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BCM rolls fun-filled carpet for festive season

The Municipality is once again rolling up the red carpet for its loyal citizens for an extravagant fun-filled festive season program that includes the switching on of the lights and the Christmas Carnival.

This time around – we have gone even further by taking the Christmas Carnival to the people of Mdantsane in a first that will also include a Music festival.

The events kick off on the December 06 switching on the festive season lights in East London, Esplanade, Court Crescent at 5.30pm.

The following day, December 07, will be the switching on of the lights in King Williams Town at the Corner Taylor and Alexandra Street at 5.30pm.

The festivities will also include live entertainment and a fireworks display. Pet owners are advised that the fireworks will commence between 19h00 and 21h00.

As part of this year's program, Mdantsane will host a Summer Cultural Festival. This is to provide entertainment to the local residents. The festival will include the following Cultural groups performances, fashion show, live entertainment, demonstration shows and possible live radio broadcast.

"This is to make people part of the festivities and also profile Mdantsane as tourism destination and attract people to go there and experience the warmth of its residents," says Councillor Mankomo Pango, Portfolio Head LED, Tourism and Rural Development.

"This program also seeks to promote and also profile hospitality establishments and other attractions in the area. Mdantsane is a hub of sports activities that have produced world sporting legends and has a rich history, culture and heritage that visitors can be interested in as form of enjoyment," Pango said.

We will be engaging local communities especially the youth in ensuring that they full participate and benefit from such activities.

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The traditional crowd pulling Carnival starts in King Williams Town on 16 – 17 December 2008 Taylor Street, Mdantsane City Mall on 18 December 2008 and will take place on 19, 20 and 21 in East London, Esplanade. It will be filled with stall exhibitions, demonstration shows and parades.

The purpose of hosting the carnival is to stimulate Local Economic Development particularly previously disadvantaged individuals.

Various high profile activities will be taking place in our City during this festive season from music and arts shows, sport events and beach events. A calendar of events can be obtained from Tourism Buffalo City.

In what has been a generally challenging year for the man on the street, we hope that our people will enjoy the festivities and take pride into their City.

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