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Newsletter

Drakenstein Municipality ensures a safe building environment

The Drakenstein Municipality is determined to ensure a safe building environment and will take swift action against anyone who erects structures without approved building plans.

The Municipality has determined, however, that numerous new structures - whether temporary or permanent in nature - have been erected without the required approved building plans.

In pursuit of a safe building environment, the Drakenstein Municipality last year declared an amnesty period of six months – starting on 1 December 2018 – during which property owners have been asked to submit building plans for unauthorised building work, to the Municipality's Planning and Development Department, for assessment and consideration.

Building work - which is regulated by the National Building Regulations & Building Standards Act, 1977 (Act 103 of 1977) (NBR) - includes additions, alterations, extensions, amendments to existing structures, and any new structures to be erected, whether of a temporary or permanent nature.

The Drakenstein Municipal Council approved this decision in September last year. It gives property owners the opportunity to have any illegal structure - which adheres to the minimum technical standards of the NBR and the requirements of other applicable legislation (relating to town planning, heritage, environment, services and more) - approved without having to pay a fine. This amnesty period closes on 31 May 2019.

It should be noted that this amnesty is only applicable to any building work started prior to the commencement date of this amnesty period. The standard procedures applicable to unauthorised building work will be instituted, where unauthorised building work started after the commencement date of this amnesty period.

The relevant building plan application must be submitted before 31 May 2019. An application fee and all other relevant fees, such as building line relaxation fees, will still be applicable and payable in respect of such applications.

An application form is available and must be completed before the submission of the building plan application. Without the submission of all the required documentation and payments, the application cannot be processed.

Any building plans for unauthorised structures submitted in terms of this amnesty, will be subject to inspection by the Building Control Unit, and upon approval, a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued. Property owners should note that insurance companies have refused to pay out claims in the past, where approved building plans and/or Certificates of Occupancy were not issued to the property owner.

This amnesty must not, in any way, be construed as a relaxation of any of the standards, regulations and legislation governing the building environment.

Any structures that do not adhere to the required standards and legislated provisions will not be approved, and will be dealt with in terms of existing compliance procedures: The building plan will be refused and appropriate steps implemented to either demolish, remove or relocate the unauthorised structure.

For further information, contact the Municipality's Planning and Development Department on 021 807 6324 (Mr Fickerie Toyer) or 021 807 4658 (Ms Carmen Brintjies).

Paarl Bulk Sewer Line Handover



The Paarl Bulk Sewer Line official handover ceremony recently took place at Drakenstein Municipality. Here is Alderman Koos le Roux and National Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pam Tshwete, at the official handover of the Paarl Bulk Sewer Line.

New electronic renewal system for motor vehicle licenses

Drakenstein motor vehicle owners can now renew their vehicle licenses in the comfort of their own home and spend less time in the queue.

Since 1 April 2019, Drakenstein Municipality has successfully been rolling out its new electronic renewal system for motor vehicle licenses. Once the license disc is ready, the owner can collect it from the Municipality.

How does the new system work?

Visit <http://www.drakenstein.gov.za/electronic-motor-vehicle-license-renewal>, follow the simple steps and contact the Municipality if you have questions or queries.

How do I pay for my renewal?

Do an EFT (electronic funds transfer) to:
Account Name: Motor Vehicle Licensing
Account Number: 62804637570
Bank: FNB (First National Bank)
Branch Code: 200110
Reference: Vehicle Registration Number

Please note that this bank account is only for the payment of vehicle license renewals.

Can I pay via the website?

No, you have to do an EFT (electronic funds transfer).

How do I get my license disc?

Once your disc is ready, collect it at the Drakenstein Traffic Services, 8 Berg River Boulevard, Paarl.

How do I know my license disc is ready?

The Municipality will let you know via telephone or email.

Can I pay my traffic fine online?

To pay your traffic fine, you can also do an EFT (electronic funds transfer):

Account Name: Drakenstein Municipality
Account Number: 62071526514
Bank: FNB (First National Bank)
Branch Code: 250655
Reference: Your notice's full number

Please email proof of payment to trafficfines@drakenstein.gov.za. For enquiries, contact 021 807 7741 or 021 872 0601.

Can I make an appointment for my learner's license online?

No, to make an appointment for your learner's license, visit any of the Traffic Services centres in Drakenstein.

I have an enquiry. Who can I contact?

Contact Debmarie Liedeman on 021 807 7738 or onlinerenewals@drakenstein.gov.za.

Neumarkt visits Drakenstein



A delegation of the City of Neumarkt in Germany recently visited the Drakenstein Municipality made a contribution of R7,1 million. These funds will be used for the Paarl Arboretum, a 2,5 km long park on the eastern bank of the Berg River as part of the Climate Smart River Park Project which will be developed over the next three years.

Wellington Open Day



Wellington Open Day took place at the Wellington Town Hall on Friday, 12 April 2019, whereby residents and businesses have shared their views on a new town square in Burger Street, Wellington. Several activities took place, such as heritage walks, arts and crafts stalls, kids activity corner, food trucks, live music, a speaker's corner and a tea garden at the Breytenbach Centre.

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