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City of many faces

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CEO's Corner

Although the rain season has started off slowly, we are hoping for more rainfall with enough flow into the dams which are the major source of water supply to the City.

Her Worship the Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Cllr. Agnes Kafula during her first address for 2014 at the Council meeting held on 30th January 2014 in the Council Chambers renewed our commitment that: The Council will continue to keep abreast with your present realities whilst living up to our promise of enhancing the quality of life of all our people.

We will also remain focused on accelerating land delivery, affordable housing and provision of basic services in the low income areas of the City, with the limited resources at our disposal.

The Mayor also cautioned that land is a necessity but it should not be grabbed, we should desist from the un-procedural occupation to allow orderly development.

Council therefore appeals to all residents to take care of the City's infrastructure as your own, which is indeed your own.

We have also been receiving reports of some residents vandalising the municipal infrastructures such as bus shelter, playground and others in our areas.

This practice is unacceptable and it is a waste of limited resources which

Belated compliments for the year 2014 to all our residents in the City of Windhoek!

I trust that the year has started off well, and you are gearing up to what the year shall bring to us with vigour and determination.

The year 2014 has started in full force, and it is definitely a very dynamic year.

The City of Windhoek will be exposed to several changes on both internal and external environmental levels.

This is the last term of the serving Council before the general elections later in the year.

Looking back to the year 2013, I shall say it was a hectic year for all of us. We have been through many developmental challenges such as the severe drought which affected the livelihoods of many of our citizen.

The drought has indeed been an economic challenge that forced many people to migrate to the City for potential survivor.

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Editor's Desk



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On the onset, I would like to sincerely welcome you to this first 2014 Aloe edition.

It sound odd to say happy New Year looking at the fact that January month is already off our calendar, but it is just fair that we wish you all the best for the rest of the year ahead.

As per our tradition, the main objective of the Aloe is to share with you the main highlights of events that took place at the City of Windhoek, and give you more information on what you should expect in the future.

While we are there, join us in congratulating the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the 5 Members of the Management committee on the re-election, as office bearers of the City of Windhoek.

They continue together with the rest of the Council to serve in steering the City of Windhoek in the right direction of service delivery and ensure the enhancement of quality of life of all our people.

Speaking of the Mayor, Her Worship Cllr. Agnes Kafula, most if not all of you, remember how active she and her team been last year in ensuring that the City of Windhoek maintains its status of being the clean City in Africa if not the world.

The Mayoral clean-up campaign for this year will kick off in March and your continued dedication, commitment and support in this initiative and other programs

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now has to be spent on renovating those infrastructures.

Please alert the City Police should you observe any infrastructural vandalism.

Lastly, let me reiterate the Mayors' call to all our valued clients, to ensure continued payment of municipal accounts, in order to continue enjoying uninterrupted service delivery.

Let me re-assure you of the City's continuous efforts in enhancing the quality of life of all our residents.

*Best wishes
for the year*
2014

I thank you!

of the City will always be cherished and appreciated.

We therefore once again extend this invitation to all our residents so that you join us throughout the year as we continue to uphold the Windhoek culture of cleanliness.

Another word of caution contrasted with an apology goes to the residents and visitors to the City, we caution and apologise for the traffic congestion caused by road maintenance, upgrades and maintains of electrical substations, overhead lines, circuit breakers or underground cables to name but a few.

These works are aimed at ensuring efficient and effective service delivery.

Road users and pedestrians are therefore advised to take extra care and observe appropriate signage when using the sidewalks where the works are taking place.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us at 290 2365 / 3326 / 2044 or write us at: communication@windhoekcc.org.na, also follow us on Facebook at our official page.

Enjoy reading and keep well!



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"DREAM BIG" A COMMUNITY POLICING SCHOOL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

In the PICTURE: Is the team during the Windhoek City Police and Namibian Police "Dream Big" school educational campaign which kicked off at Hella Du Plessis on the 17 January 2014

Recently, the Windhoek City Police together with The Namibian Police (NAMPOL) paid Ella Du Plessis High School a courtesy visit under the theme "DREAM BIG", which form part of the Community Policing School education campaign.

The campaign which started on the 17 January is scheduled to run until the 17 February 2014, and will cover primary and High Schools in the Khomas Region, in the first school semester.

The campaign comprises of teams from

Windhoek City Police Community Policing and NAMPOL Drug Law Enforcement units, Crime Prevention, Traffic Law Enforcement, Women and Child Protection units, with each team highlighting on key areas of concern.

It further aims to cover more schools to be identified in the weeks to come. During each visit; one motivational guest speaker will be invited to speak to the learners. The "DREAM BIG" campaign will also educate learners not to attempt to take short cut to succeed as dreams can only be fully realised through hard work and honest living.

Addressing a hall packed with learners, Hilda Basson-Namunjembo spoke of her rise to stardom and how her good judgement in choosing good friends combined with hard work propelled her to be where she is today.

Basson-Namunjembo, a former Ella Du Plessis learner, was the motivational speaker for the day and a proud learner of Ella Du Plessis further encouraged learners by saying, there was nothing different about her under the Sun if she can achieve greatness so can the Ella Du Plessis learners.



In the PICTURE : (centre stage) is Hilda Basson-Namunjembo flanked by Hella Du Plessis learners, during the Windhoek City Police and Namibian Police "Dream Big" school educational campaign which kicked off in the capital on the 17 January 2014



PLAY GROUND VANDALISM



These pictures depict vandalism of the Rocky Crest play park infrastructures of which the City has restore.

The Rocky Crest play park will therefore be closed until the repairs are done to make the equipment safe for the children to use.

The playgrounds are constructed by the City of Windhoek for our children to play; however we have observed that vandals and mostly people using substance breakdown the facilities.

Vandalism acts are also experienced at other play parks around Windhoek.

It should therefore be noted that the maintenance cost for repairs are depleting the budget and making it difficult to spend the funds on the overall improvement of the play parks and the development of new play park in the City.

We thus appeal to you the residents to immediately report any form of vandalism and unauthorised use of the playground equipment to the City Police.





CITY OF WINDHOEK SHINE AT THE PRESTIGIOUS PMR AWARDS 2014

At the PMR awarding ceremony (L-R): Chief City Police, Mr. Abraham Kanime; City PRO, Ms. Lydia Amutenya and Internal Communications Office, Scheifert Shigwedha

The City of Windhoek continues to shine at the Professional Management Review (PMR) award that took place at the beginning of February at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino. The City of Windhoek received the Diamond, Gold and Bronze in the categories as follows under the Local Government Institutions as the municipality that is doing well in:

DIAMOND ARROW:

- Social upliftment
- Clean the environment

GOLDEN ARROW:

- Attracting local investors
- Attracting tourism
- Job creation
- Fighting crime
- Developing and enhancing

infrastructure

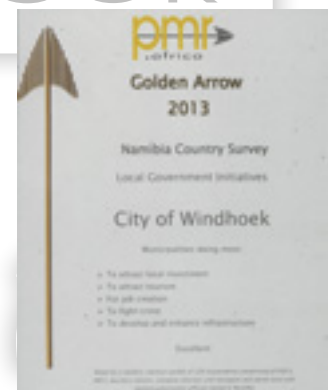
BRONZE ARROW:

- To attract foreign investment

This recognition brings significant meaning to the City of Windhoek in terms of our core mandate of service delivery to the residents of Windhoek. We would therefore like to congratulate our officials for their commitments, dedications, loyalty and hard work in ensuring that the City of Windhoek continues to enhance the quality of life of all our people. Equally, we would like to thank our clients (residents and stakeholders) for continued support in our activities.

The PMR awards are presented annually following a detailed assessment and rating

process of the performance of organisations and business entities with a strong focus on the quality of service provision and the level of customer satisfaction. PMR is consistently providing its value and contribution to providing a platform of measurement that peer corporate institutions can benchmark their level of social development and economic cohesion.





/Ae // GAMS ARTS & CULTURAL FESTIVAL **Developing Windhoek through cultural expression**

The City of Windhoek is hosting a refreshed /Ae // Gams Arts and Culture Festival from 1st April to 5th April 2014. Below are the highlights of the festival this year:

VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS THE CITY, TUESDAY, 01ST – SATURDAY, 05TH APRIL 2014

Gala Dinner

A Gala Dinner will be hosted to generate funds for the Festival.

Festival Opening Show

This opening extravaganza themed "A trip down memory lane", will recite the history of the city, through music, dance and visuals. The opening will reminisce on the music that the Windhoek people listened and danced to from the 1950's to date. It will also feature music that inspired our local artists to follow the careers that they chose.

Children Activities (unleash creativity)

At the heart of the festival will be a kiddie's zone - a fun packed lively play area with a wide range of activities to entertain and teach children between 3 - 10 years of age, to have an appreciation for the Arts at an early age. A supervised crèche facility will give parents the opportunity to leave their little ones and explore the Festival, while performances, shows and interactive games will keep older kids busy for hours. Activities for 2014 will entail amongst others: designs competitions (art using recycled

materials, wire art, etc.), creating bead jewellery, drawing competition, face painting, maze, jumping castles and much more

Namibian Traditional Village (Rekindle cultural heritage)

A living traditional Village will be constructed to house four (4) Namibian huts to showcase the diversity of the city's cultural heritage. This is a platform to preserve our intangible cultural heritage, revive our diminishing traditions and showcase our rich cultural diversity. Traditional groups from living museums around will showcase their customs and traditions through song and dance, storytelling, arts and crafts, daily traditional activities, traditional attire and cuisine.

Visual Arts Demonstrations and Exhibitions (Bringing art closer to the people)

Bringing art closer to the people is our objective. The public will have an opportunity to look at what goes into the creative process of producing an artwork, in an outdoor setting.

The following visual art forms will be considered (portrait drawing, painting, pottery, basketry, traditional wood carving, stone sculpting, printmaking, textiles, etc.).

Traditional Song and Dance

It is a customary practice for Africans to sing and dance during celebrations. The various groups found in the city will be given a platform to enthral the public.

Artist Soccer Tournament (soccer meets arts tournament)

A traditional soccer tournament will be hosted as part of the /Ae //Gams Arts and Cultural Festival, where art teams (musicians, theatre sports, comedians, poets, etc.) will face-off. The winning team will be awarded in-kind, in terms of payment towards the following: studio time, music concert / comedy show / theatre production / dance production, art course, etc.

Dance Productions

Dancers will bring the city's public spaces to life with thought provoking





and beautifully choreographed work.

Cuisine Day (Quench the taste buds)

As the Capital city, Windhoek has diverse mouth-watering cuisine. A long table will be set-up along Independence Avenue in the Municipal parking, to give people a platform to taste and enjoy Windhoek's diverse local and international cuisine under the beautiful blue sky.

Flash Mobs

Performances will pop-up out of thin air to mesmerize the audience.

Street Studios

Outdoor pop-up photo studios will enable people to have their pictures taken at a formal set-up. Windhoek attractions and landmarks will be used

as background or frames, in order to promote our rich cultural heritage.

Theatre and Drama Productions (rich human imagination)

Various productions will look at the lives of the Windhoek people, and in a way transport people's imaginations. These productions will look at things we see and hear, and that we might take for granted or appreciate.

Open Mic Sessions (unleash your talent)

A stage and mics will be set-up during the cuisine day for the public to showcase their talents (music, comedy, dance, poetry) whilst people are sampling the city's cuisine.

Comedy and Poetry Session (Laugh out loud)

This session will narrate

issues affecting our everyday through laughter and poetic words. A celebrated comedian from Zimbabwe will collaborate with our local artists in order to learn from each other and share experiences.

Music Concerts /Ae //Gams Festival will be packed with performances for music lovers. There will be something for all types of music enthusiasts, including everything from live bands, CD backtrack and gospel.

Windhoek Cultural Attire Campaign (stand proud in your attire)

Windhoek is a melting pot of people from all walks of life, thus it is only fitting to dedicate a day to celebrate the diverse colourful traditional attire found on the streets of this "City of Many Faces".

CITY OF WINDHOEK AND OSHIKUKU TOWN COUNCIL SIGN COOPERATION AGREEMENT



The Windhoek Municipality and Oshikuku Town Council strengthen their relationship by signing a five year cooperation agreement on the 07th February 2014 in Oshikuku.

The City of Windhoek being the capital city continues to maintain its local contacts and provide assistance to other local authorities.

In order to enhance local government capacity necessary to tackle local development challenges in the

context of decentralisation, while at the same time eases urbanisation pressure on Windhoek's urban environments.

The focus areas for cooperation agreement address issues of capacity building in the field of: Urban Planning and Infrastructure Development; Capacity Development, Technical Support and Information Exchange; Solid Waste and Storm Water Management; Local Economic Development and Environmental Health; Bad

Debt Management Collection and Emergency Management.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, City of Windhoek Mayor, Her Worship Cllr. Agnes Kafula said, there is a need for the local authorities to start planning the town properly for the benefit of the future generations.

She further emphasized the strategic importance of inter-dependency of urban areas, as it is a catalyst of political commitment to nation building and progressive development.

On his side, the Mayor of Oshikuku, Cllr. Mbockoma Mungandjera said his town was lucky to be part of the cooperation agreement and expectations are for it to flourish.



BE ALERT FOR ADVERTISEMENT SCAMS



In the past weeks, Windhoek City Police had to deal with several cases of advertisement scams. To put the definition in layman terms advertising scams is theft under false pretence, which at times involve a culprit placing an advert in the local paper, via Facebook or on radio for a product which does not exist for the purpose of self-enrichment.

To recapture the latest happening, a woman was recently apprehended for defrauding another woman who was looking for accommodation. The victim posted an advertisement on the social media site known as Facebook looking for a room to rent. On her post she included her contact number where she can be reached. An active Facebook user, a male who claimed to be a real estate agent wasted no time, and called the woman on the number indicated on her post.

He told the woman to come to Ara Bar and thereafter, he will give her directions to the property in Dorado, where there is an available room to rent. Upon arrival to the property, the agent told the woman that the owner of the house who is a lecturer at UNAM was not available, therefore he did not have the key to the room, however she could view the

room through the window.

Later that day the woman called the agent that she was interested; the agent told her that at a moment he was busy but he could send his colleague to bring her the room key. In a nutshell a deposit of N\$1 000 was made out to the woman who alleged to be the colleague of the male agent. As it turned out, it was a scam, the key was not opening the door to that room, and the owner of the house was not even aware. Fortunately due to intelligence led policing the culprit was arrested.

In another similar, but isolated incident a woman advertised on Omulunga radio that she was looking for employment. A male who alleged to be a recruitment agent for all those aspiring to work in the Hotel fraternity called the lady, and told her that there was a job opening at a hotel in Windhoek. She boarded a bus to Windhoek all the way from the Northern part of the country, in search for the Namibian dream. It later emerged none of what was said by that male was true.

Thanks due to a stroke of good luck on the woman side, the Windhoek City Police got hold of the woman before she could link up with that agent, and

the police investigation is still ongoing. These two incidents should serve as a clear wake up call that, one should always avoid going into shady deals with people you rarely know. At this time of the year, many young people, especially students (foreign and national) are coming to Windhoek; some for the purpose of studies while others in search for employment.

Therefore we would like to alert the community not to become victims of these crimes. Be aware that any person that asks you to pay money in order to secure employment is a crook and people should not fall prey to this type of actions.

Never Pay Money for a Scholarship. A legitimate scholarship organization is unlikely to ask for money. If they ask you to pay, then it is probably a scam. People should be careful and make sure they entered into a contract agreement before paying any deposit for rent.

One only pay money if the key of the property is handed over and make sure that the keys really open the doors. Furthermore, we are urging people to report any suspicious action to the police.