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In this issue of our newsletter we invited contributions from various departments and Municipal Entities based in Region E and giving us reports and plans about their respective projects or programmes.

As we start a new financial year (2015/2016) our service delivery focus is going to be on those areas where there is persistent urban management decline despite large scale capital interventions and where basic by-law enforcement and service delivery are inadequate.

We will use this newsletter to announce new launches of programmes, projects and collaborations. Speaking about collaborations, we have often said the government cannot do it alone, it is against this background that emphasis has been on the formation of collaborations with both the private and public sectors, to this end, I believe we are on the right track as will be shown in some of the stories.

As you go through this newsletter you will realise that there are contributions from the various departments, and as we continue with future issues we will also be receiving stories from the entities, this will help in diversifying our information.

Over and above the articles contained in these issues, we will highlight stories such as the eco-mobility festival which took the country by storm as it happened right here in our Region, just as it is a highlight story it puts a lot of attention on us to up our game as far as service delivery challenges are concerned.

We will also be profiling the different wards and Ward Councillors. And bring you some entertaining news as well.

And finally dear reader; I would like to thank the editorial team for their creativity and efforts in putting this newsletter together.

Enjoy reading it! We would be happy to know your opinion, your news and suggestions as we work on improving our content: please write to Xolaniz@joburg.org.za or call on 011 582 1479

Let me take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2016.

Liziwe Ntshinga – Makoro

Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce and welcome the City of Johannesburg: Region E newsletter which will be titled 'REGION E NEWS' the front page is already telling a story about what the intentions of the publication are.

This channel of communication which aims to inform, educate and to a very large extent stimulate debate amongst all regional stakeholders to contribute to the upliftment of the Society, and it will be produced on a quarterly basis.

Street alive event kicks off Ecomobility festival



All Johannesburg residents were invited to attend the opening event of the **Eco-Mobility Festival**, on Sunday 4th October.

On this day, dubbed “Streets Alive #Joziwr1”, there was a carnival-like atmosphere on the streets between Sandton and Alexandra which was closed off to vehicles and opened up to residents to walk, dance, skateboard or cycle.

The Festival was officially opened by the Minister of Transport, Dipuo Peters and the Premier of Gauteng David Makura.

The Festival was jointly hosted by the City of Johannesburg and the Local

Government for Sustainability (ICLEI) under the theme: “Change the Way You Move.”

In addition to closing off certain lanes in Sandton – the most congested urban space in Johannesburg, with almost 100 000 people moving in and out of the suburb during peak-hour periods daily – there were international set of dialogues, the hosting of an international exhibition, cycle rides, sport weekends and opportunities for members of the public to ride ecomobile vehicles.

Several international experts in non-motorised transport, strategic planning and policy, including transport and urban design, descended on