



EMTHANJENI NEWSLETTER

Festive Message of the Mayor

As the year to an end we all have to take sometime to reflect on what progress we have made in pursuit of the objectives and ideals we have set for ourselves during this year. As we break for the season, let us all embrace compassion and be considerate to those who are less fortunate. Let us strive to revive our morals and may we seize the opportunity provided by the festive spirit to reconcile as communities and as individuals so that we may live in peace, prosperity and harmony.

Our collective actions throughout the year have placed us in a position where we can say without doubt that our Municipality (De Aar, Britstown and Hanover and farming commu-

nity) is being repositioned, and evidence is mounting that the goal of building a better life for all is now firmly within our reach. Indeed we are on course. Acting together, we have succeeded in creating an enabling environment for our people to enjoy the gains of our hard fought democracy. The lives of our people are truly changing for the better. We can be proud of the legacy that we have built.

May we enter the year 2012 with renewed courage to work even harder towards our common goal of building a better life for all. Let us learn from our experiences of the past and build on the solid foundation we have laid. May we enter the new year with vigour, enthusiasm and

determination to build a better Emthanjeni Municipality.

I urge all of you to be vigilant, understanding on our roads. Bear in mind that we all anticipate reaching our festive destinations safely. May we extend a helping hand to those in need and let us protect our vulnerable children and people.

Let us embrace Christmas with a renewed believe of family unity and spirit. Let us beautify our houses to blend into the renewed image of Emthanjeni Municipality

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Sipho Sthonga
Honourable Mayor of
Emthanjeni Municipality



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Closing of Emthanjeni Municipality's Offices

The Municipal offices will be closing on the 15th of December at 13:00 and reopened on Monday the 19 December 2011, and closed on the 23rd of December 2011 until the 3rd of January 2012

Stand by Personnel will be available in cases of emergency, their contact details are as follows:

Elektrisiteit – 082 887 0740
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Waterwerke – 082 887 0558
Chris Hendriks

Riool – 082 887 4054 (Pieter

Jacobs.

Hanover – 083 373 9880 E
Barker

Britstown – 082 818 8354 E
Bresies

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NEW COUNCIL OF EMTHANJENI MUNICIPALITY



Emthanjeni Municipality newly elected Council, from left to right.

Front: Clrs S T Sthonga (Mayor), M M Freddie (Speaker)

Middle: Clrs N S Thomas, V G Jonas, H J Rust, M C Kivedo, W A Witbooi, J Jood

Back: Clrs A F Jafftha, G L Nkumbi, B Swanepoel, G L Ny1, W J du Plessis, M Mal-

Emthanjeni Municipality's new Council working together to develop Emthanjeni Municipality and together we can achieve the desired goals.

RESEMBLE WHO WE ARE AND WHERE ARE WE GOING.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Emthanjeni Municipal Council has taken a decision to reposition the Municipality as the Karoo Destination of Choice through developing and establishing of Community Forums intended to contribute to the

improvement of local economic conditions thus better the lives of the communities within the borders of the Municipality. These forums include the following

- Emthanjeni Local Tourism Associa-

tion

- Entrepreneur Committee
- Infrastructure Development Committee
- IDP and Budget Steering Committee.

TOURISM LINKING CULTURES

The national theme for 2011 Tourism Month is "Tourism – Linking Cultures".

Emthanjeni Municipality celebrating Tourism Day with its community and stakeholders that benefit in tourism directly and indirectly, tourism and branding has changed the municipality's identity to be

recognized by the tourism world as **The Karoo Destination of Choice**.

A Local Tourism Association has been established to create a linkage between the diverse cultures in or municipality, and to be able to tell a story to the coming generations of the diverse cultures of our municipality.

Emthanjeni Municipality has a great tourism potential that result in opportunities for the disadvantaged communities such as Britstown and Hanover.



Recording Artist Mr. Mkhululi Jacobs, Gospel Singer



MAYOR SUPPORTS TOURISM

In recognition of World Tourism Day, National Tourism Month has provided our industry with a valuable platform from which to educate, to market, and to expand. This year we will be taking Tourism Month to new heights, using it to intensify

I believe that tourism in this Municipality will go from strength to strength, continuing to provide visitors a unique, pleasant and unforgettable experience.

I am most delighted with the attention and priority given to the need for effective partnerships between the Municipality and tourism stakeholders, as well as sphere and sector departments. Let us continue

working together to develop Emthanjeni as the Karoo destination of choice .

Lastly, tourism should be a contact between the tourists and host, between different cultures, people and places, let us explore what Emthanjeni Municipality has to offer tourists and support domestic tourism.



Emthanjeni crafters .

MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH FROM MANAGER DEVELOPMENT: MR MICHEAL JACK

We recognize though that we will only be able to fulfill that potential if we adopt a coordinated strategic approach, I am satisfied that we have achieved the first step in that direction which is adapting and approval of a Tourism Strategy for tourism development and promotion and aligning

such a strategy with destination branding.

The successful implementation of Emthanjeni Tourism Strategy will require multi level partnerships between the Municipality and the community, I acknowledge with appreciation the constructive and cooperative relationships we have al-

ready built in this with all parties involved. Our success and in Tourism Development will determine how the strategy will assist I responding to the need for transformation of Emthanjeni Municipality as a tourists destination of choice.

EMTHANJNEI
MUNICIPALITY
SHOWING THE
REST OF THE
WORLD ITS
TALENTS.

EMTHANJNEI MUNICIPALITY ATTENDING SAIMSA GAMES

The southern African inter municipal games which is the programme of Southern Africa inter municipal sports association (SAIMSA) invited Emthanjeni Municipality to its annual games. The games were held in Swaziland (Mbabane, Manzini Corridor).

Date: 24 September 2011 to the 30th of September 2011

Emthanjeni Municipality being the only Municipality to attend such games within the Northern Cape.

Sports Codes that participated in the games are as follows:

- Soccer

- Netball
- Pool Table

The Municipality is planning on increasing the Sports Codes to accommodate all Employees as this is part of the Wellness Program of the Municipality.



Netball players of Emthanjeni playing against Ethekewini Municipality.

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EMTHANJENI NEW LOGO



Emthanjeni Municipality New Logo

Emthanjeni Municipality Council in consultation with its citizens commissioned the design of a new logo reflecting the aspiration of its citizens and in keeping with the broader transformation of South Africa.

Logo Description

- The name of Emthanjeni Municipality is captured in blue and overarches the logo elements and depicts the ever enchanting blue skies of the area.
- The three bright shooting stars : a unique feature of the area which can be viewed at night is representative of the three towns that make up Emthanjeni Municipality: De Aar, Hanover and Britstown.
- The round orange feature speaks of the shining of the Karoo, the rotating windmill and the turning wheels of the railway train.
- The green plant represents the vegetation of the municipality and speaks of growth and development aspirations.
- The two Khoisan figures climbing the Renosterberg Hill depict the historical inhabitants of the area commonly seen on the Khoisan rock art..

NOVEMBER IS DISABILITY MONTH

Space Access Opportunity alludes to the intersection of key features of the Municipality resulting in opportunities

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES COORDINATOR

The goals of this program include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions; live in homes and communities where they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as

citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, state and nation; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full inclusion in society.



Climate change awareness train in De Aar



Hundreds of Emthanjeni Municipality's learners (De Aar, Britstown and Hanover) have participated in activities linked to South Africa's Climate Change Train when it makes two stop

overs in the Northern Cape. The train stopped over in De Aar on Wednesday, 2nd November and Kimberley, Thursday, 3rd November 2011. Its journey ends in Durban where

South Africa will be hosting the 17th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 17) end of November. The train's activities serve as a build-up to the conference and will create awareness on the climate change phenomenon. The Northern Cape has been predicted to be at the forefront of such climatic changes.



Street walks to highlight the issue as well as a series of exhibitions.

The Department of Environment and Nature Conservation has been joined by the departments of Education, Agriculture and Land Reform, Rural Development, Transport Safety and Liaison as well as the Pixley ka Seme District Municipality and Sol Plaatje Local Municipality together with Emthanjeni Municipality. Other stakeholders whose activities focus support sustainable livelihood projects will also exhibit at the event.

The train was managed by environmental experts and practitioners aims to:

- * • Provide an understanding as to what climate change is, its causes and the associated impacts
- * • Communicate the socio- economic issues associated with climate change



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World AIDS Day in Hanover



the World AIDS Day was held in Hanover on the 1st of December, with a national theme **Getting to Zero**. All Councillors and elderly of Hanover participated, except the youth who were truly needed to here the message as Hanover has the most rate of

HIV/AIDS infections within the Municipality.

Candle light honouring all the victims that are affected and died from the disease, and SAPS talking about safety during the festive season



the Mayor switching on the festive lights of Hanover

LET EMTHANJENI MUNICIPALITY BE YOUR DESTINATION OF CHOICE THIS FESTIVE SEASON

Festive Lights and Northern CAPE talent Search Show in De Aar

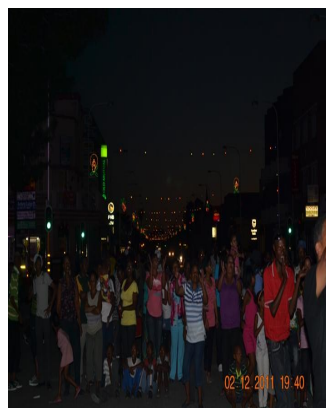
Specialist Agents for Youth (SAFY) in collaboration with Congra Sounds and Quita's Consultancy Solutions hosted the successful fifth and last event of the Northern Cape Talent Search Roadshow in front of the Town Hall in De Aar on **Friday, 2 December 2011**. The event coincided with the switching on of the festive lights by the Mayor of Emthanjani Mu-

nicipality and this initiative was a first for this community. The SANDF also vowed everybody with a **march** and a drill display. Contestants and their supporters were very energised and enthusiastic for the opportunity to showcase their districts' talent. The local youth grabbed this opportunity with both hands.



ARMY PARADE OF AMMUNITION DEPARTMENT(97)

The Mayor of Emthanjani Municipality Councillor S. Sthonga kicked off the summer Festive Season with the official switch on of, over 1 000 people were descend in front of the Municipal building.



Word from the Municipal Manager's Speaks: Mr. I Visser



This issue of the Newsletter will provide details regarding various Council projects and programmes that unfolded in the various wards during 2011.

Nearly 330 municipal staff worked hard during 2011 to provide the highest possible quality service and to support Council's important community leadership and governance work, to bring about a fair and equitable dispensation for all citizens of the Municipality.

From maintaining the water and sewerage service, repairing and extending our municipal roads infrastructure, providing public housing and various other services our employees made a huge difference in the lives of everyone who live and work in our Municipality.

The pride that our municipal team brings to the work is always evident. We know that what we do today matters to our community now and in the future. We constantly strive to improve our professionalism and to be the best that we can be.

All of us at the Emthanjeni Municipality care deeply about our community and quality of life for all of the people we serve.

On behalf of the Mayor, Councilor Sthonga, the Council and the entire staff of Emthanjeni Municipality I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2012.

We welcome your feedback.

I. Visser
Municipal Manager

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VISION

We Emthanjeni Municipality , commit ourselves to a humane and caring society, living in a healthy and secure environment, conducive to sustainable economic development.

MISSION

Deliver quality services and promote development in our area in a non-sexist, non –racial and non-discriminating manner. We do this by creating a climate of co-operative governance with meaningful partnerships with all stakeholders, especially the members of the general public.

