

OLDER PERSONS MONTH CELEBRATIONS

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Older Persons Month is commemorated annually in South Africa to honour and pay tribute to our elderly persons and raise awareness on issues that affect and impact them. Older men and women must enjoy the same rights as anyone else in the country. In this regard, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality (STLM), will be praise singers to elderly people of the Municipality through a power packed program which will run between 26-29 October 2022.

The Municipality is known for its best practices wherein, through its indigent policy and other programs, elderly people are offered relief on municipal services. Practically what it means is that, elderly people who are paid the pensioners grant by the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) are offered free basic services. Those that are paid above this threshold, are offered rebates depending on their salaries. On top of that, the landless and homeless elderly people are allocated land and through its working partnership with the provincial Department of Human Settlements, they are provided with adequate housing for their warmth and safety.

In its endeavour towards ensuring their wellness, golden games are arranged through a partnership with the Departments of Social Development and Culture, Sport and Recreation. Those that battle it out during the golden games tournament are sponsored to compete further with other provinces.

Elderly clubs and community centres are sponsored and supported by the private and public sectors alike to ensure their safety and social wellbeing. Over the years, local mines and businesses are commended for their continued contributions in honor of them.

Further details of the older person's month celebrations will be shared as the month unfolds and communicated in different platforms including this page.

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