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Mayoral Festive Message 2025

A Message of Gratitude, Reflection, and Hope for this Festive Season!

Dear Residents of George Municipality,

We are fast approaching the end of yet another remarkable year and entering the joyous festive season. This is my first festive season message to you, and I want to take this opportunity to reflect on our shared journey, celebrate our collective achievements, and express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who calls our great Municipality home.

This year has been one of significant progress and milestones for our beautiful municipality. Together, we have witnessed the delivery of dignity through housing, with families receiving keys to new homes at Metro Grounds and Erf 325 in Pacaltsdorp – an early Christmas present for so many residents. We officially launched out 24/7 law enforcement services to keep our city safe.

We successfully spent our entire BFI grant to the tune of R1 billion, which focused on the generational water security of our municipality. We officially opened the Rosemoor tartan track, adding to our vision of becoming the sports mecca of the Garden Route.

We launched our skip project to ensure that George Municipality remains a clean municipality – the list, as you would have it, is endless. In all that we do, we are trying to find ways to better the lives of our residents across our municipal area.

Our municipality has maintained its reputation for clean governance and financial excellence, ensuring that every rand is spent wisely in service of our residents. From Wilderness Heights to Thembaletu, Pacaltsdorp to Heather Park, from the heart of George to the rural areas of Uniondale and Haarlem, we have



Ald Brownen Johnson, Executive Mayor of George

worked tirelessly to ensure that quality services reach every corner of our municipal area.

I am particularly excited to share with all residents and visitors alike that we will be hosting our inaugural George Festival, taking place between 13 – 16 December 2025. The festival will turn our city into an exhibition of art, culture, and sport. There will be a jazz concert, a gospel concert, rugby and soccer tournaments – to name a few activities. There will be something for each and every resident and visitor!

Our museums will be open, so bring the kids, bring the neighbours, and share in this experience. **#Something Big is Coming to George!**

The festive season is a time for families to come together, for communities to celebrate, and for all of us to reflect on our blessings. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, enjoying the summer holidays, or simply taking time to rest and recharge, I encourage you to embrace the joy of this season.

To our visitors who choose to spend their holidays in our beautiful city, welcome! You are experiencing the warmth and hospitality that makes George a destination of choice. To our residents, we know that you are well aware of the magic of George Municipality, and we trust that you will enjoy your festive season with your loved ones.

As we celebrate, let us also remember our responsibility to keep ourselves and our communities safe. Please celebrate responsibly, look out for one another, and remember that our actions during this season reflect the values we hold dear.

Our law enforcement and emergency services will be working around the clock to ensure your safety – please support them by being responsible citizens.

In our preparation to welcome 2026, I want you to

know that our commitment to building a better George remains unwavering. The coming year will bring new opportunities for growth, development, and progress. We will continue to prioritise our services so that our residents remain proud to be citizens of this great municipality. Most importantly, we will continue to listen to your voices and respond to your needs.

To our municipal staff who work tirelessly throughout the year – from our refuse collectors who keep our municipality clean, to our traffic and law enforcement officers who keep us safe, to our administrative staff who ensure services are delivered – thank you all for your dedication and service.

To our councillors and political leadership across party lines who put the interests of residents first, thank you for your commitment to good governance and collaborative leadership.

To our business community, civil society organisations, faith communities, and every resident who contributes to making George the exceptional place it is, thank you for your partnership in building our shared future.

As we gather around the tables with loved ones, as laughter and cheer fill our homes and we take time to appreciate the beauty of our surroundings, let us remember that we are truly blessed to call this corner of the Western Cape our home. I also want to take the time to acknowledge families and friends who have lost loved ones during this time and may be having a difficult festive season this year – our thoughts and prayers are with you, always. We trust and hope that you will find comfort in God during this time.

May this festive season bring you joy, peace, and precious moments with those you love. May the new year ahead be filled with opportunities, growth, and continued prosperity for our entire municipal family.

From my family to yours, and on behalf of the entire George Municipal team, I wish you a blessed festive season and a prosperous 2026.

With warm festive wishes and gratitude, from your Mayor, Brown Johnson

'n Boodskap van Dankbaarheid, Refleksie, en Hoop vir hierdie Feesseisoen!

Geagte Inwoners van George Munisipaliteit,

Ons nader vinnig die einde van nog 'n merkwaardige jaar en tree die vreugdevolle feesseisoen binne. Dit is my eerste feesseisoen-boodskap aan u, en ek wil van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om oor ons reis saam te reflekteer, ons kollektiewe prestasies te vier, en my opregte dankbaarheid uit te spreek aan elkeen van u wat ons munisipaliteit tuiste noem.

Hierdie was 'n jaar van betekenisvolle vordering en

mylpale vir ons munisipaliteit. Saam het ons waardigheid aanskou deur die oorhandiging van huise aan gesinne wat sleutels tot hul nuwe huise by Metrogronde en Erf 325 in Pacaltsdorp ontvang het – 'n vroeë Kersfees-geskenk vir soveel inwoners. Ons het amptelik ons 24/7 wetstoepassingsdienste geloods om ons stad veilig te hou. Ons het ons volledige BFI toelaag van R1 miljard suksesvol bestee, wat gefokus het op die waterveiligheid van ons munisipaliteit. Ons het amptelik die Rosemoor-tartaanbaan geopen, wat byvoeg tot ons visie om die sportmekka van die Tuinroete te word. Ons het ons "skip"-projek geloods om te verseker dat George Munisipaliteit 'n skoon munisipaliteit bly. In alles wat ons doen, probeer ons maniere vind om die lewens van ons inwoners regoor ons munisipale gebied te verbeter.

Ons munisipaliteit het sy reputasie vir skoon bestuur en finansiële uitnemendheid behou, en verseker dat elke rand verstandig bestee word in diens van ons inwoners. Van Wilderness Hoogte tot Thembaletu, Pacaltsdorp tot Heather Park, van die hart van George tot die landelike gebiede van Uniondale en Haarlem, het ons onvermoeid gewerk om te verseker dat gehalte-dienste elke hoek van ons munisipale gebied bereik.

Ek is veral opgewonde om met alle inwoners en besoekers te deel dat ons die eerste George-fees sal aanbied, wat plaasvind tussen 13 – 16 Desember 2025. Die fees sal ons stad in 'n uitstalling van kuns, kultuur, en sport verander. Daar sal 'n jazz-konsert, 'n gospel-konsert, rugby- en sokker-toernooie wees – om maar net 'n paar aktiwiteite te noem. Daar sal iets vir elke inwoner en besoeker wees!

Ons museums sal oop wees, so bring die kinders, bring u bure, en deel in hierdie ervaring! **#Something Big is Coming to George!**

Die feesseisoen is 'n tyd vir gesinne om saam te kom, vir gemeenskappe om te vier, en vir ons almal om oor ons seëninge te reflekteer. Of u Kersfees vier, die somervakansie geniet, of bloot tyd neem om te rus en te herlaai, ek moedig u aan om die vreugde van hierdie seisoen te omhels.

Aan ons besoekers wat kies om hul vakansie in ons pragtige stad deur te bring, welkom! Ek hoop u ervaar die gasvryheid wat George u bestemming van keuse maak. Aan ons inwoners ons vertrou dat u u feesseisoen saam met u geliefdes sal geniet.

Terwyl ons feesvier, laat ons ook ons verantwoordelikheid onthou om onself en ons gemeenskappe veilig te hou. Wees asseblief verantwoordelik, sien om na mekaar en onthou dat ons optrede gedurende hierdie seisoen die waardes weerspieël wat ons koester. Ons wetstoepassing- en nooddienste sal rondom die klok werk om u veiligheid te verseker – ondersteun hulle asseblief deur



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Top attractions:

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- Garden Route Botanical Garden
- Garden Route National Park Wilderness
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verantwoordelike burgers te wees. Terwyl ons voorberei om 2026 te verwelkom, wil ek hê u moet weet dat ons verbintenis om 'n beter George te bou onwrikbaar bly.

Die komende jaar sal nuwe geleenthede vir groei, ontwikkeling, en vordering bring. Ons sal voortgaan om ons dienste te prioritiseer sodat ons inwoners trots kan bly om burgers van hierdie stad te wees. Ons sal voortgaan om na u stemme te luister en op u behoeftes te reageer.

Aan ons munisipale personeel wat onvermoeid deur die jaar werk – van ons vullisversamelaars wat ons munisipaliteit skoon hou, tot ons verkeers- en wetstoepassing-beamptes wat ons veilig hou, tot ons administratiewe personeel wat verseker dat dienste gelewer word – dankie aan julle almal vir julle toewyding en diens.

Aan ons raadslede en politieke leierskap oor partygrense wat die belange van inwoners eerste stel, dankie vir julle samewerking en leierskap tot goeie bestuur.

Aan ons sakegemeenskap, burgerlike organisasies, geloofsgemeenskappe, en elke inwoner wat bydra om

George die uitsonderlike plek te maak wat dit is, dankie vir julle vennootskap in die bou van ons gedeelde toekoms.

Terwyl ons rondom tafels met geliefdes by mekaar kom, terwyl lag en vrolikheid ons huise vul, en ons tyd neem om die skoonheid van ons omgewing te waardeer, laat ons onthou dat ons werklik geseënd is om hierdie hoek van die Wes-Kaap ons tuiste te noem. Ek wil ook die tyd neem om gesinne en vriende te erken wat geliefdes gedurende hierdie tyd verloor het en dalk 'n moeilike feesseisoen hierdie jaar het – ons gedagtes en gebede is by julle, altyd. Ons vertrou en hoop dat julle troos sal vind gedurende hierdie tyd.

Mag hierdie feesseisoen vir u vreugde, vrede, en kosbare oomblikke met diegene wat u liefhet, bring. Mag die nuwe jaar wat voorlê gevul wees met geleenthede, groei, en voortgesette voorspoed vir ons hele munisipale gesin.

Van my gesin na u gesin, en namens die breë George Munisipale-span, wens ek u 'n geseënde feesseisoen en 'n voorspoedige 2026 toe.

Met warm feesseisoen-wense en dankbaarheid, van u Burgemeester, Brown Johnson



George
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2B WATERBEPERKINGS

Die onmiddellike maatreëls wat nagekom moet word in George-stadsgebied:

1 Meganiese of outomatiese besproeiings-/besproeiingstoestelle of sprinkelstelsels vir tuine word verbied.

2 Tuine kan enige tyd met 'n emmer natgemaak word.

3 Tuine mag slegs binne gespesifiseerde tydraamwerke met 'n hand-/tuinslang natgemaak word.

Van 1 September tot 30 April: 18:00 tot 20:00

Van 1 Mei tot 31 Augustus: 17:00 tot 19:00

Vir aftree-oorde en fasiliteite: 16:00 tot 18:00 deur die jaar

Gelyke genommerde huishoudings: **Maandae en Donderdae**

Ongelyke genommerde huishoudings: **Dinsdae en Vrydae**

4 Die besproeiing of natmaak van alle sportvelde is verbode.
Vrystelling geld slegs vir golfbaan-setperke, rolbalbane, en krieketvelde daaglik tussen 19:00 – 21:00.

5 Die was van voertuie met 'n tuinslang, behalwe deur formele kommersiële ondernemings, is verbode.

6 Die skoonmaak van ENIGE buite-oppervlakte deur middel van drinkbare water is verbode.

7 Die volmaak van swembaddens is verbode.

8 Waar eie water uit 'n boorgat of reservoir gebruik word, moet "EIE WATER"-borde vertoon word.

9 Vrystelling kan voor aansoek gedoen en oorweeg word, kontak asseblief 044 801 9354.

Oortredings van die Waterbeperkings kan by 0800 424477 aangemeld word.

RAPPORTEER

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