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Seated L-R: Cllr. Michael Petrus, Junior Mayor, Cllr. Alonushka Belonko, Deputy Junior Mayor flanked by some of the Junior Council members

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The City of Windhoek inaugurated the 2017/2018 Junior Council on the 24 April 2017 at the City's Khomasdal Community Hall. Guest speaker at the event, Mr. Mandela Kapere, in motivating the youth, explained that young people that take up leadership initiatives earlier on in their youth are more likely to also end up being national leaders later on in their adult lives. Therefore, the opportunity accorded to the Junior Council by the City of Windhoek will go a long way in cementing leadership growth.

His Worship Mayor Kazapua, in his speech cited Jack Canfield that **"Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try"**. In that light, the Mayor encouraged the young people to look forward and grab the opportunities presented to them while serving as Junior Councillors, not only for personal gain, but most importantly to strive in changing the lives of other young people meaningfully.

Also in attendance, City of Windhoek's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Robert Kahimise, echoed the sentiment of Harvey S. Firestone that **"The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership"**, and which as such the City of Windhoek recognise and embraces to great effort in the cultivating process of Junior Councillors. Mr Kahimise expressed his delight with the resident's interest in the Junior Council program, as it had only 15 schools during its inception in 1999, and to date there are 35 secondary school represented.

Mr. George Mayumbelo, Strategic Executive of Community Services Department under which the Junior Council program resorts, revealed that the Junior Council program having been in operation for the last eighteen years, amongst its achievements is that, some of the former junior councillors have gone on to graduate from tertiary institutions as lawyers and other multiple disciplines.

He further, added that Junior Councillors plays an important role in the society by



Editor's Desk



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Let me use this opportunity to welcome you all to the May edition of the Aloe. In this edition, we are looking at amongst others some developmental issues in the City. The City of Windhoek continues to show its commitments towards the development of young people. In its efforts to instil leadership qualities, CoW recently inaugurated its 18th Junior Council for 2017/18.

The Junior Council was established in 1999, and it is a platform created by Council specifically for young people to exercise their civic duty, patriotism and volunteerism; through responsive programs and activities that address their needs and aspirations. We wish these young minds all the best in their efforts to advocate for social change as well as their academic journey.

On another matter, although the City of Windhoek is aware of the dire need for electricity especially in our informal settlement, we would like to once again urge our members of the public especially in the informal settlement to desist from this practice of illegal connections. The City has been on record in several occasions against this dangerous practice, and towards the end of last month, another fatal incident of electrocution was recorded. **One life lost is one too many**, and thus we should stop this practice, while the City is working hard to ensure that provision of electricity is extend to our residents.



(L-R): Cllr. Michael Petrus, Junior Mayor from Windhoek High School and Cllr. Alonushka Belonko, Deputy Junior Mayor from Rocky Crest High School.

motivating and encouraging fellow youth to become responsible citizen and to refrain from negative habits such as those that leads to vandalism and painting negative graffiti. The Junior Council as a Youth development platform aims to prepare the young persons to meet the challenges of adolescent and adulthood within a holistic developmental approach that includes the physical, social, psychological, cognitive and moral, religious and ethical development.

While on electricity matters, winter is fast approaching and so is the demand for electricity usage. It has been noticed over the years, that there is overwhelming high power demand during winter. Therefore, energy usage just like any other resource are dwindling and costly, and we are reminded that electricity purchase is much costly in winter than summer and we should use it sparingly.

In terms of safety, we would like to caution our members of the public with regards to take necessary precautionary measures to guard against armed and general robbery

Junior Mayor Michael Petrus, in his acceptance speech pointed out that he is keen to make a difference in the lives of many young people during his tenure, and that he looks forward to serve with guidance from above as per Jesus example that "Iron sharpens iron, friends should sharpen one another." Hence, Junior Councillors should be the brightness and good influence in each other. Amongst the activities lined up for the Junior Councillors during the year is to promote the reading culture amongst the youth.

in the city. The public is encouraged to make use of our City Police emergency numbers at 061 302302 or sent us a text at 4444.

Last but not least, the City of Windhoek is taking part in the Namibian Tourism Expo to be held at the Windhoek Showground from the 29 May to 02 June 2017. Visit our exciting team in the Presidential Hall and get more information about attraction sites in the city and many more.

May you find this edition of the Aloe informative until we meet again next month!

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COW TO DONATE A SECOND HAND WASTE REMOVAL TRUCK TO OKAKARARA TOWN COUNCIL



Council at its 4th ordinary meeting held on 27 April 2017, approved a donation of a second-hand Waste Removal Truck to Okakarara Town Council. The City of Windhoek is the leading local authority in the provision of solid waste management services in Namibia, and sister local authorities heavily depended on us for guidance and technical support as they seek to adopt and emulate best practices in waste management.

The City of Windhoek has Co-operation

and Twinning Agreements to support smaller local authorities in the provision of technical support, operational training, assistance with equipment and community education amongst others. This co-operation is meant to assist smaller town councils to enhance their solid waste management functions as a critical basic municipal service.

It is against that background that Council has a Co-operation Agreement signed with Okakarara Town Council on 22

August 2016. The donated vehicle will be transported to Okakarara, accompanied by a technical team to ensure proper handover and training on how to use the vehicle effectively.

The donations is therefore subjected to Ministerial approval by the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development in terms of section 30(i)(z)(ii) of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act 23 of 1992) and in line with partnership agreement between the sister municipalities signed last year.

CITY MAKING STRIDES WITH DRY GARDENS IN ORDER TO AUGMENT WATER SAVING



In efforts to revamp the gardens of the city after the disastrous water shortage in the capital, the City's Parks Division has identified areas where dry gardens could be established.

The Central Business District is one of the areas that have been earmarked for the dry gardens. Right on the south of the Kristus Kirche the City had three lawn areas. Due to the water shortage the lawn dried out and the area was replanted with succulents.

These plants do not need lots of water, in comparison to the lawns where the City should water daily, the succulent plants only get watered once per week or once in two weeks, and thus in line with the water saving campaign.

The Parks Division has also identified the City's municipal Head office for dry garden plants.



UNITED NATION WOMEN GUILD SCHOLARSHIP BENEFICIARIES AT UNIVERSITY



L-R: Seated are Eveline Mukuve, Tracy Kabuku and Michelle Swartbooi

L-R: Standing are Ester Shiimi, James Kalundu, Monika Sheefeni, Olivia Shitjeni, Ester Nekongo and Melissa Louw

City of Windhoek has been instrumental in providing mentorship, guidance, support and counselling to ten girls since grade 8 until grade 12 in their educational journey at Hage Geingob High School and completed matric in 2016. The girls were recipient of scholarships from the United Nation Women Guild through the City of Windhoek. Through mentoring by the City's Social Welfare unit in the Community Service Department, the girls have built confidence and developed skills in leadership and self-determination. Four of the girls had an opportunity to serve as Learners Representative Council (LRC) positions at school.

The girl's academic journey has been great and commendable thus far. It is pleasing to note that, seven of the ten girls qualified to University while other three are still improving their results. Those who qualified to university attained points ranging between 25 to 50 points; and one of the girls was the best performer from Hage Geingob High School. The City of Windhoek could not be more grateful, as a result it donated laptops to the girls enrolled at University as token of appreciation. Mr James Kalundu, Manager at Community Development Division who handed over the laptops motivated the girls to study hard and became role models at university and in their communities.

The girls have registered for the following courses Bachelor of Accounting and Economics, Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Bachelor of Education and a degree in IT. Ms. Monika Sheefeni, Community Development Officer and mentor strongly believes that completion of secondary education for girls is vital to support gender equality and provide girls with necessary guidance and skills when deciding on tertiary education and career path. "An investment in girls is an investment in a community's future". Should there be anyone who would like to donate anything toward their education, please contact Ms. Sheefeni at 061 2903501 or email Monika.Sheefeni@windhoekcc.org.na

VANDALISM AND THEFT IN CEMETERIES



Ms. Corna Ketjzeere, Horticultural Technician at the City of Windhoek pointing out the stolen metal writings from one of the graves at the City's Gammams Cemetery.

The City of Windhoek is experiencing theft and vandalism of graves in the Gammas cemetery. The copper/gold/bronze iron workings on the graves are being stolen. The public is therefore cautioned when putting up gravestone to use materials that will not be removed easily by rather opting for engraving.

Trees and flowers are also being stolen

from the cemetery. The suspects enter the cemetery at night while the night shift guards' visibility is reduced by the evening darkness, in order to carry out their devious acts. The affected families of the vandalised graves are therefore urged to report such incidents when noticed to the Parks Division office or to City Police. The City of Windhoek will also continue to do its best to enforce security at the cemetery.



COW EMPOWERS COMMUNITY THROUGH INFORMATION AWARENESS RAISING



Mr. David Nanub from Project Hope Namibia introducing the concept of community saving to the information session participants.

The City of Windhoek continues to empower its community through various platforms and programs meant to address the social needs of the community it serves.

The Social Welfare Section is one of the sections under the Community Development Division, which was established in 2005 by the City of Windhoek. The aim of the Section is to address the social needs of the vulnerable communities. It has a variety of social upliftment programmes which leads to the betterment of people and their environment. The Section takes into account the social, physical, emotional and cultural well-being of the people. Since its inception, it has implemented various programmes and projects in the

community in partnership with community members and different stakeholders. One such programme was an Awareness Raising and Information Session which took place on 25th February 2017 to discuss amongst others, family planning, the importance of HIV / AIDS Support Groups as well as the importance of saving money.

The information session targeted females between the ages of 29 to 55 years, whom were beneficiaries of the City's HIV / AIDS Food Parcel Programme. The participants came from various informal settlements such as Okahandja Park, Havana, Babylon, One Nation and Okuryangava and they interacted extremely well with the guest speakers from Project Hope Namibia, TONATA and NAPPA (Namibia Planned Parenting Association).

After the five hour session, participants walked away with information from Project Hope Namibia who introduced to them a fascinating way of community saving, TONATA encouraged and reiterated to them the significance of being part of a support group and NAPPA briefly touched on family planning and HIV / AIDS. It became clear during the session that even though so many advocacies are done on HIV / AIDS, many people are still not well equipped with the basic HIV / AIDS knowledge, thus the need for continuous awareness creation.

The event was well attended and the City is pleased to continue making a difference in the lives of its residents. The participants left motivated to start implementing positive change in their lives.

PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS

There is a general concern about the escalating occurrences of housebreak-ins in the City. This is mostly common during weekends and holidays, these are times where we generally see more crime being committed as many residents drive out of town leaving their properties unoccupied.

We would like to urge our residents to be more careful and vigilant not to leave their properties unoccupied, particularly if they are going to travel out of town during

the public holiday. Alternatively, they must ensure that their properties have proper security measures in place, and it is also important to ask their neighbours or local Neighbourhood Watch groups to keep an eye on their properties.

Furthermore, residents can also notify our City Police office to keep an eye on their properties while they are out of town. City Police may not guarantee 24 hours security on people's properties, however, with this information the police

will be able to plan and direct their patrols accordingly, by keeping an eye on unoccupied properties, and consequently deter crime.

The public is therefore urged to comply with the Traffic Regulations, Municipal By-Laws, as well as to report all criminal activities to the law enforcement. It is through the support and cooperation of the community that the City Police continues to ensure that Windhoek remain a safer city. City Police is reachable on 302 302 and / or 4444 (sms line).

REDUCE ELECTRICITY USAGE IN WINTER



Winter is soon approaching and the City of Windhoek has noticed over the years with concern the overwhelming power usage during the winter season. People tend to opt to stay indoor in winter, and invite friends and family over for a cup of coffee or tea, which is good for family and friendship bonds, but eventually have an unintended bearing on increased electricity usage. We are urging our resident to be prudent in their electricity usage in winter, in order to ensure sustainable usage of electricity.

Although no major notable power crisis in the City currently, however energy usage like all other resources is dwindling, costly and therefore should be used efficiently and sustainably. The procuring of electricity and its redistribution thereof to the City's residents, remains amongst the major budgetary cost on the City's budget books. Electricity is also purchased at a much higher rate in winter than in summer, due to the increased demand, and thus it is very important to use it sparingly.

The public is being urged to find creative means during this season or alternative solutions that will aid in decreasing excessive electricity usage. We have recently been informed of increment for bulk supplier NamPower.

The following are some of the tips that the resident can make use of in staying warm but yet practicing wise methods to save energy:

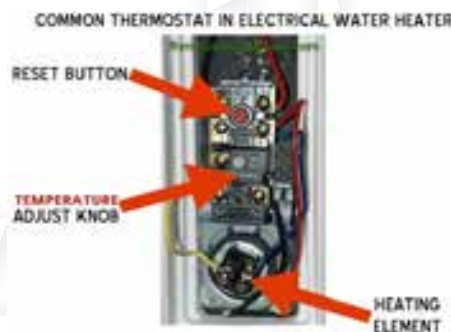


- Take advantage of Namibia's ample natural sunlight, by opening your curtain windows that are facing the sun during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close

them at night to reduce the chill air from permeating through the windows into the house and by so doing keeping the house warmly insulated.



- Reduce your water heating needs as this generally can account to more 18% of the energy usage in the house and is the second biggest energy user especially in winter, for example one can opt to wash clothes and or dishes in cold or lukewarm water.



- Lower the temperature on your geyser and conserve hot water when you can, also lower the temperature of your geyser if you will be away from home.



- Replace inefficient lighting: Replace your old standard incandescent bulbs with new compact fluorescent light

bulbs (CFL) or light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs. CFLs and LEDs use about 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs, and they last up to 10 times longer.



- Look for energy-efficient appliances: When shopping for appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, electric heaters, ovens and air conditioners, look for appliances that are energy efficient.



- Switch off electronics when not in use: when you are away, switch off those kitchen appliances, microwave, DVDs, TVs, iron, hairdryers and computers to save electricity and eventual save yourself money. It is important to know that most of your household electronics, when plugged in, use up energy even when they are turned off.

Should we instill the above in our habits we will in turn save electricity, save our own electricity bill and save the City's current huge electricity bill to our bulk supplier.



REMINDER!! - REGISTER YOUR GRID CONNECTED PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR INSTALLATIONS WITH COW BEFORE 30 MAY 2017



In our March Aloe edition, we announced that the City of Windhoek will implement the Net Metering rules by 01 July 2017. It is therefore against this background that the Windhoek residents are hereby reminded to register their grid connected Photovoltaic (PV) solar installations with the City of Windhoek before the 30 May 2017.

Net metering is generally a billing mechanism that credits renewable energy system owners for the electricity they add to the grid. For example, if a residential customer has a PV system on the home rooftop, it may generate more electricity than the home uses during daylight hours.

Before we commence with the implementation of the Net metering rules, it is important that all our esteemed customers with unregistered PV solar installations have registered those

installations through their respective system Installer. The registration is taking place at the Electricity Department with the office of the Chief Technical Inspector at no costs during week days from 08:00 - 10:00 and closes on 30 May 2017.

The public is welcome to contact our Department of Electricity, Chief Technical Inspector on telephone number 061 - 290 2461 or alternatively to the Electricity Control Room on telephone numbers Tel.: +264 61 290 2452 / 3 / 4 for further clarity on this.

QUEENS RELAY BATON WELL RECEIVED IN WINDHOEK



His Worship, the Mayor, Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, receiving the Queen's Relay Baton from Veteran Athlete Ms. Hella Koepe on 28th April 2017 at the City of Windhoek, while Mr. Leevi Iлека looks on.

Queen's Relay Baton, for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Queensland Australia, was received on behalf of the City of Windhoek's residents by His Worship Mayor Muesee Kazapua, on 28 April 2017, en-route to other national destinations; the baton will pass through 72 nations that make up part of the Commonwealth.

The Queen's Baton Relay is a game tradition that celebrates the Commonwealth's diversity which Namibia is also part of, to inspire nations pride and excites people across the Commonwealth about the world-class festival of sports and cultures.

The Queen's Baton carries a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II that calls the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition.

PARKING IN FLOWERBEDS AT COW HEAD OFFICE



City Head Office during the construction stages.

The City of Windhoek is aware that there was parking shortage when construction of the extension to the new building was in progress; and as a result the public made use of any available space within the vicinity of the head office to park.

It was accepted to a certain extent then, but while the parking shortage has been alleviated and there are now lots of parking areas available, the public is urged to refrain from parking on the pavements or in the flowerbeds.

Please use the designated parking to avoid parking fines.

WATER SAVING TIPS

AT
TOURISM ESTABLISHMENTS

Namibia is a
water scarce country.

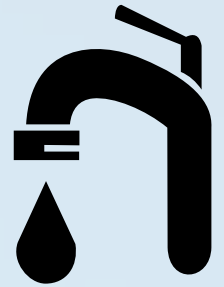


Take short showers.

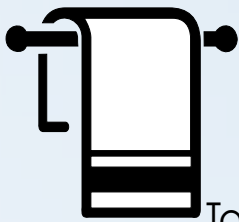


A 4-minute shower uses about 24 litres of water. Please turn off shower while soaping. No baths please. On average bath uses over 80 litres of water

Close the tap while washing hands, brushing teeth or shaving.



Use towels as long as possible



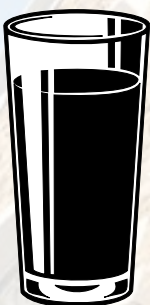
Towels can be washed as indicated. Many establishments will give you the option of washing your towels only when placed on the floor.

Don't use your toilet as a wastebasket.



Every time you flush tissues or cigarette butts, it wastes 9 liters of water.

Use a glass or keep a water container in the fridge



(if available) rather than letting the tap run until the water is cold.

If you notice any leaks,

please report to management immediately.



Please use water wisely!

Thank you and enjoy your stay.

