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MANDELA DAY ACTIVITIES IN OVER-DRIVE AT BCM

Buffalo City Municipality will be celebrating Mandela Day in over-drive this year with three campaigns taking place this Friday and others throughout the weekend.

Responding to the National call through South African Local Government Association (Salga), the Municipality has committed to go over-drive in changing people's lives using 67 minutes which symbolize Madiba's years of dedication in struggle to improve the people's lives.

BCM and the communities it serves have collectively responded to this clarion call. The overwhelming response will see three areas on Friday July 16 being transformed for the better in just 67 minutes.

The main focus will be the cleaning and beautification of the Breidbach Cemetery in King Williams Town. There will also be the handing over of play-ground equipment at Masizakhe Children's homes in Mdantsane, as well as the beautification of the Play Park in Potsdam.

Municipal officials will be conducting clean-up activities comprising of grass-cutting, litter picking, beautification and tree planting. Hundreds of volunteers armed with spades and rakes from all the respective communities will come on board in support.

On Saturday, the rural community of Tyutyu North (near Bhisho) will be led by the local Methodist Church and BCM to rehabilitate the local Play Park where various activities will be taking place on Saturday culminating to a birthday party for Madiba.

The activities will include tree planting, installation of park equipment and furniture as well as the beautification of the area.

Foot-notes:

- Breidbach Cemetery – The Executive Mayor made mention of the sad state of the cemetery during the State of the City Address
- Potsdam – Play Park not safe and will be after the 67 minutes of change
- Masizakhe Children's Home – accommodates 60 children between the ages of 2-18.
- The Acting Municipal Manager, Dr Zitha will be attending the Masizakhe function
- The Acting Mayor – Cllr, Mhani will be attending the Breidbach function
- Potsdam will be attended by cllrs in that areas as well as BCM officials.
- Volunteers will be on board as well