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THE MAYOR'S FESTIVE SEASON MESSAGE



Ongwediva Town is one of many holiday destinations in Namibia where holiday markers take time off to feel the glance of natural beauty and experience a sense of tranquility our town has to offer.

In the first place we ought to thank God for carrying us through the

year. I would sincerely wish to extend appreciation to the resident of our beautiful town for your continued support and collaboration in pursuit of efficient service delivery. In the same vein, I wish to acknowledge the role our stakeholders played in the promotion of economic development and social welfare. Taking cognizance of the hard-working team of political office bearers who were recently re-elected and the staff members should take this opportunity to express my profound appreciation for embracing teamwork at all level to ensure the attainment of our collective set goal. Indeed, Ongwediva will prevail as an "attractive, Caring and Inclusive" urban Center. We remain firm to make Ongwediva a better place to live, work visit and raise a family.

Let me make use of this opportunity to applaud the residents who volunteered their time, talent and energy toward helping the less fortunate. These acts of kindness are heart warming and making Ongwediva a better place for humanity.

Finally, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy blessed and successful new year (2023)

His Worship Taarah Shalyefu
The Mayor of Ongwediva

Know your Liquor Laws

In a wake of mushrooming of illegal liquor trading, the public is hereby urged to acquaint itself with liquor laws and how it relates to each business: Liquor Act, 1998 (Act No.6 of 1998)

In the next edition, there will be an extract of specific provisions of the Liquor Act as a guide for liquor trading.

RE-ELECTED



His Worship Taarah Shalyefu has been re-elected to serve as Ongwediva Town Mayor and Chairperson of Council for the next 12 months. The election took place on Monday, 21 November 2022 at Ongwediva Trade Fair Centre in accordance with Section 11 (2) (c) and 21 (2) (c) of the Local Authorities Act 23 of 1992 as amended.

Councillor Ulalia Katonyala retained her position as Deputy Mayor while Councillor Dr. Fabiam George remained the Chairperson of the Management Committee. Councillor Naemi Amuthenu and Councillor Jona Helao are members of the Management Committee. Councillor Kaarena Shikongo and Councillor Otilie Haitota are Ordinary members of the Council. Magistrate Mwilima Elvis Mwilima of Oshakati Magistrate Court presided over the election.

YARD SALE TAKES SHAPE GRADUALLY

Ongwediva Town Council has introduced the yard sale initiative which recorded success on the 19th November and the 03rd December 2022. Overall, 32 participants gathered at the Trade Fair Center on the day of the sale.

The initiative is a great opportunity to assist residents get rid of items they no longer need and also earn extra income in that process. The yard sale which is envisaged to be held every month end at Ongwediva Trade Fair Centre is open for items such as furniture, vintage dishes & glassware, clothing, power and garden tools, games and toys, books, appliances, exercise equipment and many more.

Council has planned two (2) magnificent days for yard sale which are not to be missed namely; the Easter Market and Christmas Market for 2023. To keep track of our Yard Sale calendar we will publish the list on our social media and mass media. Alternatively, our clients are advised to contact 065- 230 191 during office hours.



FESTIVE SEASON ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

The Namibian Police jointly with MVA Fund and other stakeholders gathered at Ongwediva Traffic Check Point on the 02nd December 2022 to launch the Festive Season Road Safety Campaign. During the launch, the Oshana Police Regional Commander, Commissioner Naftal Lungameni Sakaria called for concerted effort amongst stakeholders to ensure that law and order is prioritised by all. He further appealed to community members with organised crime prevention groups to work closely with the police for better results in their endeavors. The event also saw 15 Police Officers receiving promotional accolades.



Commemoration of the World AIDS Day

As a tradition, Ongwediva Town Council joined the rest of the world in commemorating the World AIDS Day on the 1st December. This time, the organising team invited Mr. Kleopas Shatona, Ongwediva based psychologist who encouraged the staff members to be open about pressing situations so that assistance can be provided on time. He also advised colleagues to be observant and be keepers of one another.



Ongwediva town Council concluded the year 2022 in style as staff members prepare for the festive season. The Year-end function provides an opportunity for individuals and entire team to reflect on the year that was.



CUTTING DOWN OF TREES CONTRIBUTES TO DEFORESTATION AND SOIL EROSION

INFORMAL TRADING

Ongwediva Town Council has managed to obtain a By-Law on informal trading through Gazette number 128 of 3 April 2020. The regulation will guide informal trading activities in town which includes registration of informal traders, areas designated for trading and goods.

Informal trading is a notable Sector of our economy; hence Ongwediva Town Council appreciate the efforts by street vendors to generate income and create employment opportunities. It is equally important that street vendors abide by the rules set by Council.

Apart from identified places for street trading purposes in town, Ongwediva Town Council has a functional open market which accommodates mostly local fresh and dried food, clothing, hair salons and barbershops. The Open Market has introduced an Open Market Day which take place twice every week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Council is therefore encouraging street vendors and public members to make use of a trading their products to the market for income generation.



Employees appreciated

Two (2) staff members of Ongwediva Town Council went on retirement at the same time and they were treated to a special farewell on 22 December 2022. Ms. Monika Kuutondokwa is one of the veteran employees of Ongwediva Town Council since 01 September 1998 as Workhand while Mr. Thomas Amupadhi joined Council 01 September 2015 as Operator Driver. They all have contributed significantly to the development of the town through hard work and dedication.

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