DATES TO REMEMBER

MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

26 January
Council Meeting

4 February
Finance Governance and Economic Development Meeting

5 February
Planning and Integrated Human Settlements Committee

14 February
Committee Meetings

15 February
Technical Services Committee

KNYSNA Municipalities

COMMENORATIVE DAYS & EVENTS

16 December
Knysna municipal street market and festival lights switch-on, 16 December, 15h00 to 17h00, Main Street

23 December
Sedgefield Beach Festival

24 December
Knysna Diverse Cultural Green Chef Event

27 December
Splash Knysna Lagoon Mile

29 December
Knysna Splash Canoe Racing

31 December
End of the year celebration - Back to school fundraising

16 December
Day of Reconciliation

25 December
Christmas Day

26 December
Goodwill Day

1 January
New Year’s Day

From the Mayor’s Desk

Dear Reader,

I offer a very warm welcome to all those visiting Greater Knysna, and further extend an invitation to these visitors and all our residents to enjoy our area known for its vast natural beauty and friendly people.

This week includes the Knysna Municipality and its seven communities that make up Greater Knysna. As you and our communities already know, Greater Knysna is possibly the most beautiful and diverse region of the Garden Route and we are eager to share the many reasons why we live in this area with you.

It is my wish that you enjoy and rediscover our region which is renowned for its appealing natural resources, including our estuaries, mountains, farm land, forests, valleys, lakes and beaches.

Kick back and let your hair down while you play in our ‘garden’. Take a dip in our estuaries and catch a wave on our many beaches, two of which (Breton-on-Sea and Buffels Bay) have Blue Flag status.

Let the canopy of our indigenous forests keep you cool while you discover their beauty. Breathe in the clean, fresh air, and I guarantee you that it is fresh, as Greater Knysna recently received the Air Quality Management award.

We are proud of our three Blue Flag recognised marine vessels that will take you out onto the estuary or through the magnificent heads to watch the marine life prolific in their own home.

Let’s not forget how special it is to visit Greater Knysna when it is when it comes to culinary delights. I am looking forward to bump into you during the festive season at one of our many world-renowned eateries open throughout the holiday season.

Whatever it is that you choose to do this holiday, have fun and enjoy every moment. To our visitors I ask that you treat Greater Knysna as your home away from home while you recharge your batteries for the year ahead.

I thank all our residents for their continued involvement in making Greater Knysna the place where nature and people prosper.

Have a blessed festive season and a magnificent 2017 With warm festive regards,

Eleanor Bouw-Spies

WATER IS PRECIOUS

Adhere to Greater Knysna water restrictions:

Water your garden
dusk between
16:00 and 19:00 on
designated days.

DUMPING IS ILLEGAL

Please report illegal dumping to WhatApp
081 556 9374

Greater Knysna’s Buffels Bay and Brenton-on-Sea beaches are amongst the 58 South African coastal sites proudly flying Blue Flags this season.

These beaches received their Blue Flag status because they meet international standards of excellence in the areas of safety, amenities, cleanliness, environmental information and environmental management.

The Municipality is asking beach goers to respect the conditions of this international accolade which will remain in place until 31 January 2017.

Dogs may not be walked on these beaches between 09h00 and 17h00. Note that the pet-friendly zone on Brenton-on-Sea is 300 metres West of the second lifesaving flag, and in Buffels Bay, East of the last beach residence.

Normal access routes (before 09h00 and after 17h00) may be used to both these areas. Dogs must remain on leashes at all times.

Please clean up after dogs and dispose of poop bags in the provided bins, requested Knysna Acting Municipal Manager, Bevan Elliman.

According to the World Tourism Organization, the International Blue Flag operational since 1987 is the most well-known eco-label of its kind and the Municipality requests all holiday makers and locals to adhere to the rules regarding the public use of these beaches.

“We thank all holiday makers and locals in advance for your cooperation. We support and encourage the responsible use of public beaches and amenities; however, it cannot be at the expense of people’s safety, privacy and property. I appeal to every individual to consider the greater good of Greater Knysna and its people so that our visitors and locals will have a great time, and will want to return to our beautiful beaches and amenities,” concluded Elliman.

Please ensure that you do your part to conserve our precious natural environment.

WE ARE PROUD TO BE PART OF THE \“Aqua iSimangaliso\” PROGRAMME

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.

These include the imposition of stricter and increased law enforcement, especially with regards alcohol abuse and disruptive behaviour on public amenities and beaches.

The municipality has further appointed additional temporary port duty and law enforcement officials and increased the total number of fire fighters on standby. Moreover, lifesavers are currently undergoing training through the recently launched Greater Knysna Lifesaving Club to ensure the safety of locals and holiday makers and in and around our water.

Greater Knysna by-Laws prohibit drinking in public.

Knysna Executive Mayor, Eleanor 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 they must do so in a safe way and be responsible at all times,”

Alcohol abuse will not be tolerated in Greater Knysna, especially on beaches and public amenities.

“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. It is uncool that alcohol and swimming do not mix. Please enjoy everyone not to drive or swim under the influence of alcohol.”

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 waterway revellers spilling onto private properties or homes.

“I want to thank all locals and holiday makers 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.