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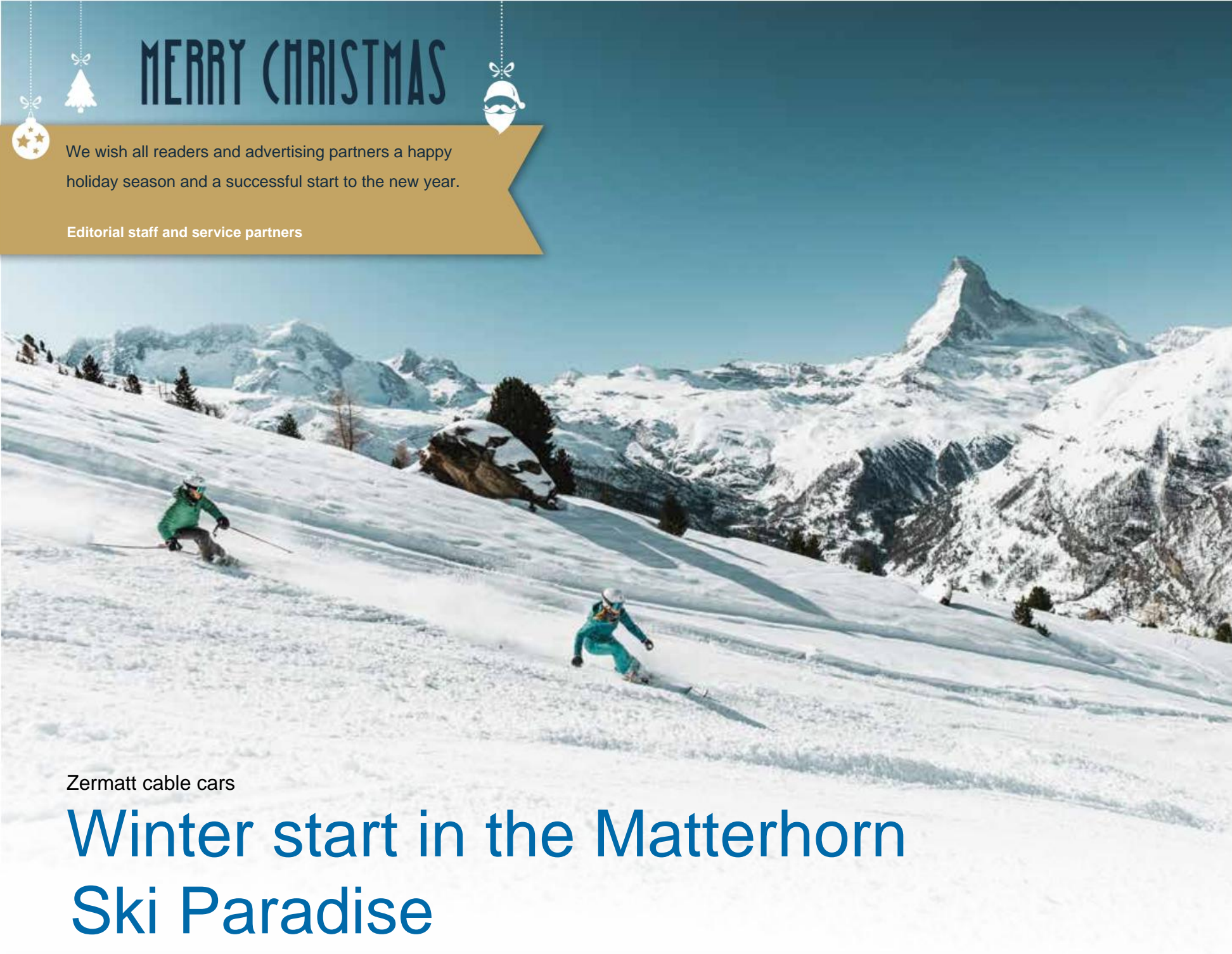
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We wish all readers and advertising partners a happy holiday season and a successful start to the new year.

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Zermatt cable cars

Winter start in the Matterhorn Ski Paradise

The official winter season at the Matterhorn Ski Paradise opened last weekend. With a wealth of expertise and passion, the Zermatt Bergbahnen team has once again conjured up superbly groomed slopes and a top-notch infrastructure offering high-quality service, safety, and a great deal of fun.

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Highlights in the Matterhorn Ski Paradise

Essentially, even a typical day of skiing in Zermatt is a highlight. Whether you're racking up the slopes, photographing the view, or enjoying the culinary delights—the possibilities are endless. During the winter of 2022/23, various other offers can be experienced.

First Track

For those who like it early. This offer has been very popular with guests for many years. Every Monday and Thursday, the Zermatt Bergbahnen piste and rescue service takes you up to Trockener Steg, where an exclusive descent to Furi awaits. Untouched slopes and a clear ride with views of the

Matterhorn. Afterwards, enjoy a hearty breakfast at the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise Restaurant, Europe's highest mountain station .

Moonlight Descent Edition 2023

After a wonderful day at the Matterhorn Ski Paradise, the tour departs at 6:30 p.m. toward the Rothorn. A small aperitif awaits at the top, followed by the descent into the valley under a full moon. The Zermatt Bergbahnen piste and rescue service will accompany the descent to the village, ensuring the safety of all guests. Once at the bottom, a fondue awaits in the cozy atmosphere of the Ferdinand by CERVO Mountain Resort restaurant . Once in the village, you can linger as long as you like.

Driving a snow groomer

Turning passion into a career – that's what the "heroines and

Join the Zermatt Bergbahnen's "Heroes of the Night" tour. At dusk , you can experience the grooming of the slopes up close from the passenger seat for around four hours . This offer, which takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, offers a slightly different way to end the day. The view of the illuminated village from the slopes is certainly worth the effort.



Dealing with energy

Mountain railways throughout the Alpine region have been in the media spotlight since the debate surrounding energy shortages . A look at the statistics shows that Swiss mountain railways account for only 0.24% of Switzerland's electrical energy consumption, and around 0.1% for snowmaking systems. Abandoning technical snow production would make skiing impossible in many places, which would have drastic consequences for many mountain regions. For this very reason, the Zermatt mountain railways have always been

strives to do its part in overcoming energy scarcity. For many years, we have been committed to the sustainable use of resources and caring for nature. This entrepreneurial approach has been recognized, among other things, with the "Swisstainable Leading Level 3" label and the Swiss and European Solar Prize. We are convinced that our strategy of sustainable resource management will be groundbreaking in ecological, economic, and social terms.

Winter can come. The Zermatt

Mountain railways are ready.

Municipality of Zermatt

Fire hydrants in and around Zermatt

The hydrant is a vital component of the water supply and fire service. Accessibility must always be ensured so that it can be used in an emergency.

It's a common occurrence that fire hydrants are covered with snow and even ice in winter. This makes it impossible to use firefighting water immediately in an emergency, thus wasting valuable time.

Dependent on support

We ask the public for support.

If there is a fire hydrant in your immediate access or on your property, always keep it free of snow and ice.

We thank you for your help.

Your water supply and fire department Zermatt



The municipal council and fire department are committed to ensuring that the firefighting water supply functions properly even in winter. In this context, it is important that all hydrants are accessible and free of snow and ice.

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As announced in the October issue, this issue is also dedicated to the topic of illegal clearance.

In the last issue, we reported on the fundamental decision to allow illegal clearance and the associated challenges – namely the dust and brown slush on the streets after a snowfall.



PART 2

Municipality of Zermatt

Eviction in Zermatt

In this issue we will look at the process of Snow removal and the most important tool in snow removal – road salt. How is it used , and does salt harm flora and fauna?

It's snowing – what now?

As soon as it snows in the evening and/or at night, the day begins very early for the technical service employees. They meet at 4:00 a.m. in the workshop at Spiss.

Snow clearing is carried out in various rounds. There are nine mechanical and five manual rounds. The goal is to clear the streets and paths of snow as quickly as possible before passenger and electric traffic increases.

Equipped with plows, snow cutters, and snow shovels , the various teams, consisting of twelve operators, begin clearing snow directly from the spit. Plowing the streets takes about three to four hours (up to a maximum snow depth of 30 cm and with little to no traffic). The time required to remove the snow

The total time is approximately six to eight hours. In periods of increased traffic, plowing can take an additional two to three hours, and removal can take as much as three to four hours. The approximately 20-person "foot crew" starts at the Metro building and takes care of all stairs and sidewalks that cannot be cleared of snow by machines.

Use of salt

The clearing of illegal traffic jams involves the use of salt. No other de-icing agent can compete with salt.

Road salt is a natural product: a 99.5% fine-grained sodium chloride. The positively charged sodium and negatively charged chlorine ions attach to the water molecules of the top layer of ice and dissolve

The water molecules are continuously released. The ice thaws.

The technical service relies on preventive salting, like most winter maintenance companies. Salting usually takes place shortly before snowfall. The roads must be wet for the salt to adhere. This prevents

The snow settles on the road, is compacted by traffic, and freezes into a thick layer of ice. When it starts to snow, it can become a race against time. The deeper the layer of snow becomes, the less effective the salt is. After the salt has been spread, the amount of precipitation is waited for. If larger amounts are expected, the snow is plowed back to the side of the road and removed after the snow has reached a depth of about 10 cm.

The effect of the salt wears off after three to four hours.

After that, it's too diluted. Therefore, it's important to reapply salt after snow removal to melt any ice that may have formed, prevent ice formation, or dry the road more quickly, as described in the last issue.

There's no "recipe" for winter road maintenance, nor are there precise guidelines. Much depends on experience.

Weather, weather forecasts, wind speed and direction, air

There is no other and better way to clear illegal property De-icing agent than the natural product salt.

Humidity, air pressure, solar radiation, the orientation of roads, and much more influence the use of salt. Every application is different.

Less is more

Even small amounts of salt are sufficient to melt snow and ice. Typically, 6 to 12 grams of salt per square meter are spread mechanically in Zermatt. This corresponds to a heaped teaspoon. Private individuals, by comparison, use around 100 to 200 grams of salt per square meter on their properties.

By removing the snow plowed to the side, an additional 30 to 40% of salt can be saved compared to other destinations . If the snow is simply pushed to the side, much more meltwater flows over the roads during the day, washing away the existing salt. Therefore, salt must be spread repeatedly to prevent ice from freezing.



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Are there alternatives to salt?

No. Salt is the most effective way to combat ice and ensure safe road conditions.

Wood chips and grit are not suitable for road maintenance. They have a negative impact on icing; comparatively, you need 20 to 30 times more grit than de-icing salt. Transport, storage, and disposal are costly, and wood chippings can also clog sewers. Thus, road salt performs best, but winter service always says, "...only as much as necessary".

Does the technical service have the same capacity on weekends? Is shift work feasible?

No. On weekends, several Some employees are on call, but not all of them. Rest periods must be observed, which is why full staffing on weekends is not possible. Shift work is also not feasible with the current staffing levels.

An increase in staff would result in additional high costs.

How is the salt spread?

The Technical Service has several vehicles equipped with salt spreaders. The amount of salt to be spread and the spreading distance can be adjusted very precisely. The spreading rate can be adjusted between 0 and 60 g per square meter, and the spreading width between 1 and 5.5 meters.

However, the vehicles are sometimes reaching their limits in Zermatt. They operate only with all-wheel drive, without spikes, and the weight of the load causes the vehicles to easily slide. The "foot crew" spreads the salt by hand.

The water quality of rivers is constantly monitored throughout Switzerland, even more frequently during the winter months. The measurements confirm that the quantities of salt discharged into public waters are safe.

Increased consultations have also been held with the Cantonal Department of the Environment, Water Protection Section , regarding the disposal of snow in streams. The issued guidelines regarding snow disposal in streams are being adhered to.

seeps into the soil. A multi-year study on avenue trees in Hanover has shown that chloride levels are subject to strong fluctuations over the course of a year and that the limit values are not exceeded either in the plants or in the

Rather, other stress factors influence the trees and plants along the roadside, such as soil conditions, root constriction, water and nutrient deficiencies, and contamination from motor oil or dog feces and urine.

Municipality of Zermatt

«C'est le ton qui fait la musique»

During the 2022/23 winter season, three time slots for outdoor music playback, determined by the municipal council, will be tested as part of a pilot phase. A qualified specialist firm will be involved in assessing noise emissions in the village and the mountain area.

The new noise abatement regulations have been in force since April 2022. Although they fundamentally regulate all types of sound, experience in summer 2022 has shown that not all music is created equal and that music and noise are perceived subjectively.

In the interests of entrepreneurs and residents

Against this background, all operating permit holders were invited to participate in a survey on outdoor sound systems . The aim of this survey was to develop a sense and understanding of whether and in what way local businesses play music on their terraces and at the same time find a solution in the interests of the residents .

After evaluating the survey, the municipal council was able to set three time slots for the test phase of the background music in winter 2022/23. Due to the staggered visitor and guest volume

Different time windows were set for mountain restaurants and for businesses in the village and a distinction is made between background music and foreground music. Applications for outdoor sprinkler systems in winter 2022/23 will be approved according to the specified time frames.

Time windows set by the municipal council for outdoor music in winter 2022/2023

11:00–20:00: for all establishments, background music*, at 20:00 music from 11:00–17:00: for mountain restaurants, foreground music**, at 17:00 music from 3:00 PM–7:00 PM: for businesses in the village, foreground music**, from 7:00 PM relaxing music, at 8 p.m. music from

* unobtrusive and quiet music
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Solution for those seeking peace and quiet and partygoers
The Zermatt-Matterhorn destination, with its wide range of offerings, attracts different types of guests to the foot of the Matterhorn.

This will affect the needs and expectations of guests regarding entertainment. With the help of a commissioned specialist firm, concrete specifications and implementation guidelines for outdoor sound systems will now be determined, enabling coexistence between those seeking peace and quiet, residents, and partygoers . The plan is to divide Zermatt and the surrounding areas into noise sensitivity zones, and in a second step, to formulate the measurement and calculation parameters , taking environmental protection law into account .

Too loud – what to do?
The first step is to seek constructive dialogue with those causing the noise. Experience has shown that more than half of complaints can be resolved this way – including through compromise.

If the discussion doesn't have any effect, it's recommended to contact the regional police so that noise levels and other important factors (such as location, wind direction, and music system) can be analyzed. Noise measurements are at the expense of the person causing the noise.

Subject to approval
Businesses wishing to have a one-time or fixed outdoor sound system must submit a written request to the municipal council **at least 14 days in advance** .

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School without electricity



Imagine you have class and there is no electricity. After the fall break, the children and young people experienced exactly this situation. It was deliberate, as the first "Energy School" event was being held in all schools in Zermatt. The goal was to learn how to get by without electricity, talk about energy, and address it in class.

What is an energy school?
An energy school is a school that deals with the topic of energy in depth, regularly and holistically – both in class and within the framework of the entire school operation. "Energy" is discussed, experienced, and learned in all subjects in the context of Curriculum 21.

Powerless morning
In consultation with the caretaker team, IT managers, and school administration, the power was turned off in all school buildings at 7:00 a.m., creating a "mini power outage." The school buildings remained dark. Only the heating and emergency exits remained switched on. The first challenge was getting into the school building at all, as the automatic doors weren't working.

The kids and teenagers then entered their dark classroom (summer time!), but the interactive whiteboards and PCs were off, and a ghostly atmosphere prevailed in the hallways.

In class discussions, the students, depending on their level, discussed by candlelight what energy is in the physical sense, where electricity comes from, what it means when there is no energy flow, which devices in everyday life at home and at school are useless without electricity , how electricity could be saved, and which devices are "energy guzzlers." These topics are discussed

will now be further deepened over the course of the school year, be it with an "energy day" or with teaching units. The children and young people experienced the restrictions firsthand, but daylight was getting stronger and lessons could continue. Mathematics and languages were learned only with textbooks.

Chalk and writing utensils, notebooks, and paper were used again. Textile and technical design classes required primarily manual labor, as the various machines weren't working. The morning flew by , and regular classes could resume in the afternoon. One student simply asked: "Would it be possible to start the morning every Monday without electricity ?"

Further projects are planned
The topic of "energy" is regularly on the curriculum. Among other things, schoolchildren visited the Grande Dixence facilities in Zmutt, discussed glacier retreat, and reflected on climate change. Energy days are held in the first half of the year, during which the topic is explored in more depth through experiments. A visit to the energy advisory service is scheduled, and an external expert will raise the children's awareness of energy consumption . In Cycle 1, for example, good and bad energy will be discussed as part of the classroom climate. The goal is for students , teachers, and school staff to reflect on their behavior in using energy.

Lessons without electricity –
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The community
Zermatt is planning its
Energy future

By 2050, the energy demand of the building stock is to be drastically reduced and exclusively renewable energies are to be used. Building renovation, district heating, solar, wood, and green energy are examples of possible solutions.

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Energy policy is a top priority in the municipality of Zermatt . The municipality has demonstrated its commitment to energy policy through several projects and activities and has been certified as an Energy City since 2016. This recognition by the federal government as a progressive municipality contributing to the implementation of the national energy and climate strategy. In 2018, the Energy City compiled a CO2 and energy balance sheet and derived an energy and climate strategy with concrete measures and goals from it. An energy and climate vision was also developed. This year, an energy spatial plan and a solar potential utilization analysis were conducted.

Benefits of energy spatial planning

With its municipal energy spatial planning, the municipality of Zermatt has developed an important planning basis for the future renewable and efficient energy supply within the municipality . The municipality's current and future energy needs, as well as the potential of locally available renewable energies, were analyzed . Based on this, recommendations for action were developed for the municipality and for private property owners.

Current energy sources for heat generation are predominantly fossil
The current energy demand of the municipality of Zermatt is largely covered by fossil fuels (around 60% from oil heating). Zermatt is a tourist destination, which is why around 90% of the CO2 emissions from the building stock are caused by hotels and apartment buildings . Electricity demand is already met by around 60%

from local renewable energies, mainly hydropower .

Drastic reduction in energy demand necessary

To forecast the future energy demand of the Zermatt municipality's building stock in 2035 and 2050, two scenarios were developed - the Reference Scenario and the Efficiency Scenario.

efficiency. The reference scenario is "business as usual." In this case, the energy demand of the municipality of Zermatt's building stock increases by 4.2% by 2050. The efficiency scenario, however, shows that the energy demand of the municipality of Zermatt's building stock must be reduced by 22% by 2050 in order to meet the objectives of the national energy strategy.

Accelerate building renovation

To reduce building energy consumption according to targets , the number of building renovations per year must be accelerated. This requires an average of four times more buildings to be renovated annually (thermal insulation of roofs/facades, window replacement, etc.) than is currently the case, so that around 70% of the building stock is renovated by 2050. The municipality is therefore considering establishing a municipal energy subsidy program to further motivate homeowners to renovate their properties.

Available potential of renewable energies for heat production

To replace fossil fuels and inefficient direct electric heating systems for heat generation in Zermatt, various alternatives can be used. The use of geothermal energy and ambient air through heat pumps will be a priority. For optimal performance, geothermal probes should be regenerated in the summer, for example, by solar thermal energy. Solar thermal energy could also support hot water production, especially. Wood heating systems are also interesting at Zermatt's high altitude. However, the potential analysis has shown that the locally available quantities of wood are limited.

Possible areas for a district heating network identified

By spatially representing the heat demand, three areas with a high thermal density were identified in Zermatt.

te are identified that are suitable for a heat network

are suitable: the "North" area of the Spiss district, the "West" area around Bahnhofstrasse and the "East" area east of the Matter Vispa. The "West" area is considered a priority due to its higher CO2 emissions. Energy sources for these district heating networks could include waste heat from wastewater treatment plants, wood, geothermal probes, or possibly water from the Matter Vispa. The municipality will now conduct a detailed feasibility study for the construction of a district heating network in Place an order.

Expand renewable and local electricity production

There is great potential for electricity production through the use of hydropower with the Gornerli project. Furthermore, according to the federal government's Wind Atlas, several areas in Zermatt have been designated as "areas with a balancing of interests in the national interest" for wind power use. Due to the current conditions in Switzerland, wind power projects face numerous obstacles. Solar energy, in particular, offers significant and easily exploitable potential . The sun is one of the most important energy sources, and the solar potential in the mountains is significantly higher than in the Swiss Plateau.

Solar potential of the municipality of Zermatt

The solar power potential in the municipality of Zermatt for all existing roofs and facades is
Annual yield of approximately 74 GWh, with the majority of solar power being produced during the summer months. According to regional energy planning, Zermatt's electricity demand in 2019 was a total of 104 GWh. The majority of this was needed in the winter.

The calculated solar radiation map shows for the Zermatt location average annual values in the area from 1700 to 2000 kWh/m2 . In comparison, the average solar radiation in Switzerland is around 1100 kWh/m2 .

Possible development of heat demand in Zermatt

Solar production in winter

To investigate the potential taking into account local conditions (e.g. increased snow amounts and snow-covered PV systems), the irradiation values were divided into two time periods: November to February as snowy months and March to October as snow-free months.

Phase. The irradiation map from November to February shows an average irradiation of around 250 kWh/m2 . During the snow-free period, an average of 1650 kWh/m2 is expected. This means that only around 13% of the total energy is lost during a relatively long four-month period of snow cover. Furthermore, higher yields are achieved during the snow-free months than the year-round Swiss average. This solar potential can therefore also be economically exploited in snowy regions such as Zermatt . The increased stresses caused by snow loads must be considered when selecting modules.

When using a facade system, a consistent electricity yield is achieved throughout the year. Seasonal fluctuations are thus reduced. The potential and economic viability must be considered individually for each building, as facade systems are heavily dependent on neighboring buildings and their shadows.

Combining solar potential and architecture

By simplifying the registration process for solar systems, instead of a building permit procedure, the interest in using solar energy is given greater weight than design requirements.

In order to cleverly combine solar potential with architecture , the goal is to consider both aspects—architectural values and solar potential—in parallel when planning a solar system . Overlaying solar potential with architectural, urban planning , and heritage conservation values defines how suitable an area, the so-called perimeter, is for the installation of the solar system. Areas with high solar potential

Zermatt heat supply map

Areas with virtually no listed heritage value are particularly suitable and will be particularly encouraged in future planning for solar systems. The Spiss district plan, for example, is a very suitable area type, as this area is undergoing significant transformation and has virtually no listed heritage value . Furthermore, new buildings and existing buildings without protected status, as well as public buildings and infrastructure structures , are particularly suitable for the use of solar systems.

Roof design

Solar panels on roofs in building and agricultural zones are subject to legal notification, provided they are sufficiently adapted. In mountain villages, particular attention must be paid to roof design. Roofs are visible from various perspectives year-round—when hiking in summer, and skiing in winter.

The mountain villages in the Alps are characterized by the long tradition of stone roofs, which is still used today. The roof is to be designed as a fifth facade in the planning. Legal regulations stipulate continuous, compact areas for solar systems, as well as limited roof overhangs and a ban on roof overhangs. To maintain a peaceful roofscape, adjustments in color and format are additional important criteria.

Buildings worthy of protection

The challenge lies in protecting our architectural heritage while simultaneously keeping pace with technological advances . Especially when dealing with existing buildings, preservation often conflicts with adapting to modern demands.

For cultural and natural monuments, specific assessments are carried out to ensure that solar systems do not significantly impact the monument . Thanks to the tremendous advances in solar technology in recent years, solar systems can also be easily integrated into the design of listed buildings.

Energy consulting for private individuals and companies

Implementing the recommendations of energy spatial planning is a challenge for all stakeholders : the municipality, private individuals, and businesses. Zermatt is a member of the Oberwallis Energy Advisory Service. This advisory center supports private individuals, businesses, and the municipality in planning and implementing measures to increase energy efficiency and utilize renewable energies. Questions about building renovation, heating replacement, solar energy, subsidies, etc. can be clarified by phone, email, or directly on-site with a specialist. Further information is available at : www.energieberatung-oberwallis.ch

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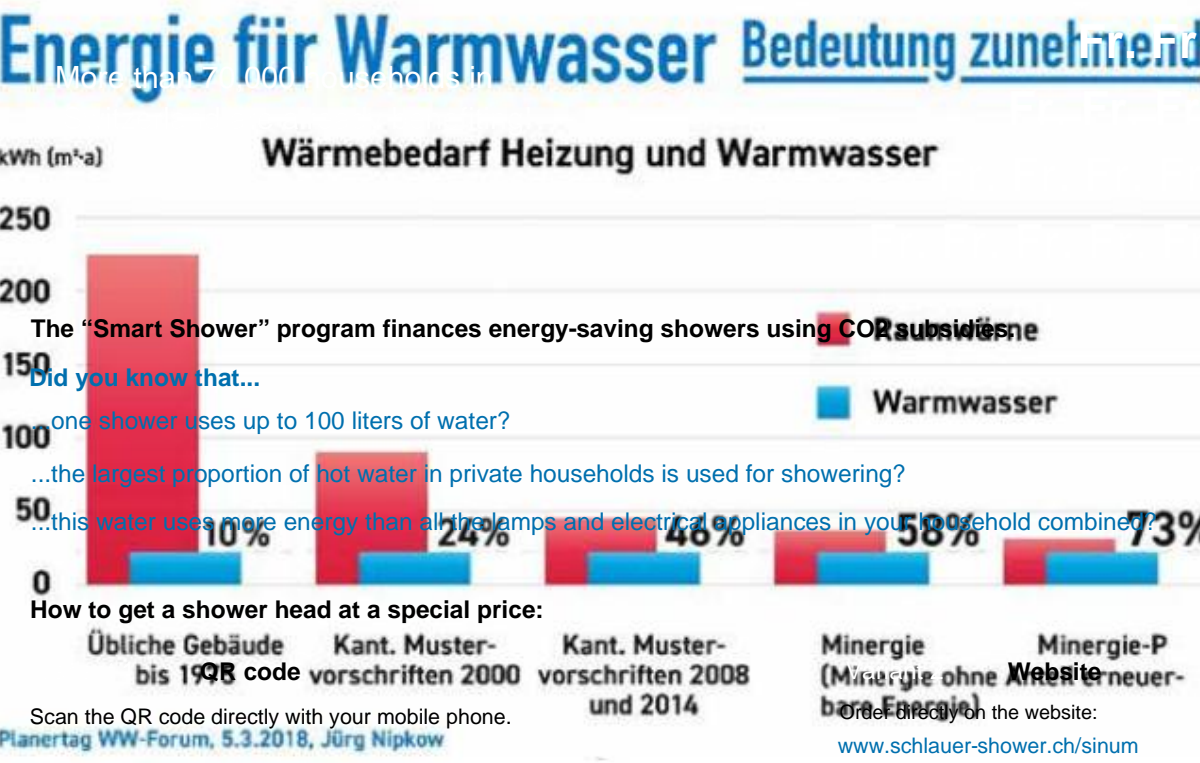
As part of the “Smart Shower” campaign, Zermatt, the city of energy, once again wants to inform the population that a simple, low-cost shower head can lower energy costs, reduce CO2 emissions, and save water. This is thanks to the simple and cost-effective shower head. Around 100 households participated in the last campaign in 2020. These households saved a total of approximately 70,000 kWh of energy and emitted 13 tons less CO2 .

Save energy, reduce CO2
In view of the impending energy shortage, there are various measures to reduce energy consumption.
On average, the second-largest energy consumption in the household is for hot water preparation . By using water-saving shower heads, water consumption can be reduced by up to 50% without sacrificing comfort, saving approximately 700 kWh of energy annually. Furthermore, the lower energy and water consumption leaves between 50 and 300 francs more in the household budget—a desirable side effect, especially given the higher prices .

The Smart Shower funding project invites people to save energy and reduce CO2 emissions . Interested parties can order discounted shower heads directly online and thus help reduce CO2 emissions.
To achieve reduction targets. All information about the project can be found at www.schlauer-shower.ch .

Scope of funding
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Scratching windows – clear vision is important

Many of you are probably already familiar with this: As soon as the nights get colder and you don't have a garage, the next day is spent scraping your windows. Unfortunately, it happens again and again that some road users don't take the time to do this and drive with frozen windows.



However, clearing snow and ice from cars is mandatory and absolutely necessary to ensure road safety . So-called “tank drivers” face the threat of driver's license suspension and fines, and in extreme cases, even imprisonment.

Legal basis
The basis for possible fines and penalties is found in the Road Traffic Act (SVG). A safe vehicle requires, among other things, clearly legible license plates, functioning lights, and reflectors. Windows and rearview mirrors must be kept clean (Traffic Regulations: Article 57, Paragraph 2).

In addition, windows necessary for the driver's vision must allow a clear and distortion-free view, be weatherproof and allow at least 70 percent of light to pass through, even after prolonged use .

No objects may be mounted in front of or behind these windows that impair the driver's vision or reduce the light transmission to less than 70 percent (Technical Road Vehicle Regulations: Article 71, paragraph 4).

Follow
According to the case law of the Federal Supreme Court and cantonal courts, driving with icy windows constitutes a moderate traffic violation under Article 16b of the Swiss Traffic Act (SVG) and results in a driver's license suspension of at least one month; further criminal and administrative proceedings are not excluded.
In more serious cases, a driver's license suspension of at least three months may be imposed. In addition, the insurance company may reduce benefits and reclaim paid compensation in the event of an accident .

Our advice
The Touring Club Suisse (TCS) recommends the following to defrost the windows:

1. Do not use hot water, the temperature shock can cause cracks in the window
2. Do not let the engine run
3. Set up windshield wipers

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A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES

Waste management

Since October 1, 2022, waste management has been handled by the municipality of Zermatt. What are the responsibilities of the employees at Zermatt Waste Management, and what are their daily challenges? We take a look behind the scenes.

Every morning at 7:30 a.m., the twelve Zermatt Entsorgung employees start collecting household waste and various recyclables at the waste and recyclables collection point in Spiss, while also preparing for further transport. At the same time, the waste and recyclables collection point in Spiss, as well as the mobile collection point, are operated and various customer inquiries are processed. Starting in the winter season, waste collection and transport will be carried out entirely by electric vehicles.

Emptying of public collection points and company containers
The collection of the various containers at the public Collection points and the operating containers of commercial and service businesses follow a clear collection plan (see waste calendar). Due to logistical considerations and legal requirements, it is not possible to collect all waste fractions every day and prepare them for further transport.

The various presses at the public collection points and Some commercial businesses have automatic fill level sensors. This alerts waste management management when the bin is 75% or 100% full. This ensures efficient exchange with minimal vehicle traffic, as soon as a press

Further transport to the customers
After collecting the household waste and the various Recyclable materials are stored in large containers/pressurizers for rail transport from Zermatt to Visp. All containers/

Presses are then transported from Visp to individual customers in the valley by electric truck, before the empty ones are transported back to Zermatt by rail.

challenges
It's repeatedly observed that many citizens act according to the motto: out of sight, out of mind. And this is precisely what repeatedly presents Zermatt Entsorgung employees with significant additional expenses. Despite clear labels on the bins and containers stating "THE RIGHT BIN," waste is repeatedly disposed of incorrectly, which then requires laborious sorting.

In addition, public waste collection centres are increasingly Illegal disposals are again taking place, which are collected on a separate tour and the costs then have to be borne by the public.

However, one of the biggest challenges is the monthly fluctuations in household waste and recyclables, especially during peak season, when waste equivalent to more than 35,000 population equivalents is generated.

Zermatt Waste Disposal Team
The residents of Zermatt have access to an experienced team of twelve people in waste management. In addition to Mario Schnidrig, who serves as Managing Director of Recycling Processing, José Luciano De Paiva Lourenco works as Operations Manager at Zermatt Entsorgung.



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Giving children a voice – the class council Zermatt, Täsch, Randa



Children have the right to participate in all matters that affect them and to express their opinions (Articles 12 and 13 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child). Based on this and individual points from the school's mission statement, such as promoting independent action and the ability to communicate and resolve conflicts, a new project was launched in the new school year: the Class Council.

The class council is made up of a total of 15 class representatives and represents all students in the inner Mattertal. Each class from grades 7H to 11OS was able to elect a class representative. Interested students were able to put their names on a candidate list right at the beginning of the school year. After three weeks of campaigning, the election took place. Each class voted independently. The position is held for one school year.

The class representative is responsible for bringing forward and representing the class's concerns, wishes, ideas, and opinions in the class council. They are also responsible for bringing forward and discussing tasks that were discussed in the class council. Ideas and concerns should also be communicated externally so that they can be implemented. Therefore, a representative of the class council takes part in the youth committee meetings, and another representative is an active member of the Energy School working group or takes on the role of liaison to the school administration.

The class council meets monthly.
Completed tasks are discussed, pending tasks are reviewed, and orders are placed based on them, as well as larger projects and issues. A first project has already been successfully completed.



Back row from left: Lea Biner, Felicia Imboden, Kilian Perren, Carline Perren, Rajan Julien, Manuel Staempfli, Aaron Petrig
front from left: Leetje Louis, Jonas Lehner, Leon Mayer, Valeria Fusari, Sebastian Janik
Lying from left: Eva Azevedo, Judit Fino Medeiros

A Panini exchange for all ages. On all three evenings, more than 20 children
The opportunity was taken to exchange paninis. The student council was also involved on Children's Rights Day. Now, other projects and student concerns are on the to-do list, such as discussing the dress code or designing the information boards in the school buildings, as well as
The school climate and mutual respectful interaction should be a topic of discussion in the class council.
The class council is chaired by the school social worker Jasmin Perren in Zermatt and Nina In-Albon in Täsch and Randa will accompany and support the students. Jonas Taugwalder will be on hand to provide support as a substitute teacher.

The next event...
...which the Student Council supports is the 11OS Christmas market. It takes place on December 12th, 15th, 19th, and 22nd on the church square. It's worth stopping by!

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Jubla Zermatt – the 2023 annual program is ready

The Jubla Zermatt management team is pleased to present the annual program for 2023.

All the leaders are highly motivated and looking forward to the upcoming events. Special highlights are sure to be the Whitsun camp, the Lake Festival, and the summer camp. The camp management is already working hard to plan a fantastic camp. It will be fantastic, just like every year!

One year after the coronavirus pandemic, we have more members than ever before. This is a development that we are pleased about and confirms our work. Jubla Zermatt would like to thank the parents for their trust and the community for their tremendous support.

We are happy!

Jubla Annual Program 2023

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February 25	Snow Castle Battle
March 18	Chocolate Sled Cup
April 22	Games & sports afternoon
May 27/28	Pentecost camp
June 8	Corpus Christi
June 24	Sea Festival
July 22–29	Summer camp
August 19	Camp review
September 9	Jubla Day
October 7	Barbecue & Pioneer Day
October 31	Halloween party
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Children's rights

Every child has the right to grow up healthy and safe, to develop their potential, to be listened to and taken seriously, to go to school, and to receive medical care and sufficient food.

Educating children about their own rights can also be done playfully through various workshops and studios. Talk about equality while painting, explore the right to health while cooking together, or address protection from violence in a self-defense course.

The "Children's Rights Day" project, organized by school social work and Jast Inneres Mattertal, will certainly take place again next year. The accompanying images provide a glimpse into how children's rights can be taught to children.

Children have rights.

is discussed in school.



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Public candle-making

As every year, the Zermatt Women's Association and the Mattertal Youth Office organize the popular candle-making event.

Everyone, big and small, is cordially invited to the public candle-lighting. Children younger than 5H should be accompanied by an adult.

It is recommended that you bring an apron and wear clothes and shoes that can get a little dirty.

The public candle-lighting will take place on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022** and **Saturday, December 17, 2022**, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Further information
Available from Bianca Ballmann of the Mattertal Youth Office at mattertal@jastow.ch or 079 303 45 04.



Candle making is fun.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Municipality of Zermatt

«Ice-cold abyss»



On December 19, 2022, author André Gebel will read from his latest book.

Five influencers are invited by an anonymous client to a challenge in a secluded chalet in the Swiss Alps. The task sounds tempting: They'll be the first guests ever to explore the new home and are expected to report on it on Instagram . The reward is \$100,000. But there are two conditions : No one may voluntarily leave the chalet before the end of the challenge , and only positive reports are allowed. What initially sounds like a dream job turns into a complete nightmare that will end in a bloodbath.

A suspenseful thriller from the influencer scene, set at the foot of the famous Matterhorn. Author André Gebel from Munich introduces us to his new book and tells us how he came up with the idea of setting the story in Zermatt.

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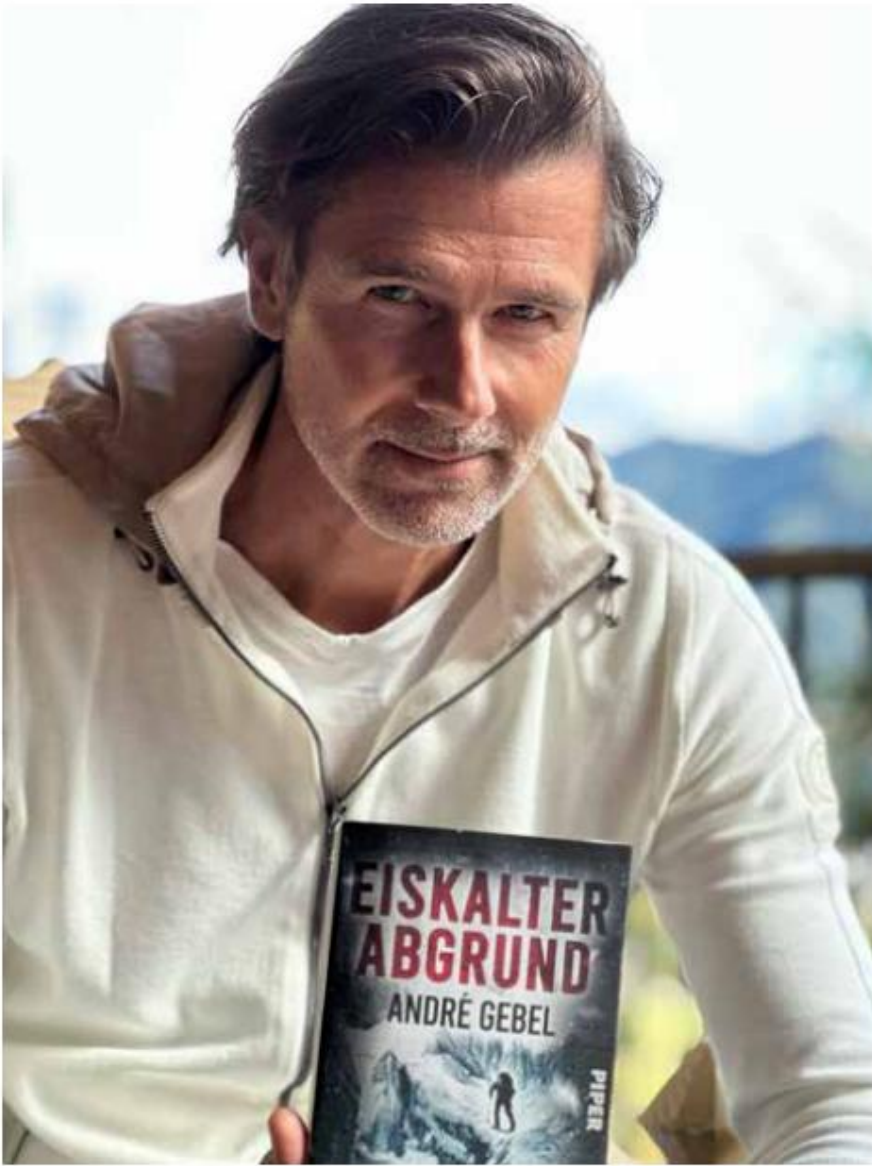
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Zermatt Municipality – Club Presentation

Music Society «Matterhorn» – New uniforms

The Matterhorn Music Society will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2023.

Founded in 1873, the association has experienced highs and lows and continues to shape our village life to this day.

Events in 2023 will be dedicated to the anniversary. In addition to concerts and events, a new uniform will be unveiled on April 29, 2023.

D'Müsig schpillt since 1873
Six generations ago, seven Musicians gathered in the Matterhorn village and founded the first village band . Viktor Furrer, Alois Kronig, Andreas Julen, Johann Biner, Josef Taugwalder, and Johann Taugwalder provided musical accompaniment to secular and religious festivals. At the request of the hoteliers, who were already far-sighted at the time and felt a kind of "spa music" was necessary, the first Zermatt village band was formed.

In 1889, a new foundation was established, the first statutes were written, and the Cantonal Music Festival in St. Maurice was attended. Everything was viewed more from a "leisurely" perspective, and new foundations were formed in 1905 and 1909. Zermatt was on the verge of becoming a health resort, and many had other things to do besides making music.

ren. The club also faced financial difficulties. Since 1909, however, the "Matterhorn" has continuously performed on Corpus Christi , participated in music festivals and parades , performed concerts, and serenaded people or congratulated them on their birthdays with a musical bouquet of flowers. In 1998, the club celebrated its 125th birthday and received a new uniform.

Even if club life today is not While it no longer has the same significance as it did back then, the musicians continue to play their way into the hearts of their listeners. "D'Müsig" not only represents Zermatt as a destination, it also promotes the sense of togetherness within our village community. It is an integral part of our village. She belongs to us and we belong to her.

The fifth uniform
Until the 1950s, there was no uniform; the musicians slipped into their "Sunday clothes" and played in better trousers, a white shirt, a "Joppen," and finer shoes. In 1951, thanks to the generosity of the population, the blue uniform was acquired, and the "Matterhorn" became one of the first clubs in Valais to wear a uniform. In 1964, the "Matterhorn" was allowed to wear the second uniform.

The jacket was cardinal red, black trousers, a white belt, a peaked cap, and a plumed hat gave the new outfit a very special effect. In 1981, the third uniform was acquired. It was black, decorated with red and white trim, and had an elegant appearance. The musicians wore white shoes for gala performances. This footwear caused astonishment at some performances and increased the Matterhorn's popularity. Since 1998, the musicians have played in their current, more casual uniform. Midnight blue trousers, a red jacket, several decorations, and the legendary Bogart hat make the uniform the trademark of the Müsig.

She served for 25 years and lasted the longest. She was named



Founding members from 1873



Uniform from 1964

the red and black uniforms of the
Manufactured by the company «Schuler» in Rothenthurm.

New uniforms
The numerous performances over the past 25 years have left their mark. There is no more fabric available for renewal, the cut is no longer contemporary, the hat is crumpled, and the trousers are worn out. Therefore, at the last general meeting , it was decided to purchase a new uniform and provide the ladies of honor with new costumes.

This is a major financial undertaking for the Matterhorn, which is only possible with the generous support of the local population. With the village's help, the Matterhorn will receive its birthday present on April 29, 2023, and can then look back on a proud 150 years of music and camaraderie.

We're excited to see what the Matterhorn's fifth uniform will look like.
Happy Birthday!

150 years of music society
Matterhorn:
Congratulations!



Zermatt Citizens' Community

“We want to continuously support good causes”

The Cultural and Social Foundation of the Zermatt Community and the Grand Hotel Zermatterhof are collecting donations for the Atelier Manus in Brig.

The Atelier Manus Foundation in Brig, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, has received donations totaling CHF 2,000, which were raised through various activities at the Grand Hotel Zermatterhof and through the generous support of the Cultural and Social Foundation of the Citizens ' Community of Zermatt.

Markus Marti, the new director of the Zermatterhof since July of this year, explains how the donations were collected: "We also occasionally invite influencers to the hotel. Until now, hosting these influencers had no tangible sustainability value for the region. Therefore, a year ago we decided to invite influencers who wanted to promote the hotel to make a donation to Atelier Manus per person per night upon checkout.

In this way, we ensure that this local Valais institution is recognized and supported by visitors from all over the world."

Since November of last year, the Grand Hotel Zermatterhof has also been working with Kind Traveler, a hotel booking platform that collects donations for good causes. For each reservation, guests automatically donate \$10 to Atelier Manus.

The winter season of the Grand Hotel Zermatterhof runs from 9th December December 2022 to April 16, 2023.



Zermatt Tourism

Zermatt Insider:

With the Zermatt hospitality initiative

Tourism strengthens the welcoming culture

The friendliness campaign "Zermatt Insider", which was launched by Zermatt Tourism together with various service

partners in 2011, is aimed at all residents of the Zermatt – Matterhorn destination and runs under the motto WAGAGUZ: We work together for the prosperity of our Zermatt.

The "Zermatt Insider" friendliness campaign includes various sub-projects: Unique Bikers, Heroes in Tourism, and Unique Drivers. They all aim to make guests' stays in Zermatt even more pleasant and strengthen the welcoming culture. The initiative is therefore aimed at everyone who lives or works in the Zermatt – Matterhorn destination.

Unique Biker – The art of respectful two-wheeled riding

Seven golden rules raise awareness among cyclists and scooter riders and encourage them to ride carefully. These rules include, for example, that pedestrians always have the right of way in Zermatt, that changes of direction must be signaled with the hand, that you may never ride faster than 20 km/h, even downhill , and that headlights and taillights are required in the dark.

Heroines and heroes in tourism –

The guest becomes a regular customer

The Zermatt – Matterhorn destination is known for its hospitality ity. Time and again, there are residents or employees, so-called "tourism heroes," who spontaneously help guests in surprising ways . Zermatt Tourism is always on the lookout for experiences.

reports with an exemplary attitude towards the guests.

Unique Driver – The Art of Taxi Driving

After the train staff, taxi drivers are often the first people to come into contact with guests and welcome them . They shape the first impression and thus the guests' start to their vacation in the destination. Regular training sessions are held to sensitize taxi personnel to service quality . In addition, a neutral jury evaluates the conduct of the chauffeurs at hotels and taxi companies.

in the Zermatt – Matterhorn destination. Brochures, badges , and hats with the Unique Driver print can be purchased at any time at the Zermatt Tourism counter.



All information on the topic «Zermatt Insider» can be found at Available at www.ztnet.ch/zermattinsider .

Zermatt Tourism

New tourist tax regulations –

Digital reporting as a solution

With the adjustment of the tourist tax regulations in the Zermatt – Matterhorn destination, several changes have

come into effect for accommodation providers as of November 1, 2022. For example, the tourist tax amount has been

changed. Adults now pay CHF 4 per person per overnight stay. Children aged 9 to 15.99 pay half the rate.

Children under 9 years of age remain exempt from the tourist tax. For second

home owners and permanent tenants subject to the tourist tax, the annual flat rate is now CHF 160 per bed per year.

Also new in the tourist tax regulations is the expanded collection of personal guest data. For the purposes of calculating tourist tax and random sampling, non-personalized statistical evaluations, and providing data to the police in emergencies, each guest must be registered with the following minimum requirements: rental property (hotel or apartment), first and last name, nationality , language, date of birth, and arrival and departure dates. In addition, the primary guest must provide the following information: title, telephone number, postal address, and email address.

Also new is that tourist tax registration must be completed via the digital registration system and the digital tourist tax settlement ("zTerminal"), generally on the day of the guest's arrival. If the accommodation provider does not settle the tax via the digital registration system, this must be requested in writing from the tourist tax collection agency. Each request must include a plausible justification and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In any case, the payment must be made no later than one week after the guest's departure.

In the zTerminal, all requirements were already met by November 1, 2022.

implemented. With the zTerminal, Zermatt Tourism thus has an efficient, digital solution available to all service partners.

In addition, further innovations were implemented in the system at this time to make it easier for accommodation providers to

To enable easy operation, there is now an Excel import function. This allows registration forms to be conveniently loaded into the zTerminal via an Excel spreadsheet. This function is also suitable for hotels that are not connected to the zTerminal via a PMS interface . This function can also be used by holiday apartment landlords .

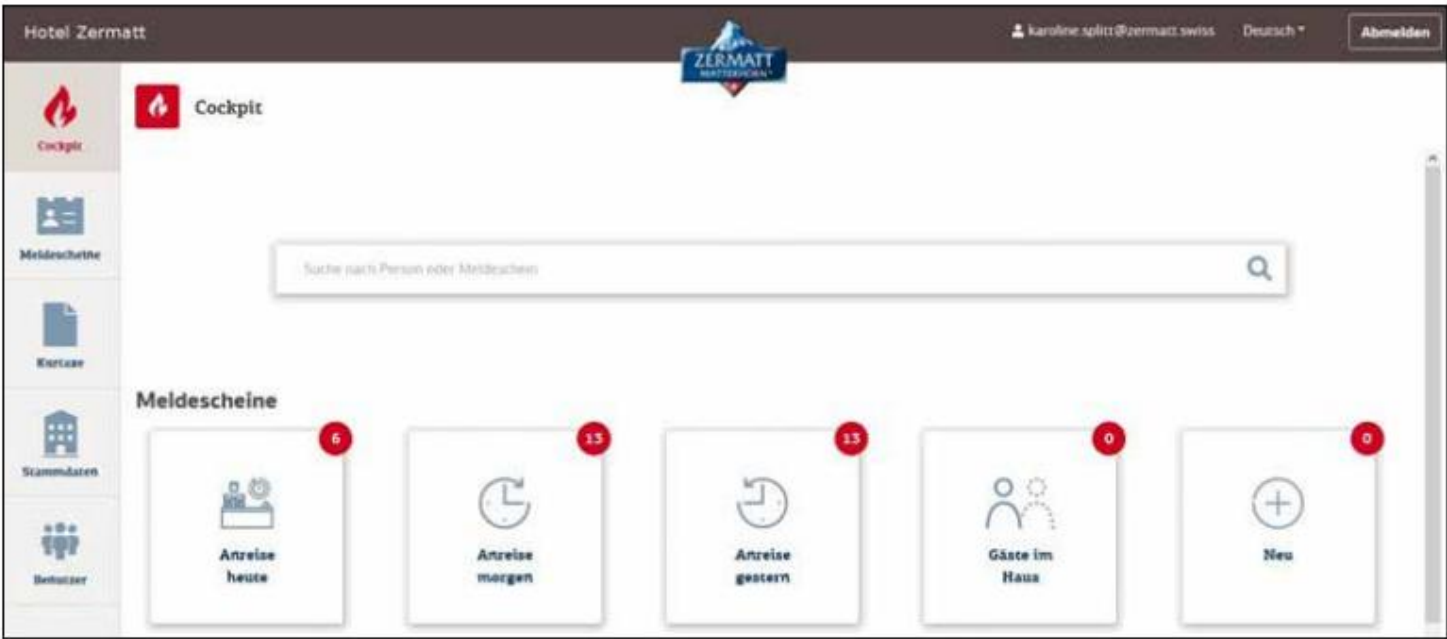
In addition, the pre-check-in for guests is regarding the refresh The Zermatt – Matterhorn brand has been updated. It now looks more modern and has been made more attractive for mobile use.

The new tourist tax regulations have also been implemented for pre-check-in , and the guest data fields have been adjusted. In this context, the extract of completed pre-check-ins, which is sent daily to participating accommodation providers, has also been updated and made more user-friendly.

In order to comply with the new tourist tax regulations, accommodation providers are recommended to switch to the zTerminal immediately.

For more information about zTerminal, please visit www.ztnet.ch/zTerminal.

Additional information on the new tourist tax regulations can be found at www.ztnet.ch/kurtaxe



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Coop Zermatt with a new look

For two weeks now, Pavo Herceg and his team have been welcoming customers to the modernized Coop Zermatt, which features numerous new features.

It was a special moment for Pavo Herceg, Managing Director of Coop Zermatt, and his team: After seven weeks of modernization, the doors of the Coop supermarket opened on Thursday, November 24, 2022. "We were very pleased to welcome customers back," explains Herceg. After the renovation, customers will find everything their heart desires in over 830 square meters.

"We also have numerous products in our range that customers can enjoy straight away. Such as roast beef with tartar sauce, vitello tonnato, or sandwiches. We prepare all of these in our store."

Everything new

In addition, the entire store shines in new splendor. "Unlike before, our customers walk through the store clockwise. At the entrance, a variety of fresh and seasonal fruit and vegetables awaits. Then come the bread and baked goods, before moving on to the dairy, the meat department, and the beverages," says the manager, describing the new store. Brick walls and wooden elements create a special ambience. The checkout area has also been redesigned.

Customers can pay at ten self-checkouts and two staffed checkouts. There is also still the option to shop using the Passabene self-scanning system.

"We offer a shopping experience," emphasises Pavo Herceg, who values Friendliness and the well-being of customers as well as well as the diversity of the product range. Locals and tourists from all over the world come and go at Coop Zermatt. «The needs are accordingly varied." Valais products such as Zermatt beer, regional wine, and rye bread from Simplon-Dorf are particularly popular. But chocolate and freshly prepared items are also in demand. No matter what you're looking for, a visit to the new Coop Zermatt is definitely worth it.



Managing Director Pavo Herceg and his team are delighted with the modernized Coop Zermatt.



Zermatt Tourism

Sustainably sustainable

Dear insiders

Global warming, CO2 footprint, greenhouse effect, climate crisis... Every day we read and hear about the causes and effects of our actions on our planet. Extreme weather, hunger, and refugee flows will soon be the consequences of the changes we are causing through excessive and harmful consumption – according to a relevant NGO (non-governmental organization) website. Tourism is at the forefront of the dock. And if we look out the window, all these predictions seem to be coming true: After a winter with little snow and a dry summer, we now also had the warmest autumn since systematic measurements began. The summer ski resort, which has been in operation continuously since the 1960s, had to take a break for the first time, and the planned World Cup races have literally fallen through. Two events that fit well into the landscape, which is visibly changing due to the melting glaciers around Zermatt.

It should be clear to everyone that we must act. But sustainably, please. Sustainable means preserving the way of life we have created for ourselves here in this remote valley into the future. For us to behave in an ecologically responsible manner, economic sustainability is essential. This basic prerequisite, it seems to me, has been somewhat lost recently. The demands are becoming more radical, unrealistic, even hostile to the (tourism) economy by the day. We are beginning to limit our competitiveness and fail to recognize that in doing so, we are jeopardizing our livelihood. I therefore advocate a measured approach without radical demands, as recently outlined in a fact sheet from the University of Bern and the Wyss Academy for Nature. Because let's be honest: If we restrict ourselves so drastically that we suddenly become economic refugees ourselves, environmental protection will no longer play a role in our actions.

Sincerely, Daniel Luggen, Spa Director



Gornergrat Railway

Gornergrat – for the perfect Winter day

The Gornergrat is not only THE destination for skiers, but also offers great winter activities for hikers, sledders, and culinary enthusiasts. Here's an overview:

Gornergrat – Best View Matterhorn The ride alone, with constant views of the Matterhorn, is an experience. On the Gornergrat, the spectacular mountain panorama of 29 four-thousand-meter peaks, including the famous Matterhorn, almost takes your breath away.

Early Bird Ticket
Book early and save. Anyone who buys their ticket at least 30 days in advance will benefit from a 30% discount.

Zoom the Matterhorn
Even in winter, visiting the multime- The "Zoom the Matterhorn" adventure world on the Gornergrat is included in the ticket. For ski pass holders, admission can be purchased on site.

Dining with the Stars
The evening excursion with fondue chinoise and a visit to the Gornergrat Observatory at over 3,000 meters above sea level takes place every Thursday from January 5 to March 23, 2023.

Igloo Lunch Fondue
After the ride up the Gornergrat and a roughly ten-minute hike from Rotenboden, enjoy an all-you-can-eat fondue in the unique igloo village. This offer is available daily from February 1 to April 23, 2023, between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM.

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Further information and online booking at: www.gornergrat.ch

Zermatt cable cars

New panoramic map for Zermatt

It's been available for a few weeks now: the new panoramic map of the Zermatt – Matterhorn destination. The new maps, created by cartographer Arne Rohweder, were created in collaboration between Zermatt Tourism, the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn, Cervino Spa, and the Zermatt Bergbahnen (mountain railways).

The new panoramic

map: digital and

interactive

The perimeter change

The new maps were initiated by the Matterhorn Alpine Crossing in anticipation of the upcoming perimeter change in summer 2023. Starting with the opening of the Matterhorn Glacier Ride II between the Klein Matterhorn and Testa Grigia in summer 2023, the Italian side of the Matterhorn Paradise will be accessible year-round, even without skis. This is reflected in the new summer panoramic map and supplemented with various information on hiking trails, highlights, etc.

The winter version also incorporates new features, such as correct marking and improved recognition of the wildlife and forest conservation areas in the Matterhorn Ski Paradise. Of course, attention was also paid to a consistent drawing style across the entire panorama.

Digital and interactive

The new Zermatt maps have been finalized for the 2022/23 winter season and are now available interactively on various channels, such as the Matterhorn app and websites. Should you notice any errors or incorrect information, please inform us at info@matterhornparadise.ch.

Thank you very much!

Scan and go directly to the new panorama



Zermatt cable cars

Construction work at the Zermatt Bergbahnen

There's a lot going on in the construction department of Zermatt Bergbahnen, whether on the Schluhmattstrasse in the village or at Europe's highest mountain station above sea level. As an industry leader, the company aims to set a good example through innovation, know-how, and pioneering spirit, offering its guests a modern and comfortable product.

Matterhorn Alpine Crossing

Winter is coming to the two construction sites of the Matterhorn Glacier Ride II. The work in the outdoor areas is demanding

The cold temperatures require even more concentration and skill. Some workers are happy to be able to carry out their duties inside the stations. Various preparatory work is being carried out for the cable pull, which is scheduled for the end of January 2023. For example, the material cable car must be moved to ensure sufficient space for the installation of the cables.

The work will take around three and a half months for the cable pull of the five cables in total. In the period from February 2023 to June 2023 various interior work will be carried out and between May 2023 and June 2023

The railway will be thoroughly tested so that it can be put into operation in early summer can take place in 2023.

Schlummatte construction project

Further down the valley, construction work is underway for the new cable car from Zermatt to Furi and for the new building of the valley station on

Full speed ahead. Looking up toward Furi, you can see supports two and three, which have already been installed. Excavation and securing work at the stations was completed on March 30.

Construction will begin in November 2022, and concrete work will begin in spring 2023. For the 2022/2023 winter season, the queueing area around the Matterhorn Express valley station will be optimized for guest flow and significantly enlarged to relieve congestion on Schlummatstrasse.

Slope optimization

In addition to the larger construction projects, various slopes were renovated during the summer, thereby increasing guest safety. Among other things, improvements were made to the "Howette" piste (number 3) by removing the Gryfelplatte rock, and the renovation of the Obere National snowmaking system was completed. Renaturation measures were undertaken in the Stafelalp region to meet ecological and environmental protection requirements. Work was also carried out in the Rothorn area. For example, the foundations of the old Kumbert triple chairlift were rebuilt.

me was successfully removed under the supervision of the environmental construction supervision.



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History of Zermatt

Karl Lehner – Zermatt postal legend, 52 years in the postal service

Karl Lehner was born on
August 13, 1894, the
eldest child of Theophil and
Cäcilia Lehner-Biner in
Zermatt. His father,
Theophil, had moved to
Zermatt from the Lötschental
valley with two other brothers.

He worked as a teacher and postmaster in the Matterhorn village. He also ran a prosperous farm, where Karl actively helped as a boy.

After primary school, the young Karl first attended the college in Sarnen and then the Canons' College in St. Maurice. With this good education, he acquired an excellent general knowledge . In 1919, he took over from his father.

the post office. Karl had been working as an assistant postman in the postal service since 1907. In 1925, He advised Olga Strebel, the head secretary of the Seiler Hotels. The couple had three children. In 1948, the post office was elevated to a post office, and Karl the first

Zermatt postal administrator. As such, after 52 years of postal service, he retired

served as a boarding house.

But even in retirement, Karl remained extremely active. Now he had more time for his historical research and writing. He died on October 19, 1978, at the ripe old age of 84.

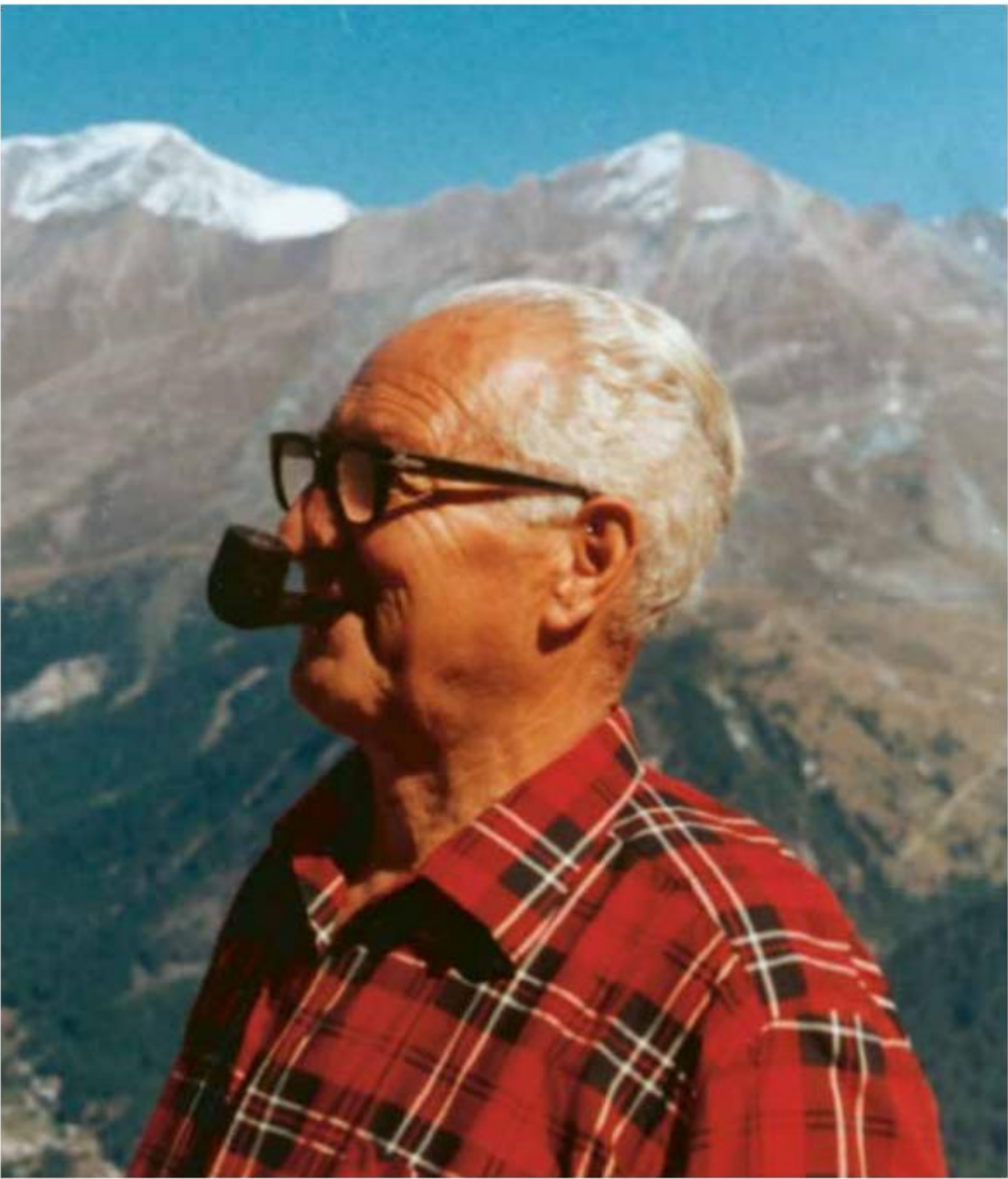
Karl Lehner – a factotum

Karl Lehner was a man of exceptionally diverse interests and dedication throughout his life. He made his talents available to the public for decades.

There was hardly a club in the village of which he didn't belong, serve on the board , or serve as president. So it's not surprising that no fewer than 14 clubs made him an honorary member.

For many years he was president of the Kurver-one, head of the village health insurance fund and the consumer cooperative, commander of the local fire department, and cantonal fire department instructor. In 1944, he was the first non-Burger to be elected to the Zermatt municipal council.

Sports clubs could also count on him. As an active skier, he worked in



Karl Lehner:
versatile interests
ized and committed

Ski club committee as actuary and chronicler. He also served as an international ski jump judge and was a member of the ice hockey and curling clubs. For many years, he was a member of the local SAC chapter, where he served as president and secretary. He was also actively involved in church service, serving as an usher at the Corpus Christi procession and funerals.

«Rhymes and Nonsense»

Even though his achievements and public activities may be somewhat forgotten by the younger generation, his cultural and local historical work will endure for generations to come.

Karl Lehner excelled as a director of numerous plays. The older Zer-
Among other things, the piece "Quatembernacht"
remains unforgettable in the memory of Zermatt
residents . Naturally , he was a long-time active
member of the Zermatt church choir and the village
band.

He was a master at writing poems suitable for a wide variety of occasions. In his handwritten collection "Rhymed and Unrhymed," he captured his thoughts and experiences.

But his greatest interest was history: He was one of the first

He was a supporter and the driving force behind the Walser Association. He mastered the dialect and published several samples in the biannual magazine "Wir Walser," of which he was a member of the editorial board.

Under the pseudonym "Peterjosi," he wrote countless articles about village life in Zermatt in the "Briger Anzeiger" and the "Walliser Boten. "



Gott.

Va alle Litz, alle Schtrasse,
Bischof Du der letscht' Ort.
De alli Angschicht und alli Not,
Uffopfer ja an Dini Port.

Un alle Scholtz und Mänschutrotz,
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131 electric charging stations are now available on the upper floor of the MTT.

Matterhorn Gotthard Railway

Matterhorn Terminal Täsch (MTT) with new offers

The MTT renews
Just in time for the winter
season, the offer: In
addition to 131 electric
charging stations for
electric cars, green lights
indicate the available parking spaces.

To accommodate the rapidly increasing use of electric cars, 131 (!) parking spaces with charging stations are available in a newly created zone on the upper floor . This is the largest offering of e-charging stations in a public parking garage in Switzerland. The electricity comes from 100% hydropower. The electric charging stations are equipped with a Type 2 plug, a seven-meter cable, and a charging capacity of up to 22 kW. Electricity consumption is billed individually. Payment is made via QR code/NFC tag at the charging stations. Accepted payment methods include credit cards, TWINT, SMS, Apple Pay, and Google Pay.

Reserve parking space online

Parking tickets can be conveniently booked in advance in the online shop, guaranteeing one of the 2,100 available spaces in the parking garage. License plate recognition automatically opens the main barrier, allowing contactless entry . Visitors without a registered license plate number will receive their ticket at the barrier by pressing a button, as before .

Green lights indicate free spaces

To help you quickly find a free parking space, the parking garage is now equipped with a new parking guidance system with individual space sensors. Visitors are thus easily and conveniently directed to available parking spaces, eliminating the need to search for them. A stress-free and relaxing vacation in Zermatt begins right at the MTT. Parking can now also be easily paid for using SwissPass, ParkingPay , and TWINT.

Information: www.matterhornterminal.ch



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Green lights on the ceiling indicate the free parking spaces

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