We have come to the end of 2019; it has been a full and productive year for us as a municipality, and I hope that it has been a productive and successful year for you too. As you will see from the rest of this newsletter, that doesn’t mean that we will be resting on our laurels while everyone else is enjoying their time off.

The increase of traffic in towns is probably one of the most frustrating aspects of the holiday season for many residents. Please be considerate and patient with all other road users during this busy time. Losing your temper might just lead to an accident, which will surely tarnish your whole holiday. Our traffic services and point duty officers will try to make your commute as easy as stress-free as possible.

When driving, please adhere to the rules of the road. Do not drink and drive and do not speed on any road a zero-tolerance policy will be adhered to when prosecuting offenders. Don’t be the cause of your own, your family’s or another family’s misery this summer.

The mercury is sure to rise this summer. Have fun keeping cool, but remember that level 5 water restrictions are in place. These are set out within this newsletter.

We supported the United Nations’ worldwide 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children Campaign from 25 November until 10 December. This is, however, a cause that this administration supports throughout the entire year. This type of violence has made headlines in South Africa too many times in 2019 – even just one report is one too many violence against any person is a vile, unnecessary act. We have the opportunity and responsibility to raise the next generation to respect one another and to abhor violence of any kind.

Respect for one’s self – and for others – is also the only way in which we will be able to rid the world of HIV and AIDS. World AIDS Day was commemorated on 1 December, as the International Day for Persons with Disabilities. A disability is not a sentence, and a unfortunate and applied person with disabilities who are still contributing to society, or who are living their lives to their fullest.

And on the subject of appreciation, we are grateful to those members of staff who will be working throughout a period when many of us will be resting, relaxing and having a good time. Thank you for your sacrifice. Your dedication means that our services and residents and visitors may enjoy their holiday knowing that services will still be delivered.

To those who celebrate a religious commemoration during this period, may it bring you peace and joy. May 2020 bring all happiness and success.

Best wishes
Dr Sitembele Vatala
Knysna Municipal Manager

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KNYSNA WASTE COLLECTION

Tuesday
Concordia, Bengastrum, Kanonkop, Oom-Sim-Bos, Estinori, Quinlow, Robbiosa, Witkloof, Flourspruit, Knorhoek, Heuwelkruin, Herries-West, Tamnether, Weersbacht, The Point, Paradise, Knysna Heights, Outeniqua Downs, Brenton-on-Lake, Brenton-on-Sea

Wednesday
Cuesta Santa, Fisher Haven, Hunters-Horn, Renford, Lower Town, Spes-Bay, Prins, The Heads

Thursday
Industrial Area, Leura Island, The Heads, Khayaphuthi

Friday
Old Place, Bellevue, Westbrook

Date: 25 DECEMBER
Time: 06h00 to 19h00 (summer) and 18h00 to 19h00 during December to May

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