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Marloth Park residents need not fear four-month clause

MARLOTH PARK - There is no indication or apparent threat that the so-called four-month clause will be enforced in Marloth Park by the municipality, said local lawyer Jan Engelbrecht.

Engelbrecht said it does not make sense that Nkomazi Municipality will enforce this clause, as the planning department is very well acquainted with the matter at hand, and has been part of the addressing of this issue in Marloth Park in the past.

Engelbrecht also serves interim management of the Komatipoort Business Chamber, which has good working relations with the council (see report elsewhere).

Corridor Gazette requested Engelbrecht to react on recent fears aired by the Marloth Park Ratepayers Association that an original title deed clause allowing homeowners to occupy their residences for only four months at a time, might be enforced by council again.

"Marloth Park Holiday Township was established many years ago in terms of old peri-urban legislation, as a holiday resort development. It was common to include restrictive clauses in the title deeds, limiting stays to a total of four months per year. Marloth Park is but one of numerous such developments in South Africa. Towns and the land uses therein are dynamic and inevitably change over time as society's demands and normal growth trends evolve. External and internal elements cause change in usage, and sometimes formal land use applications and approvals (such as rezonings) lead different land uses than originally envisaged. It does happen that the factual usage of a town or ward or area of a town becomes the determining lead of change. Radical examples are Hillbrow and some extensions of Pretoria and Gauteng.

"When this principle is applied to Marloth Park, it is evident that the town has

changed remarkably over the years of its existence. Originally the town did not have electricity supply, however, the loud noise of generators or the inadequacies of candle light and lamps were no longer requisite when bulk electricity became available. Soon temporary accommodation made way for longer stays, particularly when some owners invested in the area by building lodges and/or renting out their homes to other holiday makers. For years now, a high number of property owners also permanently stay in Marloth Park.

"About two years ago Fine and Country Lowveld Kruger did an informal count of improvements and their assessment was that Marloth Park has more than 2 000 permanent improvements, of which more than 1 000 are permanently occupied. Of these homeowners and residents, a percentage has made application to the municipality for permanent stay by formally removing the restrictive condition of title that restricted occupation to four months a year, and have received approval of their applications.



Residence in the bush. A typical house in Marloth Park, often occupied permanently other than being used as only as a holiday home or weekend stay. Over the years many of these have become retirement homes or the residences of locals working nearby or from home.

"Factually more than one-quarter of Marloth Park is used at this time for permanent residence, which equates to approximately half of all permanent improvements. Even if it were less, it is unquestionable that permanent stay has become a feature of the present Marloth Park town.

"The legal consequence is that the clause that prohibits permanent stay in Marloth has lost its significance and could be regarded as pro non scripto.

"The Nkomazi Planning Tribunal has received several enquiries in this regard, and had a meeting in Marloth Park on August 5, 2019 and invited Marloth Park residents to attend and ask these kind of questions for clarification purposes. Several residents and owners attended and were advised accordingly.

"It is recommended that the Nkomazi Municipality prepare a policy and publish the same, that this restrictive condition is outdated and as a result of the many instances of the successful removal of the condition, will not be enforceable. The

sheer number of successful removals of the restrictive condition would make it difficult to administer and insist on compliance against those who have yet to make formal application.

"There is no indication or apparent threat that the clause will be enforced by municipality. According to it does not make sense that municipality will enforce this clause, as the planning department is very well acquainted with the matter at hand, and has been part of the addressing of this issue in Marloth Park in the past," said Engelbrecht.

No need to panic, says MPPOA after MPRA caution

It has come to our attention that MPRA has sent out a statement warning property owners that the Nkomazi Municipality will now be enforcing the four-month rule as stated on Marloth Park title deeds. MPRA is requesting that permanent residents contact it so it may assist them in finding a solution to this "threat". This will unfortunately create an unnecessary scare among some senior residents that have been living in Marloth for many years. All MPPOA members and many property owners should be aware that the four-month rule has been on the "agenda" for many years and has never been enforced. The original founding statements allow for 30 per cent of the stands to be permanently occupied. The requirement is a simple letter of request to the municipal manager. Many property owners have sent requests for permanent residence but we have not heard of one of those requests being responded to by the municipality. Any enforcement of such a rule would be very difficult to enforce due to stringent legal principles and court decisions against arbitrary evictions of occupants. So no need to panic people.



Neccta ensures municipal intervention and water provision in 2016.



Crocodile Bridge under construction.

The value of a representative voice in Komati

KOMATIPOORT - The value, but mostly the importance of an active representative voice for the people of the town and its surrounds, is clearly visible when looking back at the current activities of the Komatiport Business Chamber (KBC).

These three deliveries are not to be missed. They form the basis of the recent history of Komatiport, which makes for a good read for those interested in the past. Active in the interim management structure of the organisation is local lawyer, Jan Engelbrecht. *Corridor Gazette* recently spoke to him.

After affiliating to the Kruger Lowveld Chamber of Business and Tourism, the interim management of the KBC has been busy. Primary focus presently includes optimised border post functioning, pursuing and evaluating the progress made in respect of the 2020 requested solutions from the municipality, as well as chasing the special

economic zone development and the creation of a successful CID.

The KBC builds on the achievements of its predecessor, the Nkomazi East Combined Commerce and Tourism Association (Neccta). Much has been attained, and more awaits. Asked what is the secret to its success, the answer simply is putting the town first and serving the community. *Corridor Gazette* has surveyed the successes over years on this organisation's trade/tourism front.

Neccta dates back to 1998 when the Engelbrecht Attorneys opened offices in Malalane and Komatiport. Fresh from having founded the Nelspruit Youth Chamber of Commerce and after having been part of such as management member of the Nelspruit Sakekamer, and during the amalgamation efforts of AHL, the South African College of Business and the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Nelspruit, the need for a forum in Komatiport became very clear.

A chamber which by then had existed in Komatiport had unfortunately fallen flat, but the purpose and objectives of this institution were reinvented, rejuvenated and given new life by Engelbrecht and others. Duncan and Ross McEwan (Komati River Chalets), Annemarie and Johnty Pretorius (Acasia Lodge) and Sue Steel (Trees Too Guest Lodge) were part of the initial management and were strong drivers

of the tourism leg. They were instrumental to bringing about reputable practises and a culture of hospitality in Komatiport. The twinning of tourism and business in the small town was inseparable and intertwined. Since John and Caroline O'Reilly joined the business leg in the trade management, Neccta became the regarded organised trade and tourism voice of the town. These two locals have remained in management since then.

A crisis from 2000 in Komatiport, due to the dynamic growth of the town, was adequate water provision. Linked to this was a proper, functioning sewerage system. Letters dating back to 2008 show Engelbrecht in his capacity as convener of Neccta insisting that the sewer spillage in

the town, mostly at the railway station, demanded attention. These letters expressed concern, yet always invited the municipality to take hands and incorporate the

local private sector to address any crises. By 2009, the problem manifested in electricity brownouts, sewer spillages, and water shortages. Municipal performance lacked completely.

Neccta assessed the matter and determined that the bulk electricity supply to the town was entirely inadequate. A letter from Neccta to the municipality dated September 15, 2011, sent to the office of the acting municipal manager at the time. When no action followed yet again, Neccta initiated the founding of the Nkomazi Ratepayers

Association and the blunt failure of the municipality was published in national and local papers. When, notwithstanding the clear letters,

no action followed, during September 2013, the mentioned ratepayers association formally prepared to petition to the courts and tribunals for relief and initiated proposals that taxpayers in Komatiport should withhold at least two months' taxes to appropriate to themselves for attending to the critical matters. This forum had a letter ready for the Ombudsman, disclosing the disregard to that date by the municipality when it finally took proper action. The present municipal manager, Daniel Ngwenya, initiated the overdue meeting between Eskom, the management committee of the Nkomazi municipality, and the full management of Neccta. The overdue bulk upgrade of electricity supply from Eskom to Komatiport followed not to long thereafter.

Engelbrecht and O'Reilly welcomed the upgrade. This led to a relationship of trust, vis-à-vis with the municipality to be confirmed again after 2013.

After the bulk electricity upgrade, the power supply to the town was enough, yet inconsistent. The chamber requested balancing of the supply. This received positive reaction from municipality and was well attended to.

The water crisis was not yet resolved. Komatiport received power from the Sonofé line (Suiddorp and farms), as well as from a bulk link into the main town grid. The water pumps were linked to the main supply link only. The implication was that should the power of the main line fail, the town will not have available water. Again several letters left the chamber and were sent to the municipal manager. These were at first ignored, and led to a Neccta community meeting, with most Komatiport residents present. It was held at the Kambaku Golf Course in February 2015. Neccta also invited all administrative and political leaders to the meeting. On that day, 16 February, under the signature of the municipal manager and the municipality, only a few hours before the cut-off time, committed themselves to provide a switch over power feed from the main town supply and Suiddorp supply to the Komati River pump station, to working motors and pumps, main and back up, replacement of the pipes feeding from the sourcing to the water treatment plant, and again from there to the reservoir, with larger pipes, since the existing pipes were too small and no longer adequate. Nkomazi further committed to increase capacity of pumps and motors at the water treatment plant, as well as the raising of weirs in the Komati River catchment area. Most of these were executed.

In the next edition of *Corridor Gazette*, we will continue this discussion.

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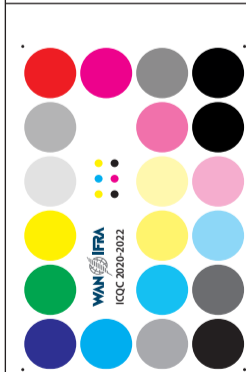
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Corridor Gazette is at the service of the Onderberg

MALALANE - Corridor Gazette is the voice of the Onderberg and is here to stay.

For the past 15 years, this newspaper has served the broader community and will continue doing so despite the recent restructuring, moving office and distribution changed to twice a month.

Modern communication technology that is now at the hand of most people has made it possible to move the office from Malalane closer to the production facility

in Mbombela. In these tough economic times and the fact that the newspaper, for the moment, will appear less frequently, Lowveld Media can continue with the publication.

We believe a community needs a newspaper. Now, more than ever, we call on the participation of our readers. This is an invitation to contact our correspondents or office with news and views. We need your story leads and contribution to give this paper its local flavour and to be a representative of the whole community. Allow us to revive our letters page with your views and messages for the true reflection of the Onderberg, and take part in our planned opinion column soon to be launched.

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The paper's correspondent and former editor, Danielle Fritz, has since moved to Marloth Park from where she will still serve the community with local news. Contact her on 084-402-7145. Future sales will be handled by Mariette Jordaan on 065-868-2316. She is also available for classifieds advertising and notices. Alternatively, contact Tanya Gibson on 013-753-2422 at Lowveld Media's offices in Mbombela.



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Role players meet with NLM to seek solution

MARLOTH PARK - Dennis Goffinay, chairperson of the Marloth Park Property Owners Association (MMPOA), said a plan going forward with the control of the game in Marloth, that seems acceptable to all, was discussed at a meeting with Nkomazi Local Municipality on Friday.

Other parties represented were the Marloth Park Ratepayers Association, (MPRA), Marloth Park Honorary Rangers, Marlothii Conservancy and a local

grouping known as Wild Life Fund. The Nkomazi state vet, with other wildlife vets, was also present.

Goffinay gave some feedback on the MMPOA's Facebook page, saying they are waiting for confirmation that the plan is acceptable to Cindy Benson, chairperson of MPRA, who could not attend personally. Her organisation was represented by Carol Meyer. Full details of the plan are to be released as soon as possible.

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Marloth se bosbokke moet gevoer word

Corrie en Rina van Coler skryf:

Daar is nie voldoende en genoegsame weiding vir die bosbokke in Marlothpark gedurende die winter- of die somermaande nie.

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Op die foto sien 'n mens hoe agt bosbokke gelyktydig saam eet. Dit is 'n seldsame verskynsel omdat hulle eintlik skugter diere is wat nie sommer in troppe loop nie, en eerder as enkellopers in die ruigte skuil. Nou kom hulle soggens uit die bos en weer laatmiddag hier na ons huis toe en wag daar vir hul kos.

Sien foto bo.

Results of overgrazing of veld is 'near-catastrophic'

MARLOTH PARK - Dennis Goffinay is at the forefront of finding a solution to the overpopulation and health conditions of the free-roaming game in the residential area and parkland zones.

This area, however, does not include the Lionspruit conservancy surrounded by the residential area.

Earlier this month, *Corridor Gazette* requested Goffinay to pinpoint his stance on this dire situation. This also represents the viewpoints of the Honorary Rangers of Marloth Park, Marlothii Conservancy and Marloth Park Wildlife Fund.

The escalating conservation crisis in Marloth Park requires immediate action to avert an animal welfare disaster with dire implications for the reputation and economic future of the township.

The crisis began in 2017 when some property owners obtained a court interdict against the annual game cull proposed for that year.

Marloth Park lacks the checks and balances found in a natural ecosystem and requires human management if the veld and wildlife are to remain healthy.

Fencing inhibits large predators from entering and prevents game from moving out to greener pastures. Residents and visitors provide them with supplemental feed and watering points around.

Since the Nkomazi Local Municipality stopped culling in 2017, game numbers have escalated exponentially.

Separate expert reports prepared in 2018 by ecologists Ralph Kalwa and Prof Reilly, noted that overstocking of game animals had led to a deterioration in the condition of the veld and recommended action to reduce the numbers of grazers and browsers.

As the dry winter of 2020 progresses, large areas of Marloth Park are completely denuded of grass and hungry and sick animals abound.

Reports by Dr Linmarie de Klerk Lorist (Skukuza), the Nkomazi state vet, Dr Pieter Kieviet, and Dawid Rudolph (animal health department state vet, Nkomazi), as recently as June pointed to the rising bovine TB infection rate among kudu, impala, warthog and banded mongoose.

Animals weakened by hunger are more susceptible to these and other diseases such as anthrax. High stocking densities ensure easy transmission.

The emotionally difficult, but rational choice is to reintroduce culling, carried out in a safe, professional manner

Kieviet stated that the results of overgrazing on the veld are now "near-catastrophic" and called for the use of culling to control numbers.

On July 11, he and other experts assembled for a Zoom webinar organised by the forum organisations and again stressed the need for action to reduce game numbers.

They explained why proposed alternatives to culling, such as removing the fence between Marloth Park and Kruger National Park, were not feasible due to non-compatible land-use and the prevalence of diseases in Marloth.

There have been well-intentioned calls for mass feeding of the animals to help them through the remainder of the dry season. This would further degrade the veld and

compound the problem until a bigger crisis is faced next year.

Even if the money was available to provide such feeding, Marloth Park would soon resemble a desert.

The 2017 interdict was granted due to safety concerns over the use of firearms in a built-up area. Since then, alternative methods of reducing animal numbers such as capture in bomas and removal from Marloth have been tried, but produced negligible results.

The forum organisations believe that culling operations carried out professionally are safe and that good reasons exist to justify a cull as provided for in South African firearms control legislation.

The emotionally difficult, but rational choice is to reintroduce culling, carried out in a safe, professional manner. This is the most responsible, humane and effective approach to managing animal numbers, preventing further suffering through sickness and disease, and maintaining a healthy veld.

Marloth Park was founded as a wildlife township and its national and international reputations rely on the ability of residents and visitors to enjoy life among its iconic African animals.

They are why Marloth Park exists. When they suffer, the township suffers. Its environment, economy and quality of life all depend upon maintaining healthy populations of game.

It is essential that all stakeholders in Marloth work constructively with the Nkomazi municipality to reduce game numbers to levels that can be sustained by the carrying capacity of the veld.

The awful alternative is currently unfolding before property owners' eyes.

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Continuous protest by Lowveld tourism operators

Linzetta Calitz

MBOMBELA - The local tourism sector continues to show that it is a force to be reckoned with.

Various tourism role players came together last Wednesday to form part of a slow-drive protest, starting at the Casterbridge Lifestyle Centre in White River and making their way to Mbombela.

The movement first gained momentum on July 17 when more than 60 vehicles drove the same route.

The difference this time being that they requested the MEC for finance, economic development and tourism, Pat Ngomane, to be at the Government Complex to receive a mission statement outlining the dire situation of tourism.

More than 100 vehicles took part in the latest drive, seven of which were large Citybug buses.

The rest consisted of open safari vehicles,

minibuses, bakkies and sedans, many of which had signs on the sides or backs voicing the owners' personal tourism concerns or requests to #OpenTourism.

Once the convoy arrived at the Government Complex, it drove around the two traffic circles and then stationed itself on both sides of Eastern Boulevard in a show of strength while awaiting the MEC's arrival.

Hylton Langley, a White River-based tour operator and the man who started the movement, addressed Ngomane before handing over the mission statement.

According to the Tourism Business Council of South Africa, the tourism industry is losing R748 million per day during lockdown.

Langley made mention of this and also the fact that taxis are allowed to operate at full capacity, whereas tour operators cannot even fill their vehicles up to 70 per cent for guided tours to destinations like the Kruger National Park.



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Do More gets more to give more to more

MALALANE - The growth of an essential feeding scheme in the Nkomazi region, which has now evolved into the work of the Do More Foundation, is a tale of perseverance in a time of great need.

Corridor Gazette spoke to Mel Preddy, chairperson of the Malelane Business Chamber and member of the Nkomazi Business Alliance, on how it all came about.

“As it was widely reported on in the early stages of the Covid-19 crisis, Malelane SUPERSPAR was one of the first retail stores in SA to temporarily close when

personnel bound to onsite service providers, tested positive for the virus. This was in late March. Though disruptive at the time, the owners, Lex Hollman and Ed Harris immediately jumped into action to distribute tons of high-quality, fresh produce and bread around Malalane to ensure that nothing went to waste. This ended up benefiting nearly 350 families in the area,” he said.

This distribution was very competently and efficiently handled by Mariette, as well as Roelien Tempel, a resident on a farm near town.

The experience inspired Mariette to approach RCL Foods, corporate owner of the Nkomazi sugar mills, for assistance in providing further aid to those in need. By then, the signs were clear that lean times were coming and that provision had to be made.

The discussions, facilitated by Mel of RCL Foods, were received with enthusiasm. Within days both employees and members of the public were able to contribute food hampers through the Do More Foundation, an efficient and independent NPO. Every

R200 donated resulted in a hamper of dry goods weighing more than 25 kilogrammes, ready to be handed over to someone in need. Farmers contributed by adding fresh vegetables to the mix.

During the weeks and months that followed, more than R140 000 was raised in this way and used by foundation to procure food for the project. To date, this has resulted in 727 hampers being delivered on an individually targeted basis, representing nearly 25 tons of food combined with the fresh produce and reaching families in at least 24 towns and villages.

Mariette stated that most of those who contributed, have requested that their names not be mentioned. Some have made significant sacrifices to help, including those who voluntarily had gut-wrenching chunks of their salary deducted for the purpose. A local tourism company launched a “silent auction” on Instagram, offering two nights of Safari luxury stay to the highest bidder. This alone raised enough money to fund the equivalent of more than 37 000 individual basic meals.”

Mariette mentioned that there have been challenges. The initial severe lockdown meant having to handle the first 30 per cent of food hampers with very little assistance other than that of her ever-patient husband. Recurring shortages of certain items, difficulties in scheduling deliveries from suppliers, monkeys taking bites of unguarded butternuts and sudden deliveries of tons of food at a time, have all made for an interesting learning experience. With an injured shoulder and fortunately reduced lockdown level later, she now has a small team of willing helpers donning masks and gear to assist when needed.

Mel said the current estimate is three million South African jobs being lost due to the effects of the lockdown. Given those figures, which include many owners of previously flourishing small businesses along with their employees, one would expect the need for basic food assistance to increase considerably beyond that which has already been provided.

“This is a project which started with 300 hampers in mind and has expanded to 727 and counting.”

Any person or business can contribute to the project, with any amount, by paying it into the Do More Foundation’s corporate account with the reference NKOMAZI.




Private vehicles are used to distribute the food to needy communities.



A single mother with her two children. People in dire need are identified before any donations take place.



Piet Mashego and Hein Bezuidenhout busy loading for delivery.



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NKOMAZI MUNICIPALITY

Nkomazi Municipality is an equal opportunity and Affirmative Action employer and it observes the requirements of the Employment Equity Legislation.

DEPARTMENT	: INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
VACANT POST	: MANAGER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MECHANICAL
RENUMERATION	: TASK LEVEL 17 : Standard benefits apply includes Medical Aid, Pension Fund, UIF, travelling allowance (at 1000 km AA tariff)
REQUIREMENTS	: Matric, National Certificate Industrial Mechanical, Trade test millwright
EXPERIENCE	: 5-10 Years experience in Water & Wastewater Plant Operation
DUTIES	: Manage the operation and maintenance of water and sanitation : Prepare maintenance plan : Service pumps and part of electric work : Budget preparation and control : Advise the institution and write reports for the improvement of the system : Manage safety to personnel and any other Human Resource related issues : Implement water services development plan : Manage water quality and compliance : Execute other work instructed by the Director : Ensure projects from MIG are well implemented
CLOSING DATE	: 10 August 2020

Application and CVs to be directed to : Director Corporate Services
Private Bag X101
MALALANE
1320
Tel no. 013-790-0245

Note : If there has been no response within three weeks after the closing date, the applicant must accept that his/her application has been unsuccessful.

Civic Centre
Private Bag X101
MALELANE
1320

MD NGWENYA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Also use the barcode published here to make contact.



Riverview back in the swing of things



Popular custom-made basins have been installed for the preschoolers, with warm water and soap dispensers that activate with a foot pedal.

Chanelle de Kock

MALALANE - After a three-week holiday, all grades are back at Riverview Prep to start their third term for the year.

Classes from cubs to grade 1 are still split to adhere to the Covid-19 regulations of social distancing. Even though parents are not permitted

on the school grounds due to the ongoing national lockdown, it has been a tear-free experience for preschoolers saying goodbye to their parents at the gate in the mornings.

According to Annelize Pretorius (head of preschool and foundation phase), the children are happy to be back and are adapting well to all the new rules.



Social distancing is the name of the game.

ADVERTORIAL



Albasini meets a growing need in the mac industry

Albasini Nursery has started selling trees to the general market, and its harvest for the year is exceeding sound kernel recovery (SKR) rates of over 40 per cent.

The nursery is situated in Levubu, Limpopo, and specialises in producing macadamia trees. It is one of the best-performing macadamia farms in the area. It was originally founded to provide high quality trees for the development of WelMac in South Africa as well as overseas.

When you purchase a tree from Albasini

Nursery, it is not just a simple business transaction. It has experts in the field producing high quality macadamias in their own orchard, giving them the practical knowledge to help customers with practical choices.

"We can provide guidance and advice on the selection of cultivar depending on your specific circumstances, planting protocol and planning as well as management assistance after planting up until your first harvest.

"This way we can ensure that the trees you buy from Albasini, under the same conditions and if managed properly and according to our guidelines, will produce like the trees in our own orchards. These have reached over six tons per hectare on certain blocks and our crack outs have exceeded 40 per cent every year," said Herman Claassens, managing director at the nursery.

"Albasini Nursery has a unique position, located on one of the best producing macadamia farms of the area. The trees produced in the nursery are grafted from hand selected, high yielding trees in our own orchard. For years we have been keeping track of trees that produce above average yields and high crack outs every year, which we use as mother material for our propagation.

"This way we can ensure that the trees we deliver are of high quality, disease-free and will produce high yields if tended well. From this expertise in the field combined with our nursery, we can assist you in all aspects of your new plantings, from selection of cultivar to the management of your trees after planting, as well as the planning of your orchard," said Claassens.

In 2018, the first four prizes went to WelMac, with SKR rates at time exceeding 40 per cent. Again last year, WelMac won the award of excellence for largest volume with outstanding quality.



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NOTICE 11 /2020

PUBLIC NOTICE CALL FOR INSPECTION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL(SV2) AND LODGING OF OBJECTIONS

MUNICIPAL NOTICE IN TERMS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RATES ACT 6 OF 2004

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 49 (1) (a)(i) read together with Section 78(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act 6 of 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") that the Supplementary Valuation Roll for the financial year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2022 is open for public inspection at the municipal venues listed below, from 06 July 2020 to 14 August 2020 Monday to Friday during working hours.

An invitation is hereby made in terms of Section 49(1) (a)(ii) read together with Section 78(2) of the Act that any owner of property or other person who so desires, should lodge an objection with the Municipal Manager in respect of any matter reflected in, or omitted from, the Supplementary Valuation Roll within the above-mentioned period.

Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that in terms of Section 50(2) of the Act an objection must be in relation to a specific individual property and not against the Supplementary Valuation Roll as such. Completed forms must be returned before 12h00 on 14 August 2020.

Inspect your property details and lodge your objections at the following designated municipal venues:

MALELANE –KOMATIPOORT-MARLOTH PARK OFFICES

To view the Supplementary Valuation, Roll or to download objection forms, visit: www.Nkomazi.gov.za

PLEASE NOTE: Objections will not be entertained by the Municipality, unless it is timeously lodged on the prescribed objection form and submitted at the above venues.

Queries in regard to the Supplementary Valuation Roll can be forwarded directly to the Municipal Valuer on:

tinus.nel@ddpvaluers.co.za

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER
MD NGWENYA**



Wednesday July 29, 2020

CORONA

SELF-QUARANTINE

Self-isolation is suggested for anyone who is not critically ill but present with mild symptoms.

Call the hotline on

0800-029-999

COVID-19



Eckhardt van der Linde, Jan Malan and Alzanè van Graan.

Malelane Primary School swimmers are rewarded

Dedrè van Graan

Mpumalanga Swimming hosted its annual awards ceremony earlier this month, and Malelane Primary is proud of the swimmers who received recognition for their hard work and accomplishments during the 2019/20 season.

Swimmers who received certificates for participating interprovincially are Janca Hattingh, Lara Janse van Rensburg and Henning Radley. They also received half-colours.

The school is incredibly proud to announce that Henning was presented with the Mpumalanga Swimming Junior Boy of the Year award for 2019/20.

NSAD, operating from the swimming premises of Malelane Primary, provided training to the learners and is also proud to announce that at the same awards ceremony, the Learn to Swim coach, George Thabete received the President's Award for his contributions to swimming for 2019/20.

Coaches and players happy to be back on tennis courts

Dedrè van Graan

Tennis players and coaches around South Africa are thrilled to be back on court after three months of no activity at all under lockdown regulations.

On Friday June 19, Tennis South Africa (TSA) announced that coaches and players would be allowed to return to the courts under certain conditions. These include sanitisation and temperature check of each player before starting their lesson, sanitisation of equipment, and wearing

masks until both players and coaches are on the court. Parents are required to complete a screening questionnaire, travel guide declaration and indemnity form before their child's lesson, followed by a record sheet each time their child plays again. TSA affiliated clubs are also required to complete venue sanitisation and follow the same guidelines for players returning to courts.

This result is the product of continued efforts by TSA to illustrate to the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture that as a non-contact sport, tennis could be

reasonably resumed while taking certain precautions.

"We are all a bit unfit after so much time off, but we can see the kids really enjoy being active on the court again. It is great to be back," said Lowveld Tennis Association's Eckhardt van der Linde, who, alongside wife, Susan van der Linde, has returned to coaching at Nelspruit Tennis Club.

Players and coaches now await further feedback from government and TSA regarding the return of tournaments to the calendar.

No competitive rugby for Nkomazi clubs in 2020

Mark Kinnear

Malelane, Impala (Komatipoort) and KaMhluhwa Black Cats rugby clubs will not see competitive action this year.

Due to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, no club rugby will be played in South Africa in 2020.

This was announced by SA Rugby last Friday.

The Mpumalanga Rugby Union (MRU) and the clubs its amateur arm represents are disappointed.

"We understand where we are as a nation

in this pandemic," said manager of amateur rugby of the Mpumalanga Rugby Union, Roelof Kotze.

Nelspruit and White River clubs which play in the Premier League, and Barberton, Matsulu, Rooikat (Lydenburg), Ratels (Ohrigstad), Malelane, Hazyview, Kamhluhwa Black Cats and Impala clubs, which compete in the Mayor's and Mayor's Reserve leagues, might only see competitive action in April or May next year, when the 2021 season commences.

President and coach of Impala Rugby Club, Ben Jordaan said, "From Impala

Rugby Club we are obviously very disappointed that the season has been cancelled.

"The Covid-19 pandemic had a huge impact on the club and our players. The club itself had to shut down our bar and restaurant. No income has been generated since March and it does not look like we will open until next season.

"Some of our sponsors withdrew financial support which is understandable. We would still like to thank Agrodara, Obaro and BUCO for their financial and other support.

"We still have monthly running expenses and all the committee members are finding ways to keep the club afloat.

"I have spoken to many players and you can see that the physical aspect has taken its toll. I am however also concerned about the mental health of some players. A lot of the players are taking financial strain and by practising and playing they get rid of a lot of frustration. The coaches are also in constant talks with players, motivating them to stay strong and keep fit."

Malelane, Impala and KaMhluhwa Black Cats rugby clubs will have to wait to see what the future holds. It is impossible to predict what the Covid-19 situation is going to be come pre-season 2021, when the clubs host their traditional 7s and 15s rugby days.



Henning Radley.



Lana Jansen van Rensburg and Janca Hatting.

