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



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Begroting vir die armes

Die munisipale begroting vir 1 Julie 2016 tot 30 Junie 2017 fokus op spandering wat ekonomiese ontwikkeling en groei sal stimuleer.



Bladsy 2

Klipkoppie loop deur onder vernielsugtiges

Die misbruik van Klipkoppie hou wesenlike skade in vir inheemse renosterveld en ander plantegroei.



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Focus on ward committees

Now's the time to let yourself be heard. Become involved in municipal matters that affect your ward by availing yourself for the coming ward committee elections.



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Ignorance of the law is no excuse

Municipal residents must familiarise themselves with the content of the municipal laws, or run the risk of huge fines and other penalties.

Pro-poor budget for 2016/17

Swartland Municipality's recently adopted budget in respect of the 2016/17 financial year focuses on spending that stimulates economic development and growth whilst also addressing dignified living conditions, keeping in mind the impact of increases in service charges, slower growth and a tighter resource envelope. This formed the cornerstones of this pro-poor and responsible budget whilst also giving effect to financial sustainability. Below are some budget highlights.



SWARTLAND MUNICIPALITY BUDGET 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

FREE BASIC SERVICES
to qualifying households, subject to criteria in Council's Policy

VISIBLE LAW ENFORCEMENT
centred around citizen priorities

DISCOUNT
to owners 65 and older raised to **R300 000**

QUALITY SERVICE DELIVERY
backed by dedicated and appropriately skilled staff

PROPERTY TAX & TARIFF INCREASES ON HOUSEHOLDS:
PROPERTY RATES **-13.77%** ELECTRICITY **7.64%**
SEWERAGE **10%** REFUSE REMOVAL **6%**
WATER **9.95%**

CAPITAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE
R17 176 000



SPORT FIELD DEVELOPMENT
R11 056 800



WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
R9 615 349



SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE
R8 834 200



ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
R7 320 000



PARKS & AMENITIES
R6 299 000



HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
R3 020 000



STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE
R1 149 000



Bouwerk aan die Abbotsdale Biblioteek vorder flink. Dié biblioteek, wat oor die bestek van twee finansiële jare aangebou word met befondsing van die Provinsiale Regering, sal na raming in Januarie 2017 in bedryf gestel word.

Sluit by ons aan op Facebook!

Ons Facebookblad is op Vrydag 30 Oktober 2015 begin. Sedertdien het die Blad besonder vinnig gegroei. Die aantal 'likes' op ons Blad het die 1000 kerf bereik teen 13 Desember 2015, 1500 teen 10 Februarie 2016 en 2000 teen 26 April 2016.

Ons plaas bykans elke dag (sommige dae meer as een keer) insetsels oor onderwerpe soos:

- ons waterbepelings en die weeklikse vlak van die Voëlvlendam
- toekennings wat die Munisipaliteit gewen het
- inligting oor noodnommers en nommers waar oortredings gerapporteer kan word
- water- en kragonderbrekings
- noodsaaklike werk aan munisipale infrastruktuur wat inwoners kan verontrief
- advertering van vakante poste
- besoeke van VIP's aan ons gebied
- publieke inligtingsvergaderings
- verkeer en wetstoepassing se veiligheidsbewusmakingsveldtogte
- die skoon oudit
- langdienssertifikate vir werknemers
- groot feeste en geleenthede in ons gebied
- kantoorure en swembadtye oor vakansiedae
- jeuguitreike
- die munisipale verkiesing

As jy nog nie ons Facebookblad besoek het nie, doen dit. Die skakel is www.facebook.com/SwartlandMunicipality/.

En as jy een van die mense is wat versigtig vir of krities oor Facebook is, hou in gedagte dat 'n Facebookblad baie verskil van 'n privaat Facebookprofiel. 'n Facebookblad word streng beheer en daar word **net** inligting geplaas wat van belang vir Swartland se inwoners is.

So, wanneer jy ons Facebookblad besoek, onthou om die Blad te **Like**. Sodoende maak jy seker jy gaan vorentoe nie uitmis nie.

Help Save our Klipkoppie renosterveld

People's use of the well-known and much-loved Klipkoppie in Malmesbury for all kinds of purposes, including quadbiking, bicycling and the harvesting of plants, is of great concern to us. We require the public's assistance by reporting irregular conduct at Klipkoppie, since there is no proper policing in place to prevent potential damage to the biodiversity at the site.

Please note that although Klipkoppie has not yet been proclaimed as a conservation area, it does have conservation status. When Klipkoppie is registered under the Protected Areas Act as a conservation area, it will qualify for the highest status because it is classified as a Critical Biodiversity Area owing to the Critically Endangered Swartland Granite Renosterveld present at the site, which includes many rare and threatened species.

We are soon going to put up signage to make the public aware of Klipkoppie's conservation status, but we already want to caution people to stay on the Klipkoppie routes that currently exist so that we can prevent erosion and other damage to the highly threatened natural vegetation at the site.



Critically Endangered Swartland Granite Renosterveld on one of the granite outcrops on Klipkoppie, with a view of Kasteelberg in the distance.



Severe soil erosion at Klipkoppie caused by misuse of the area by vehicles and quadbikes/motorbikes.

Do's and don'ts for municipal employees

The Code of Conduct for municipal staff members in terms of the Municipal Systems Act stipulates the rules which employees must adhere to in order to avoid disciplinary action against them.

In general, a staff member must at all times -

- loyally execute the council's policies;
- perform his functions in good faith, diligently, honestly and in a transparent manner;
- act in the best interest of the municipality, and in such a way that the credibility and integrity of the municipality are not compromised; and
- act impartially and treat all people equally without favour or prejudice.

In particular, a staff member may not -

- use the position or privileges of a staff member, of confidential information obtained as a staff member, for private gain or to improperly benefit another person;
- take a decision on behalf of the municipality concerning a matter in which that staff member, or his/her spouse, partner or business associate, has a direct or indirect personal or private business interest;
- be engaged in any business, trade or profession other than the work of the municipality except with the prior consent of the latter;
- be a party to or beneficiary under a contract for the provision of goods or services to any municipality;
- without permission disclose any privileged or confidential information obtained as a staff member;
- unduly influence the council or a structure or functionary off the council, or a councillor, with a view to obtaining any appointment, promotion, privilege, advantage or benefit, or for a family member, friend or associate;
- be involved in a business venture with a councillor without the prior consent of the council;
- request, solicit or accept any reward, gift or favour for - inter alia - persuading the council or structure or functionary with regard to the exercise of any power or the performance of any duty;
- use, take, acquire, or benefit from any property or asset owned, controlled or managed by the municipality to which that staff member has no right;
- participate in an election of the council of the municipality, other than in an official capacity or pursuant to any constitutional rights.
- embark on any action amounting to sexual harassment.

Should you be aware that an employee of the municipality is in breach of these rules, please report full particulars of the alleged conduct to the office of the internal auditor at 022 487 9400 for investigation.

Election of ward committees

Communities and residents have the right and the responsibility to participate in the decision-making processes of the municipality. The ward participatory system, whereby ward committees were introduced, aims at establishing a credible system through which citizen participation in local governance is expected to take place.

Na afloop van die Plaaslike Verkiesings in Augustus vanjaar gaan SM se inwoners weer geleentheid hê om persone op wykskomitees aan te wys wat hul belange in wyksverband kan verteenwoordig. Wetgewing vereis dat daar een wykskomitee aangewys moet word vir elkeen van die twaalf wyke in SM se regsgebied.

Doel van wykskomitees:

Wykskomitees word beskou as dié belangrikste bousteen om deelnemende demokrasie in plaaslike regeringsaangeleenthede aan te moedig en uit te bou. Die primêre oogmerk daarvan is om beter en meer doeltreffende kommunikasiekanale tussen inwoners en die munisipale raad te bevorder. Dit sal verder ook 'n belangrike rol speel om insette te lewer en/of behoeftes te identifiseer vir die Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan en munisipale begroting wat jaarliks hersien moet word.

What status do ward committees have?

Ward committees are advisory forums that are tasked with advising their ward councillors about matters that affect their wards. They are not political platforms, but committees representing the community who have to carry out their duties without fear, favour or prejudice.

Hoe word 'n wykskomitee saamgestel?

'n Wykskomitee bestaan uit: -

- 'n wyksraadslid wat ingevolge die Strukturewet ipso facto die voorsitter van die komitee is, en
- tien ander persone wat belange sal verteenwoordig.

Equitable representation of gender, diversity of interest and geographic representation must be pursued at all times.

Die volgende word as belangegroep geïdentifiseer:

georganiseerde sakekamers en/of verenigings; belastingbetalers- en/of gemeenskaps- en/of inwonersverenigings; toerismeverenigings; omgewingsbewaringsgerigte organisasies; informele handelaarsverenigings of enige ander onderneming wat 'n belang het in handel en nywerheid of toerisme; welsynorganisasies; nie-regeringsorganisasies; kerke; organisasies en/of verenigings wat die jeug verteenwoordig; organisasies en/of verenigings wat die vroue verteenwoordig, instellings en/of organisasies wat opvoeding op die hart dra of enige ander organisasie wat 'n belang het in welsyn; gemeenskapsveiligheidsforums of enige ander organisasie wat 'n belang het in veiligheid; boereverenigings, landbou gebaseerde organisasie, maatskappye, beslote korporasies; kleinboereverenigings; plaaswerkersverenigings of soortgelyke organisasies wat daarop aanspraak maak dat hul die belange van plaaswerkers op die hart dra en wat redelik verteenwoordigend is van plaaswerkers; enige sport-, ontspannings- en/of kulturele organisasie, vereniging of assosiasie.

Who qualifies to be elected to the ward committee?

Persons who are nominated -

MUST be registered on the voters' roll of the Municipality (for this purpose the newly updated national voters' roll available on the Independent Electoral Commission's database will be used to determine whether or not a person is registered as a voter)

MAY NOT be a member of the council, or an employee of SM or the West Coast District Municipality or be indebted to the municipality for more than three months.

Wie mag stem vir wykskomiteelede?

Enige kieser wat: -

- 18 jaar of ouer is, en
- geregistreer is op die kieserslys van die wyk waarvoor die komitee aangewys word, mag tydens die stemming vir wykskomiteelede, sy/haar stem uitbring.

Benut die kans om u stem te laat hoor!

Where citizens participate actively in community life - quality of life is better!

Hou die pers en ons webtuiste dop vir inligting oor die wykskomiteeverkiesings. Watch the press and our website for details of the ward committee elections.

Restrict water usage

Until such time that the water situation in the Swartland improves dramatically, the so-called Level 2 (20%) water restrictions remain in place.

The use of potable water for the watering/irrigation of gardens and for the filling of swimming pools is prohibited. Similarly, the use of hose-pipes, e.g. to hose down hard-surfaced or paved areas and to wash vehicles (including recreational vehicles and watercraft) is not allowed.

We thank all our residents for their efforts and dedication to help save this precious resource.



SWARTLAND MUNICIPAL AREA AT A GLANCE

Total municipal area

3 700 km²

Demographics, 2015

Population
120 314



Households
32 029

Education



Matric pass rate 2014:
Literacy rate 2011:

88.3%
78.0%

Poverty



Households earning less than R400 pm in 2011:
Per capita income 2013:

12.2%
R28 307

Access to basic services, 2014 – minimum service level



Water
99.1%



Refuse removal
76.2%



Electricity
97.8%



Sanitation
90.4%

Economy



GDP growth 2005-2013
3.7%

Labour



Employment growth 2005-2013
-1.8%

Three largest sectors

Finance, insurance, real estate
and business services
35.7%

Manufacturing
20.1%

Agriculture, forestry and fishing
14.3%

Health, 2015



Primary health
care facilities
5

Immunisation rate
74.9%

Maternal mortality ratio
(per 100 000 live births)
0.0

Teenage pregnancies -
delivery rate to women U/18
8.2%

Safety and security – actual number of crimes in 2014/15



Residential
burglaries
721

Driving under the
influence
125

Drug-related crime
1 708

Murders
29

Sexual offences
176

Nuwe munisipale wetgewing

Om sy grondwetlike funksies na behore te kan reguleer, het die munisipale raad die volgende verordeninge onlangs aangeneem:

- **Events:** To regulate all events held in the municipal area and to determine the application process and requirements for various event categories, i.e. small, medium, large and very large. *Enquiries: Madelaine Terblanche*
- **Informele handel:** Om informele handel in openbare paale en plekke te reguleer, en - onder andere - die verwydering en skut van goedere, asook die verkoop daarvan, te reguleer. *Navrae: Philip Humphreys*
- **Boundary walls and fences:** To regulate walls and fences with the aim of safeguarding residents and visitors. It prescribes, inter alia, the heights of walls and fences, and the material to be used. *Enquiries: Alwyn Zaayman*
- **Parkering:** Om bepalinge neer te lê rakende die verskaffing, regulering van en beheer oor parkering in die munisipale regsgebied. *Navrae: Philip Humphreys*

All of the above by-laws are available in both English and Afrikaans. Copies can be requested via the e-mail link provided on the municipality's website.

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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