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Umzimvubu Local Municipality held Staff Excellence Awards



On the 15th of December 2022, the department of Corporate Services Human Resources section held and coordinated Staff Excellence Awards at KwaBhaca Town Hall. The ceremony had a theme of Glitz and glam, the event was catered for all Umzimvubu Staff. The aim of the event was to cheer up, motivate and appreciate all the hard work and the dedication that the staff has shown to the municipality.

by the Municipal Mayor Cllr Z Ndevu, Municipal Manager Mr G.P.T Nota and all councillors and their portfolio heads the Departmental Managers. The mayor hinted that the municipality has checked each and every department its performance and the report has shown the great performance of the municipality as a whole.

Umzimvubu Local Municipality will be among other municipalities with clean audit. Seeing that we still no 1 in the District in the Town Beautification the Greenest Town and No 3 nationally that clearly shows the dedication of our workers. Municipal Manager Mr Nota said it is very important that as an institution that we admire and award all the hard workers of the Municipality. Even though we endured the Covid 19 Era, the dedication did not suppress due to corona virus, instead there were new dynamics that the staff introduced and worked effectively.

Municipality is the community of Umzimvubu and The service delivery they receive which is what it is today because of its staff. The event was graced

Cllr Z Ndevu congratulated the municipality of containing the unqualified report from the Audit General. Hoping that in the next financial year

Disaster Management Programme

On the 23rd of November, the Alfred Nzo District Municipality convened a Disaster Management Programme at Zwelijikile Community Hall, at Ward 26, EmaXesibeni.

The programme was intended to inform and educate the community about disaster safety measures that the District Municipality implements as part of their disaster reduction programme. The programme was graced by nearby municipalities, because Harry Gwala District Municipality, Joe Gqabi District Municipality, Winnie Madikizela Local Municipality and Matatiela Local Municipality. The Alfred Nzo District Municipality Portfolio Head for Budget and Treasury, Cllr Sobane Mnukwa, said the district remains one the most disaster prone areas in the Eastern Cape.



The informative program was well attended by the Department of Social Development, SASSA, Department of Transport, Department of Sport and arts culture and Department of Human Settlements who also contributed positively towards the success of the program. Communities are encouraged to remain vigilant during this period as more heavy rains are expected to hit the area.



UMZIMVUBU MAYOR HER WORSHIP, CLLR ZUKISWA NDEVU WELCOMES THE VISIT BY WINNIE MADIKIZELA MANDELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR COMMUNICATION BENCHMARKING

By Namhla Magada



Umzimvubu Mayor Her Worship, Cllr Zukiswa Ndevu welcomes the visit by Winnie Madikizela Mandela Local Municipality for Communication Benchmarking. On the 23 November 2022, Winnie Madikizela Mandela Local Municipality (WMMLM), Her Worship Cllr Theodora Mafumbatha, accompanied by the management and communication officials of the municipality, visited Umzimvubu in KwaBhaca. Cllr Mafumbatha said they have identified ULM's communication as one of the strategic, creative, and consistent communication function in the entire district and had since decided to come and benchmark on the activities they have seen critical for Winnie Madikizela Mandela's performance. "We are delighted that we finally came to Umzim

vubu, this is a millstone towards development and best communication practices in Winnie Madikizela Mandela, where we will now ensure that there is quality and effective communication within the institution and its external stakeholders with all the practises shared during the session. This excise helped us identify a number of gaps and barriers in our communication, we will go back home and do an evaluation and present the activities to the council committees of Winnie Madikizela Mandela" concluded the Mayor Cllr Mafumbatha. One of the key programmes that Winnie Madikizela Mandela highlighted and applauded in Umzimvubu is the Talk to your ward councillor and Portfolio-heads radio programmes, Umzim

vubu digital TV and communication internally. "We have agreed with Winnie Madikizela Mandela that there will be a Memorandum of understanding between the two municipalities for communication assistance and sharing of best practices within the local government space, the terms of memorandum will be shared and discussed further within Umzimvubu council structures and will at the end stand for council adoption" said Umzimvubu Mayor, Cllr Zukiswa Ndevu. The mayor commended Cllr Mafumbatha for taking such a step as Umzimvubu will also benefit from the MOU and learn from Winnie Madikizela Mandela's Good governance best-practice approaches and the implementation protocol.

ZIVULWE NGOKUSESIKWENI IIOFISI EZINTSHA ZIKAMASIPALA UMZIMVUBU

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Ngumhla wamashumi amabini anesibhozo kweyeNkanga ku2022, nalapho uMasipala wasekuhlaleni Umzimvubu, ebambe umsitho, wokuwulwa ngokusesikweni kwesakhiwo esitsha salo masipala eSophia KwaBhaca. Oluvulo lwesisakhiwo belukhokhelwe ngumphathiswa wesebe lwakwa Cogta ohloniphekileyo uZolile Williams, obambeleyo usodoluphu wosuku wesithili uCllr Sobane Mnu kwa, uSodolophu wase Umzimvubu uCllr Zukiswa Ndevu kwakunye nooceba abakhokeleyo balo masipala.Lo msitho ubuzinyaswe ngamasebe kaRhulumente, amaqumrhu asekuhlaleni ase Umzimvubu, abasebenzi balo masipala kwakunye nabahlali balo mhandla.

Ebhekisa kwi nginginya umphathiswa uthe "uMasipala wase Umzimvubu ubonisa iimpawo ezintle zendlela eyiyo ekumele ukuba, oomasipala bayiphatha ngayo imali kwakunye nendlela eyiyo ezisiwa ngayo iinkonzo eluntwini". Loka Williams uqhube wathi soloko engenile kule ofisi njengomphathiwa, uyaqala ukubona umsebenzi okwizinga eliphezulu owenziwe ngengxowa kamasipala engancediswa. Uggqibezela umphathiswa ngelithi "Umzimvubu ungumzekelo komasipala beliphondo yaye uyazidla kakhulu ngalonto".

Esisakhiwo sitsha siquka amagumbi okubambela iintlanganiso, indawo yodidi yokutyela abasebenzi, iiofisi kwakunye nezindlu zangasese. Athontelene amazwi okuvuyisana nokuncoma umsebenzi omhle athe wawenza umasipala, esuku kubobonke abachaphazelekayo, aquka indlu yasebukhosini, amaqela namaqumrhu asekuhlaleni ase Mzimvubu. Lemini ibizele imibhiyo abasebenzi baka masipala becula bebonisa uchulumangco kwakunye namaqela asinayo.

uSodoluphu obekekileyo Cllr Zukiswa Ndevu uqukumbele lomsitho ngoku sungula ngokusesikweni iVision yalo masipala entsha ethi "To be recognised as a model rural municipality with a vibrant economy and world class service delivery capabilities" nethekuthe kwa bhambathisa kuyo umphathiswa obekekileyo ka Cogta, ooceba balo masipala, iiNkosi, kwakunye nabasebenzi base Umzimvubu.

Umzimvubu Local Municipality held a Disability Economic Empowerment Dialogue



On the 22nd November 2022, Umzimvubu Local Municipality held a Disability Economic Empowerment Dialogue at the New Municipality's Conference Centre, at Sophia Park in KwaBhaca. The dialogue aimed at empowering people living with disabilities, assisted them to start businesses and how to source funding from different institutions like, SEDA, NYDA and DEDEAT.

The main aim was to encourage and motivate people living with disabilities for them to be able to live on their own, to fight and to stand up to their rights. Today we are here to ensure that one of our previously disadvantaged groups benefit from the county's economy. We are also here to ensure that we provide

self-sustainable solutions to people living with disabilities" said Cllr Ndevu.

The Department of Health, SEDA and DEDEAT, conducted presentations that informed people on their services and products. They further elaborated on how they render their services and what the community must expect from them. Four beneficiaries from different wards from within Umzimvubu received wheelchairs from the Department of Health. These beneficiaries were identified by the ULM Disability Forum. The municipality looks to host similar initiatives of this nature on an annual basis.

Masbuyelembu Cultural Blast



On the 23rd of December 2022, Umzimvubu Local Municipality held Masbuyelembu cultural Blast. The program was cultural music festival initiated by the late Saba Mbixane which only focused on home grown traditional music and live performances for masses.

The Municipality has invested and created a platform of cheering and motivating Local artists that everything is possible. Umzimvubu Local Municipality hosts a workshop (Youth Mentorship Programme) for music artists from different genres and they will perform for KwaBhaca music lovers in Sophia Park on the last day of the programme.

The main aim of the Cultural Blast is to provide local talent an opportunity to perform in the presence of national artists, creates a platform for major attraction of potential investors to the music industry, to facilitate grand scale investment opportunities, both in skills development and economic growth for the province through Music and Performing Arts market, promote and sell local talent amongst people of the province, nationally and internationally and assist our very own artist as Umzimvubu gain air play on national radio stations. There are different genres that perform which are Hip-Hop, Afro Pop, House, Accapela (Jazz) and Masikhandi.

At the youth mentorship programme there is one winning artist or group will record a hit song and feature a well-known musician, produce a music video and get the video marketed on mainstream media by the record label.

Umzimvubu Local Municipality held Christmas Gifts for Elderly People



The Elderly people of Umzimvubu Local Municipality enjoyed early Christmas. On the 13th and 14th of December Umzimvubu Local Municipality held a Christmas Gifts program For Elderly People led by Department of Special Programmes and Communications in KwaBhaca Town Hall and Emaxesibeni Town Hall.

There are 5 beneficiaries from each ward who benefited from the Christmas gift with vouchers from Boxer Superstore. There are also 6 beneficiaries who were picked up from the lists and received grocery hamper. 140 Elderly people have benefited with receiving food vouchers today.

The Hon Mayor Cllr Ndevu graced the event where she showered the elders with words of love and enthusiasm during this festive season. She wishes and prays that more elderly people receive these gifts in the next coming years. The Municipality has spent sum of R140 000 in the Elderly gifts vouchers.

Cllr Z Ndevu said “just because the elderly people receive pension fund from Sassa it does not mean that they enjoy their holiday season, when Christmas day arrives they don't have anything in the table to offer their family members. So we are here to change those situations”.

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Residents Enjoy a Festive Clean Up Campaign in KwaBhaca.

On the 7th of December 2022, Umzimvubu Local Municipality launched a ‘No Littering Awareness Campaign’ led by the Department of Citizen and Community Services.

The much needed campaign in KwaBhaca was conducted in an effort to educate communities on the importance of Waste Management.

This is one of our quarterly campaigns that is aimed at restoring our natural environment. This is also a platform for our environmental educators to really capitalise on bridging the gap between the Municipality and its communities.



Umzimvubu Local Municipality Welcomes An Unqualified Audit Opinion From The Auditor General Sa

The Auditor General (AG) has given Umzimvubu Local Municipality an unqualified audit opinion with findings, noting that the Municipality is in a solvent position and able to meet its financial obligations. AG has also found that despite the myriad challenges facing the municipality, Umzimvubu remains able to continue delivering basic services to its residents, a retained outcome from the previous financial year.

Umzimvubu Mayor, Cllr Zukiswa Nevu has welcomed the findings, saying that since taking over the reins in the Municipality, her administration has ensured a budgetary process focus on the urgent needs of indigent communities, through investment in infrastructure, provision of free basic services and the growth of the local economy.

“We will continue in our concerted efforts to manage our cash flow and generate cash backed surpluses to fund future capital expenditure.” Ndevu explains. The audit opinion was signed off by the auditor general and received by the Municipality earlier today.

