanage homes in the Midvaal area to hand over socks and sweets donated by staff at the Municipality. We would like to thank all the staff members for their contribution in keeping their little feet warm.



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