



# Lephalale Municipality

*Building a vibrant city to be the energy hub of Africa*



As we find ourselves at the end of yet another exciting and successful year, we as the Management of Lephalale Local Municipality (LLM) look back with gratitude for the opportunity we were given to serve this wonderful community.

In my capacity as Municipal Manager, I would like to thank the LLM staff and community for their support in our vision to develop Lephalale into a vibrant city and the future energy hub of Africa. It has been a year full of challenges, but also many successes.

I wish to convey to everyone my warmest best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas. Please also afford me the opportunity to wish you all a prosperous new year.

For those of you who will be travelling over the holidays, drive safely always keeping in mind the safety of your loved ones and other road users. We look forward to 2016. May it be a year of growth, peace and prosperity for all who call Lephalale their home.



## Communication Minister visits Ga-Seleka



The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko and the Minister of Communication, Faith Muthambi at the opening of the National Imbizo Focus week at Ga-Seleka

Lephalale Municipality had the honour of hosting the opening of the National Imbizo Focus week. The traditional house and community of Ga-Seleka received Communication Minister, Faith Muthambi with open arms and welcomed her to one of the fastest growing municipalities in South Africa.



## Communication Minister visits Ga-Seleka continues.....

The National Imbizo Focus week which kicked off on Monday, 30 November in Ga-Seleka will end on Sunday 6 December. The aim of the week is to create a platform for national, provincial and local government to engage with communities throughout South Africa.

At Ga-Seleka the Minister congratulated the municipality for continually communicating government programmes and updates to the community.



“Here at Ga-Seleka today we found a community that does not merely complain but comes forward with solutions and plans for a better society. I can see that this community is well informed about local government’s development plans,” the Minister said at the gathering held at the Ga-Seleka community hall where more than 1000 people attended the event.

The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko thanked the Minister for choosing Ga-Seleka as the venue for the event. He announced that the municipality through the sponsorship of a local telecoms company installed WI-FI internet at the Ga-Seleka tribal council. Minister Muthambi handed over five donated tablets to Kgosi Seleka and members of the council.

As part of the event the Minister and a delegation which included political leadership within the Waterberg District, led by the Executive District Mayor Cllr Rosina Mogotlane, visited the 66 megawatt solar photovoltaic plant project at Tom Burke. The CEO of Enel Green Power, Mr. Lamberto Dai Pra, received the minister at the project site and gave a quick overview of the R18 billion project.

When completed in August 2016, the project will add enough electricity to the national grid to supply an equivalent of 40 000 households with electricity. The company has also committed to several projects within the local community including Wi-Fi internet access and a HIV programme which will be launched in conjunction with the Lephalale Municipality.

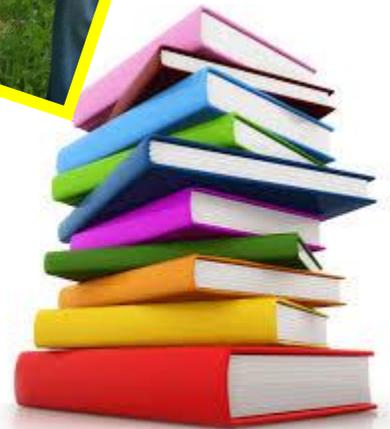
Mayor, Jack Maeko said that the project is adding value to the area and ultimately plays an important part in fulfilling the vision of Lephalale becoming the energy hub of Africa. He congratulated the company for employing locally as 99% of the 260 employees at the plant are local residents.

Following the site visit the Minister visited several houses in Ga-Seleka to determine whether residents are receiving basic services. Accompanied by the Mayor, the Minister promised to address all issues raised and to return to the area within three months to see progress made. The Mayor also gave his assurance that service delivery will remain top priority within the boundaries of Lephalale Municipality.

# Reading for Fun at Lephhalale Municipal Library



The Lephhalale Municipal Library ended off their read for fun campaign on a high note on Saturday 21 November. Kids of all ages joined the library staff for a morning of story reading and fun. The aim of the event is to instill a love for reading and encourage children from a young age to make use of the facility so that reading becomes a lifestyle choice.



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# Leaving behind a legacy

Staff in the Development Planning Division said their sad farewells to Mpho Tau, Manager Human Settlements on Friday, 13 November. Mpho has been appointed as Development Manager: Project Pipeline and Planning at the Housing Development Agency. Her role in the province will be to support CoGHSTA in all aspects of planning and coordinating its housing programmes and budgets. She shared some of the highlights during her five years at LLM.

1. Successful hosting of Limpopo Human Settlements Indaba in 2011
2. Hosting the Housing Consumer Education in 2014 (Normally it's initiated by SALGA and NDoHS)
3. Representing Waterberg District Municipality in June 2014 for National Housing Consumer Education
4. Establishment of CRU Project Steering Committee to ensure that the CRU project gets off the ground, the success was the registering of the farm into Marapong ext 6 with the municipality as the new owner, the approval of the Site Development Plan, the relocation of 200 people on the land earmarked for CRU, fencing off the CRU site to prevent further invasion, establishment of the Hostel Committee as well as the CRU workshop to affected Hostel Dwellers.
5. Successfully getting the informal settlements in Lephalale to be on the National Upgrading Support Programme. Initially Lephalale municipality was on the second phase of the programme. There are five municipalities which were on priority NUSP programme.
6. LLM has been getting highest rural allocation for the past three years in the district, currently 2754 houses were allocated to LLM for the past 3 years.

In a letter to LLM staff she wrote:

“During the last five years you all have provided me with support and through your encouragement and guidance I have been able to continuously grow. I now look forward to the new position that brings forth new challenges and adds more to my career. To my team, I have seen you grow from strength to strength and I still expect the best from you. You each have a special place in my heart.”



*We wish her all the best.*



# KEEP SAFE THIS HOLIDAY

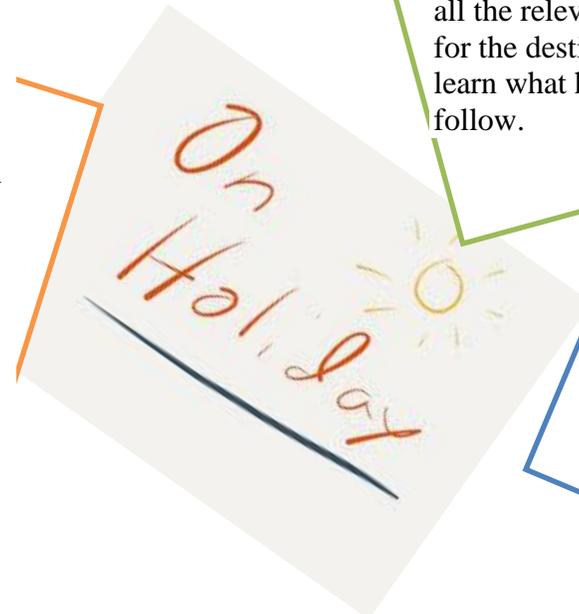
## 1. Back (packer) glance

Get in the habit of looking back when you get up to leave somewhere. Travel is very distracting, and you're probably carrying more stuff than when you're at home, so you're more likely to leave a jacket or journal at that cafe table where you were people watching.



## 2. Separate your sources of money

Don't keep all your bank cards in your wallet/purse when you're travelling. Keep at least one in a different place, preferably not on your person. If you lose all your cards on the road it is very difficult to get replacements, and being without money in a place away from home can be so stressful.



## 3. Don't keep your wallet/purse in your jeans' back pocket

To avoid being pickpocketed, keep your wallet in your front pocket, especially a pocket that can be buttoned up. Best of all, use the inside pocket of your jacket. There are also a load of different 'money belts' that either hang inside your shirt or wrap around your waist (under your shirt), etc. Make sure it's waterproof because travelling can often be sweaty/perspiring *work*. I'd advise against the bum bag/fanny pack varieties. There is no better way to advertise the fact that you have a load of valuables on you...and, of course, they were never ever cool.

## 4. Scan all your major documents

Scan your travel documents and email them to yourself. It was traditional to photocopy your passport and visas, travel insurance etc., and keep them in a separate part of your luggage. But that's old school. These days, digital is best - that way your documents won't go missing even if your bags do.

## 5. Get vaccinated

Visit your doctor before you leave to get all the relevant vaccinations/immunisations for the destinations you're visiting, and to learn what health precautions you should follow.

## 6. Don't drink and drive

Don't drink and drive and don't ride with anyone who has too much to drink. Drivers with high blood alcohol content or concentration (BAC) are at greatly increased risk of car accidents, highway injuries and vehicular deaths.

# COUNT ME IN!



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## TAKE BACK THE NIGHT CAMPAIGN

Keynote address by Premier  
**Chupu Stanley Mathabatha**

**Venue : Marapong Stadium**

**Date : 10 December 2015**  
**: Informal Programme- 15:30**

**Time : Formal Programme-18:00**

The heartland of southern Africa - development is about people

**16 DAYS**  
**of Activism**  
for no violence against  
Women and Children

**countme in!**  
together moving a non-violent  
South Africa forward

**25 November – 10 December**  
Together we move South Africa forward



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The 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children is an international awareness-raising campaign. It takes place every year from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day). The period includes Universal Children’s Day and World AIDS Day.

South Africa adopted the campaign in 1998 as one of the intervention strategies towards creating a society free of violence. The campaign continues to raise awareness amongst South Africans about the negative impact of violence against women and children on all members of the community.

As part of the awareness campaign the Limpopo provincial government is hosting a “Take Back the Night” event on Thursday 10 December at the Marapong Stadium to come and show their support for this very important campaign and message.



## Job well done!

### Feedback from the community during November

Thanks so much for your speedy intervention. This is what I call service delivery at best. I sent an enquiry just yesterday and already a pick up truck showed up at our door step and our boys were on standby to help load our bags.

I can't imagine if the truck didn't pitch because there was garbage on our street that was somehow forgotten to be picked up last Tuesday.- Pat Seloba

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Twitter: **@lepmunicipality**

## Welcome!



Lephalale Municipality welcomes its new Communication Manager; Conscious Chiloane who is originally from Tzaneen where she worked for Jacaranda FM. Conscious says that she is very excited about heading the Communication division in one of the fastest growing Municipalities in South Africa. We wish her all the best and welcome her into the LLM family.

## Celebrating their birthday in December:

01 A E Maartens	13 F Magwai	20 T P Langa
04 M J Tapala, SK Majadibodu	14 J A Mogoasa, GB Koadi	23 M Tshifaro
08...V Cilliers	15 J L Molaotse	25 M G Makgamatha
07 P T Mohlala, LM Monene	16 H A Moabi, MB Sidie, SR Seleka, M J Moabi, LM Serumula	27 M P Modiba, GH Moruane
10 RM Maluleke, KP Malebana, L A Mochitele	17 NUB Nkoe	29 M E Shiko, S M Ntwampe
12 TD Machaba	18 O K Majadibodu	31 B J Ndowneni, Kn Senoamadi, RG Rametse

