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A NEW SHOPPING MALL IN GROOTFONTEIN



The design for the new Grootfontein Town Centre shopping mall is at an advanced stage – feedback has been received from large national retailers, as well as from a number of local Grootfontein businesses, and these ideas/changes are being added to the design of the centre.

Says developer Paulo Shipoke: “At the moment the centre will be approximately 7 000sqm in size, anchored by a large supermarket and numerous fashion retailers. The aim is to provide shoppers from Grootfontein (and further afield) with a number of new stores, more variety than ever and convenient access. A new petrol station (with a linked restaurant), taxi rank and numerous other facilities are planned, and the shopping mall will tie in to the existing retailers in town via a grand extension of Hage Geingob Avenue.”

Shipoke says some earthworks on the site will start before year-end, given that a level platform has to be created for the centre to be neatly on one level. “And if at all possible, we’d like to have the new shops open for Christmas 2013” says Shipoke, “ so that the retailers can have their goods on sale for the holiday period, giving the people of Grootfontein extra choices over the festive Season.” The developer will shortly be engaging the town council to share the finer details of the scheme, and how they will fit into and benefit Grootfontein.

A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN GROOTFONTEIN



The new secondary school is under construction in Grootfontein. The project so far has created more than 250 indirect jobs to the residents of the town. The school will accommodate learners from Grade 8-12. It will also look into the possibility to build a hostel for the learners that does not have accommodation in Grootfontein in future. The school forms part of the government long strategic plans such as vision 2030 and to promote capacity building to the people at the bottom of the pyramid. The project falls under the Ministry of Education, in order to meet the demands of society and to improve resources of schools in towns. The school will open its doors for operations during the beginning of 2014.



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DRIVE SLOWLY!!! ON GRAVEL ROADS IN TOWN



Many vehicle drivers of Grootfontein reason that they must drive fast and furious on the gravel roads in town. This action has many negative effects on the residents and even our precious environment. Many residents are suffering with respiratory problems such as Asthma, Sinus, Hay fever and even Tuberculosis and many other sicknesses caused by the enormous dust pollution that takes place. By visiting the Clinic or Doctors regularly with the above conditions the health status of all Grootfontein residents are becoming worse and worse. Unnecessary medical expenditures consume money that could have been used for food and much better living conditions. Even open fires used for cooking is also responsible for many respiratory and lung problems. Do not burn the veld in and around Grootfontein. Fires destroy us and the environment! The above conditions are responsible for workers being absent from work due to illness, children are not performing as they should in schools and babies do not develop as strong as they should. Our environment also suffers, because the dust covers grass, plants and bushes, which result in under development of our environment.

Drivers and vehicle owners please drive slowly on our gravel roads. This could also prevent accidents and even the loss of life. Protect our valuable assets – HEALTH and the ENVIRONMENT for a healthier lifestyle and health in general.

PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE VISITED GROOTFONTEIN



The National Assembly standing committee on Economics, Natural Resources and Public Administration pay a courtesy call to Grootfontein. Cllr. J. Spangeberg welcome the visitors and highlight on the growth prospects of the town. They also took a view on the current development and projects and activities related to agriculture, tourism, industries, mining, Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) and community self-help initiatives in the town.

CLUSTER WORKSHOP ON LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



This workshop is the first of its kind and was conducted on the 21-22 August at the Makalani Hotel in Tsumeb. The Workshop was focusing on establishing cooperation between the town councils and development agencies in the economic cluster commonly known as the Maize triangle. The small towns are the engines of the economic growth of the country. A committee will be formed to monitor identified projects in the cluster. A cluster cultural show will also be envisaged to show case products and services offered by the three towns. Representatives of the three towns identified 15 areas of potential co-operation that included setting up a cluster radio station and newspaper. Also high on the agenda is the establishment of an integrated logistics hub for the storage and repackaging of container cargo (dry port) as well as a truck stop. In order to make this a reality the three towns decided to launch a special purpose company to make the vision a reality. All three towns occupy strategic positions on major national arterial routes.

The new cluster approach will see the towns working together to diversify and increase agriculture and agri-processing. Co-operation between emerging and commercial farmers will be systematically encouraged. Agricultural projects include the following:

- Looking into the feasibility of olive and almond farming and the production of olive oil, Increasing groundnut production, Increasing the cultivation and milling and packaging of the popular “mahangu” grain, Recycling water for agricultural usage and Tapping into large underground water reservoirs for the production of vegetables for the national market

A new tourism route will be developed and marketed and will include the numerous historic sites, natural attractions, meteorites and cultural sites. “We intend to broaden the tourism offering in the area so that visitors to Etosha and Game farms can enjoy the rich variety of our cluster. We all have something to offer tourists,” said the Honourable Mayor of Tsumeb Mr. N. Shetekela. The NCCI is looking at establishing a sub-chamber with business representatives from all three towns forming a joint chamber.

Another joint initiative will see the three towns in the cluster co-operating to produce electricity and gas from solid waste and looking at solar energy production. Delegates are also hoping that vocational training institutes and universities will consider establishing local campuses in the cluster.

The delegates to the meeting voiced concern at the lack of local value adding to mineral resources like copper and gold, and committed themselves to look at small scale manufacturing of jewellery. Electrical component manufacture using copper also came under the spotlight: “We need to make use of central government incentives and build local manufacturing capacity so that the economy is more inclusive.” said the Honourable Mayor of Otavi Mr. M. Damaseb.

THE CONSTRUCTION OMULUNGA INDUSTRIAL PARK IN GOOD PROGRESS



The Municipality of Grootfontein in collaboration with NDC and the Ministry of Trade and industry are busy constructing an SME Park known as Omulunga Industrial Park. The project aims to promote small medium enterprises in the town. This will also help the community members to be creative and innovative in order to generate income by utilizing these resources. SME is the engines of socio-economic growth of the town and the country as a whole.

TIME FOR GROOTFONTEIN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The Grootfontein Agricultural Show will take place as from 19-21 September 2012. For more information **contact Marlinda de Jager @ 0811222419**. All Grootfontein residents are invited to come and support the event.

GATE FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Membership fee Season Ticket+ N\$ 25 per member
Season Ticket (Family) N\$ 200.00 – 2 adults, 3 children (under 18) and 2 vehicles
Season Ticket (Single) N\$ 100.00 – 1 adult and 1 vehicle
Extra season vehicle ticket: N\$ 60.00
Extra season child ticket: N\$ 20.00
Extra season helper ticket: N\$ 60.00 – without an annual vehicle ticket

NEW TRAFIC LIGHTS RECENTLY INTRODUCED



New traffic lights were recently installed in Grootfontein and therefore vehicle owners are advised to be cautioned and patient at these intersections. Residents are also advised to drive slowly in order to avoid unnecessary accident. Traffic lights are important because they regulate traffic safely and make movement of traffic smoother and faster at intersections.

Let's keep our town clean



Cleanliness shows the persons attitude towards life and thus a clean town shows the personalities of people living in that town. A clean town hints on the people living as respectable, responsible and intelligent. Therefore it is very necessary to keep a town clean. Residents of the town are encouraged to keep the town clean at all times. The public is advised to use public refuse bin especially in the central business district of the town. A collective responsibility therefore means that dustbins should be placed in front of each house where passers by can throw in their litter and the occupants them selves can throw their daily garbage which should be collected by the municipality trucks on schedule days. Second measure that can be taken is to impose laws and penalties for those who don't follow it. The reason for such action is necessary so that people who take cleanliness for granted should be reminded that their dirtiness can have harmful effects on themselves plus on the people living around them. Spitting is another problem as it causes disease and insanitation. We can politely prevent one another from spitting on floors. We should not throw hard things or stone in toilets. We should not be shy of taking a broom and sweeping the littered portion of the street in front of our door. We should take care of trees, plants and flower-beds in a part. If we happen to pass by an unattended running water tap, we should stop and close it.

URGENT MEETING WITH STREET VENDORS

To all SME's that are selling their products in front of businesses and shops illegally in areas of town and Omulunga are invited to attend an urgent meeting with the Councilors of the town on the following date:

DATE: THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2012
PLACE: OMULUNGA HALL IN THE LOCATION
TIME: 18H00

For more information contact the Public Relations Officer –
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NOTICE OF POWER INTERRUPTION ON

GROOTFONTEIN – UITKOMS RMV NETWORK 2 (11kv).

DATE AND TIME: Sun 16 Sep 2012 - 07:30 to 16:30

REASON FOR POWER INTERRUPTION:

Nampower to work on their Trfr and Switchgear

AREAS WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED:

All customers on the network
In particular

MR John Pandeni research farm, KALAHARI HOLDINGS, HOBA METEORITE, D.W.A, AWAGOBIB MELKERY, LALAPANZI LODGE, MIN, OF DEFENCE AIR FORCE BEACON, PROEFPLAAS UITKOMS & All the farms.

SAFETY NOTICE:

Customers must treat their power supply as alive, since switching on power will take place without any notification.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

Customers, who are aware of this notice, are requested to share the information with their neighbours.

CENORED regrets any inconvenience caused by the power interruption.

WILFRIED GAROSAB
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GROOTFONTEIN – MARIABRON RMV NETWORK 3 (11kv).

DATE AND TIME: Sun 16 Sep 2012 - 07:30 to 16:30

REASON FOR POWER INTERRUPTION:

Nampower to do maintenance on Trfr (Transformer & Switchgear) equipment

AREAS WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED:

All customers on the network
In particular

All the Shamalindi plots on MARIA Bron reticulation, Namwater pumps, Kalkfontein, Namibia Breweries, Blaauwberg meat wholesalers, Agra Auction pens.

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