

ALLDAYS AND DIEPSLOOT EXTENSIONS NOW HAVE ELECTRICITY

Residents of Alldays (19 households) and Diepsloot (20 households) extensions on June 1, 2023, dumped candles and paraffin lamps. This was after the Mayor Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga officially switched-on their completed electrification projects. The residents had the joy of switching on electricity for the first time, thanks to Blouberg Local Municipality's focused programme to light out darkness in the extensions. In handing over the completed projects, Mayor Thamaga indicated that the two extensions will join the rest of their respective village and township in enjoying the basic services that Blouberg Local Municipality has been dishing out at a pace untold.

"Electricity, just like water, is a basic service. It gives me pleasure to seeing our people reap the fruits from their government. We are here to light out the darkness and ensure that the lives of our people are changed for the better. We are also pleased that our contractors completed their work within schedule"

Mayor Thamaga also called on community members to buy electricity and refrain from meter tempering as those who will be found at fault risk their electricity disconnected and face a hefty fine of R10 000.

Blouberg Municipality holds a licence to electrify its households. 100% of the settlements have been electrified by the municipality and Eskom respectively. The symbolic handover at Alldays Extension was conducted by the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development and Planning, Cllr Dan Mosena on behalf of the Mayor. Acting Mayor Mosena switched-on the lights at Makgato household and also donated start-up electrical appliances. The Phela family, where the Mayor switched-on at Diepsloot village will be handed their appliances next week.

For the upcoming financial year 2023-2024, the municipality has set aside R33 million for the electrification of households and the construction of Senwabarwana substation. The households to be electrified are; Alldays Phase 02 - 60 units, Byswater - 30 units, Mochemi - 25 units, Mongalo - 50 units, Simpson - 25 units, Swartz 45 - units and Sweethome - 70 units. R1,3 million will be allocated for the upgrading of the Witten bulk line, R 2,5 million for upgrading of metres and R2,5 million for electricity maintenance.



