



# ngwediva News

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## EFIDI EXTENSION 4 TO BE ELECTRIFIED

On Friday, 26 June 2020, the Mayor of Ongwediva Town, Her Worship Angelina Angula officially launched an electrical reticulation project at Efidi Extension 4 (formally known as Oshiko). The project has a broad scope of erecting a high mast in order to enhance safety and security and electrification of all houses in the extension, while part of Sky locations will also benefit. Nored Electricity has injected an amount N\$ 2 million which enabled Council to allocate an amount of N\$ 3.5 million toward this electrification project. This joint project will run for a period of 4 months starting in July 2020.



## ROAD MAINTENANCE

Ongwediva Town Council has identified critical gravel roads in town, starting with Elyambala street which connects the entire Extension 12 (Industrial area). So far, the gravel road linking New Receptions and Sky phase 1, 2 & 3 to the recently upgraded Ehenge Street has also been shaped to a good condition. This maintenance work started end of April 2020 and shall continue until all identified roads are done, as long as the available resources can allow. More gravel roads round town are lined up to be re-graveled under the current program.



## ONGWEDIVA TOWN JOINS THE FIGHT AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID -19

In response to the State of Emergency and the regulations, Ongwediva Town Council has made several engagements with residents, informing them to take COVID-19 precautionary measures serious. Visited places includes Locations, Open Market, offices and businesses.

At Council premises, visible signs have been erected indicating all protocols to be followed as clients visit the office. Among others, residents are expected to wear face masks, observe social distancing and sanitise or wash their hands before entering the office. Further, a register has been implemented to keep record of visitors, so as to enable authorities trace contacts in events of suspected cases.



## Residents of Ongwediva Town received food packages

Ongwediva residents recently received food items from the government as their livelihood have been affected negatively by the prevailing COVID-19. Ongwediva Town Council took the house to house approach in distributing food parcels with the aim to avoid gatherings and in compliance with regulations pertaining to the State of Emergency. The distribution started on 01 May 2020 and continued in June 2020. During the first phase of food distribution, 2 628 residents received the food items while 2 200 benefited in the second phase.

Another consignment of 150 food parcels have been received from the Chinese business community who targeted the elderly community of Ongwediva.

Depending on the availability of the food items, Council shall continue distributing to the needy residents of Ongwediva through an identification process which precedes the distribution.



## ONGWEDIVA ROLLS OUT STREET TRADING GUIDELINES

Council in providing an enabling trading environment has rolled out the its Street and Informal Trading policy which will ensure that regulated and coordinated trading takes place within the border of Ongwediva town. The following areas were identified as temporary trading spaces for informal vendors who are registered with the Council.

- Ongwediva HP Campus
- Mopani tree in front of Okandjengedi School
- Marula tree in front of Bennies Park
- Marula tree in front of NAMCOR filling Station (Fridays and Saturdays only)

Trading at the above stated places is subjected to approval from Ongwediva Town Council.



## PLANNING OF EFIDI EXTENSION 2, 3, 4 AND 5 TO BE FINALIZED SOON

The process of township establishment kick started with the planning of Efidi Extension 2, 3, 4 & 5 towards end of 2018 with Public Consultations. The planning progressed with Council's approval of the layout during 2019. The application for objections on the layout is currently running as advertised by the Ministry of Urban & Rural Development. The last stage of the application is scheduled to be tabled on 14th July 2020 at the Townships Board and it is expected for the Planning Phase to be concluded in the following months before end of the year.

### AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



#### Mr. Mateus Amwalwa

GENERAL ASSISTANT WATER DISTRIBUTION PLANNING & TECHNICAL SERVICES

A workplace Ambassador is a company representative who actively promotes and talk about the company in a positive way, preferably in front of lots of potential customers and fellow staff members.

### CLEANING OF UNDEVELOPED PLOTS

Council is urging property owners who have been allocated land and have not developed yet, to clean those plots. This is important to maintain an appealing image of our town while preventing these plots from become criminal hiding places.

In line with Section 76 A, Subsection 1, of the Local Authorities Act 23 of 1992 as amended, Council would like to remind owners of undeveloped plots that undeveloped plots within 5 years period, will be charged 4 times the land value of the plot as per the valuation roll and 2 times for undeveloped plots after 2 years of allocation.

Suspended water reconnected to promote hygiene

In the fight against the spread of COVID-19, residents are urged to frequently wash their hands, wear face masks and exercise social distancing as much as possible. The call for frequent hand washing can only be done where running water is accessible. It is for that reason, Ongwediva Town Council managed to reconnect water which was previously suspend due to none payment.

The reconnection water was done without payment of the reconnection fee as way to expedite the program. However, residents are encouraged to pay for monthly usage of water. Previous due and current dues are to be paid by consumers. So far 133 houses have been reconnected.

### 6 TIPS FOR BEING A GOOD BRAND AMBASSADOR

- Be yourself
- Be proactive
- Be social
- Be on-the-pulse or informed
- Be communicative
- Be open to learning
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We thank Mr. Amalwa for dedicating his time to serve as Ambassador of the month, March April and May 2020.

### NEW COUNCIL STAFF MEMBERS

Ongwediva Town Council welcomes new staff members and pleased to announce that our team is growing.



#### Ms. Tuulikefo Inge Tuwilika Stephanus

SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR OFFICE OF THE CEO



#### Mr. Desmond Queency Tsibeb

ARTISAN TRANSPORT PLANNING & TECHNICAL SERVICES



#### Ms. Vistorina Shikesho

CASHIER FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES

### SAFETY TIPS FROM ONGWEDIVA FIRE STATION

How to make life easier for the EMERGENCY SERVICES (ES) personnel when activating emergency response.

**NEVER EVER** delay calling for assistance.

**BE PREPARED** - keep a comprehensive list of all emergency numbers on your phone.

**ALWAYS** provide as much detail as possible when phoning for help



### GUIDELINES:

- allow to operator to guide you as to obtain all relevant information as to enable the operator make an informed decision
- speak to the operator in a normal tone of voice and please try to remain calm - never shout at the operator
- provide a proper address
- provide a nearest well-known landmark
- provide a short description of what happened
- provide all relevant sign & symptoms (in case of medical call)
- provide all requested information truthfully
- provide the operator with your contact number

### IN GENERAL:

- After providing all requested information SEND SOMEONE outside or to the street at least to guide or flag down the Emergency Services.
- At night, wave your cell or torch.
- Please ensure that the street name or erf number to your residence / business etc. is high visible both during the day and night - encourage your neighbours to do the same



CALL or SAVE  
081 144 4151  
065 238 766

### IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID - 19 pandemic.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wearing a mask, washing your hands frequently and maintaining social distance can assist in prevention of the spread of COVID -19

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