Wishing you a fantastic festive season!

FROM THE MAYOR’S PEN

Dear residents and visitors,

You can feel it in the air — the Holiday Season is here! Some of us have to work, and some of us will be able to put our feet up and enjoy a well-deserved break after a busy year. The area once again experienced some wildfires recently that did extensive damage to the forest areas, farmland, and smaller rural villages. Nine lives were lost, numerous people lost their jobs and many all their earthly possessions — we know it will be a bleak Holiday Season for those affected and our thoughts will be with them.

Our residents and visitors have a variety of faiths and beliefs systems. If you observe and celebrate any of the many religious festivals during December and January, may you do so with light in your heart and joy in your spirit. To everyone — I wish you the luxury of spending some quiet, quality time with those people who are dear to you.

This is the time for reflection on the past year, especially our successes and our failures. It is also a time to prepare for the next year and set out what we want to achieve. I am not just talking about finances or work, but also in terms of kindness, forgiveness and truly living the concept of Ubuntu. I wish you only the best for 2019.

The natural beauty of our surroundings is one of the area’s biggest drawcards — for residents and visitors alike. Our stunning estuaries, beaches, rivers, lakes and forests offer many activities to enjoy. Please make the most of them, but make sure you take care of this natural playground while you do. Our natural resources are irreplaceable — please use these sparingly and with respect. Don’t forget that each of us has social responsibility, which include:

• Not littering and disposing of any litter in the rubbish bins provided;
• Respecting others by refraining from activities that might disturb your neighbours, at home and in public;
• Adhering to our bylaws, i.e. refraining from drinking in public spaces, taking a hard line regarding fireworks, keeping your dogs on leashes in public spaces, and just generally being considerate to those around you.

Enjoy your break and thank you to our visitors for choosing to spend time with us. I wish you all a fantastic festive season and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Till next year …

Mark Willemsen, Executive Mayor

The Knysna area (Noetzie, Knysna town, Brenton, Belvidere, Rheenendal, Buffels Bay and Sedgefield) has long been a favourite holiday destination of local and international visitors. Acting Knysna Municipal Manager Johnny Douglas said the administration and supporting staff are ready to provide residents and visitors with exceptional services throughout this summer season.

*The Directories have compiled a seasonal plan to facilitate the smooth running of services during this period of increased demand. The plan was implemented earlier in November this year and will run until February 2019."

He highlighted some of the areas of increased activity in the various departments, and said that they will:

• Appoint additional refuse collection staff to speed up refuse collection.
• Deploy additional staff to clean the CBD and other selected areas daily, including car parks and popular beaches within the greater municipal area.
• Place lifeguards at beaches.
• Have extra traffic and law enforcement officers on duty.
• Enforce all municipal bylaws strictly without exception.
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• Pet-friendly zone Buffels Bay: east of the last beach residence.

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WEDNESDAY
Smutsville, Middle Town

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