

# Lephalale Municipality

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

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## Compliments for the New Year

### Some inspiring quotes to kick start your year

- *Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man.” – Benjamin Franklin*
- *“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- *“We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential.” – Ellen Goodman*
- *“Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day. ” – Michael Josephson*



# World Aids Day event held in Marapong

The National Department of Minerals and Energy in partnership with various stakeholders such as the Lephalale Municipality, Exxaro, Mine Health and Security Council and Chamber of mines hosted the commemoration of World Aids Day at Marapong Stadium on Friday 11 December 2015.

Globally the event is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV and show support for people living with the disease.

According to the Chief inspector of mines in the National department of minerals and energy, Mr David Msiza, the core concept of World Aids Day is to leverage the momentum and energy of local responses to HIV, Aids and TB and to acknowledge the vital role that communities are playing towards achieving the 2012/2016 long term vision of the National strategic plan on HIV, STI's and TB. The vision is "Zero New HIV and TB infections zero HIV and TB related deaths, Zero new infections due to vertical Transmission and Zero discrimination.

Research conducted by the minerals and energy department indicated that mining areas like Lephalale has a high rate of HIV infections. Currently Lephalale Municipality established a moral regeneration Forum to come up with a programme that will deal with the increasing infection rate.



Edutainment: A local drama group entertains the crowd

## Electricity for Christmas



The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr M J Maeko celebrated with residents of Shongoane 3 the electrification of their homes just in time for Christmas. Several homes in rural areas have since been electrified as part of the municipality's rural development programme.



# Local employment top priority in Lephalale

As part of Lephalale Local Municipality 's mandate to promote local economic development, a meeting between local mining companies, community members and municipal representatives, was held at Mogul Club on 14 December 2015

Amongst the guest were representatives from Waterberg Coal Mine, Matimba Power station and Boikarabelo Mine. Representatives agreed at the meeting to prioritise the employment of local residents. This follows a series of meetings with Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, where an agreement was reached that all recruitment processes will be done through the municipality. A Data base where all unemployed job seekers in Lephalale can submit their CV's has been created and people are advised to submit relevant documentations at the municipal offices.

The Mayor, welcomed the positive working relationship which the Municipality has with local businesses. He urged stakeholders not to compromise the Broad Based Socio-Economic Charter for the Mining industries. The Charter's objectives are the promotion of employment and advancement of social and economic welfare of mining communities. The Mayor who is very passionate about the upliftment of local communities also appreciated the commitment by the mines to make use of local services providers as this initiative will benefit local entrepreneurs.





## LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

### What should employees and members of the public do if they suspect fraud and corruption?

The Municipality encourages all employees and members of the public to immediately report all allegations or incidents of fraud and corruption to **0800 701 701.**

The following information must be supplied when reporting fraud and corruption:



PLEASE ALSO KNOW THAT YOU CAN REPORT USING THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR CHOICE

**ENDING FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STARTS WITH YOU!!!**

**CALL 0800 701 701**

**Remember**

- ✓ Be detailed and precise; stick to the facts.
- ✓ Anyone can report.
- ✓ You can choose to be Anonymous.
- ✓ All whistle blowers are protected by law.

# Christmas Groceries for the Elderly



## Lephalale's New Year Babies

The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr M J Maeko, visited Witpoort Hospital on 1 January to celebrate with staff and parents the arrival of New Year babies.



# Taking back the night in Marapong:

16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children



With the theme “Count me in: together moving a non-violent South Africa forward.” Limpopo Government hosted a Take Back the Night Campaign in Marapong, Lephalale on Thursday 10 December.

The event was held on the last day of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children which is held annually from 25 November to 10 December. It included a march through the streets of Marapong in solidarity with the plight of women and children in South Africa.

The community gathered at Ditheko School where Acting District Executive Mayor, Cllr Lettie Moremi spoke on behalf of the Premier, Honourable Chupu Mathabatha.

“We have gathered here to reclaim the rights of women to walk our street at any time, without fear of abuse, rape or any form of violation.

We are here to say that as a society we cannot claim to be free and liberated whilst women are forced off the streets by rapist and murderers.

We have come here to reclaim the constitutional rights of women; including the right to freedom of movement and the right not to be abused in any form whatsoever,” Cllr Moremi said.

She urged the gathering to keep up the fight against women and child abuse, saying: “The end of this campaign should never be confused with the start of a license to abuse and harass our women and children. Our message against the abuse of women and children is not limited to the duration of this campaign. Our message against the abuse of women and children is a year-round message.”

The Mayor of Lephalale Cllr MJ Maeko urged the community to work with police to fight crime in the Lephalale area. He thanked the community for attending the event and supporting the cause. The Mayor gave his assurance that the message would not stop in Marapong, but that it will go to all villages in the Lephalale area.



## Good housekeeping!

### Safety tips for the month of January *brought to you by LLM safety committee*

Good housekeeping means having no unnecessary items about and keeping all necessary items in their proper places.

That is: “a place for everything and everything in its place.”

Your workstation must be kept neat, tidy and clean.

The benefits to you are:

- ✚ A neat and tidy workstation prevents injuries, illness and loss.
- ✚ You'll be able to work much safer if your workstation is kept neat and tidy throughout the day.
- ✚ You'll always know exactly where you've put any item.
- ✚ By keeping your workstation neat and tidy all day, you won't have to rush to tidy up at the end of the day.

When you arrive for work in the morning your workstation is clean and you'll be able to start work immediately without having to look for any items you may need to use for your work.

In order for your work area to remain neat, clean and tidy, you must follow these guidelines:

- ✚ After working with an item clean it (if necessary).
- ✚ Return the item to its storage place.
- ✚ Throw waste into the waste bins provided, not on the floor or in a drawer.
- ✚ Empty the waste bins regularly. Never let them overflow!
- ✚ Always empty waste bins before leaving the work area for the day.
- ✚ Never leave oily rags lying around. Always put them in a plastic container with a lid.
- ✚ Ensure that all spillages are wiped.



All Municipal offices including the workshop will be visited by the safety committee for assistance and monitoring of housekeeping.



The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr MJ Maeko launched a R20 million road upgrading project on Wednesday, 2 December in Ga-Monyeki village. The six months project will create around 40 jobs and will improve access to Ga-Monyeki village.

This is the third road to be upgraded in rural villages this financial year as part of Lephalale Local Municipality's (LLM) commitment towards rural development in the area. The upgrading of roads will ensure greater accessibility to remote areas of the Municipality. At Ga-Monyeki the community will soon have easy access to the grave yard as requested.

The Mayor encouraged the community to support the appointed contractor in order to ensure the timeous completion of the project. He also urged the local youth to submit their CVs for capturing on the Municipal skills database. The database assists stakeholders like Eskom and local mining companies to prioritize the employment of local residents. This is part of the Municipality's mission of creating jobs and delivering quality services to the community of Lephalale.

The Municipality is further partnering with stakeholders such as Exxaro and the Road Agency Limpopo (RAL) to ensure that roads in rural village are upgraded. RAL, Exxaro and LLM recently signed an agreement to upgrade 47,6km of road that service around 18 000 people in rural areas that covers three wards in Lephalale. This project is already underway as part of the Municipality's vision to ensure Rural upliftment.

## Road upgrade in Ga-Monyeki



## New employees

**Congratulations to the following new employees who have been appointed for the month of January and February:**

1. MJ Sekoboane: Administrative Assistant: Leseding Thusong Centre: 01 January 2016.
2. ME Seema, Internal Auditor: Internal Audit: Municipal manager's Office: 04 January 2016
3. MP Mamafa: Internal Auditor: Municipal Manager' Office: 01 February 2016

## Celebrating their Birthday in January:

1 Jan - ML Tihong; MA Monyeki; IM Kgonyane; MA Mokwele; MP Senoamadi

2 Jan – SA Lewatle; AS Mocheke; CS Morune; KS Sebetha

3 Jan - GK Mokoena; DS Moloantoa; NC Sekhobana; NM Selokela; NJ Motebele

4 Jan – MD Nkanyane; LJ Mokgabudi

5 Jan – HN Ranwedzi; MJ Maake; RT Mothoni

6 Jan – ME Molokomme; B Sebola

09 Jan – MH Pheeha; MM Mojela; KM Motebele

10 Jan – ME Moima; TL Moabi; NJ Shiko

11 Jan – PO Molemisi; L P Moraba; TS Madira

12 Jan – OJ Mabula; A Mokgetle

13 Jan – DA Mahwiting; NC Shongoane

16 Jan – BC Radipabe

17 Jan – KM Maphoto; LP Majadibodu

18 Jan – TD Baloyi

19 Jan – JM Mosima; TS Seanego; MS Magoai

21 Jan – T P Pyana; LW Matlou; MT Mashilo; MD Ditsela

22 Jan – JF Labuschagne; MR Setumu

23 Jan – UM Pilusa

24 Jan – IS Nkoati

25 Jan - MM Seleka; KF Mashita

27 Jan – ME Dinale; MA Matlou

28 Jan – MG Ndlovu

30 Jan – LB Teffo; KP Mosima

31 Jan – DF Madira

