

## COVID-19 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Bergrivier Municipality in partnership with the Thompson Trust hosted a three Day COVID-19 Community Public Awareness and Prevention Campaign, to further strengthen its efforts to combat COVID-19.



The campaign took place from 6 till 8 May 2020. The aim was to mobilize public support in the fight against COVID-19.

According to Alderman Ray van Rooy, Executive Mayor at Bergrivier Municipality, a culture of awareness, prevention and community-based adherence to the national regulations set out by National Government was fostered.

"We broadcasted the do's and don'ts under Lockdown Level 4 and of course the importance of wearing a cloth mask when leaving your house and regularly washing your hands," said Van Rooy.

Our sincerest appreciation to Thompson Trust and all essential workers working tirelessly to safeguard Bergrivier. You are amazing!

Let us continue working together to combat this virus by adhering to all health regulations, instructions and advice. Keep social distancing a priority and wash your hands with soap regularly.

# VERMINDER U RISIKO VIR COVID-19 TOEGANGSBEHEER

**LIGGAAMSTEMPERATUURLESINGS**

Voodat u die munisipale geboue betree sal daar 'n lesing geneem word van u temperatuur. U temperatuur moet onder 38 grade wees.

**BEDEK U HOES EN NIES/ONTSMET U HANDE**

Bedek u hoes of nies met u elmboog of 'n sneesdoekie. Gooi die sneesdoekie onmiddellik weg en was daarna u hande. U moet u hande ontsmet voordat u die gebou binnegaan.

**SOSIALE DISTANSIERING**

Hou 'n veilige afstand van minstens 2 meter van enige ander persoon wanneer u buite u huis of binne die munisipale gebou is.

**BLY BY U HUIS**

Bly by u huis tensy u 'n belangrike, toegelate rede het om u huis te verlaat.

**DRA 'N LAPMASKER**

Dit is verpligtend om 'n lapmasker te dra wanneer u u huis verlaat of die munisipale gebou betree.

## GOP EN BEGROTING 2020-2021 GOEDGEKEUR

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se begroting vir die 2020-2021 finansiële jaar, wat R408 miljoen beloop, is op 29 Mei 2020 goedgekeur tydens 'n geskiedkundige virtuele Raadsvergadering vanuit Piketberg.

Dié begroting is onder baie uitdagende omstandighede opgestel. Dit blyk dat die Suid-Afrikaanse ekonomie op pad is na 'n resessie en die ekonomiese insinking word verder vererger deur die effek van die Koronavirus wat Suid-Afrika en die wêreld getref het, en die maatreëls wat ingestel is om die verspreiding van die virus te beperk.

Ondanks hierdie uitdagings bly dit die doel van die Munisipaliteit om dienslewering op 'n uitstekende vlak te hou en die lewensgehalte vir alle mense binne die Bergrivier Munisipale Gebied te bevorder.

Die begroting is opgestel in lyn met die behoeftes van die gemeenskappe wat ons dien, soos vervat in die goedgekeurde Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan (2017-2022).

### Die goedgekeurde begroting bestaan uit die volgende:

- Kapitaalbegroting van R43,3 miljoen; en
- Bedryfsbegroting van R364,5 miljoen.

### Tariefverhogings vanaf 1 Julie 2020:

Gegewe die wêreldwye en meer spesifiek die nasionale ekonomiese werklikheid, is die tariefverhogings van die Raad ten opsigte van water, vullisverwydering en rioolheffings verminder tot 4.6% vanaf 'n oorspronklike 6% soos weerspieël in die konsepbegroting:

- Eiendombelasting verhoog met 6%
- Watertariewe verhoog met 4.6%
- Sanitasietariewe verhoog met 4.6%
- Vullisverwyderingstariewe verhoog met 4.6%
- Elektrisiteitstariewe verhoog met 6.22% onderworpe aan NERSA se finale goedkeuring.

Die Munisipaliteit sal voortgaan om die behoeftiges in ons gemeenskap te ondersteun met deernis-subsidies waar kwalifiserende huishoudings 'n ondersteuningspakket sal ontvang wat bestaan uit 50 gratis elektrisiteitseenhede, 6000 liter gratis water en 'n 100% subsidie op 'n standaard huishoudelike vullis- en riooltarief per maand.

Aansoek om deernis-subsidies kan gedoen word by u naaste Munisipale kantoor. Die totale huishoudelike inkomste van alle lede van die huishouding wat op die perseel woonagtig is, moet R5 000 per maand (twee staatsouderdomspensioene plus 40%) of minder wees of die hoof van die huishouding in wie se naam die rekening geregistreer is, moet 'n staatsouderdomspensioen of ongeskiktheidstoelaag ontvang. Ander vereistes is beskikbaar by die deernisbeampte op elke dorp.

Die volledige GOP, begrotingsdokument en besonderhede van die vasgestelde tariewe is beskikbaar op die munisipale webwerf ([www.bergmun.org.za](http://www.bergmun.org.za)).

## BERGRIVIER BULLETIN



Official newsletter of Bergrivier Municipality

WE SERVE WITH PRIDE

JUNE 2020

### COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*"The person who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small rocks." - Confucius*

With the onset of the lockdown on 27 March 2020, the Bergrivier Municipal Area was faced with an unfamiliar landscape. Unemployment, homelessness, absence of education, anxiety and hopelessness, all running parallel with the fear of contracting COVID-19.



Day by day and week by week the complement of stakeholders, local businesses, NGO's, soup kitchens, donors (known and unknown), volunteers, aid from families, friends and neighbors grew exponentially. We started feeding one another, clothing one another and caring for one another, slowly carrying away small rocks.

Essential service businesses and organizations operating unselfishly; SAPS and law enforcement personnel working day and night to ensure adherence to regulations and health workers providing valued guidance and support with the provision of professional medical care during this frightening pandemic, slowly carrying away more small rocks.

Our sincerest appreciation to the community living in the Bergrivier Municipal Area. Thank you for adhering to the lockdown regulations and especially for wearing your mask each time you leave your place of residence.

Bergrivier Municipality is humbled to be part of a community who when facing adversity, turns to one another and helps each other. We are proudly and confidently facing each change in the Lockdown levels, whilst simultaneously addressing any obstacles that arise and daily carrying away more small rocks.

We appeal to all residents as a collective to continue serving and supporting one another; continue abiding by the regulations; stay indoors when possible; wear your mask each time you leave your place of residence; and adhere to social distancing at all times.

With the grace of God we will be carrying away all the small rocks, the mountain in our path will no longer obscure our view and we will once again be overlooking our beautiful landscape. Stay safe!

Yours in faith,

**Executive Mayor Alderman Ray van Rooy**

## 'ACTIVE BOX' IN PIKETBERG AMPER KLAAR!

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se Active Box projek, wat deel vorm van die Streeks Sosio-ekonomiese program, is amper klaar.

Die Active Box wat geleë is aan die T-aansluiting van Sarel Cilliersstraat en die nuutgeboude Calendulastraat in Piketberg gaan 'n drie vlak veeldoelige gebou wees.

Die deure van die Active Box sal oop wees vir die gemeenskap om toegang te kry tot Wetstoepassingsbeamptes en die Weskusontwikkelingsforum. Hierdie gebou sal meestal gebruik word vir gemeenskapsveiligheidsverwante funksies.

Die projek sou teen einde Junie voltooi wees, maar as gevolg van die nasionale inperking sal die projek eers teen einde Julie 2020 voltooi wees. Ons is baie opgewonde oor hierdie projek en sien uit hierna!



## GEMEENSKAPSGEES TYDENS COVID-19 PANDEMIE



"Die persoon wat 'n berg wil beweeg, begin deur klein klippe weg te dra." - Confucius

Met die aanvang van die inperking op 27 Maart 2020 het die Bergrivier Munisipale Gebied 'n onbekende landskap ervaar. Werkloosheid, haweloosheid, afwesigheid van onderwys, angs en hopeloosheid loop almal parallel met die vrees om COVID-19 op te doen.

Dag vir dag en week vir week het die aanvulling van vennote, plaaslike ondernemings, NRO's, sokkombuise, donateurs (bekend en onbekend), vrywilligers, hulp van families, vriende en bure eksponensieel gegroei. Ons het mekaar begin voed, mekaar geklee en vir mekaar omgee en so stadig maar seker klein klippe weggedra.

Noodsaaklike diensondernemings en organisasies wat onbaatsugtig funksioneer; SAPD en wetstoepassers werk dag en nag om te verseker dat almal gehoor gee aan die regulasies; en gesondheidswerkers wat gewaardeerde leiding en ondersteuning bied met die verskaffing van professionele mediese sorg tydens hierdie skrikwekkende pandemie. Stadig maar seker word nog klein klippe weggedra.

Ons opregte waardering aan die gemeenskappe in die Bergrivier Munisipale Gebied. Baie dankie dat u gehoor gegee het aan die inperking regulasies en veral dat u u masker dra elke keer as u u woonplek verlaat.

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit is trots om deel te wees van 'n gemeenskap wat in teenspoed na mekaar toe draai en mekaar help. Ons staan trots en met selfvertroue dat ons saam elke vlak van die inperking kan oorkom, terwyl ons terselfdertyd die struikelblokke wat ontstaan, aanspreek en die geleentheid gebruik om klein klippe weg te dra.

Ons doen 'n beroep aan alle inwoners om as 'n kollektief aan te hou om mekaar te dien en te ondersteun, te hou by die regulasies, tuis te bly waar moontlik, u masker te dra elke keer as u u woonplek verlaat en te alle tye sosiale distansiëring te handhaaf.

Met die genade van God sal ons al die klein rotse wegvoer, die berg in ons pad sal nie ons uitsig belemmer nie en sal ons weer oor ons pragtige landskap kyk. Bly veilig!

Die uwe in die geloof,

**Uitvoerende Burgemeester Raadsheer Ray van Rooy**



### FIRST EVER VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Bergrivier Municipality hosted its first ever virtual Mayco and Council Meeting on 29 May 2020. In the (left) photo is Alderman Ray van Rooy (Executive Mayor) chairing the meeting with administrative support from Nick Scheepers and Joan Rosenberg in the background.

The Municipality unanimously approved its three year budget. Well done to all!

## R16 MILJOEN OPGRADERING IN PIKETBERG

'n Bedrag van R16 000 000 word gespandeer in verskillende dorpe in die Bergrivier Munisipale Gebied wat die opgradering van ons paaie en stormwaterselsels insluit.

Dié projek vorm deel van die *Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)* program en word ook hieruit befonds. Piketberg, Eendekuil, Redelinghuys en Aurora sal baat vind uit hierdie projek, na die voltooiing van die opgraderings.

Die munisipaliteit het 'n behoefte geïdentifiseer in Piketberg as gevolg van die stormwaterstelsel wat gereeld in Wyk 4 oorstroom het. In Eendekuil, Redelinghuys en Aurora word verskeie grondpaaie opgegradeer en sal die geplaveide paaie meer gerieflik wees vir motoriste en voetgangers.

Die nuwe geplaveide paaie sal die groot hoeveelheid stof wat gewoonlik deur die grondpad veroorsaak word beheer sodat dit nie meer 'n oorlast vir bewoners in die omliggende gebiede is nie. Na voltooiing sal hierdie projek meer as 50 tydelike werksgeleenthede geskep het. Hierdie projekte sal in September 2020 voltooi wees. Ons dien met trots in die Bergrivier Munisipale Gebied!



## FIRST EVER VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Bergrivier Municipality held its first ever virtual Council meeting on 29 May 2020, with Councillors and Senior Officials using an online platform to connect with each other from different locations.

At this meeting, Council considered and approved the draft amendment following the third review of the fourth generation Integrated Development Plan (2017-2022) as well as the 2020/2021 budget and Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework.

"We are walking through uncharted territory these days. Everything seems to be a new experience for all of us. The way we go about our daily business both professionally and in our private lives has had to change. We cannot do the normal things like we used to anymore," said Alderman Ray van Rooy, Executive Mayor of Bergrivier Municipality.

A link to the electronic version of the Council meeting was made available on the municipal website ([www.bergmun.org.za](http://www.bergmun.org.za)) 48 hours after the meeting concluded in terms of Section 3(5)(b) of the Rules of Order Policy of Council as amended.

"We would like to thank all residents for their patience and understanding during this period. Rest assured we will continue to keep you informed with the latest developments regarding COVID-19 and all Bergrivier Municipal activities," concluded Van Rooy.

## BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY



**NB:** Bergrivier Municipality values the health and safety of our clients and staff. We are doing all we can to stop the spread of COVID-19. On Lockdown level 3, it is only our essential services staff members who are continuing to perform their duties. All other staff members are working, but have been encouraged to work from home as far as possible. The reception desks in Piketberg, Porterville and Velddrif are fully operational from 09:00—13:00 on a daily basis (Mondays to Fridays). The municipal offices in Redelinghuys, Aurora and Eendekuil are all being manned from 09:00—12:00 on a daily basis. We thank the public for their understanding and patience during this period. Please keep yourself and your family safe!

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