

TLM MAYOR'S SEASON GREETINGS 2021

Season's greeting to you people of Thabazimbi Local Municipality and surroundings. We are in the last month of what has been a second difficult year for the entire world, due to the Coronavirus pandemic that has claimed lives, and continues to do so. To those who lost their lives due to this pandemic, may their souls rest in peace.

It has not been business as usual in our municipality, just as it's been case nation and world-wide, however the work of government had to continue. This, we did with limitations in human and financial resources, all imposed by the new normal. Many people in our communities have lost their jobs due to the outbreak of the deadly Covid-19 since March 2020.

In wishing you a Merry Christmas, I must remind you that South Africa is in the fourth wave of Covid-19 also known as Omicron which necessitates immediate behavioural change from all citizens. As you will be re-united with your loved ones during this time, please play your part! We all need to work together to fight this dangerous wave of Covid-19. Let's adhere to health protocols as we prepare for a different type of festive season. Refrain from attending super spreader events (large gatherings).

Another enemy we need to fight during this season is alcohol and substance abuse. The adverse effects of this behaviour hampers our ability to observe health protocols. At the same time, alcohol and substance abuse have also been identified as drivers of Gender Based Violence another scourge we're dealing with!

Again remember, **there are other more painful things than wearing a mask, such as the loss of a loved one** - so wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distance!

On behalf of the Councillors and the entire staff of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a fantastic New Year. Here's to you 2022.



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