

Lephalale Municipality

Building a vibrant city to be the energy hub of Africa

Heritage Month Celebrated



September marked Heritage Month celebrations in South Africa under the theme, ***“Our indigenous knowledge, our heritage: Towards the identification, promotion and preservation of South African’s living heritage,”*** The aim of this year’s celebrations was to create awareness through educational programmes, dialogues, and other public activities on the importance of collective heritage as a vehicle to foster social cohesion, nation building, economic development and inclusive citizenship. National Heritage day was held on 24 September and was hosted by the Limpopo province. Locally Lephalale Municipality hosted a heritage indaba and on 30 September employees showcased their traditional attire at the Municipality’s annual heritage month competition. Congratulations to the winner in the ladies category, Rachel Seleka. The men’s competition was won by Kevin Montshiwa.

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It’s official!



It was announced to Lephalale Municipality staff members on Wednesday, 30 September that Me. Edith Tukakgomo has officially been appointed as Municipal Manager.

Me. Tukakgomo told staff that she is excited about leading the administration and will need their support in working towards building a metropolitan city. She brings with her 25 years’ experience in government and public sectors. We wish her well and many successful years in her role as MM.









New Shopping Centre at Phahladira



The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Jack Maeko attended a sod turning event for the proposed Phahladira Town Centre, 43 km North East of Lephalale on the R518 in September. The planned complex will provide 60 000 residents in this district with much needed retail facilities. Phase 1 of the new development will comprise of a 7000m² complex, anchored by a 2800m² Shoprite Supermarket.

Fernridge research indicates that there is R16 million grocery-spend in this node, but that the nearest supermarket is 40km away. Phahladira Town Centre will cater to this underserved catchment area, addressing food, fashion and furniture needs in the area; and saving residents significant transport costs.

Construction of the Phahladira Town Centre complex will translate into job opportunities for local residents. Once completed, the complex will provide 350-400 permanent jobs. The complex should be completed by September 2016.



LLM – assisting recyclers in Lephalale

Lephalale Municipality in conjunction with PRASA (the Paper Recycling Association of South Africa); PETCO (a Recycling company specialising in the recycling of PET bottles) and the Department of Public Works (EPWP – Enterprise development) recently hosted a training session for recyclers at the Disaster Management Centre in Lephalale. The aim of the event was to enhance business skills through training in Financial and Business Management. The initiative forms part of Lephalale Municipality's vision to minimize waste and to create jobs through recycling entrepreneurship. Altogether twenty four recyclers attended the three day training course.



From left: Joshua Hlapa (Lephalale Municipality); Victoria Mphahlele (Department Public Works –EPWP Enterprise development); Jeremia Madibana (Lephalale Municipality); Joe Peu (Paper Recycling Association of South Africa); and Aqripa Munyai (PETCO).

LLM second in the District in Greenest Municipality Competition



Lephalale Municipality was awarded second place in the District Greenest Municipality Competition recently. The team lead by S'bongile Ditsela impressed judges with their presentation and programmes aimed at building a green city. LLM received R15 000 for their efforts in adopting green practices in their day to day tasks of delivering services to local communities. The criteria for the Greenest Municipality competition incorporate elements such as water conservation management, energy efficiency, waste management, tree planting, landscaping, beautification, public participation as well as institutional arrangement and leadership in the municipality.

Farewell Mr. Motebele



Lephalale Municipality said farewell to one of its Executive Managers on Wednesday, 30 September. Khoroshi Motebele joined the Municipality in January 2012 as Executive Manager Strategic. Councilors and the Municipal Manager, Edith Tukakgomo spoke about his invaluable contribution towards the Municipality. We wish him all the best for his and his family's future.

Congratulations to the following new/existing employees who have been appointed for the month of October 2015:

1. Mofokeng M..V
Cleaner L14A – 14: Admin & Secretariat.
2. Hlongwane M.G:
Driver/Messenger L11:
Admin & Secretariat.
3. Mashosho G.T:
Refuse Remover L14A –
14: Waste.
4. Modimola N.M:
Artisan Assistant L14A –
L14: Water.

The following have been promoted to senior positions:

1. Mfisa L.S from
Refuse Remover L14A -
14 to Truck Operator L12:
Water.
2. Shongoane N.C
from Labourer L14A – 14
to artisan Assistant: Water
L13

Celebrating their Birthday in October:

03	M J Motau	09	TP Mogapi; BP Dibetso	22	MB Chokwe
04	JN Joubert; HC Mutshavi; IS Shongoane; EM Matsoma; AA Mokgehle	10	WM Rathokolo; MR Monyek; MF Mpherwane; RE Sebetha	23	SI Masoba
06	KA Setumu; MA Mfisa	14	ML Ramanna	25	MO Mokwena
07	LK Mosehle	16	MM Seleka	26	LA Shongoane
08	WT Modise	21	NE Maitsapo	27	PL Manaka
				29	J Ngwepe; DS Petja

