

METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPALITY EMBARKED ON INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) ROAD SHOWS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS



The Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo Municipality, Cllr. Jeff Zwane in engagement with community members.

The Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo municipality, Cllr Jeff Zwane started the IDP roadshows from 12 September 2022 for Wards 08, 15, 16 and 17 which was held at the Council Foyer in town. The Executive mayor was accompanied by his Members of Mayoral Committee Members, the municipal manager, Adv Leaoa Mofokeng, senior managers and municipal officials. During these sessions the municipality presented the projects that have been implemented since 2021/2022 financial year to date and also projects that will be embarked on.

Residents and stakeholders who attended these roadshows raised their frustrations with issues related to service delivery such as electricity outages, potholes, streetlights and lack of sports facilities. During these roadshows, the executive mayor indicated to the residents that cable theft and vandalism of municipal infrastructure costs the municipality millions of rands and made a humble plea to the residents to assist the municipality with the onslaught of municipal infrastructure such as electrical substations.

He also asked the residents to report any person they see tampering with the municipal infrastructure to the police or call the following number (016) 976 0945. It was encouraging to see that in all wards of Metsimaholo for the past 6 weeks, young and old attending these roadshows to voice their frustrations and actively participating in these sessions.

The last IDP roadshow was on the 13 October 2022, for businesses, farms, NPO's and Religious Groups and was held at the Council Chambers in town. closed this year's Integrated Development Planning (IDP) session by meeting stakeholders from various entities.

The aim is to bring better services to all residents of Metsimaholo.



Community members in attendance paying attention during the IDP engagements.

BRINGING HEALTH SERVICES CLOSER TO PEOPLE

As municipality is the sphere of government closest to the people, Metsimaholo municipality has joined the Department of Health on the 7 October 2022 by ensuring that health services are brought closer to the community of Metsimaholo. Primary Health Care is the most inclusive, equitable, cost-effective, and efficient ap-

proach to enhance people's physical and mental health, as well as social well-being. The Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo Municipality, Cllr Jeff Zwane and Councillors attended the Open Day with the Executive team of Fezile Dabi Health Department at Fezi Ngubentombi District Hospital. The aim is to create awareness for

breast cancer, mental health and also addresses the broader determinants of health and focuses on the comprehensive and interrelated aspects and social health and wellbeing. Community members were encouraged to take care of themselves and regularly visit their health facilities such as clinics and hospitals.



METSIMAHOLO COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA INDABA

Government Departments and various media houses attended the Metsimaholo Communications and Media Indaba which held on the 25 November 2022 at Multipurpose Centre in Zamdela, Sasolburg.

This event was attended by the Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo municipality, Cllr Jeff Zwane, Council Whip, Cllr Fikile Mosokweni, Members of the Mayoral Committee, Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Sello Mokoena, municipal officials and members of the media. Also in attendance for this historic event was representatives and progres-

sive presentations from the Custodian of Government Communications (GCIS Free State, GCIS Fezile Dabi District), SALGA Free State, SABC News and ICASA Free State. In his welcoming address, the Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Sello Mokoena welcomed all the distinguished guests and members from the different media houses in attendance. Mr Mokoena made a clarion call to all the stakeholders to support and invest in the local media in training and development. The Acting Municipal Manager further said the media encompass all communi-

cations that transmit facts or information to citizens and includes the mass media in print and on the radio, television, and Internet. "Government can help foster the skills needed for a strong media, from creativity and entrepreneurship to the importance of ethics and fact-checking, through relevant academic and vocational education" said Mr Mokoena. The Executive Mayor, Cllr Jeff Zwane during his eynote address mentioned the importance of building a relationship between the government and media, public dialogue, social inclusion, and political participation, "Of course, transparency is key – government involvement in media can be misconstrued, so it is important that public clearly understands the difference" said Cllr Zwane.



Media Indaba *(Continued..)*

The different stakeholders, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), The South African Local Government Association (SALGA), Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA), and Government Communication and Information Systems (GCIS) presented how vital it is to for a progressive relationship between the media and the government. What is key is that the media

plays a vital role in informing both government and public on issues that will better and improve service delivery rendered by the municipality to the community of Sasolburg, Deneyville, Oranjeville and Viljoensdrift. During engagement and deliberations, emphasis was placed on the importance of strengthening and expanding local media platforms.



METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPALITY EMBARKS ON CLEANING CAMPAIGN.



In an effort to increase environmental awareness, the Metsimaholo Municipality has embarked on a Cleaning Campaign for the greening and beautification of the municipal areas. This event happened on the 22 November 2022 and was attended by the Executive Mayor, Cllr Jeff Zwane, Members of the Mayoral Committee, the Municipal Manager, Advocate Leaoa Mofokeng, the Director of Social Services, Mr Sello Mokoena, municipal officials and members of the community.

This on-going Campaign will take place around all places including Denneyville, Oranjeville and all the Townships in the Metsimaholo municipal area. Adv Mofokeng in his address indicated that, "littering and illegal dumping remains a challenge for the municipality and has a

negative effect on both the environment and people". He has also urged the residents to refrain from illegal dumping and littering in order to be able to attract potential investors for the creation of job opportunities for the community in our municipal area. Let us keep our towns clean so that we can attract Investors to come to our area and do business for the growth of our local economy in Metsimaholo municipal area. If someone says that cleanliness is next to godliness, they are referring to the idea that people have a moral duty to keep themselves and their environment and homes clean.

"No effort is too little. Let us all keep Metsimaholo clean"



METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPALITY HELD A THREE-DAY STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION



The Executive Mayor, Cllr Jeff Zwane, Council Whip, Cllr Fikile Mosokweni, Members of the Mayoral Committee, Councilors, municipal manager, Advocate Leaoa Mofokeng, management of the municipality, representatives from labour of Metsimaholo Municipality and key stakeholders attended the three-day strategic planning session which was held at the Maccauvlei Conference Centre outside Sasolburg. In his keynote Address, the Executive Mayor, Cllr Jeff Zwane made a

clarion to all the attendees to come up with clear strategies that will steer the municipality into the right direction in order to accelerate the delivery of basic services such as water and electricity to our communities. Different stakeholders and directorates tackle issues relating to the strategic objectives of the municipality as a measure to improve and enhance the quality of services that are provided by the Municipality.

Furthermore, the outcome of

this strategic session is to serve as an important arsenal that will inform the future Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budgets and Service Delivery Implementations Plans. In attendance was also the Office of the Presidency who also did a presentation to the municipality on developmental plans. The Strategic Planning Session started on Wednesday, 26 October 2022 and ended on Friday, 28 February 2022.



METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPALITY HELD A THREE-DAY STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Metsimaholo Local Municipality embarked on its first Local Economic Development Stakeholders' engagement session on the 4th of October 2022 at Council Chambers in Sasolburg. Taking part in the session were representatives from various stakeholder's affiliates and agencies.

The purpose of the session is

for the Local Economic Developers forum to assist on reaching common ground on programmes/projects that will alleviate poverty, address the issue of unemployment and to implement government programmes on economic transformation. The Municipal Manager, Adv Leaoa Mofokeng pledged his full support to the Forum as well as to appeal to all delegates to commit them-

selves to the development and support of the township local economic development. Effective stakeholder's engagement is about the quality of that engagement – and companies should ensure that they invest time and resources to further relationships with the specific stakeholders that can improve community programmes.

For more information, contact the municipal LED department.



METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPALITY AND STAKEHOLDERS EMBARKED ON DRUG CAMPAIGN IN SASOLBURG.



It is not that some people have will power and some don't. What is evident, is that some people are ready to change and others are not. The Executive Mayor of Metsimaholo Municipality, Cllr Jeff Zwane, Members of his Mayoral Committee, municipal officials, other stakeholders such as the South African Police Services and members of the community also attended the campaign. When addressing marchers who committed themselves in fighting the abuse of drugs in Metsimaholo, Cllr Zwane made appeal to everyone join hands with the community groups to fight the selling and abusing of drugs in the municipal area and the mayor has also affirmed his commitment towards the fighting of the abuse and selling of drugs.

Drug abuse has no boundaries, it cuts across all races and age groups. It is indeed a very serious challenge that is facing our community and families have deal with it, says the mayor. The mayor has also encouraged the drug users, their families and friends to seek help from the Department of Social Development and the Department of Health. There are various programs which are run by both government and external stakeholders and they are readily available in order to assist those that need help.

The Municipality also plays a pivotal role by making the necessary referrals for families in need. The police are working hard in apprehending drug dealers. Let us not keep quiet when you are aware of a drug dealer, go to the nearest police station and report it.

This fight against drug abuse and drug dealers needs all hands on deck. The community needs to assist the police by being the eyes and ears of their communities and report incidents related to drugs to the police. Let us not keep quiet when you are aware of a drug dealer or a person who is abusing drugs.



Let us all work together and stop

DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES OBTAINS DOCTOR IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (DBA)



Metsimaholo municipality celebrates the Director Technical and Infrastructural Service, Dr Diao Ramabitsa, after obtaining his Doctor in Business Administration (DBA) from the University of the Free State on Friday, 09 December 2022. He completed his high schooling at Ngwathe Secondary School and completed his Bachelors of Technology in Civil Engineering in 2004 (VUT), Bachelors of Technology in Project Management in 2011 (CUT) and a



Master in Business Administration in 2015 (NWU).

Dr Ramabitsa has vast experience in local government and has work at different municipalities in the Free State (Matjhabeng municipality, Lejweleputswa municipality, Naledi municipality and Mafube municipality). He is currently working at Metsimaholo municipality as the Director Technical and Infrastructural Service. His thesis titled: SUSTAINABILITY OF LOWER CONSTRUCTION BASED ON SMME's IN THE FREE STATE PROVINCE. Dr Ramabitsa makes a valuable contribution to local business administration with his thesis. His study investigates the high failure rate among SMME construction businesses in the early stages of operation due to contributing factors such as low barriers to entry as well as a deficiency of skills and formal qualifications.

The Municipal Manager of Metsimaholo municipality, Advocate Leaoa Mofokeng congratulated Dr Ramabitsa for his achievement. Adv Mofokeng indicated that is everyone's desire to obtain a Doctorate – degree. He also indicated that the municipality is ensuring that it employs skilled, qualified and experienced directors like Dr Ramabitsa. Adv Mofokeng also indicated that the municipality

now have two employees who have Doctor-degrees.



Dr Gino Alberts received his PhD in Business Administration in 2014 (NWU). Dr Alberts thesis titled: A MANAGERIAL MODEL FOR MERGERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE FREE STATE PROVINCE. Dr Alberts is currently working as the Manager: Communications at Metsimaholo municipality.

YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE



Metsimaholo Municipality held a Youth in Agriculture event at Refengkgotso Community Hall in Refengkgotso, Deneysville on the 27 October 2022. More than 100 young people from Sasolburg, Deneysville and Oranjeville attended this event. The Executive Mayor, Cllr Jeff Zwane and Members of the Mayoral Committee also attended this youth event. The purpose of the event was to provide the youth with a well detailed information and tools to enable them for their own speedy development and be able to participate effectively on the domestic economy where they reside.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr Jeff Zwane uttered that, agriculture is an intentional activity, carried out with the intent of meeting the needs of the people as consumer and producers of the food and as members of the society. Furthermore, Cllr Zwane, emphasized that, the physical and material needs of the people are met through productivity, but the social needs of people depend upon our relationships as a community. The young people who were in attendance were very

happy for the program and indicated that it will be good for the youth if such programs like the Youth in Agriculture are held for the creation of employment in the area.





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EMPLOYEES OF METSIMAHOLO MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES WELLNESS DAY AMIDST RAINING CONDITIONS.



Employees of the Metsimaholo municipalities brace the rain and participated in different sporting codes at the Harry Gwala Multipurpose Centre in Zamdela, Sasolburg this morning. More than 700 employees told themselves that Rain or no rain, they will be participating in these different sporting codes which includes, Athletics, Soccer and Aerobics.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr Jeff Zwane, Councillors, Municipal Manager, Adv Leaoa Mofokeng and different stakeholders also participated in these sporting codes. Other activities which include voluntary HIV/Aids

Counselling and testing, Blood Pressure, Eye testing etc. were also part of the celebrations. The Wellness Day celebrations are held annually for all the employees of the municipality.

Service delivery will not be impacted by this event and essential services will also be rendered for the day. The importance of the event is for the wellbeing of employees and to take care of themselves. Check on their mental health and financial health, including physical fitness.

