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EDITION #5

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Midvaal Residents



As the power crisis surges on, I would like to reiterate that Midvaal Local Municipality is not sitting idly by. The municipality is exploring innovative alternative routes and sources of energy to become less reliant on Eskom.

The power crisis has extended beyond inconvenience with a catastrophic impact on people's businesses, jobs, and livelihoods. Unfortunately, the plans that the municipality has embarked on will not happen overnight, they will be rolled out over a period of time. In the meantime, the municipality will work hard to keep the lights on by continuing to maintain our electricity network and attending to power outages timeously.

Here is a recap of the municipality's plans to become less reliant on Eskom: Council has approved the Embedded Generation Policy to allow large energy customers to generate their own energy during commercial hours. To date, we have administered over ten applications and are seeing a huge uptake from other players.

We are 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 are planning to 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. These are innovative steps we are taking to mitigate and shield our residents from load shedding.

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SERVICE DELIVERY HIGHLIGHTS

The municipality continues to meet its service delivery mandate such as providing water, sewage collection, refuse removal, bulk electricity, maintenance of roads and stormwater drainage. Here are some of our service delivery highlights for the month of February:

- Through the municipality's CCTV monitoring four (4) stolen vehicles were recovered and five (5) suspects were arrested.
- The municipality initiated the Re Sebetsa Mmoho clean-up programme to Keep Midvaal Clean. The programme will expand to different parts of the municipality including the peripheral and outlying areas to ensure that our residents live in a dignified, safe, and clean area.
- Midvaal Libraries collaborated with the Department of Education – Sedibeng District to host the Read Aloud competition. The aim of the programme was to inculcate a culture of reading and the love of books amongst learners in our community.
- As part of staff development Library General workers attended weekly computer skills training in the e-Learning centre.

- The municipality's Fire, Roads and Parks teams cleaned out the Kilpriver to keep our residents in nearby areas safe during heavy rains.
- Due to a steady increase in population and demand for burial space, the municipality has invested in a new burial site in Kookrus. The project is set to be completed within this financial year.
- Our roads team completed grading of a dirt pitch soccer field in Swartkopies and second avenue in Walkers Fruit Farms.



ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION VISITS MIDVAAL TO BENCHMARK EXCELLENT ECD AND DAY MOTHER PROGRAMMES



Midvaal boasts one of the best Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Day Mother Model programmes in South Africa. The Ethiopian delegation was keen to learn about the municipality's successful ECD policies and implementational frameworks to use to deliver sustainable day care services. Midvaal Local Municipality being a people-centred and compassionate institution will continue to offer support, training, and resources to ensure that our ECD and Day Mother programmes remain an exceptional standard for other municipalities to model.

MIDVAAL JUNIOR COUNCIL LAUNCHES DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMME



The municipality's vision is to enable a safe, healthy community and environment. The Midvaal Junior Council launched a drug rehabilitation programme called the 'Giving Love Back' project to mitigate the negative socio-economic impact of substance abuse in our community. The project educates the youth on the dangers of drug addiction. Young people who are already addicted will be offered rehabilitation services and empowered on ways to get their lives back on track.

SPREAD THE LOVE CAMPAIGN



In partnership with Lynca Meats and Harvest Fresh, my office visited Mamello Township near Vaal Marina to spread love through the donation of food parcels. Over 45 families in the community benefitted, and over 30 packages were donated to a charity in Daleside.

The Spread the Love campaign will run monthly throughout all the Wards in Midvaal.





Top news of the month:

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (IGR) EFFORT TO FIX THE BRIDGE ALONG JIM FOUCHE

We wrote to the MEC for Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, Honourable Kedibone Diale-Tlabela requesting her urgent intervention in fixing and continuous maintenance of the bridge along Jim Fouche Road. Following our request, the department conducted assessment tests and determined that the bridge was safe to use. The bridge along Jim Fouche Road is an important asset in our community. It facilitates greater mobility, broadens access, and enables local economic development.

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