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Newsletter

Daljosaphat Traffic Centre Saturday opening a great success

Altogether 228 transactions were processed in four hours on the first Saturday that Drakenstein Municipality's Daljosaphat Traffic Centre was opened for members of the public. The centre opened its doors from 8:00 to 12:00 on 12 January 2019.

In pursuit of its stated mission, being a city of excellence, Drakenstein Municipality believes it must continually take concrete steps to enable residents to easily access services. "We know many of our residents find it impossible to visit the Traffic Centre during the week; so we are running a three-month trial, during which selected services will be available on a Saturday morning," says Councillor Conrad Poole, Executive Mayor of Drakenstein Municipality.

The services on offer are:

- Registration and licensing;
- Renewal of driving and motor vehicle licenses;
- Applications for learner's and driving licenses; and
- Collection of driving license cards.

Drakenstein Municipality distributes housing starter kits to nearly 500 people displaced by Mbekweni fire

Working together with government partners, Drakenstein Municipality distributed rudimentary housing units (or starter kits) to most of the nearly 500 people who were displaced by a fire that broke out in Mbekweni in the early hours of 2 January 2019. The fire damaged altogether 100 informal structures.

Initial estimates were that approximately 250 people and over 70 informal structures were affected, but it was later confirmed that the fire left nearly 500 people destitute and damaged altogether 100 informal structures. The cause of the fire in the OR area in Mbekweni is still being investigated.

Drakenstein Municipality worked together with the Western Cape Government, City of Cape Town, Cape Winelands District Municipality (CDWM) and the South Africa Social Security Agency (SASSA) as well as private organisations, to ensure that most of the affected families were resettled in the same area within a couple of days. Drakenstein Municipality wishes to thank the community and businesses for donating food and clothes for the Mbekweni residents who had to start the new year in an extremely difficult position, as well as the CDWM and SASSA for providing them with warm meals.

Bonginkosi Madikizela, Western Cape MEC for Human Settlements, and Dr Ivan Meyer, Western Cape MEC for Finance, visited the area and victims after the fire, together with Councillor Gert Combrink, Deputy Executive Mayor of Drakenstein Municipality, Drakenstein Mayoral Committee Members and officials from the Provincial Government and the Municipality.

WhatsApp of SMS jou water- en elektrisiteitsmeterlesing

Munisipale verbruikers se water- en elektrisiteitsmeters is weens verhoogde sekuriteitsmaatreëls nie altyd toeganklik vir die Munisipaliteit se meterlesers om die meters te lees nie. Daarom vra ons verbruikers om asseblief 'n foto van hul water- en elektrisiteitsmeterlesings, asook hul rekeningnommer, per WhatsApp of MMS (SMS) na **071 686 8924** te stuur, sou dit blyk dat hul water en elektrisiteitsverbruik geskat is. Verbruikers kan ook hul water- en elektrisiteitslesings telefonies aan Drakenstein Munisipaliteit voorsien deur **021 807 4546** of **021 807 4521** te skakel.

Wil jy jou munisipale rekening eerder per epos ontvang?

Munisipale verbruikers wat hul rekeninge eerder per epos pleks van gewone pos wil ontvang, word gevra om 'n versoek in hierdie verband te rig aan **Venesia.Ontong@drakenstein.gov.za** of **Records@drakenstein.gov.za**.

Kry jou rekeningbalans per SMS

Drakenstein Munisipaliteit herinner munisipale verbruikers elke maand aan hoeveel hul betaalbare rekeningbalans is deur 'n SMS aan hulle voor die betrokke betaaldatum te stuur. Só probeer ons voorkom dat rekeninge agterstallig raak en rente op agterstallige bedrae gehef word. As jy nie 'n SMS ontvang nie, stuur gerus jou selfoonnommer asook jou munisipale rekeningnommer aan **Venesia.Ontong@drakenstein.gov.za** of **Records@drakenstein.gov.za**, sodat jou selfoonnommer op die munisipale databasis geregistreer kan word.

'n Rits munisipale projekte word vir 2019 beplan

- Ondersteuning aan landelike jeug in Drakenstein om leerlinglisensies te kry;
- 'n Elektroniese stelsel vir toepassingsbestuur vir grondgebruik;
- Verdere werke op die Van der Stel deurpad;
- Finalisering van die "Paint my Story" projek;
- Finale toetse en inwerkingstelling van Wellington se afvalwaterwerke-aanleg;
- Verdere elektrifisering van informele woongebiede; en
- Talle ander projekte om dienslewering in Drakenstein en ons inwoners se lewensgehalte te verbeter.

Learn to Swim initiative launched in Drakenstein



The Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation Learn to Swim initiative was launched on 14 January 2019 at the Drakenstein Municipal Swimming Pool.

Local schools will be invited to form part of this great initiative which aims to equip children with swimming skills.

Here from the left are Ernest Saayman, Senior Manager: Parks, Sport and Cemeteries; Yvette Tsolo, Manager: Sport and Recreation; Jennie Wentzel; and Pieter Louwrens, Principal of Willem Lloyd Primary School.

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