

# Mantsopa Local Municipality

## NEWSLETTER



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **WATER RESTRICTIONS** are still effective, use water sparingly.
- **DO NOT** drink and drive, arrive alive and remember that speed kills.
- **ESSENTIAL NUMBERS** to have are 10177 (Ambulance), 112 (from a cellphone), 10111 (Emergency) and 0710857 3687 (Mantsopa LM Hotline).

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## Our Fire Heroes' Quick Response To The Scene Impressive - Mayor

"Our municipal disaster management team responded to the scene promptly to extinguish the fire from the vehicle. And they did the best of their utmost ability to live. We are proud of an impressive and speedy response. We urge every road user to be safe while on the roads," said the proud Mayor of Mantsopa Local Municipality.

## Mantsopa Hosted The Joint Lesotho-South Africa Women's Month 2015 Celebration



# Women's Month 2015 March At Maseru Bridge



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2015, organised African and Lesotho women took to the border to march against the unfair labour conditions that domestic workers find themselves in when employed in South Africa. They were also marching against women and children trafficking that takes place through the borders of these two countries, Ladybrand been the hub of these activities. The women handed the memorandum to the respective delegation from the ministries that vested with dealing with issues relating to women and children in Lesotho and South Africa. The memorandum was informed by the recorded objectives from the commissions formed during the symposium on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2015 in Ladybrand.

## Mantsopa Municipality and Department of Women Honour Chris Hani



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2015, the delegation from the Department of Women in the

South African Presidency, together with the Mayor of Mantsopa Local Municipality Cllr Sello Denis Ntsepe, visited the house of the late Chris Hani in Lesotho. The South African entourage met with their Lesotho counterparts to embark on a tour that visited both the residential and the bombed houses of Chris Hani.

Later, both delegations paid their respect at a

cemetery where the bones of the late Hani had initially been laid to rest. Each delegate placed a wreath at the memorial tomb at the cemetery in Lesotho.



### MANTSOPA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



Do you have a problem with your electricity, refuse removal, roads and water?

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**071 857 3687**

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# Lesotho-South African Women's Month Symposium



South Africa partnered with Lesotho to host a symposium on trafficking and labour exploitation on the 21st to the 22nd of August 2015. The symposium was an outcome of a request by the Minister for Women and Gender Affairs from Lesotho. The minister made this request due to the challenges that women from Lesotho are facing in South Africa. The symposium was

followed by a ceremonial march where women from South Africa and Lesotho met at the Maseru Bridge. The purpose for this march was to hand over a Memorandum demanding the end to women and child trafficking to Authorities from Lesotho and South Africa. The memorandum was signed and adopted by both authorities from Lesotho and South Africa.



## People Urged To Take Pride In Services Delivered By Municipality

As the municipality, we make a call to our people to be proud and active citizens. They must report people who throw items such as pot

lids, cow hides, bottles of cold tins stuffed up with cement into our sewer system. The delivery of services becomes a

frustrating task for the municipality because of this. This result in other people deprived of basic services. Our people must take pride in the prop-

erties and services that we render as a municipality. We strive to better the lives of those who reside in the greater Mantsopa Local Municipality.



A pot lid found blocked within a sewer system pipe that led to spillage in Hobhouse

*Wishing you a merry Christmas  
and a happy new year!*

To all residents of Mantsopa Local Municipality, we would like to wish you all a wonderful festive season as we prepare to bid farewell to 2015 and welcome 2016.

2015 has been an exceptional year filled with incidents of service delivery as well changing lives of people. We hope that government did its best to deliver on its promises in 2015, and we will work hard to deliver on our promises in 2016 and further.

This festive season, we would like to urge you all to work together to put an end to road fatalities within Mantsopa. All of us must fasten our seatbelts, follow road rules, show respect to other road users and always seek to arrive alive!

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!



**MAYOR**  
Cllr Sello Ntsepe



**MUNICIPAL MANAGER**  
Selby Selepe

# Early Christmas Cheers, courtesy of MEC Rockman

Free State MEC of Finance, Elzabe Rockman, and her office invited all the Early Childhood Centers in Mantsopa Local Municipality to a day of fun in Ladybrand on 02 December 2015.

The MEC gave away Christmas Party Packs to all the children. She wanted all children in Mantsopa and the entire Free State to feel special despite their backgrounds.

MEC Rockman was accompanied by Sello Molibeli from the Free State Treasury.



# Youth Warned Against Gangsterism

LADYBRAND has an emerging problem of gangsterism. This prob-

lem has come in to view steadily in the previous years. The SAPS Ladybrand has identified three gangs in Ladybrand namely *The Portuguese*, *BTK* and *BNR*. These gangs are involved in various number of criminal activities such as common assault and murder among others.

This has called for an urgent collaborated intervention by multiple stakeholders to ensure that this problem is dealt

with. The intervention will also ensure the creation of a safe and secure environment for all the people of Ladybrand. The Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport (DPRT) together with the South African Police Services (SAPS) approached Mantsopa Local Municipality (MLM) to partner with them in redressing this social problem through the Anti-Gangsterism Campaign.



## October Transport Month 2015 Closing Ceremony in Mantsopa

Minister of Transport, Hon. Dipuo Peters joint by the Hon. Butana Kompela, Free State MEC for the Department of Police, Roads and Transport, held the October Transport Month 2015 Closing Ceremony in Ladybrand, 31 October 2015.

This ceremony was a community Imbizo for specific focus on road safety where people were urged and encouraged to obey road rules. The event kicked off

with a prayer session led by the leaders from different beliefs and churches within the Mantsopa Local Municipality. The prayer was held on the R26 in remembrance of those people who lost their lives on this road.

The wrap of the event was a powerful blend of preaching from church leaders who urged the masses to obey road rules, drive safely as well as to be considerate of other road users. MEC Butana

Kompela also delivered a keynote address at closing where he augmented numerous calls-to-action by other profound speakers at the event. He said that people must respect police for the work they are doing, further indicating that the Free State is one of the safest provinces in the country. He also called for road users, especially pedestrians, to respect drivers on the roads and to keep out of the roads where necessary in order to be safe.



# “Away With Labour Exploitation and Human Trafficking!”

## DECLARATION OF INTENT BETWEEN THE MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR WOMEN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE MINISTER OF GENDER, YOUTH AND SPORT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO, READS

Having held a joint symposium on labour exploitation and human trafficking in Ladybrand, Free State Province in the Republic of South Africa on 21 August 2015 in furtherance of strengthening the mutual ties of friendship and understanding existing between the two countries;

HEREBY JOINTLY COMMIT TO COOPERATE ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING AREAS –

1. Promoting the eradication of labour exploitation through, amongst others –
  - I. To put an end to the 30 day work permit requirement;
  - II. To ensure that employment contracts are concluded between women from the Kingdom of Lesotho who provide household services to employers in the Republic of South Africa;
  - III. To ensure that workers from Lesotho is registered for Unemployment Insurance;
  - IV. To provide joint awareness raising campaigns and training to public officials seized with the task of manning the border gates in both countries;
  - V. To eliminate child labour and promote for punitive measures to be put in place as a deterrent to transgressors;
2. Promoting the eradication of human trafficking throughout.
3. To cooperate on joint awareness rising campaigns on human trafficking and HIV/Aids.
4. To ensure the speedy conclusion of Memoranda of Understanding on the areas of commitment, including other areas of cooperation which the countries may agree upon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Declaration of Intent in duplicate in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

**This memorandum was accepted and signed Ms. Susan Shabangu (Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women, South African Government) and Mr. Mathibeli (Minister of Gender, Youth and Sport, Kingdom of Lesotho)**

# SERVICE DELIVERY ACHIEVEMENT FACTS In Mantsopa Local Municipality

## HUMAN SETTLEMENT

### DID YOU KNOW?

Mantsopa Local Municipality has given;

383 erven in Manyatseng Ext 9,

306 erven in Manyatseng Ext 10,

417 erven in Mahlatswetsa Ext 3,

455 erven in Mahlatswetsa Ext 4,

Other erven in Mauersnek Ext 4 and Dipelaneng Ext 7 as well as Manyatseng Ext 10 are awaiting budget for services and some others have 90% completion of services projects.

## ELECTRICITY

### DID YOU KNOW?

That Mantsopa Local Municipality has had the following projects;

Electrification Project for 100 Platberg houses,

Electrification Project for 89 Platberg houses (P2),

Installation of 150 Solar Streetlights in Mantsopa,

Electrification Project for 91 Platberg houses (P3),

Electrification Project for 157 Platberg houses (P4),

EEDSM—Retrofit of streetlights in Mantsopa,

EEDSM—Energy efficiency study on public buildings and retrofit in Mantsopa,

EEDSM—Retrofit of Water Works stations in Mantsopa,

Installation of 10 medium mast lights in Manyatseng

## JOBS

### DID YOU KNOW?

That in Mantsopa Local Municipality the following jobs were created in these environmental projects;

396 jobs created in the GREENING AND CLEANING MANTSOPA project in all towns,

190 jobs created in the FREE STATE GREENING MANTSOPA in Ladybrand,

200 jobs created in the FREE STATE DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION project in all towns,

96 jobs created in the ESTABLISHMENT OF BUY-BACK CENTRE project in Ladybrand.

In addition to job opportunities created during the environment projects, the municipality in partnership with the Department of Cooperative Governance appointed 550 unemployed youth through the CWP programme.

In partnership with the Department of Public Works, the municipality appointed about 300 unemployed youth as part of EPWP interventions.



## ROADS

### DID YOU KNOW?

These roads and stormwater projects took place in Mantsopa Local Municipality;

Construction of a 900 meters long paved road at the junction of the entrance road to Manyatseng and the Seniorita Ntlabathi District Hospital,

Construction of a 3.2 kilometres long paved ring road (Phase 1 and Phase 2) in Manyatseng,

Upgrading of a 4.8 kilometres long streets and a stormwater in Koma Village in Excelsior,

Construction of a 800 meters long entrance road in Borwa in Tweespruit,

The rehabilitation and upgrading of a 2.5 kilometres long roads and stormwater in Ladybrand,

Paving of a 500 meters long roads, stormwater and a bridge in Ladybrand,

Upgrading 2 kilometres long Tladi Street and stormwater in Manyatseng,

Construction of a 1 kilometres long entrance road and stormwater in Mahlatswetsa in Excelsior,

The upgrading of 210 meters long Church Street to paving blocks surfacing in Ladybrand,

Upgrading of 130 meters long Dan Pienaar Street to paving blocks surfacing in Ladybrand,

Construction of 1.2 kilometres long paved road and stormwater in Borwa in Tweespruit,

Construction of a 600 meters long paved road and stormwater in Platberg in Ladybrand.

As the municipality we have constructed speed humps in all our roads throughout Mantsopa as part of preventing and minimising reckless driving in all towns.



## WET SERVICES

### DID YOU KNOW?

That the municipality has;

Eradicated 1282 buckets in Dipelaneng in Hobhouse,

Eradicated 1353 buckets in Borwa in Tweespruit,

Installed sewer reticulation and erected 300 top structures in Platberg in Ladybrand,

As part of bucket eradication erected a pump station in Mahlatswetsa in Excelsior,

Extended the Oxidation Pond in Thaba-Patchoa,

Has reticulated water and sewer on 1000 sites in Mantsopa,

Upgraded the Water Treatment Works in Hobhouse,

Constructed a 3.5 Mega-litre reservoir in Lusaka in Manyatseng,

Reconstructed the flocculent chamber in GENOA Water Treatment Plant in Ladybrand,

Installed a 2.5 kilometres long bulk pipe to Seniorita Ntlabathi District Hospital in Ladybrand,

Bulk Water Supply in Tweespruit where six boreholes will be constructed (the project is on a bidding stage),

Bulk Water Supply in Excelsior where six boreholes will be constructed (contractor will be on site in November 2015),

Upgrading of Water Treatment Works (the designs are ready and available.



# Mantsopa Local Municipality

## Water Restrictions

Ladybrand | Hobhouse | Thaba Patchoa | Tweespruit | Excelsior

Mantsopa Local Municipality hereby reiterates and informs the residents of Ladybrand, Hobhouse, Thaba Patchoa, Tweespruit and Excelsior (towns and townships) that water restrictions are still in place and are instructed to adhere to the following prohibitions:



1

Usage of HOSEPIPES for watering of gardens and washing of vehicles.



2

Filling up of SWIMMING POOLS must be put on hold.



3

WASTAGE of water by any other means is NOT permissible.



4

Watering of SPORTS FACILITIES and public places.

Consumers using BOREHOLES must clearly indicate the existence of such boreholes. Any contraventions of the restrictions must be reported to municipal HOTLINE, 071 857 3687.

**PLEASE NOTE** that these restrictions will remain in place subject to the outcome of the national awareness of water scarcity. Should there be any changes, it will be communicated to all residences in writing.

