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Greater Knysna holiday safety measures in place

The Knysna Municipality has taken several measures to ensure the safety of its residents and holiday makers during the upcoming summer holiday season.

This include the imposing of stricter and increased law enforcement, especially on alcohol abuse and disruptive behaviour on public amenities and beaches form part of this campaign.

The municipality has further appointed additional temporary point duty and law enforcement officials and have increased the total fire fighters on standby. Moreover, lifesavers are currently undergoing training through the recently launched Greater Knysna Lifesaving Club to ensure locals and holidaymakers safety in and around our water. According to Greater Knysna By-Laws drinking in public is prohibited.

Knysna executive mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies said that Greater Knysna is one of the best holiday destinations in the country and the municipality wants locals and visitors to enjoy the beautiful town in a safe manner. "The municipality will be enforcing our by-laws strictly. Our Law Enforcement will be working closely with the South African Police Service (SAPS), Provincial Traffic, the Community Police Forum (CPF) and private security to ensure an all-inclusive approach regarding all aspects of public safety. We want everyone to have a splendid time in our beautiful town but must do so in a safe way and be responsible at all times. "

"I want everyone to enjoy our beaches and public amenities but do so sensibly and responsibly. I urge you to remember that your behaviour as an individual affects others around you. Be mindful that alcohol and swimming do not mix. I plead with everyone not to drive under the influence of alcohol nor swim."

In order to decrease traffic congestion and to deal with parking issues, no buses will be allowed in areas of limited space. No tents or overnighting will be permitted on public land. Loud music will not be permitted from private sound systems in public spaces, nor waterside revelers spilling onto private properties or homes.

"I want to thank all locals and holidaymakers in advance for your cooperation regarding the use of our beaches and public amenities. Let's be responsible, safe and most importantly enjoy the fun in the sun. I wish you a safe holiday season as you spend time with your friends, family and loved ones," concluded the mayor.

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