

GEORGE
THE CITY FOR ALL REASONS



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MAYORAL FESTIVE MESSAGE 2026

Dear Residents,

As we head into the festive season, I always find myself taking a moment to reflect. To reflect on the year that has passed, the good and the difficult moments, and on how we would like to usher in the new year ahead. It is also a time to think about how we spend our days with family and loved ones, and to remember the reason for the season.

Another year has passed, and here we are. By grace, we have been given the gift of another year. For many, this is a time of joy, togetherness and celebration. But I also know that the festive season can be a difficult time for those who are missing someone around the table. Let us spare a thought for the empty seats, for the voices and laughter that we may not hear this year. May we honour the memories of those who are no longer with us, while giving thanks for the love and the mark they have left on our lives.

Let us also remember those in our communities who may not have as much as we do. Where we can, let us lend a helping hand, share what we have and show kindness to our neighbours. Ultimately, this season is about love, generosity and bringing joy to one another.

As the year begins to wind down and much of the noise settles, I encourage everyone to take a breath, slow down and enjoy the festive season ahead. We will be welcoming visitors from near and far to our beautiful municipal area, and I ask that everyone makes safety a priority. Please take care on our roads, at our beaches and around our swimming pools. Whether you are travelling to George or making your way home to loved ones, may you reach your destination safely.

I would also like to extend a warm invitation to residents and visitors to join us for the second edition of the **George Festival, taking place from 12–16 December 2026**. We are bringing our city to life as a destination for culture, arts and sport, with activities and experiences for everyone to enjoy. I look forward to seeing our communities and visitors come together once again to celebrate everything that makes George such a special place.

To every visitor spending time in our beautiful area, I extend a heartfelt welcome. I encourage you to explore, enjoy and experience all that George and our surrounding communities have to offer. I also ask that we all respect the safety measures and guidelines in place, so that everyone can enjoy the festive season with peace of mind.

Let us fill our streets with holiday cheer, make time for the people who matter most and create memories that we will carry into the new year. Above all, let us remember the reason for the season and make space for kindness, compassion and gratitude.

To our Christian residents and visitors, I wish you a very Merry Christmas as you celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. May this be a time of faith, hope and renewed blessings.

From my family to yours, I wish you all a peaceful, joyful and safe festive season.

Season's greetings, Browen



Executive Mayor Browen Johnson

Beste Inwoners,

Soos ons die feestyd nader, vind ek myself telkens besig om ’n oomblik stil te staan en na te dink. Om terug te dink aan die jaar wat verby is, die mooi sowel as die moeilike oomblikke, en aan hoe ons die nuwe jaar wat voorlê, wil verwelkom. Dit is ook ’n tyd om stil te staan by hoe ons ons dae saam met familie en geliefdes deurbring, en om te onthou waaroor hierdie feestyd werklik gaan.

Nog ’n jaar het verbygegaan, en hier is ons weer. Deur genade is die geskenk van nog ’n jaar aan ons gegun. Vir baie is dit ’n tyd van vreugde, samesyn en feesviering. Ek besef egter ook dat die feestyd vir dié wat iemand om die etenstafel mis, ’n moeilike tyd kan wees. Laat ons ook dink aan die leë stoele, aan die stemme en gelag wat ons vanjaar dalk nie meer sal hoor nie. Mag ons die herinneringe aan dié wat nie meer met ons is nie, koester en dankbaar wees vir die liefde en die besondere bydrae wat hulle tot ons lewens gemaak het.

Laat ons ook diegene in ons gemeenskappe onthou wat dalk nie so bevoorreg soos ons is nie. Waar ons kan, laat ons ’n helpende hand uitreik, deel wat ons het en vriendelikheid teenoor ons bure betoon. Uiteindelik gaan hierdie tyd oor liefde, mededeelsaamheid en om vreugde aan mekaar te bring.

Soos die jaar stadig tot ’n einde kom en die gewoel begin bedaar, wil ek almal aanmoedig om ’n oomblik stil te staan, rustiger te raak en die feestyd wat voorlê, te geniet. Ons verwelkom binnekort besoekers van heinde en verre na ons pragtige munisipale gebied, en ek doen ’n beroep op almal om veiligheid ’n prioriteit te maak.

Wees asseblief versigtig op ons paaie, by ons strande en rondom swembaddens. Of u nou op pad is na George of terugkeer huis toe om tyd saam met geliefdes deur te bring, mag u veilig by u bestemming aankom.

Ek wil ook graag inwoners en besoekers hartlik uitnooi om saam met ons die tweede **George-fees, wat van 12 tot 16 Desember 2026 plaasvind**, te geniet. Ons bring ons stad tot lewe as ’n bestemming vir kultuur, kuns en sport, met aktiwiteite en ervarings wat iets vir almal bied. Ek sien daarna uit om ons gemeenskappe en besoekers weer bymekaar te sien kom om alles te vier wat George so ’n besondere plek maak.

Aan elke besoeker wat tyd in ons pragtige omgewing deurbring, rig ek ’n hartlike verwelkoming. Ek moedig u aan om die omgewing te verken, dit te geniet en alles te ervaar wat George en ons omliggende gemeenskappe bied. Ek vra ook dat ons almal die veiligheidsmaatreëls en riglyne wat van krag is, sal respekteer sodat almal die feestyd met gemoedsrus kan geniet.

Laat ons ons strate met feestelike vreugde vul, tyd maak vir die mense wat vir ons saak maak en herinneringe skep wat ons die nuwe jaar sal indra. Laat ons bowenal onthou waaroor hierdie feestyd werklik gaan en ruimte maak vir vriendelikheid, medemenslikheid en dankbaarheid.

Aan ons Christelike inwoners en besoekers wens ek ’n geseënde Kersfees toe wanneer u die geboorte van ons Here en Verlosser vier. Mag hierdie tyd gevul wees met geloof, hoop en hernude seëninge.

Van my gesin aan u sin is a word and does not need an apostrophe in this sense, wens ek u almal ’n rustige, vreugdevolle en veilige feestyd toe.

Seisoengroete, Browen

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Bahlali abathandekayo,

Njengoko sisingisa kwixesha lemibhiyozo, ndisoloko ndizifumana ndithatha ixesha lokucamngca. Ukucamngca ngonyaka odlulileyo—ngamaxesha amnandi kunye nalawo anzima—kunye nendlela esingathanda ukungena ngayo kunyaka omtsha ozayo. Eli ikwalixesha lokucinga ngendlela esichitha ngayo ixesha kunye nosapho kunye nabantu esibathandayo, nokukhumbula injongo yeli xesha.

Omnye unyaka udlulile, kwaye silapha. Ngobabalo, siphiwe isipho somnye unyaka. Kuninzi, eli lixesha lovuyo, umanyano, kunye nokubhiyoza. Kodwa ndiyazi kwakhona ukuba ixesha lemibhiyozo linokuba lixesha elinzima kwabo banomntu abamkhumbulayo etafileni. Masikhumbule izitulo ezize, zamazwi kunye nokuhleka esingenakuwava kulo nyaka. Mahloniphe iinkumbulo zabo bangasekhoyo phakathi kwethu, ngelixa sibulela ngothando kunye nophawu abalushiyileyo ebomini bethu.

Makhe sikhumbule nabo baphila eluntwini lwethu abangenako okuninzi njengathi. Apho sinako, masinikezele ngoncedo, sabelane ngesinako kwaye sibonise ububele kubamelwane bethu. Ekugqibeleni, eli xesha lonyaka limalunga nothando, isisa, kunye nokuzisa uvuyo omnye komnye.

Njengoko unyaka usiya ekupheleni kwaye ingxolo idamba, ndikhuthaza wonke umntu ukuba akhe akhokhe umoya, ehlise isatya kwaye onwabele ixesha lemibhiyozo elizayo. Siza kwamkela iindwendwe ezivela kufuphi nakude kummandla wethu omhle kamasipala, kwaye ndicela ukuba wonke umntu abeke ukhuseleko phambili. Ncedani nilumke ezindleleni zethu, emanxwemeni wethu, nasemachibini okudada. Nokuba uhamba usiya eGeorge okanye ugoduka usiya kubantu obathandayo, ngamana ungafika kwindawo oya kuyo ngokukhuselekileyo.

Ndingathanda kwakhona ukumema ngemfudumalo abahlali kunye neendwendwe ukuba bazibandakanye nathi kuhlelo lwesibini lweMbhiyozo waseGeorge , oza kubanjwa ukususela ngomhla **we-12 ukuya kowe-16 kweyomNga 2026**. Sisinika ubomi isixeko sethu njengendawo egxile kwinkcubeko, ubugcisa kunye nemidlalo, enezinto ezahlukeneyo ezinokonwatyelwa ngumntu wonke. Ndijonge phambili ekuboneni uluNtu lwethu kunye neendwendwe zihlangana kwakhona ukubhiyozela yonke into eyenza iGeorge ibe yindawo ekhethekileyo.

Kulo lonke undwendwe oluchitha ixesha kwindawo yethu entle, ndidlulisa ulwamkelo olusuka entliziyweni. Ndiyanikhuthaza ukuba nihlola -hlole, nonwabe, kwaye nifumane amava azo zonke izinto ezinikezelwa yiGeorge kunye neendawo eziyingqongileyo. Ndicela kwakhona ukuba sonke

Masizalise izitalato zethu ngovuyo lweeholide, siziphe ixesha lokuba kunye nabantu ababaluleke kakhulu kuthi, kwaye senze iinkumbulo esiza kuzithwala singene nazo kunyaka omtsha. Ngaphezu kwako konke, masikhumbule injongo yeli xesha lemibhiyozo, senze isithuba sokwenza ububele, inceba, kunye nombulelo.

Kubahlali bethu nakwiindwendwe ezingamaKristu, ndininqwenelela iKrisimesi emyoli njengoko nibhiyozela ukuzalwa kweNkosi noMsindisi wethu. Ngamana eli xesha lingaba lixesha lokholo, ithemba, kunye neentsikelelo ezihlaziyiweyo.

Egameni losapho lwam, ndiniqwenelela nonke neentsapho zenu ixesha lemibhiyozo elinoxolo, elinovuyo, nelikhuselekileyo.

Imibuliso yeli xesha lemibhiyozo, Browen



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Click on the link below to read more 🔗
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George Munisipaliteit stel eiendomseienaars in kennis dat inligting oor die 2026-eiendomswaardasie op die munisipale webwerf in Engels, Afrikaans en isiXhosa beskikbaar is.

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