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Msukaligwa Arbor Celebration.

National Arbor celebration promotes the planting and maintenance of indigenous trees throughout South Africa. Arbor celebration provides stakeholders with the opportunity to raise awareness of South Africa's urban greening initiatives and encourages all communities and businesses to participate in various greening activities. The youth are encouraged to participate in tree planting activities and related environmental education programmes. It highlights the essential role trees play in sustainable development and the livelihoods of people and their environment, now and for the future.

The Importance of Trees

Trees absorb carbon dioxide and turn it into oxygen. The natural carbon dioxide cycle keeps a balance in the amount of CO₂ in our atmosphere. But our actions and behaviours cause changes which upset this natural balance. The creation of too many greenhouse gases causes an imbalance with heat being trapped in the Earth's atmosphere, increasing the overall average temperature resulting in global warming.

The destruction of rainforests and cutting down of trees and forests also affects the balancing act. By destroying Earth's natural forestation we threaten our existence. Planting trees is one of the most cost-effective ways of offsetting our carbon emissions, as well as beautifying our areas. Trees play a vital role in rural and urban populations. They are needed to enrich and anchor soil, to maximize water supplies, to beautify and humanize townships and urban areas and to provide shade and shelter. They are also crucial for biodiversity conservation. Products and services from trees include food, timber, fibre, medicines and energy.

Arbor Week

Yearly, from 1 to 7 September Schools, organizations and businesses participate in community "greening" events to improve the health and beauty of the local environment and develop a green future for Msukaligwa municipality.

Events are held around the Msukaligwa jurisdictions highlighting the benefits of planting and conserving trees to offset carbon emissions and for greening to improve the quality of life and uplift the environment, and communities.

Trees of the Year

Every Arbor celebration highlights two or three specific trees, one common and one rare species. In 2009 the trees being highlighted are:

Common: Monkey Thorn or Apiesdoring (*Acacia galpinii*)

Rare: Tree Fuchsia or Notsung (*Halleria lucida*) and
Round-leaved Teak or Dopperkiaat (*Pterocarpus rotundifolius*)

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Msukaliqwa Arbor Celebration Schedule.

Cllr .	Wards	Venue	Date	Time	Day	No. of Trees
Cllr. N. Shongwe	Loth -15	Mpulusi P.School	03-Sep	11H00	Thurs	8
Cllr. B .J Nkosi		16 Ext -33	03-Sep	9h00	Thurs	100
Cllr . Makhubu		9 Wesselton P school	03-Sep	8h00	Thurs	20
Cllr. B.C Sibeko		4 Gumbi	03-Sep	14h00	Thurs	10
Cllr.M.J Mkhonza		5 Bashele school	03-Sep	8h00	Thurs	10
Cllr. T.T Malaza		6 Msebe P school	03-Sep	15h00	Thurs	15
Cllr . Marsh	Breyten	Breyten Parks	07-Sep	09-00	Mon	20
Cllr.N.Shongwe	Loth-15	Lothair P.School	07-Sep	11H00	Mon	20
Cllr.Z.S Zwane		3 Qebisa school	08-Sep	10h00	Tuesday	4
Cllr.Z.S Zwane		3 Qambekhile school	08-Sep	12h00	Tuesday	3
Cllr.Z.S Zwane		3 Phumula school	09-Sep	10h00	Wens	3
Cllr.Z.S Zwane		3 Umsebe School	09-Sep	12h00	Wens	3
Cllr. N.Shogwe	Loth-15	Hosana P. School	09-Sep	11H00	Wens	3
Cllr.B Maseko	Sheepmoor	Clinic	11-Sep	10h00	Fri	6
Cllr.B. Mkhomo	Warbuton	Clinic -Warburton	17-Sep	10h00	Thurs	10
Cllr .N. Shongwe	Loth-15	Old Silindile	18-Sep	1100	Fri	5
Cllr M.M.M.I Zikhali		8 Ermelo Prison				5
Cllr F.T.W Yende		1 Ithafa	30-Sep		Wens	15
		Wesselton P school				9
		Cindi clinic				9
		Zikhova				6
		Mncina				6
		P. Station				6
		Hendrina road				6
		Parks				12
		C.D.C				6
		Electricity Vendor				6