

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

Dear Residents

This isn't business as usual, and it's a time of great stress and uncertainty. It's also a moment in time when the work we are doing is its most critical.

The global COVID-19 pandemic has led to an unprecedented economic crisis. Governments everywhere are faced with innumerable, pressing policy questions around how they can protect their most vulnerable citizens during the crisis and deal with its economic impacts.

A state of emergency is for self-restraint, forward planning and fiscal discipline. If we pull together, we will win this battle. I urge all our residents, councillors and municipal staff to heed the necessary measures instituted by national government. Let us remain informed and only share with others up-to-date and legitimate information. Through these trying times, MLM wishes to reassure all stakeholders of our commitment to remain a caring and people-centred government.

While we embrace June as Youth month, we also have the common responsibility to always recall the courageous 1976 generation of young people who today personify sacrifice, symbolise unity and characterise discipline. Our struggle today is a struggle for economic emancipation and let us commit to this course in honour of those who went before us.

The recent violent crimes committed against women and children is a great shame on our nation. It goes against our African values and everything we stand for as a people. These abuses are among the world's most horrific, persistent and widespread human rights violations, affecting one in every three women in the world.

I call on governments, the private sector, civil society and people everywhere to take a firm stand against this abuses and misogyny. We must show greater solidarity and take action NOW.

In the words of Leo Tolstoy: "I now understand that my welfare is only possible if I acknowledge my unity with all people of the world without exception". Working together as the residents of Midvaal will only guarantee us a victory that we have always envisioned.



- Cllr Bongani Baloyi

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE QUARTER

An overview of the municipality's main projects and events from April to June 2020

RETURN TO WORK

05.05.2020

CLEANING OF CBD

25.05.2020

VIRTUAL COUNCIL

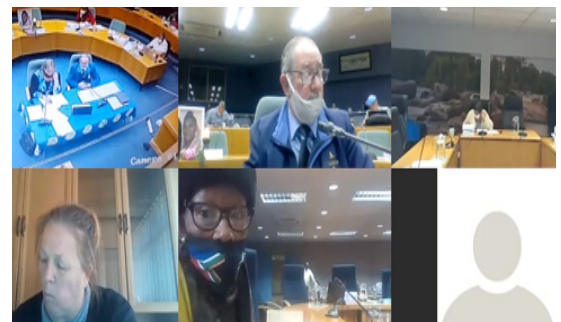
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FIRST VIRTUAL COUNCIL

On 28 May 2020, Midvaal Local Municipality held their first virtual Council meeting. The final budget and IDP were approved during this meeting.

It was imperative that the municipality adapted to the challenges currently being faced as a result of Covid-19, and arrange for Council meetings to continue, since services must continue being delivered to the people of Midvaal.

As the country moves forward in these unprecedented times, Midvaal will continue to find ways to serve people in the safest ways possible. We urge residents to continue practicing social distancing and handwashing



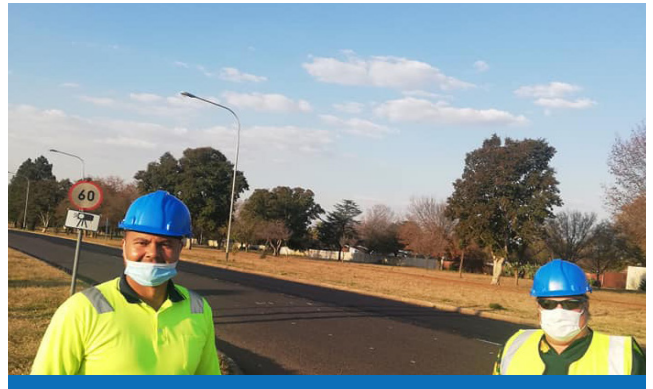
SERVICE DELIVERY



ROAD REPAIRS RESUME ACROSS MIDVAAL

On 5 May, after the hard lockdown across the country began to lift, the Midvaal team in charge of road repairs took the streets, ready to attend to any issues that had arisen.

The team has been at hard at work ensuring that potholes are filled and damaged sections of road are mended, to ensure safety and ease of use for our residents.



UPGRADING OF MEYER STREET

On 20 May 2020, MMC Peter Teixeira was accompanied by Ald Phil Pretorius, to check on progress on the second phase of the upgrade of Meyer Street.

The road is looking very impressive and will be fully completed soon. Motorists are urged to exercise caution when approaching the construction site.

CLEANING OF PUBLIC AREAS

The whole of Meyerton CBD, Meyerton Police Station entrance, Taxi Rank and Municipal Depot was sanitized on 22 May. The team also cleaned public areas in Riverside and Sicelo on 9 June and will move through Midvaal in the coming weeks. On

8 June, our Headquarters were sanitized due to a Covid-19 case. Special mention goes out to our Fire department! They have been working hard during this pandemic to make sure that our public spaces remain safe.



EXCITING NEW APPROACH TO ELECTRICITY PROVISION

Amidst a growing number of challenges facing municipalities which distribute electricity directly, the Midvaal leadership has taken the bold step to plan ahead of such disruptions and secure sustainable solutions that improve service delivery and value for the local community.

To achieve this, Midvaal is looking to secure a long-term private sector partners to assist it in managing, operating and financing its electricity distribution business and critically, to invest in

new technologies and innovation in such a rapidly changing energy market. Midvaal has registered the project as a municipal private public partnership (PPP) with the National Treasury and partnered with the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) through the EU's Infrastructure Investment Programme for SA to fund its project preparation.

The key objectives for the project are to realise operational efficiencies, improve electricity distribution profits, fund infrastructure backlogs and

preserve municipal budget support. Exploiting technology opportunities, introducing private sector efficiencies and mitigating regulatory changes and supply risks are core project deliverables.

In developing the Midvaal concession model, it was critical that the interests of both the municipality and the private parties were carefully balanced to ensure that the social and service delivery compact with communities is prioritised in a financially sustainable manner.

RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE

SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Sedibeng MMC Health and Social Development Raikane, Midvaal MMC Community Services Oosthuysen together with the Emfuleni MMC Health and Social Development Madisa visited the Zebulun Lifestyle and Skills Center. Midvaal's homeless are being accommodated here under the leadership of Martin Verster during the Covid-19 lockdown. Tents were made available by the Sedibeng Disaster Management team to provide shelter and the local community opened their hearts and have made donations to help these people in need.



MIDVAAL FARMERS HELP FEED THE LESS FORTUNATE

On 10 April, MMC's and ward Councilors were hard at work packing and distributing 30 tons of Potatoes donated by local farmers to those in need in all wards. The Covid-19 crisis has worsened the plight of many hungry and homeless people across the country, so we say a huge Thank You to all those who played a part in reaching out to those in crisis within Midvaal.



04.04.2020

HYGIENE PACKS

Tilla la Grange, on behalf of the Riverside Rotary Club and SAVE, handed over hygiene care packages for the returning Midvaal office staff. MMC Community Services Hennie Oosthuysen gratefully accepted this generous donation on behalf of Midvaal Local Municipality.



15.05.2020

PIZZA FOR THE HOMELESS

MMC Community Services Hennie Oosthuysen helped DJ Pizzeria to prepare free pizzas for the Midvaal homeless that are currently housed at the Zebulun shelter. The entire event was sponsored by members of the community and the owners of DJ Pizzeria. Everyone came back for seconds!

PROVISION OF WATER AND JOJO TANKS

On 1 April, MMC Teixeira joined his water team, together with officials from the Department of Water and Sanitation, to deliver clean water to Midvaal's informal settlements as well as erecting brand new Jojo tanks.

The aim of providing the additional water is to curb the spread of Covid-19 in our most vulnerable communities. The municipality wishes to convey a big thank you to the Department of Water and Sanitation for the additional Jojo tanks.



RATES RELIEF PLAN

The municipality has decided to create a payment arrangement plan to help customers who are financially impacted by Covid-19. The plan applies to all qualifying Midvaal customers.

The payment plan allows you to pay the account balance in scheduled installments to avoid legal action by the municipality. Rate payers who find themselves suddenly unable to pay their municipal bills are encouraged to sign an acknowledgement

of debt (AOD) and agree on a payment arrangement plan which allows them to pay a determined amount which they can afford.

The rate payer applying for the arrangement must admit the debt owed and arrange with the municipality to pay the outstanding amounts in instalments.

When entering into an arrangement plan, interest on the account will be waived.

Documents required for

arrangement:

- Motivation Letter
- Original or certified copy of ID
- Proxy letter/lease agreement or approval letter and ID copy from property owner.

Any account holder who is unable to pay an outstanding account when due may contact creditcontrol@midvaal.gov.za/ 016 360 7405 during normal business hours to make payment arrangements.



NEW MUNICIPAL MANAGER

We are proud to welcome Ms. Nomcebo Serrah Mhlanga to lead our team as the new Municipal Manager of Midvaal. We are confident that she will serve with skill and accountability.



PASSING OF ALD RAMUSHU

The Midvaal community was deeply saddened by the untimely passing away of Ald. Prisek Ramushu in May this year. Ald. Ramushu served the municipality and ANC with diligence, sacrifice and respect.



NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

We welcome Mr. Ahmed Lambat to head up the finance department as our new Chief Financial Officer. We look forward to learning from his expertise and continuing with our record of excellence in Midvaal.

TESTING FOR COVID-19

Midvaal Local Municipality has been working together with the Department of Health to conduct Covid-19 screening around the

municipality, as part of the national government's testing programme. Screening and testing has been conducted in Meyerton and Savanna City so far, and will be conducted throughout all our wards.



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