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DEAR MIDVAAL RESIDENTS

The festive season is upon us, people will be travelling to different places to spend it and celebrate with their loved ones. Some will be travelling to holiday destinations for some well-deserved downtime and relaxation.

The festive season has high traffic volumes and is usually followed by unacceptable high levels of fatalities on the roads. I urge everyone to take special care when travelling and to drive responsibly. Let us follow the rules of the road - do not drink and drive, don't speed, and don't text and drive so we can all make it to 2023 safely.

YOURS IN SERVICE EXCELLENCE #PEOPLES MAYOR

MAKE THE FESTIVE SEASON A TIME OF GIVING

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, or New Year's Day make it a time of giving. Many of us will be sharing gifts with loved ones. Let us remember those who are less fortunate and struggling to make the festive season enjoyable. Anything you can do and give, no matter how big or small will make a difference to those in need.

KICKSTARTING THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



Midvaal Local Municipality councillors signed a pledge to work to end Gender-Based Violence. The commitment is a deliberate step made by the leaders in their communities to be positive role models, mentors and to build a safer future for women, children and the vulnerable in our society. We urge the people of Midvaal to take the pledge and join us as we work to end the scourge of gender-based violence.



DONATION OF THE MONTH: SOCCER KIT DONATION IN LAKESIDE

This past month I had the pleasure of combining two things I am passionate about – our children's future and sports. I donated a soccer kit in Lakeside on behalf of the municipality. Sports kept me in line and ignited a keenness for leadership. I hope the donation will give our young soccer stars the same lesson I gained when I was young like them which is to remain disciplined and to take an interest in leadership.



Top news of the month:

CONTINUED EXCELLENT SERVICE DELIVERY

Midvaal Local Municipality continues to be a beacon of excellent service delivery. Our dedicated roads team has been working hard to catch up with the backlog caused by heavy rains. The teams have been grading roads, fixing potholes, and painting our roads.

Our crystal blue pools continue to serve as a place of enjoyment and entertainment. We continue to receive eager visitors, some coming as far as neighboring municipalities

The municipality continues to respond to service delivery challenges quickly and swiftly. In one such incident, an overflowing manhole caused a sewage spill and an unbearable stench across Henley on Klip. The municipality established a clean-up campaign, dispatching teams to unblock the sewer manhole, disinfect the area, and cut the overgrown vegetation in the area.

Following the recent heavy rains, we also quickly attended to flood-stricken shacks in Sicelo. After conducting assessments of the damages, we deployed our Disaster Response Team to offer immediate relief to the people affected by the floods.

We are committed to bringing excellent service delivery across all 15 of our Wards. Even during the festive season, our dedicated teams will be available, collecting refuse, cleaning the streets, and keeping Midvaal the center of service excellence.



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MANNED UP CONVERSATIONS IN #MOVEMBER



Through these tough times, do you ever stop to check on your fellow brother/sister's mental health?

Manned Up Conversations paid me a visit to unpack the importance of ubuntu, discipline, the increasing number of male mental health issues, and how we can deal with them together as a community.

Check Manned Up YOUTUBE channel for the full episode.

#mentalhealth #movember



Our Team and Staff members are what makes Midvaal great. I was inspired by the level of collaboration and team work displayed by all at the first of its kind Annual Sports Day at the Municipality.

LIBRARIES ARE HUBS OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS EMPOWERMENT



Midvaal Local Municipality has invested R125 000 to add Kibooks- an online book database that is available in every language to its library collection. The Kibooks platform allows learners, parents, and educators to access thousands of electronic books on devices, anywhere and at any time.

Our libraries also offer learning opportunities for our people. On 18 November 2022 learners from Midvaal Primary Schools were part of a 13-stage coding class. This is part of an effort to bridge the digital divide by equipping learners with technological skills.

Visit one of our libraries and enjoy the vast collection of books we have in our collection. You can also find out about learning and skills empowerment opportunities that are available.

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