

# News Flash

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EVENTS AT PHOFFU VILLAGE**

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The Department of Public Works: Capricorn District actively participated in the District Municipality Mayoral Council outreach and Aganang Local Municipality Batho Pele build-up event.

The buildup events are utilized as a way to prepare for the main event. The two events were held at Phoffu Sports Grounds, Ga Matlala, 68 kilometers from Polokwane.

The Community had the opportunity to raise concerns regarding service delivery challenges during the Council Outreach. Some of the concerns raised by the community of Phoffu included shortage of water, shortage of water for animals, bad roads, poverty alleviation, intervention methods (food parcels



**Mr. Netshia presenting services rendered by LDPW to the community of Phoffu village.**

distribution discrepancies), favouritism regarding allocation of RDP houses, etc.

The Executive Mayor of Capricorn, Cllr Makgabo Mapoulo provided the State of service delivery, which included naming local projects and service providers.

He also provided immediate way-forward and commitments to prove that community's concerns were noted and will be attended to.

All participating departments were given the opportunity to present the services they provide to the Community. The information will assist the community when they require services.



**Capricorn District Official from left, Sathekge Modjaji, Netshia Solomon & Modiba Martha exhibiting during Batho Pele event.**

## **INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY WORLDWIDE OBSERVANCE OF – 19 NOVEMBER 2012**

### **THEME 2012: “POSITIVE MALE ROLE MODELS”**

International Men's Day is a time for many people to reflect on the contribution, sacrifices and progress made by men in society. Such progress includes that of working with women to make educational, economic, social, and technological advances in society.

The inaugural observance was held in Trinidad and Tobago on 19 November 1999. International Men's Day focuses on improving gender relations, promoting gender equality, producing responsible males and highlighting positive male role models. A petition has called for the UN to make International Men's day an official UN observance in the interest of quality because presently it is not an official observance but there is support from the UN.

Studies have shown that involvement of parents and positive male role models in the lives of children has profound effects. It promotes physical wellbeing, perceptual ability and competency for relating with others. These kids have also demonstrated greater ability to take initiative and evidence of self-control.

The following are ways of getting involved:

- If you are a positive role model, you can involve yourself in the lives of children and young people in your community who can benefit from your influence
- You can respect yourself, you can respect women, respect children and treat others as you would like to be treated.
- You can make your health a priority to hopefully live longer and be around until your children are old enough and independent.
- If you are a non-custodial dad you can make an effort to visit your child more often and be intentional about teaching them important life lessons.
- If you are an educator you can encourage fathers to take on more active roles in their child's school work.
- If you are in government you can encourage general positive male role modelling amongst your colleagues, be involved in community mentoring groups, sport and youth groups etc.
- If you are a faith based organisation and non-profit organisation you can provide programs and bring fathers together with their children and also encourage male role models to be involved with children in their sphere of influence.
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Every child needs someone who is absolutely committed to their success in life and getting involved towards that success, whether it's a biological father or not. It is up to us to make sure they have that person. "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children"

**Kahlil Gibran once said "A man's true wealth is the good he does in the world. Beauty is eternity gazing at itself in a mirror, but you are eternity and you are the mirror."**

*'for more information Google international men's day and you will get more information'*

## **DISABILITY MONTH**

November is celebrated globally as Disability Awareness Month. The theme for this year is: **“Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all.”**

Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

The Disability Awareness Month offers an opportunity for every single person and institution to remove these barriers and to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities through concrete action.

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