

## Mayoral Festive Greetings

**Hello Visitors and Residents,**

As we enter this joyful season, I wish every family in our district peace, rest, and moments of true celebration. Thank you for your resilience, your spirit, and the support you continue to show one another throughout the year.

While we enjoy this special time, let us do so gracefully. Parents and caregivers — please know where your children are, who they are with, and when you expect them home. If you'll be travelling, plan ahead, buckle up, and never drink and drive.

When visiting our beautiful parks and public spaces, I encourage you to choose picnicking. It's a wonderful way to enjoy time together while also preventing fires and keeping our shared spaces clean and safe.

This is the season of caring. A simple check-in with a neighbour can make a meaningful difference. And please remember — not every home feels safe during this time. If you or someone you know needs help, reach out. No one in our Cape Winelands community should face abuse alone.

To all our emergency services and municipal teams working through the holidays — thank you for your commitment and service.

From our table to yours, I wish you a safe, peaceful, and truly blessed Festive Season. May we continue to look out for one another and keep the Cape Winelands District a place of dignity, kindness, and care."

🌲 Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026 to all 🌲



# Summer Safety

## for ALL

*Lenny says...*

**"Let's enjoy a safe Summer"**



## Lenny's

### Top Tips for everyday

1. Stay out of the sun from 10:00AM to 15:00PM. Always wear a hat when outside.
2. Pack a few bottles of frozen water to keep food cool when shopping or on a picnic.
3. Save emergency numbers to your cellphone and charge your cellphone before leaving home.
4. Have an emergency plan, tell children where to go in an emergency, choose a community hall or centre where other adults will gather.
5. Drowning is silent. Never leave children unattended.

### Going out?

1. Always tell family members where you are going, and when to expect you back.
2. Check weather predictions before day, hiking and or camping trips. Dress appropriately.
3. Write your cell number on your child's arm before visiting spaces like beaches and public pools.



### Water safety

*Lenny says...*

**"Vigilance around water saves lives"**



Water play is fun, safety is #1!

### Wild-Fires

*Lenny says...*

**"Be a Safety Hero, Report a fire"**



Matches and lighters are tools for grown-ups. If you find them, give them to an adult immediately.



### Heatwaves:

*Lenny says...*

**"Beat the heat with preparedness. Hydrate, shade and care for community"**



Stay cool as ice! Drink lots of clean water and play indoors or in the shade.

## MM's Festive Greetings

**Dear Residents and Visitors,**

It is with great pleasure that I extend warm festive greetings to each of you. The Winelands is especially beautiful at this time of year, with a spirit of anticipation in the air as we approach this special season.

The festive season is, above all, a time of giving. Let us give a little extra kindness as we go about our daily activities, remembering that some of our neighbours may feel alone, be far from home, or be facing challenges we cannot see. A smile, a greeting, or a moment of connection can make a lasting difference in someone's day.

As many of you take to the roads to visit friends, family, and the attractions of our district, please travel safely. Be patient on our roads, look out for pedestrians and cyclists, and don't rush the journey, arriving safely is the greatest gift you can give your loved ones.

On behalf of the Cape Winelands District Municipality, my hope is that 2026 brings good health, opportunity, and joy to every person who calls this remarkable district home. To those who choose to spend their holidays with us, may this festive season be peaceful, memorable, and truly restorative.

kindest regards,  
Henry Prins, Municipal Manager

## Getting to where you want to be, safely this Festive-Season

### Taxis, Busses, etc

- **Use only well-maintained taxis** — avoid vehicles with damages, worn tyres, or anything that looks unsafe.
- **Pay attention to the driver** — if they are rude, aggressive, drunk, or driving recklessly, ask to get out as soon as you can do so safely.
- **Keep your belongings close** — avoid displaying cash or valuables.
- **Don't get into overloaded taxis** — your safety depends on it.
- **Trust your gut** — if something feels wrong, rather wait for another option.

### Self-Drivers, Truckers, Caravanners, Trailers:

- **Check before you go** — tyres, lights, hitch secure.
- **Pack properly** — heavy items below and lighter items on top — all tied down, nothing loose.
- **Enjoy the journey, slow down** — towing needs longer stopping and steadier driving.
- **Keep your distance** — more space = more safety.
- **Signal early & watch mirrors** — stay aware of sway.
- **Rest often** — Driving is tiring.
- **If something feels wrong**, noise, a wobble, a smell, stop and check.

# Highlights

### International Disability Day

Celebrating Day for Disabilities in Ceres. Inclusivity, Dignity and Togetherness



### World Aids Day

CWDM celebrates World AIDS Day. Raising awareness, breaking stigma, and strengthening community health. World AIDS Day is a reminder of our struggles, progress and resilience. CWDM is committed to the fight against HIV and AIDS by working hand in hand with communities to transform the HIV/AIDS response.



### GBV Launch

CWDM joins hands with various stakeholders to launch 16 Days of Activism. Uniting communities to end GBV, not just for 16 days, but everyday.



### Fire Services Passing Out Parade

CWDM Fire Services honour 23 new Firefighters at Ysterplaat. The graduation was a symbol of their strength and resilience. Partnering with the Department of Defence (DoD) showcased discipline and unity.



### Spaza Shop Training

Ensuring safety at Spazas. Training of Spaza and 'Huiswinkel' owners, to ensure health and safety of communities.



# EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Cape Winelands District Municipality

### Disaster Management

Phone **021 888 5847 / 0861 265 263**  
E-mail **hoc@capewinelands.gov.za**  
E-mail **disastermanagement@capewinelands.gov.za**

### Fire Services

Phone **021 887 4446**  
WhatsApp **073 534 7617**

### Local Municipal Emergency Numbers

Municipality	24/hr	Alternative
Brede Valley	023 342 2430	112
Drakenstein	021 872 2323	
Langeberg	023 615 8911	086 088 1111
Stellenbosch	021 808 8890	
Witzenberg	023 492 0181/2	081 888 5480