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This issue of the Swarthland municipal newsletter focuses on service delivery while also keeping you informed of all municipal activities.



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Highlands stortingsterrein presteer

Die Highlands stortingsterrein naby Abbotsdale het **GREEN** status behaal in 'n onlangse audit van hierdie fasiliteit deur die provinsiale owerhede.



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Damvlakke kommerwekkend laag

Die vlakke van die Wes-Kaapse damme is sodanig dat verbruikers nie anders kan as om water spaarsamig te gebruik nie. Waterbeperkings blyk onafwendbaar.



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Help us combat fraud

Due to SM's commitment to promote transparency and consumer confidence in the organisation, extensive space is dedicated in this newsletter to provide information about how fraudulent and corrupt activities within the institution are to be approached by the public. Please study carefully.



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Yzerfontein stortingsterrein sluit eersdaags

Inwoners van dié dorp moet van 11 Januarie 2016 af hul bourommel en tuinvullis na Darling neem.

Green status for Highlands dumping site

Swarthland Municipality, being the Waste Licence Holder for the Highlands Waste Disposal Facility near Abbotsdale, has recently been awarded Green status for achieving an overall compliance rating of 98% for an audit conducted by the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (Waste Management Directorate) during June 2015.

Green status is achieved where the overall compliance rating, based on an audit of 34 different conditions, exceeds 85%. Amber or Red status is awarded for compliance ratings between 65% and 84%, and 0% and 64% respectively.

By middle August the audit was conducted at almost half of the 176 landfill sites in the Western Cape. What makes **SM's** achievement even more remarkable is that the runner-up landfill site at that stage only achieved 68%.

SM wishes to express its sincerest gratitude towards Hein Baumgarten from Wastegro, the contractor who has been managing the facility for many years now, as well as all other role-players who are involved in the regular monitoring of the facility.



Partners in the success of the Highlands landfill site: Freddie Bruwer, manager cleansing services at SM and Hein Baumgarten from Wastegro.

Algemene waardasie van eiendomme

Die algemene waardasie van eiendomme in die Swarthland is in die laaste pylvak van voltooiing. Die fisiese inspeksie van alle eiendomme is reeds afgehandel, eiendomsverkope is ontleed, regressie-statistieke is bepaal en waardasiebeginsels is toegepas.

Van belang in die waardasieproses is die volgende datums:

15 Augustus 2015	Die voorlopige waardasierolle is ontvang om intern nagegaan te word.
16 Oktober 2015	Die finale waardasierolle word deur die munisipale waardeerder oorhandig.
21 Oktober 2015	Publieke kennisgewings rakende die 'Inspeksie van die Algemene Waardasierol en aantekening van besware' word gepubliseer. Kennisgewings sal ook aan alle eienaars gepos word.
21 Oktober tot 30 November 2015	Beswaartydperk
Januarie 2016	Afhandeling van besware
Implementering	Die datum van waardasie is 1 Julie 2015. Implementering geskied 1 Julie 2016.

Navrae: Hermaine van der Sluys

Western Cape dams running dangerously low

If the current low rainfall persists, consumers in the Western Cape could be expecting severe water restrictions later this year. The Department of Water Affairs will by end October 2015 announce whether or not restrictions are to be implemented.

In the meantime, consumers in the Swartland are cautioned to use water sparingly, by following the tips elsewhere on this page.

Of great concern is the following statistics, which necessitate proactive conduct:

	Voëlvlei Dam Storage (%)			Paardeberg Dam Storage			Rainfall figures (mm)		
	May	June	July	May	June	July	May	June	July
2013	51	60	80	36	40	75	32	166	87
2014	65	88	94	70	84	95	53	123	101
2015	38	41	47	37	20	24	20	88	76

Help save our most vital resource by following the following tips. You're either water wise or without water.

- Close the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Don't rinse your hands or do washing under running water.
- Irrigate or water your garden when evaporation is low, i.e. during the night or early morning and preferably not when the wind is blowing.
- Install a brick in your toilet cistern to use less water when flushing.
- Use bath- or rinse-water to water your garden.
- Rather shower than bath, or share a bath.
- Fix leakages and dripping taps.



Swartland Brokkies

- 'n **Kragonderbreking** sal op Woensdag, 14 Oktober 2015 tussen 08:00 en 17:00 in Yzerfontein plaasvind om aan Eskom die geleentheid te bied om 'n transformator-olielek te herstel.
- The Municipal Demarcation Board is in the process of finalising the delimitation of municipal ward boundaries for purposes of the **local elections** during 2016. Special registration week-ends for voters are planned for 6 & 7 February and 5 & 6 March 2016 at the various voting stations within the municipal area. Enquiries: Kelly Cloete at 022 482 4179
- **Burgemeestersgholfdag:** Die Uitvoerende Burgemeester bied op Donderdag, 15 Oktober 2015 'n gholfdag aan by die Moorreesburg Gholffklub, waarvan die opbrengs ten behoeve van armoedeverligting aangewend sal word. Persone en instansies wat borgskappe of pryse wil bewillig, word genooi om met Hanjo Kotze, Alwyn Zaayman of Ilse Looek in verbinding te tree.
- **MIG achievement:** For the tenth year in a row, **SM** has received a certificate of recognition from the Department of Local Government for achieving a 100% spending of its annual Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) allocation. For 2014/15 the full amount of R19 913 000 was spent, mainly in respect of the new Riebeeck Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Vandalisme ruk handuit

SM ondervind 'n vlag van diefstal en vandalisme van infrastruktuur, wat selfs 'n transito rooftog vroeër vanjaar ingesluit het. Die toenemende beskadiging van infrastruktuur belemmer dienslewering en bring aansienlike versekeringseise mee.

Gedurende die afgelope ses maande is versekeringseise ten bedrae van R1.941 miljoen rand ingedien as gevolg van diefstal en vandalisme. Die vervanging van mangatdeksels en watermeters alleen beloop gemiddeld ongeveer R150 000 per jaar.

Tipes word fasiliteite by sportvelde soos kleedkamers en sprelligte, waterpompstasies en reservoïrs, munisipale geboue en gemeenskapsale, infrastruktuur soos straatligte, elektriese verspreidingskaste, transmissielyne, riool- en waterinfrastruktuur en kommunikasietoerusting geteiken en word koperkabels, koperwaterpype, watermeters en krane, mangatdeksels, rekenaars en gepaardgaande toerusting, draadomheining, ens. gesteel en beskadig.

Onderbrekings van elektrisiteit en watervoorsiening is dikwels die gevolg van diefstal en vandalisme.

Daar word 'n beroep gedoen dat die publiek behulpsaam moet wees met die bekamping daarvan en op die uitkyk moet wees om insidente te verhoed. Enige verdagte aktiwiteite wat waargeneem word by munisipale infrastruktuur moet asseblief onverwyld gerapporteer word.



LESLEY MOSES, munisipale opsigter te Riebeeck-Wes het op 18 Junie 2015 op 'n brawe wyse gereageer op 'n versoek van Riebeeck-Wes se raadslid Zain Abrahams en Neville Quickfall, hoof: geboue en strukture. Moses se flinke reaksie op 'n vermoede van konstabel Amerika en sersant Arendse van die Riebeeck-Wes polisie, en sy persoonlike besoek aan 'n plaaslike skroofterf, het daartoe aanleiding gegee dat staalstawe wat vermoedelik van die Riebeeck-Wes sportgronde verwyder was, betyds en positief uitgeken kon word as eiendom van **SM**. Op die foto neem speursersant L Cloete (links) van die Riebeeck-Wes polisie 'n formele verklaring af van Moses. 'n Klag van diefstal en besit van gesteelde eiendom is aanhangig gemaak.



FRAUD AND CORRUPTION AN ORGANISATION'S NIGHTMARE



Poor economic conditions and subsequent work losses, a scarcity of work opportunities and poverty dominate on the South African news front on a daily basis. It is therefore not surprising that the use of bribery and corruption for the purpose of satisfying needs is thriving in our country. Although employees are the first line of defence against fraud in an organisation, they are also an organisation's biggest risk factor for fraud.

Bribery can be defined as 'the act of giving something, often illegally, to a person to procure services or gain influence', whereas corruption is defined as 'to be involved in bribery or other dishonest practices'. Normally, the word 'corruption' is used to refer to the conduct of a person who accepts a bribe.

Employers are victims of bribery and corruption in a number of different ways. Here are some examples:

- The institution's buyer could accept a bribe from a supplier in return for agreeing to order the supplier's products instead of those of other potential suppliers.
- A company executive could bribe a potential client to award the company a tender.
- A building inspector could be bribed to ignore contraventions of building regulations.
- Traffic officers could be bribed to persuade them not to issue a motorist with a traffic fine and/or to issue drivers' licences although the applicants failed their tests.
- A human resources official could accept a bribe in return for giving a job applicant a post.

Bedrog word omskryf as 'om 'n onwettige en opsetlike wanvoorstelling te maak, wat lei tot werklike of potensiële benadeling of vooroordeel teenoor ander'. Diefstal, daarenteen, behels die onwettige en opsetlike misbruik van 'n ander se eiendom wat in sy of haar regmatige besit is, met die doel om die eenaar permanent van sy of haar regte te ontnem.

Voorbeelde van bedrog en diefstal sluit die volgende in:

- Bedrog met die aanpas van spesifikasies om sekere kontrakteurs of verskaffers te bevoordeel.
- Diefstal van elektrisiteit en water deur middel van onwettige aansluitings.
- Misbruik van die werkgewer se bates, soos toerusting, voertuie en arbeid vir eie gewin.
- Die doen van privaatwerk in werks tyd.

Employers need to bring disciplinary proceedings against such employees if they want to rid themselves of a dishonest employee. In order to stamp out these practices employers also need to bring criminal charges against employees who perpetrate these crimes. Evidence is crucial.

Wat doen Swartland Munisipaliteit in die stryd teen bedrog en korrupsie?

Swartland Munisipaliteit het 'n strategie vir die voorkoming en bestryding van bedrog en korrupsie aanvaar en in Februarie 2009 geïmplementeer om etiese gedrag binne die organisasie te bevorder.

Die munisipaliteit volg 'n beleid van zero-verdraagsaamheid ten opsigte van bedrog en korrupsie. ALLE dade van bedrog en korrupsie wat ontdek of gerapporteer word, sal ondersoek en opgevolg word deur alle maatreëls wat binne die volle omvang van die wet beskikbaar is, toe te pas, asook om gepaste beheermaatreëls vir die voorkoming en opsporing van bedrog en korrupsie te implementeer.

Die doel met die strategie is om beter dienslewering en finansiële beheer te bewerkstellig deur die hernieude fokus op deursigtigheid, dissipline, professionaliteit en integriteit by sy werknemers aan te wakker en sodoende die gemeenskap se vertroue in die munisipaliteit te bevorder.

Raadslede en munisipale amptenare moet voldoen aan die Gedragskode soos uiteengesit in die Stelselwet, Wet 32 van 2000. Die Gedragskode vir Munisipale Personeellede plaas onder andere die volgende verpligtinge op amptenare:

- Om die wettige beleidsrigtings van die munisipale raad getrou uit te voer;
- Om ampsfunksies te goeder trou, noulettend, eerlik en op 'n deursigtige wyse te verrig;
- Om in die beste belang van die munisipaliteit op te tree en op so 'n wyse dat die geloofwaardigheid en integriteit van die munisipaliteit nie gekompromitteer word nie; en
- Om onpartydig op te tree en alle mense, insluitende ander personeellede, gelykwaardig en sonder begunstiging of vooroordeel te behandel.

Some of the further steps that were taken to mitigate or minimise the risk related to fraud and corruption are the following:

- Council members, the municipal manager, directors, bid committee members and supply chain management personnel must declare their external business interests and other relevant information that may reflect a potential conflict of interest.
- Bid specification-, bid evaluation- and bid adjudication- committees have been implemented to ensure tenders/contracts are awarded in an honest, fair, impartial, transparent and accountable manner.
- A gift policy has also been approved and a gift register implemented whereby all gifts received are recorded. A form is completed declaring the detail of the gift which needs to be approved prior to accepting thereof.
- The municipal council has established a disciplinary board to investigate allegations of financial misconduct in the municipality and to monitor the institution of disciplinary proceedings against an alleged transgressor. It is an independent advisory body that assists council with the investigation of allegations of financial misconduct, and provide recommendations on further steps to be taken.

SM has furthermore implemented a policy in May 2015 regarding irregular, unauthorised or fruitless and wasteful expenditure, to - inter alia - emphasise the accountability of employees, ensure that resources made available to employees are utilised efficiently, effectively, economically and for authorised official purposes in compliance with all relevant legislation, and to ensure that irregular, unauthorised or fruitless and wasteful expenditure is detected, processed, recorded and reported timeously.

Wat kan die publiek doen?

Bedrog en korrupsie moet gerapporteer word indien die publiek of personeel dit opmerk, sodat die oortreders aan die pen kan ry. Dit is belangrik om sake onmiddellik aan te meld en genoegsame inligting te verskaf sodra u die kans kry, soos bv. die volgende:

- **Wie** daar was en wie dit ook gesien het (verskaf name en/of duidelike beskrywings)
- **Waar** dit gebeur het - verskaf plek, straatname, adres
- **Wanneer** dit gebeur het - verskaf presiese datum en tyd
- **Wat** gebeur het of geneem is, bv hoeveelheid, voertuigregistrasienommers, kleur van voertuie
- **Hoe** dit gedoen is - verskaf 'n deeglike omskrywing van wat gesien is en wat gebeur het.
- **Foto's** (met datum en tyd) kan help met die ondersoek.

MELD DIT ONMIDDELLIK AAN by enige van die volgende persone: Munisipale Bestuurder (Joggie Scholtz), Interne Ouditeur (Pierre le Roux) of enige direkteur. U kan ook die **Korrupsie** inbelyf skakel by **0800 701 701**.

Hulpverlening aan die slagoffers van brande

Swartland Munisipaliteit is een van die min munisipaliteite in Suid-Afrika wat hul inwoners bystaan wanneer hul wonings brandskade ly of afbrand. Die beleid van SM bepaal dat ondersteuning in die vorm van **boomateriaal tot 'n waarde van R12 000,00** verleen sal word, veral in daardie gevalle waar die huisbewoner nie in die finansiële posisie is om op sy eie die nodige herstelwerk te doen nie.

Die hulp wat die munisipaliteit voorsien, moet beskou word as 'n **gebaar van empatie** en sal geskied in vennootskap met die slagoffer self sowel as ander hulpverleners.

Indien die wonings só erg beskadig is in die brand dat dit gesloop moet word, gaan die munisipaliteit self 'n stappie verder deur by die Provinsiale Regering aansoek te doen vir fondse om die huise te herbou.

Gedurende die 2014/2015 finansiële jaar het Swartland Munisipaliteit R354 458,47 spandeer om mense by te staan waar hul wonings gebrand het.

Langs hierdie weg wil ons egter ook die publiek versoek om baie versigtig om te gaan met kerse, lampe, braai- en ander vure, brandende sigarette, ens. Baie van die brande wat voorkom, kan verhoed word indien die publiek net 'n bietjie meer versigtig optree.



FOTO: V.l.n.r.: Gerhard Larey (senior voorman), raadslid Maude Goliath (onderburgemeester) en Jacques Smith (brandweerhoof) gaan 'n woning in Wesbank, Malmesbury binne om die gehalte van die ramphulp wat verleen is, te inspekteer.

Waar is bome heen?

Ter afskop van die sg RSEP (*Regional Socio-Economic Programme*) het die inwoners van Wesbank, Saamstaan en Ilinge Lethu in Malmesbury op Jeugdag vanjaar met groot entoesiasme deelgeneem aan 'n boomplantingseremonie waartydens 65 bome in hoofsaaklik Alfastraat aangeplant is.

Twee maande later is die bome egter só verniel, geplunder en verwyder dat net sowat 'n derde van die bome nog staande is.

Projekte soos hierdie, waardeur ons 'n verskil in ons gemeenskappe wil maak, kan slegs suksesvol uitgerol word as alle inwoners hande vat en eienaarskap neem daarvan. U kan die munisipaliteit (en u eie mense) help deur verantwoordelikheid te neem van die boom wat naaste aan u huis geplant is deur dit water te gee en soos u eie te versorg.

SM beoog om die bome wat verniel of verwyder is binnekort te vervang in samewerking met verteenwoordigers van die gemeenskap. Staan ons asb as vennote by om die sukses van die projek te verseker.

Die beplanning van die parkie oorkant die Rooi Winkel in Alfstraat en dié in Holomisastraat vorder flink.

Yzerfontein landfill site to close down

Yzerfontein residents are to note that their refuse landfill site will officially close on 9 January 2016.

As from 11 January 2016 all builders' rubble and bulky garden refuse will have to be taken to the Darling landfill site by Yzerfontein residents. The refuse transfer station at the landfill site will however remain open for household refuse and small amounts of garden refuse, e.g. lawn cuttings, leaves and thin branches.

For more information, please contact Freddie Bruwer.

The Afrikaans copy of all English articles is available on the website as well as the English copy of all Afrikaans articles. Visit www.swartland.org.za to read it online.

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