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EDITION #4

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Midvaal Residents



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We will enforce our by-laws to ensure compliance, whilst increasing the safety and security of all our residents. Midvaal is our home let us come together to make it better.

Let's practice *ubuntu* and care towards each other. Let's take care of our surroundings and safeguard our infrastructure.

Yours in Service Excellence,
#PeoplesMayor

SERVICE DELIVERY PROJECTS

The municipality continues to make inroads and great strides to improve the lives of our residents by providing excellent service delivery. These are some of our service delivery highlights for the month of January:

- 28 kilometres of gravel road were graded.
- 1780 square metres of potholes patched in Wards 3, 5, 9, 10 and 15.
- 185 square meters of water channels and 4 kilometres were cleaned.
- 4 kilometres of roads were cleaned in town.
- 133 road signs were installed and 67 intersections, 104 parking lots, 6 Pedestrian crossings, and 2.4 km of centre lines painted.
- 41 indigent applications were assessed and 39 were recommended. Two indigent burials were assessed, recommended, and conducted.
- 192 transport permits were issued.
- Midvaal Fire personnel responded to fire and emergency calls including the incident in Bass Lake.
- Sicelo, Lakeside and Savanna City illegal dumpsites were cleaned up.
- Sicelo Library staff members presented a story using the Kibooks platform with Kago Ya Bana Early Childhood Development.



- Community members attended computer classes at the Meyerton Library. Attendees were equipped with basic skills needed to use Microsoft Word which can assist in compiling CVs, compiling reports, and digital literacy skills.
- Learners were issued certificates of completion from GCF Global Learning which is an online platform that equips learners with Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) skills.
- Informal sports fields were graded in Savanna City, Noldick and Janteen.
- A tree-cutting operation was embarked upon in Apple Orchards. A tree operation was embarked upon at Walkerville Fruit Farms Water Reservoir and the Henley on Klip dumping site. The team also attended to various emergency fallen trees and broken branches across various areas in the municipality.

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- Plans resumed to green Savanna City. The project will see to the planting of 1000 citrus trees donated by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE). The project will be manned by 17 appointed EPWP workers from Savanna City.
- Grass-cutting from the Parks section covered Meyerton, HOK and Risiville. The contractors appointed for grass-cutting covered Homeland, Bantu Bonke, New Kentucky, Boltonworld, Nelsonia, Meyerton Park, Valley Settlement, Ophir, Ironside, Walkerville, De Deur and Apple Orchard.
- Clean-up and maintenance were conducted in various parks in Savanna City and Meyerton.



MIDVAAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES 9TH CLEAN AUDIT



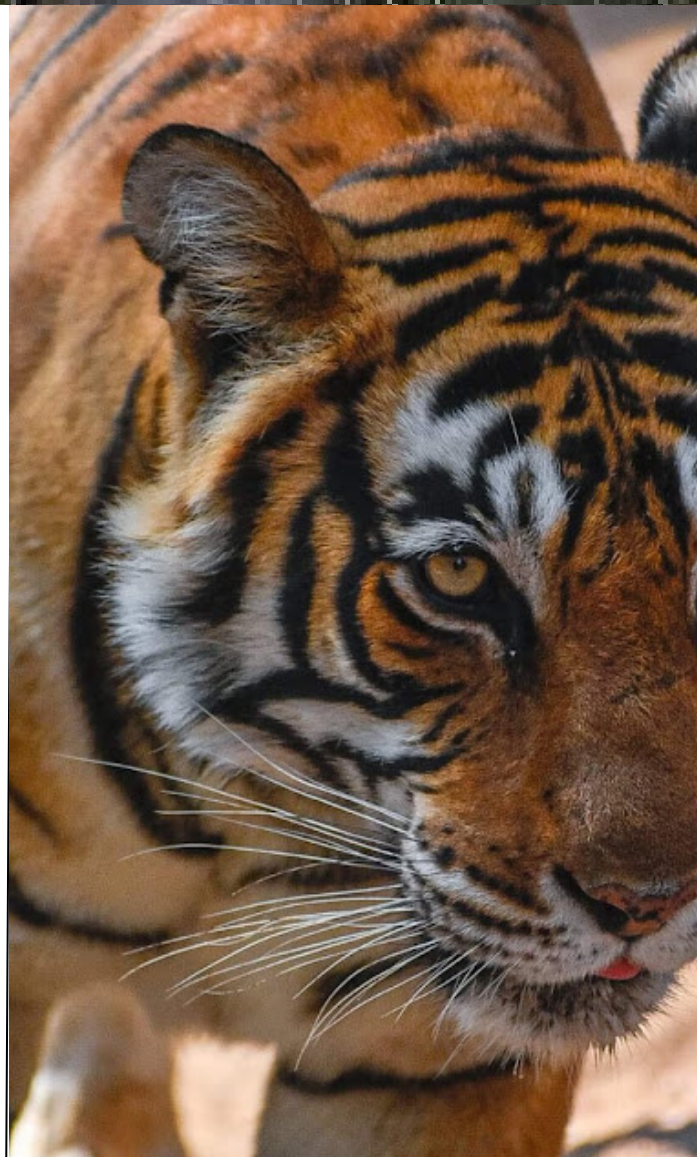
Midvaal Local Municipality has received its 9th unqualified audit outcome for the 2021/2022 financial year. The municipality was audited on its financial statements, performance management, internal controls, and compliance efficiency. The Auditor-General announced that the municipality was able to provide financial records that were valid, with no material findings or misrepresentations. This outcome is an assurance to our residents that public funds are spent towards service delivery. The municipality will continue to ensure that residents can touch, feel, see and reap the benefits of a well-run municipality with nine clean audits.

SHEBA THE TIGER EUTHANIZED



On 14 January, a female tiger (Sheba) escaped from a property in Walkerville. This was followed by an intense three-day search for her safe capture. Sheba entered a farm dwelling with families where she attacked and killed another domestic animal.

This was after the tiger had injured a 39-year-old man. The decision to euthanise her was not taken lightly as tigers are listed as “Endangered” on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.



MIDVAAL MAYOR HOSTS TOP PERFORMING MATRICULANTS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Midvaal Local Municipality hosted learners from the following schools: Destinata School which achieved a 100% pass rate, Hoerskool Dr Malan 99.50%, Meyerton High 79.60%, New Hope Secondary 78.70%, and Rusoord Secondary 78%. The appreciation ceremony was held to recognise the learners who worked tirelessly to put their schools and Midvaal on the map. Each learner received a Mayoral donation to the value of R5000 and the overall top learner received R10,000 that will go towards their registration fees. Pick n Pay donated a R500 stationery voucher to each learner.

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS



The municipality has officially started the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) public engagements. The engagements have been robust and insightful. Listening to our people is non-negotiable, the inputs and feedback that we are receiving will inform our IDP plan, budget allocations and projects to undertake.



Top news of the month:

MIDVAAL WORKING TO SHIELD RESIDENTS FROM THE HARSH IMPACT OF LOAD SHEDDING

The National Energy Regulation of South Africa (NERSA) announced an 18.65% electricity tariff increase. This is despite Eskom's inability to keep the lights on. This is a blow to our residents who are already hard-pressed and stretched due to the high cost of living. Midvaal is taking innovative steps to ensure that we lessen our reliance on Eskom:

- Council has approved the Embedded Generation Policy to allow large energy customers to generate their own energy during commercial hours.
- The municipality is in the process of introducing a feed-in tariff for solar users to pump energy into our grid. We will set up a control room to allow a safe energy import into our grid at a fair price to our customers.
- We will engage with Eskom to compile a wheeling agreement for Independent Power Producers to pump energy in Midvaal. This will allow us to have a balanced energy mix extending our options outside our own borders.
- The municipality has already shown efficiency in cutting down electricity loss from 18% to 9%. Through this, the municipality will be able to apply for less tariff costs during electricity hikes which will bring financial relief to our residents.
- We have instructed that a feasibility study into the Renewable Energy project is accelerated, and an item be presented to Council for decision-making. The Municipal Manager has been instructed to establish a task team to expedite all processes regarding establishing a feasible and viable Renewable Energy project.
- The municipality is committed to resolving the power challenge through innovation and creativity.



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MIDVAAL SPONSORS THE FAST ONE-CYCLE RACE CHALLENGE



On Sunday 29 January, the Rotary Club of Riverside in collaboration with Midvaal Local Municipality hosted the Fast One Cycle Race. Thousands of cyclists participated in the race. This was a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful landscape and expand opportunities for our tourist destinations which welcomed an influx of visitors. The proceeds from the race will go towards good causes to uplift our community.

Places to visit in Midvaal:

The Berry Field Farm
<https://thefieldberryfarm.com/>



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