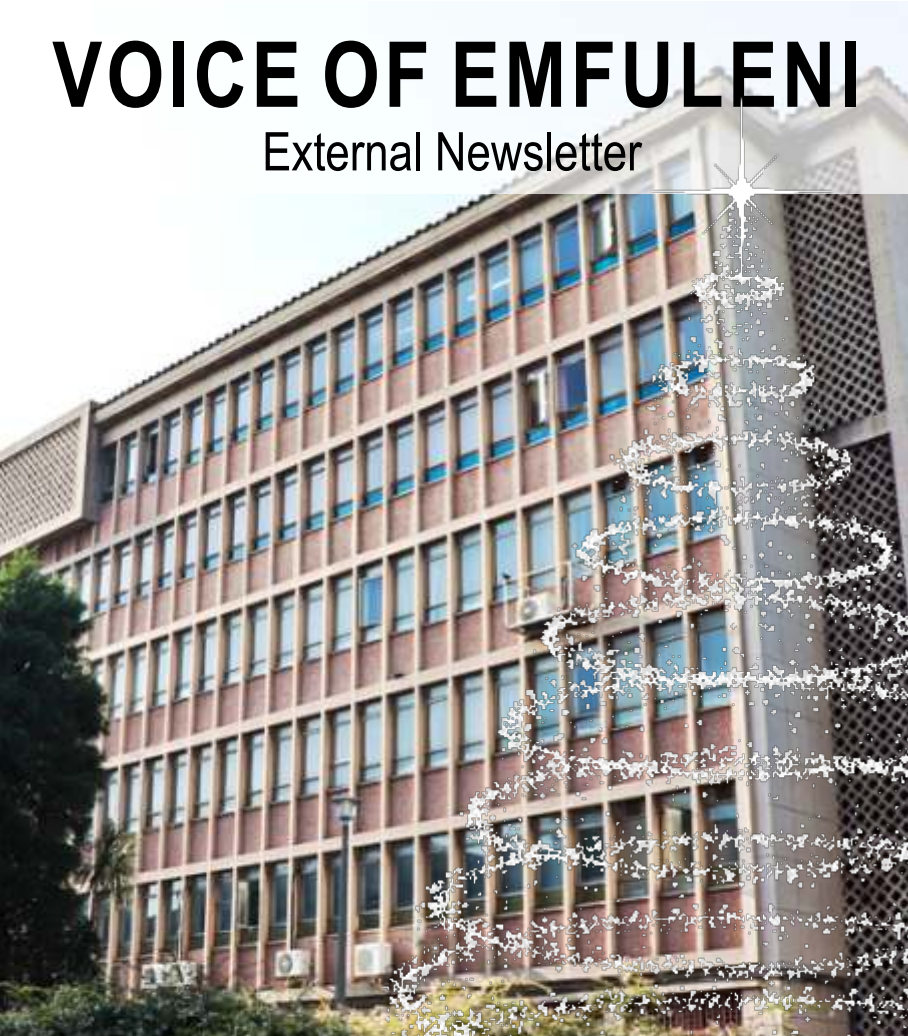


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Happy Holidays!

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MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES

OVER 1.9 BILLION RANDS WRITTEN OFF ESKOM DEBT



Municipal Manager April Ntuli has welcomed the resolution by the National Treasury for Eskom to write-off Emfuleni's debt of over 1.9 billion rands. This comes after the first cycle of the debt relief programme came to an end on 31 May 2024. Joint assessment by both National and Provincial Treasury confirmed that an impressive 86 percent of the conditions of the debt relief programme were met by the municipality, resulting in National Treasury instructing Eskom to write off the said amount within a period of 30 days.

While this is good news to the municipality, the National Treasury has warned Emfuleni and set specific conditions to

avoid termination from participation by the municipality in the debt relief Programme going forward. ELM acknowledges that there is still work to be done to meet National Treasury requirements in full to pay off the outstanding two thirds of debt owed to Eskom, which is over 3 billion rand.

“We remain dedicated to providing improved, effective and efficient services to our consumers. Having acquired one third of the financial relief, we intend to uplift the quality of service by accelerating turnaround times,” Ntuli said.

The municipality reiterates the call for consumers to pay their accounts as this is necessary for better service delivery and ELM financial position. Consumers are encouraged to allow for electricity and water smart meter installations in their communities to assist the municipality to meet the debt relief requirements. In addition, to ensure that the debt relief participation is a success, consumers are also advised to buy electricity from recognized vendors and foremost, stop illegal connections.





SEASON'S Greetings

FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

On behalf of the municipality, I extend warm wishes for a safe, happy, and peaceful holiday season to all councillors, Emfuleni Local Municipality employees, and residents. Please prioritize safe driving practices during this time, ensuring the well-being of all road users, particularly children and pedestrians. May this festive season bring joy to all.



Cllr Sipho Radebe
Executive Mayor
Emfuleni Local Municipality

FESTIVE MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION IN EMFULENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The Festive Season is underway and there are only a few days left until Christmas and New Year. I wish to take this time to extend my warmest wishes to all employees as the year 2024 draws to an end. Let us take a moment to reflect on our achievements before we retire and spend time with our loved ones.

We close 2024 proudly and celebrate significant milestones. After a long battle of financial woes with Eskom and RandWater, we close off victorious and long lasting solutions have been reached. The municipality has recently welcomed the news by the National Treasury instructing Eskom to write off one-third of the debt owed to Eskom. In the same breath, an Urgency Agreement has finally been signed with the Power Utility. Plans and work is underway to conclude the 'Special Purpose Vehicle' project between ELM and Randwater in the new year. Road infrastructure, water and sanitation, electricity and waste management has seen great developments in the past year. Great strides have also been made to improve local development and create safer communities.

Emfuleni has improved everyday in 2024 because of your support and commitment. May this Christmas bring you and your families nothing but joy and happiness. 2025 brings a window for new opportunities and development in our personal lives and for

even greater purpose of selfless service to our communities as we continue to roll out the new city our beautiful Vaal River City and the anticipated New Airport which will bring investment and create the much needed employment for our communities.



Mr April Ntuli
Emfuleni Local Municipality
Municipal Manager



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- Recklessness wrecks lives. Make sure your vehicle is road worthy.
- Pedestrians must be visible at all times.
- Seat belts save lives. Buckle up.
- Share the roads with other users.
- Your text could kill the recipient.
- Driving fatigued can be deadly.
- Don't fool yourself speed kills.

PUBLIC FACILITIES ACCESS DURING THE FESTIVE HOLIDAYS



SWIMMING POOLS

All four Municipality swimming pools will be operational and open for the public during festive days except Christmas day. The operational times are 11h00 until 17h00.

Entrance fees are as follows:

Saul Tsotetsi swimming pools

Adult(Above 18yrs) - R25.00

Child (Above 7yrs) - R19.00 (Under 6 years) - R6.00

Cecil Oldridge Park swimming pools

Adult - R 25.00

Child/pensioners - R 19.00

SE2 Swimming pool

Adult - R33.00

Child/Pensioners - R25.00

Sharpeville Swimming pool

Adult-R 25.00

Child (Above 7yrs) - R19.00 (Under 6 years) - R6.00

Pensioners - R 19.00

No alcohol is allowed in the swimming pool areas.

Contact Persons:

Rendani Phidza - 072 631 1315

Meshack Mokalodise - 082 665 5328



PARKS AND CEMETERIES

The following parks will be operational during Festive season: **Phoenix Park, Mafatsane, Zone 11, Sebokeng and Mokhelele Park.** (All open at 6am and closing at 6pm)

Remember the following rules:

1. No loud music
2. No weapons allowed.
3. No parking allowed inside the park.

All Parks rules and By-Laws are to be enforced by the By-Law Unit.



Emergency contact personnel during municipal office closure

Parks Division - key function-to deal with all emergency fallen trees

Barry v/d Vyver	079 495 7553
T Nhlapo	062 746 8068
J Mnune	078 461 8896

Cemeteries Division - key function-to deal with all burial operations

Makie Motsoenyane	083 485 9478
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Caretakers -all cemeteries

Sbu Tshabalala	071 588 1365
Reggy Tsotetsi	081 044 1790
Lerato Dlamini	060 406 2049



ZERO COMPLIANCE RECORDED DURING REGISTRATION OF SPAZA SHOPS

The Emfuleni Local Municipality records over 1700 applications for tuck-shops and spaza shops. This is after the closing date that was set for 13 December 2024. The municipality embarked on this process after the directive by the President of the Republic, Cyril Ramaphosa, for all spaza shops to be registered. According to reports by the Local Economic Development of ELM, a total of 737 South Africans have applied and 1023 applicants are foreign nationals. None of the applications have been approved due to failure to meet the set criteria and requirements for issuing permits.

During the registration process, Emfuleni Municipality undertook outreach activities including inspections and business compliance workshops. The workshops were done in partnership with SEFA, SEDA and Co-operative Banks Development Agency. ELM' s key departments leading this process include Public Safety, Building Control and Land Use Management.

The process of registration was extremely challenging due to disruptions by people and groups dissatisfied with registration by

municipal official's safety. This led to three centres completely being closed off during the period of registration. The municipality had to deploy other strategies, including access of registration documents on the municipal website and provision of central drop-off areas.

As this is a matter of national interest, the municipality continues to work closely with both National and Provincial Government in order to finalise these processes and related challenges.

“From 06 of January 2025, ELM will commence with compliance inspections. Compliant establishments will be issued with business certificates and licenses.”
Matsepo Mathumbo, Assistant Manager LED & Tourism explained.

Those who have applied are encouraged to submit all outstanding documents.



Submit forms and required documents at the Emfuleni Head Office in Vanderbjilpark (Corner Klasie Havenga & Frikkie Meyer Blvd) or email to the address: MmatshepoM@emfuleni.gov.za.



Drop off procedure at the Emfuleni Head Office in Vanderbjilpark: At the various security gates there will be designated boxes for the registration documents. Please insure that your documents are secured together for easy sorting.



Make sure your contact details, WhatsApp number and Email address etc. are correct. The municipality will contact you regarding the status of your application.

FLEET ADDITION TO SOLVE WASTE COLLECTION CHALLENGES



The recently purchased compactor trucks will significantly improve waste collection in the Emfuleni Local Municipality. Over three thousand homes as well as the Vanderbijlpark CBD will benefit from this transaction. The municipality aims to solve the intermittent waste collection challenges, and the recently acquired trucks will go a long way to provide a lasting solution of waste management collection in ELM.



Executive Mayor
Siphso Radebe

“This is a step in a positive direction for the municipality, with each truck under our name, the municipality spends less money on truck rentals. Our plan is to have over 80% of our fleet owned by Emfuleni so that we can channel resources towards other avenues to improve services,” Executive Mayor Siphso Radebe said during the launch of the four compactor trucks on 11 December 2024 at ELM Main building. The trucks will be shared amongst 3 depots Vanderbijlpark, Sebokeng and Vereeniging.

The acquisition of the compactor trucks were made possible by Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), with just over 8.4 million rands spent.



WASTE MANAGEMENT DURING MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSURE

“The Waste department will continue to work during the closure of municipal offices, although with skeleton staff”, Says Mr S Monyatsi, Manager Waste Department.

Waste collection schedules will be submitted to all Ward Councillors and also distributed through all municipal official communication platforms including Facebook and Municipal website.

The Palmsprings landfill site, Vaaloewer drop off and Roshnee drop off centres will be fully operational to receive the waste from the community.

The services will be temporarily stopped on the 25th December, but resume from the 26th December 2024.

We humbly request that all members of the public to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle the waste that they have to protect our environment."

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ROLLING UP SLEEVES TO GET THE STREETS LIGHTS ON

By Thabiso Radebe

The municipality's work to restore the street lights of Emfuleni is gaining momentum. "With a limited 5 million budget to split in order to cover key artillery streets including Playfair, Frikkie Meyer, Currie boulevard and Barrage roads," the municipality has made significant strides electrifying streets in various areas, explained Isaac Pandelani, Acting Assistant Manager Customer Service.

"We are working with the high demands with less resources but managed to cover some parts of Vereening like Waldrift, and Roshnee in this 2024/25 financial year," he said. The scope of work includes removal of the aged and vandalised concrete poles, replacing them with 11 metre galvanised steel street light poles with double outreach arms. The new poles have been changed from the 250w HPS to 100watts. Other work done is retrofitting for the light emitting diode (LED) lights.

Areas such as CE7, SW5, SE6 and Bedworth Park main roads have also been repaired to bring the much needed to enjoy safer festive given the anticipated heavy traffic and the pedestrians for the holidays. The plan is in place for next year is to take the electricity infrastructure maintenance programs to the townships.

Like other municipalities, the Emfuleni Local Municipality faces setbacks due to vandalism of the cable theft, which impacts negatively on service delivery provision and milestones achieved by the municipality.



SHORTLISTING FOR MAYORAL BURSARY SCHEME COMMENCE

The yearly mayoral bursary application has come to an end and the municipality has started with the process of evaluating and shortlisting. This is a process led by the Shared Services MMC, Cllr. Mpho Serapelo supported by a curated bursary committee for impartiality.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted upon conclusion of the shortlisting process. Recipients of the bursary will be required to submit their final Grade 12 results in order to finalise all processes.

The Mayoral Bursary is a cherished social responsibility initiative for the municipality which stopped accepting applications on 30th November 2024.

With limited bursary offers available, the Office of the Executive Mayor has received a high volume of applications from aspiring beneficiaries for the 2025 financial cycle. ELM remains committed to providing opportunities to deserving learners by drawing inspiration from the famous words of the founding father of our democracy, Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, who said “education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world for the better”.

The municipality is making its small contribution in affording financially challenged and academically deserving learners the opportunity to further their studies.

Applicants are advised to follow ELM communication platforms for further information.

WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECEIVES APPRECIATION AWARDS

By Thabiso Radebe

Over forty ward committees received certificates of appreciation for the outstanding work they conduct in their respective wards. It was all smiles as Acting Speaker Cllr. Rethabile Hlakane handed out certificates to the members of the ward's committees in recognition for their selfless commitment, dedication to be ambassadors for the municipality in light of the service delivery. This year's people assembly gathering was held on Friday 22nd November at Saul Tsoetsi Sports Centre.

Some of the heroes and heroines for day included joint winners for best performing wards that went to the wards 9, 21, 35 and 44 respectively. It is no secret about the municipal service delivery challenges but these men and women remain standing behind the call for better service.

Acting Council Speaker led all the ward committee members to stand up to observe the moment of silence for late ward 26 ward committee member Mathew Senoko.

Cllr Hlakane issued the certificates to individual ward committee members to show appreciation to the ward committees, in the following categories.

The best ward committee secretaries: Wards 9, 11, 17 and 24

The best ward committee SRACLIS: Wards 25, 26, 31, 35, and 42

The best ward committee for basic services: Wards 1, 2, 4, 7, 19 and 45

The best ward committee on Environmental Management and Planning: Wards 10, 22, 32 and 44

The best ward committee on finance and revenue: Wards 16, 20 and 37

The best ward committee on public safety: Wards 6, 12, 34 and 39

The best ward committee on infrastructure Planning and Development: Wards 15, 33 and 40

The best ward committee on GEYODI, Youth people living with disabilities: Wards 2, 8, 10 and 29

The best ward committee on health and social development: Wards 21 and 25

The acting council speaker, Cllr Rethabile Hlakane thanked all the ward committee members for going the extra mile. In every municipality the speakers' office is in charge of the public participation. The scope includes work to build vibrant ward committee structures that are by law to give support to every ward councillor during their five-year tenure.

The council policy only provides for a stipend to cover the ward committee members travel cost in the course of performance for their ward committee's work.

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UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF TV AND FILM MAKEUP MASTERY

By Paulinah Ndlovu

Makeup is more than just a form of self-expression and enhancing appearance. In recent years, makeup classes have become important platforms for developing skills and building confidence. On the 5th and 6th of December, the Gauteng Film Commission & Peniel Face of Artistry hosted a Makeup Master class at Eldorado Park Art Centre. The master class was to provide a space for individuals to learn new techniques, explore their creativity and connect with others who share the same passion for makeup.

Makeup for television and film must meet industry standards for appearance and durability during extended shoots. The Master class taught the participants the difference between everyday makeup techniques and on-screen makeup. Makeup in Film and Television play a crucial role in creating and enhancing characters. Collaboration with directors, costume designers, and actors was emphasized in the Master Class to develop a cohesive visual narrative. Also understanding how makeup contributes to the overall story is essential for artists in the industry. This was to also help participants/artists stay current with new products, techniques and technologies to ensure that they keep their skills relevant in the ever-evolving industry.

The Master classes are beneficial for career advancement as they offer participants the opportunity to gain the credentials and confidence necessary to pursue high-level positions in the industry. The attendees left the class with a portfolio demonstrating their abilities, which can be utilized as a tool to impress potential employers.



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