

SOL PLAATJE

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Remarks by the **EXECUTIVE MAYOR**



Remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice

Dear resident

As councillors, together with the Kimberley Regiment and other military veterans associations, we commemorated the National Remembrance Day with a service, followed by laying wreaths at the Cenotaph recently. This annual event was in remembrance of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in world wars and subsequent liberation struggle.

This was preceded by another commemoration in remembrance of the 1952 Mayibuye Uprising at the Bantu Hall. The Mayibuye Africa Uprising massacre of the 8th November 1952, was a result of a defiance campaign against repressive legislation like the Glen Grey Act. Dr Arthur Letele, Sam Phakedi, Pepys Madibane, Olehile Sehume, Alexander Nkoane, Daniel Chabalala and David Mpiwa including the victims were remembered. Correctly, as Che Matlhako reminded us, we must write about our history and tell our stories as part of preventing ourselves from repeating the same mistakes.

As part of our quest to improve development, we will be reprioritising our Intergrated Development Plan to ensure that our goals are aligned with our vision of moving the city forward. We will soon be conducting broad consultations with all stakeholders

in the next few months to ensure that everybody is on board. Added to this will be the formation of ward committees in every ward of our municipality. I'm also pleased that our municipality has of late signed a friendship agreement with the Chinese city Chenzhou City. We met with business leaders who indicated interests in investments in mining, processing of mining products, hotel developments and renewable energy. The opportunity was used to interact and inform them of our governance regime, tax laws, incentives, BEE requirements etc. The core enquiries were mainly around state policy on investments and repatriation of investments.

In order to implement the twinning agreement the following areas were highlighted: investing in mining sector projects, the processing of mineral products, importing agricultural products investment in the sludge and waste processing possibilities. On our part, we are keen to set up a tourism exchange programme with the aim of bringing tourists for leisure, hunting and related experiences as well as an exchange of employee training programme in order to bring about increased efficiencies in governance. As we wish all those writing examinations well, our hearts also goes to the people of Gauteng who were caught in recent storms. For those who will be traveling, we wish you safe journey. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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SMS 44204 FOR ALL YOUR SERVICE DELIVERY ENQUIRIES

TECHNICAL METER AUDITS FOR THE CITY

A City wide technical meter audit by is to be conducted to verify/audit the electrical meters. The reason for the meter audit is to check the effective functionality of all the meters. Field Technicians with name tags, ID numbers/ cards for verification, will be visiting the properties both residential and business. /On arrival the Field Technicians, will ask for the following from the property owner/lessor: ID Book – which they will capture the ID number on a handheld device. Municipal account - which they will capture the account details e.g. account number; account address and meter number. On completion of the above exercise, it's then that the technician will conduct the technical audit, meaning that they will check the properties' electrical meter.

Safer Paraffin Stoves launched



Safer Paraffin Stoves campaign was launched in the city by the Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) and its regulatory agencies together with the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) and Sol Plaatje Local Municipality. According to the Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Rob Davies the campaign is aimed at educating poor and vulnerable consumers about the importance of using approved appliances that comply with quality and safety and to remove non-compliant appliances from communities in and around Kimberley that pose a risk to their safety and socio-economic wellbeing.

E-Accounts for residents



More than ten thousand municipal account holders will no longer receive their accounts through the normal post office delivery system, Rather they will receive them through electronic mail which they have been receiving already for some time now. Many residents are already preferring going digital including payments of services through electronic transfers, in addition from purchasing pre-paid electricity through their smart phones. In addition we appeal to the residents not to deny municipal officials access from conducting their business. Users of Water and Electricity are reminded of the following excerpt from the Electricity and Water Services By-Laws, *that no person shall wilfully hinder, obstruct, interfere with or refuse admittance to any duly authorised officer of the Municipality in the performance of his or her duty.* Customers who are not available during office (while meter reading is taking place) may obtain forms at the municipal offices for own reading purposes. Customers are requested to call 053 8306 505/84 or email ksamolapo@solplaatje.org.za for more information.

Members of the Audit Team



Sol Plaatje Municipality

Water Restrictions

WATER RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE WITHIN SOL PAATJE MUNICIPALITY AREA OF JURISDICTION

Sol Plaatje Municipality would like to inform all its residents that Water Restrictions due to drought and extreme weather conditions, as declared by DWS in September 2016, are still in place.

Residents are once more urged to use water sparingly to minimise impacts of these water restrictions.

The Municipality humbly requests its residents and consumers of "Water Services" to practice the following in assisting the Municipality in its endeavour to ensure sustainable access to "Water Services":

- Do not water your gardens between 09:00 and 18:00. Automated sprinkler systems must be adjusted to comply with this schedule.
- Limit your watering of lawns to level of preventing permanent damage only.
- Do not refill your swimming pools unless it is compulsory to do so.
- Repair all water leaks in water system.
- Report all leaks that you observe on the Municipal water supply system to (053) 830-6111, 64 14 or send a free sms to 44204.
- Do not use hose pipes when washing cars. Rather use a bucket or similar.
- Do not use hose pipes to clean concrete and paved surfaces during this period.

To respond to "Water Restrictions", the Municipality has reduced abstraction of water from the resource by reducing pumping hours from 24 hours to 20 hours per day. Also all major leaks have been repaired, and reduced response time to reported and observed major pipe burst.

For more water saving tips please go to www.dws.gov.za/watersavingtips.

Co-operation from all water consumers in this regard will be much appreciated.

Mangaliso Matika
Executive Mayor

Sol Plaatje Municipality

"Council Meets the People" Programme
These are additional or amended details based on the initial programme

The Executive Mayor of Sol Plaatje Municipality will engage in a road show across the communities in the Municipal area.

The purposes of the public engagements are as follows:

- To introduce Councillors to the community.
- To introduce Members of the Mayoral Committee.
- To highlight key priorities for the new Council.
- To allow communities an opportunity to raise issues with Council.

Date	Time	Venue	Target communities
28/11/2016	17:00	Greenpoint School	Greenpoint
29/11/2016	17:00	Hoffe Park	Monument Heights, Southridge and Royldene
30/11/2016	17:00	De Beers Stadium	Kimberley North and De Beers
01/12/2016	17:00	Civic Centre (Squarehill Park)	Utility and Moghul Park
05/12/2016	17:00	Vooruitsig Hall	El Toro Park, Hillcrest, Heuwelsig, Hadison Park