

# The Editor's Note



## Welcome to the year 2012

The beginning of a new year heralds the progression of time to people of all walks of life. The young are excited at the prospects of teenage years, adulthood and the freedom that comes with the early twenties. There are those however who skitter at the dreaded midlife crisis, balding and menopause. Of

course there is the aged, either quivering or enthralled at the dawn of passing on to another life. Whichever way one looks at it, the New Year is bustling with promise and it is therefore a duly worthy tradition to welcome it in song, dance, pomp, celebration and expectation.

### Of resolutions and a desire for change

Many take this time to reflect and introspect on their failures and successes. This is often a fuel that drives us all to a desire for change, a hope for better days to come and to dream and aspire to be better than we have been in the years past.

It therefore goes without saying that resolutions are the name of the game round about now. Silently or blown on roof tops, everyone, willingly or unawares, cannot help

but set some resolutions or make mere mental notes on changes to be effected in the coming year. To some it is an annual ritual, one that is reverently adhered to with results gratefully realized. To others it is a charade, a parade of over enthusiasm whose words of reflective hope tend to quickly get forgotten as we struggle to get a grip on the 'January disease.'

### Health and Welfare

None the less, let the human being make strides to live a better life and achieve more. Let the men and women, girls and boys of Mpumalanga strive towards better health; getting out and about exercising their mental faculties in study and engaging conversations and their bodies in long walks, jogging, gym and sports. Eat healthy foods as part of a balanced diet; making use of vegetables in

every meal, enjoy well cooked meat and fresh fish and take an apple a day which is said to keep the doctor away.

On a social call, may our parents be loving and supportive to their children. Providing for the child regardless it is a child born in or out of wedlock, a child taken away by a spouse at separation or divorce, a child adopted or orphaned. Men and women in our society let the principle of Ubuntu be resurrected and detect to us that: your child is mine too and that it takes a community/village to raise the same child. Children, respect, obey and honor your parents and all the adults.

Here is to wishing you the Citizens of God's Window and residents of the Province of Mpumalanga, a prosperous new year. One that is filled with fulfilled dreams realized

goals and answered prayers. Good luck to those in school, seeking jobs, starting a business, in relationships, starting a family, expecting a child, striving for sporting excellence [as a player or supporter] and indeed to all who aspire to be better than they have ever been. The Khanyisa Newspaper, staff and directors wish you well in everything you do. Khanyisa is here to shine the path forward with information, news and stories that educate, motivate and inspire all people to a better life. Join us, journey with us and together contribute to a better society.

Can you feel it? Khanyisa is here! Ayeye 2012 Ayeye let us all say **AYEYE!**  
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# Open letter from Benzi Ka-Soko

The new Administration in the Govan Mbeki Municipality has invited all the people of this area to join them in making this place a better community to live in. This message was aptly captured in the Maiden Speech by the Executive Mayor, Her Excellency Lindi Masina, titled The Dawn of the New Age.

In her Maiden Speech, the Executive Mayor saluted the spirit of the late revolutionary Govan Mbeki and acknowledged the ANC and the people for their confidence in electing her. She stated that the NEW AGE will be her theme during her term of office. She explained the theme as being a new revamped, invigorated way of doing things and defined it as Business Unusual. "This Business Unusual means that we must hit the ground running as we assume the political governance of this municipality by ensuring that we intensify all service delivery imperatives. As Political CEO of this municipality, I call upon everyone to roll their sleeves and perform their duties with more vigour, more verve, more dedication, more commitment and most importantly, with a high degree of PATRIOTISM. Speaking

of performing duties patriotically, I would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to opposition political parties that they should join hands with us in making this municipality one of the best in the country in service delivery. While we know that opposition political parties have individual political mandates from their constituencies, what is critical is that we all have the constitutional and moral obligation and mandate to work for the good of all people of this area, Black, White, Coloured and Indian."

Great people of this municipality, the above-mentioned words by the Executive Mayor represent a powerful clarion call to all of us to come together and work for the good of this place. We are being beseeched to suspend our differences in order to find solutions as a collective community with a vision to improve the plight of our people against all the odds. She clearly recognizes our political differences but she calls on all political parties to close ranks and work together when it comes to service delivery to our people. Dear Editor, please kindly allow me to add the fact that South Africa is a constitutional democratic

dispensation which encourages democratic engagement between the public and government. Many institutions have been established to ensure that there is open interfacing of all stakeholders in improving grass roots democracy between the citizens and elected public representatives.

Citizens are also encouraged to attend council meetings where they are at liberty to raise issues of concern to their respective communities. There is also a platform for engagement called the Mayoral Izimbizo where the Executive Mayor and the entire Mayoral Committee and Councillors generally, submit themselves to the public for constructive engagement and how best service delivery can be improved and fast-tracked. Local government politicians are also obliged in terms of legislation to engage in community visitations through Public Participation Programs with a view of getting first-hand information of what people really want in order to improve their lives. It is through these public engagements that communities should and must constructively interrogate and

engage their leaders on all issues of service delivery such as water provision, indigent policy, electricity, storm water challenges, sewerage, sanitation, human settlements, unemployment, poverty, roads and a host of other matters of critical importance with a view to find workable solutions. The leadership of this municipality has further declared 2012 as the year of Aggressive Implementation of Service Delivery Imperatives as enshrined in our IDP Document. This means that indeed, The Dawn of the New Age will hit the ground running in 2012 going forward. This radical message has been communicated to all departments within the municipality and everybody is combat-ready. Her Excellency Madam Masina has called on all of us to embrace this vision so that we are counted as having contributed in making the lives of our people better and making the Govan Mbeki Municipality a better place to live in.

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**Ukukhuleka kwelapha zonke izifo! Ungayikhohlisi Ingane!**

Kwakukhona omunye umame owayethanda ukubhaka amakhekhe.

Kwathi ngolunye usuku, ingane yakhe engumfana yambuza ukuthi yini lena ahlala njalo eyibhaka. Wamphendula umama ngoku thukuthela wathi kuye "ngenza izifebe!"

Ngakusasa lomama wawakashelwa ngomama beStokvel balapho endaweni. Beza omama ngobuningi babo bagcwala egumeni.

Kwathi lapho sebhleli bexoxa izindaba zemindeni yabo, wavela ngasefasteleni umfana. Wamemeza unina wathi "We Mama!"

**Umama:** Yini mfana wami.

**Umfana:** Mama. Ngicela izifebenyana ezimbili ngizozidlela ekamelweni!

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