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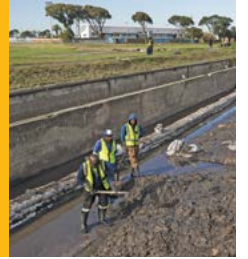
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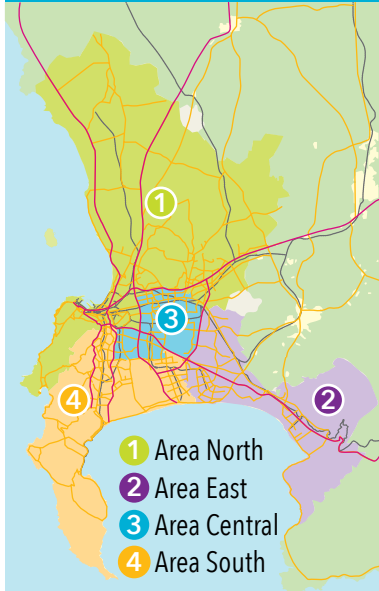
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Clinic closed no more: Residents of Elsies River and surrounds again have access to the Leonsdale satellite clinic. The facility reopened in early August, having closed back in 2021 for renovations, including an overhaul of electricity infrastructure and roof repairs. The completion of the electrical work was delayed, as the facility is located in an Eskom supply area. The clinic is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 08:30 until 15:30. The services on offer are child health, reproductive health, screening for HIV, TB and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), and nutritional therapy.

New garden bodes well for CY's future

The revitalisation of Bellville is gathering pace with the recent opening of the Sanlam Urban Garden on the corner of Bill Bezuidenhout and Strand streets. The garden – a collaboration between Sanlam, the City and the Greater Tygerberg Partnership – is well aligned with the better. bellville. together. initiative, which promotes placemaking to rejuvenate this important urban node.

Not airy-fairy stuff

The City uses placemaking as a vehicle to stimulate jobs, investment and enterprise development across town. Research shows that green spaces promote community connections and neighbourhood satisfaction. And when people feel connected to one another and a place, they stay longer, spend more, and support local enterprises.

In Bellville, the aim is to restore the area into a thriving, mixed-use district. Working in partnership with the community, the City hopes to build momentum block by block, space by space, with interventions that breathe life back into neglected corners of this part of town.



A better Bellville, block by block:

The reveal of the Sanlam Urban Garden in Bellville was another important step to refresh and revitalise this key urban node of the Mother City.

City needs help containing the creep

Recreation and Parks is actively managing ivy infestations in public spaces. Yet community awareness and action remain critical to control this invasive creeper across town.

English ivy (*Hedera spp.*) is a flowering species from the Araliaceae family and is native to Europe. It was originally introduced to South Africa as a groundcover and ornamental climber, but in Cape Town, its rapid spread has become a growing concern in both public and private spaces. The *Hedera canariensis* and *Hedera helix* are particularly problematic.

Let's cut it down to size

The ivy is listed as a category 3 invasive species under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and must be managed accordingly. In sensitive or riparian areas, its status escalates to category 1b, requiring control.

If left unmanaged, ivy blocks a tree's sunlight and causes branch dieback. The added weight that the creeper adds to the distressed tree often results in collapse and also increases the risk of wind damage in open areas. The plant outcompetes and displaces local vegetation, which damages our biodiversity.



Creeping up on us: The City is calling on residents to help it control and contain *Hedera spp.*, commonly known as 'ivy' or 'English ivy'. The creeping, climbing invasive plant poses a serious threat to the local environment.

If you have ivy in your garden, use what is left of the cooler months – ivy's dormant phase – as a strategic opportunity to control or remove it safely, following the steps below:

- Manually pull out the stems and roots. The stems can be removed from the ground of a standing tree. Upper vines will die if they are not rooted, so they can be left to rot.
- Follow up regularly to remove any new growth.
- Dispose of the cuttings responsibly. Do not dump trimmings in natural areas, as the plant may re-root and spread.
- Either dry the vine clippings on a plastic or canvas sheet or a paved surface, and then shred, or solarise in black trash bags until the vines are no longer viable.

* Report ivy overgrowth in public spaces by logging a service request via the City's C3 system. Alternatively, log sightings on the iNaturalist app and website to help the City track infestations.



MyCiTi officially the 'smart' way to travel:

Some 150 MyCiTi bus drivers are undergoing the City's Smart Driver training to improve driving behaviour, save on fuel, lower carbon emissions, cut on maintenance costs, reduce risk and, above all, increase passenger safety. Pictured with Mayco member for Urban Mobility Cllr Rob Quintas (left) and Deputy Mayor Ald Eddie Andrews (right) are drivers Michael Petersen, Philasande Mvuli and Jabu Lawrence Nkala, proudly displaying their certificates. Another 400 MyCiTi drivers will complete the programme over the next two years. The City introduced the Smart Driver training for all its fleet drivers in 2013.

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KORTLIKS

Inwoners van die Elsiesrivier-omgewing het weer toegang tot die Leonsdale-satellietklyn, wat in Augustus heropen het. Die klyn is op Dinsdae en Woensdae van 08:30 tot 15:30 oop en lewer 'n verskeidenheid gesondheidsdienste vir kinders en volwassenes.

Die vernuwung van Bellville is nou goed aan die gang met die onlangse opening van die Sanlam-stadstuin op die hoek van Bill Bezuidenhout- en Strandstraat. Die tuin strook met die inisiatief better. bellville. together., wat plekskepping bevorder om nuwe lewe in hierdie belangrike stadsnodus te blaas.

Inwoners se hulp word benodig om *Hedera spp.*, wat ook as 'klimop' of ivy bekend is, onder beheer te bring. Dié kruip- en rankplant is 'n indringerspesie wat 'n ernstige bedreiging vir die plaaslike omgewing inhou.

Sowat 150 MyCiTi-busbestuurders ontvang tans Smart Driver-opleiding. Dié kursus van die Stad verbeter bestuurders se gedrag agter die stuur, help verlaag brandstofverbruik, koolstofvrystellings, instandhoudingskoste en risiko, en verbeter veiligheid vir passasiers.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Abahlali base-Elsies River nakwiindawo ezikufutshane baphinde bakwazi ukufikelela kwiklinikhi yesathelayithi yaseLeonsdale ephinde yavulwa ebusheni bukaAgasti. Le klinikhi ivula ngoolwezibini nangoolwezithathu ukususela ngo08:30 ukuya ku15:30 kwiinkonzo zempilo zabantwana nabantu abadala.

Ukuvuselelwa kweBellville kuthath' unyawo ngokuvulwa kwakutshanje kweSanlam Urban Garden ekwikona yesitrato iBill Bezuidenhout neStrand. Le gadi ilungelelaniswe kakuhle nephulo leBellville engcono, elikhuthaza ukulungiswa kwendawo ukuhlaziya lo mmandla wedolophu ubalulekileyo ngokudala imisebenzi, utyalomali noshishino.

ISixeko sihlal' ikhwelo kubahlali ukuba basincedise ekulawuleni nasekulondolozeni i*Hedera spp.*, eyaziwa ngokuba yi-'ivy' okanye i'English ivy'. Esi sityalo sithwethwayo, esigwencelayo nesingena inkani siyingozi kokusingqongileyo.

Abanye abaqhubi beMyCiTi abayi150 bakuqeqesho lweSixeko olusiSmart Driver ukuphucula indlela abaqhuba ngayo, ibancede bongwe amafutha, bancephise ukukhutshwa kwekhabhon, bancephise iindleko zokulungisa, bancephise ingozi yaye ngaphezu kwako konke, baphucule ukhuseleko lwabakhweli.

Making progress possible. Together.

No mow, let them grow

To give Cape Town's spring flowers and fynbos a chance to grow, bloom and seed, the City will again be following a 'no-mow' approach at selected public open spaces, greenbelts, road verges and parks from July to November. The affected areas will be marked with temporary signage to inform residents of the adjustment to the mowing schedule and encourage respect for these special natural spaces.

Many of the earmarked no-mow areas contain remnants of critically endangered vegetation and pockets of high biodiversity, and often serve as corridors that connect larger biodiversity hotspots such as conservation areas, nature reserves and national parks.

Nominate a no-mow area

Residents can help support Cape Town's unique biodiversity by nominating local parks or green spaces to be included in future no-mow areas. Send your suggestions to RP.Enquiries@capetown.gov.za.

* To view the full list of no-mow locations across the metro, go to <https://bit.ly/41Bq61M>. Areas not on the list will be mowed as per the normal annual schedule.



'Mowratorium' on cutting: The City will be halting mowing at selected public parks and open spaces until November so that the Mother City's endemic and indigenous flowers and fynbos can flourish.

Building hope, breaking down barriers as social housing pipeline rolls out

One of this administration's most important priorities is to break down the unjust spatial legacy of our country's past – to make our city fairer and more accessible, and to give more Capetonians a better chance at building a life of dignity and prosperity.

When people live in difficult circumstances, far from economic opportunities and reliable transport, their options in life effectively shrink. To build Cape Town into a city of hope for all who live here, we must put far more Capetonians within reach of those opportunities, and break down the barriers that keep them locked out.

That is why our pledge to speed up the delivery of more affordable housing across town is so important. At our Council meeting in August, we took another big step forward on this mission when we handed over one of the best-located parcels of land in the city centre – the 'Fruit & Veg' site at the top of Roeland Street – to our private-sector developer partner for a mixed-use development that will include 237 social housing units.

These units are subsidised rental flats aimed at those with a monthly



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

household income of less than R22 000. We now have around 12 000 such units at various stages of development in our social housing pipeline, of which 4 000 are in inner-city areas such as Woodstock, Salt River and Maitland. This offers tenants easy access to services, opportunities and amenities.

Tenants of the 'Fruit & Veg' development specifically – so called for the Food Lover's Market store, formerly known as Fruit & Veg City, located there – will have the entire city centre on their doorstep, with MyCiTi bus stops just a block away. There are

schools nearby, and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology is just a short stroll away. This is the kind of address that can instantly change people's lives.

This model where we partner with the private sector holds the key to unlocking affordable housing for thousands more families. Developers who bid on these discounted properties have to deliver a minimum number of social housing units as part of their mixed-use development. And should they fail to meet this threshold, ownership of the property would revert to the City.

Our friends at Province, too, have three exciting inner-city projects in their social housing pipeline. We will continue to play an enabling role to support these provincial projects, as well as to contribute financially where we can.

Project by project, we are chipping away at the massive demand for affordable housing in the metro, and giving more Cape Town families the chance to reimagine their future and restart their dreams.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor



Report robots for repair

Cape Town's 1 661 signalised intersections enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists, and keep traffic flowing. Faulty traffic lights can wreak havoc on our already busy roads and residents' travel times, especially during peak hours. If you spot any broken or irregular lights, please report it as soon as possible.

Here's how:

- Download the City app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- Log a service request at www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests.

Provide your contact details, the street address and area where you spotted the faulty traffic signal, and the unique ID number displayed on the intersection's control box (e.g. 10077). Please retain your reference number.

* If the tech won't play along, contact our customer call centre (0860 103 089 or contact.us@capetown.gov.za).

Western Cape dam levels slightly lower than this time last year

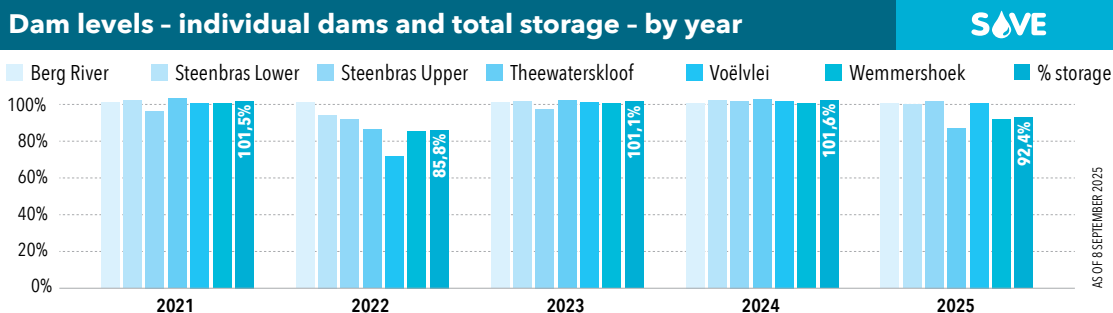
The dam levels for Cape Town are sitting at 92,4%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should still try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

Protect our water resources by following water-wise guidelines. Residents and businesses are reminded that the permanent regulations contained in the City's Water By-law still apply across Cape Town, regardless of the

restriction level.

Municipal water may be used in gardens only before 09:00 or after 18:00, but never to hose down paved areas.

- Visit www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater or www.capetown.gov.za/waterregulations to access the regulations.



Once-off write-off a chance to reset

The 2025/26 budget includes the write-off of some R2,2 billion in old debt for qualifying beneficiaries. By having their old debts written off, beneficiaries undertake to pay their dues going forward. If not, write-offs are reversed.

Write-offs apply to qualifying owners of residential properties valued between R450 000 and R7,5 million. Other potential beneficiaries are those in zero-value indigent properties, income-based indigent customers, and residents who receive pension and social grants.

Some non-profit, public-benefit and social institutions may also meet the requirements.

The goodwill shown through debt write-offs is proven to foster a stronger payment culture. As a result, the City has been able to maintain an annual collection ratio of above 95% during tough economic times. As at 30 June 2025, the collection ratio was 97,83%.

Support doesn't stop there

Aside from the debt write-off initiative, the City

also still offers extensive rates and services relief to pensioners and those relying on social grants and indigent support.

* To find out more about the debt write-off drive, visit your nearest walk-in centre, or email payment.arrangements@capetown.gov.za. For more on other relief options, email rates.rebate@capetown.gov.za or indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za. Alternatively, dial 0860 103 089 for info on all City assistance.

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KORTLIKS

Een van die administrasie se belangrikste prioriteite is om die onbillike ruimtelike nalatenskap van ons land se verlede reg te stel. Dit is waarom die Stad se belofte om die voorsiening van bekostigbare behuising te bespoedig so belangrik is. Vir dié doel is een van die bes geleë stukke Stadsgrond in die middestad – die 'Fruit & Veg'-terrein in Roelandstraat – onlangs aan 'n privaatsektorvennoot oorhandig om 'n gemengdegebruikontwikkeling te bou wat 237 sosiale behuisingseenhede sal insluit.

Om die stad se lentebloem en fynbos 'n kans te gee om te groei, te blom en saad te skiet, staak die Stad weer van Julie tot November

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Die 1 661 verkeersligkruisings in Kaapstad verbeter veiligheid vir voetgangers en motoriste en laat die verkeer aanhou vloei. Stukkende verkeersligte kan chaos veroorsaak op ons besige paaie, en reistye drasties verleng. As jy op enige stukkende of swak gesinchroniseerde ligte afkom, meld dit so gou moontlik aan.

Die begroting vir 2025/26 maak voorsiening vir die afskrywing van sowat R2,2 miljard se ou skuld vir kwalifiserende begunstigdes. Met die afskrywing onderneem begunstigdes om voortaan hulle skuld te betaal. Indien nie, word afskrywings omgekeer.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Enye yezinto eziphambili ngokubaluleka kolu lawulo kukucazulula ilifa lelizwe lethu elinganabulungisa kwixa elidlulileyo – ukwenza isixeko sethu sibe nobulungisa kwaye sifikeleleke ngakumbi. Yiyo loo nto isibhambathiso sethu sokukhawulezisa unikezelo lwezindlu ezifikelekayo kwidolophu iphela sibalulekile. Kutshanje sinikezele ngenye yeepasile zomhlaba ezibekwe kakuhle kumbindi wesixeko – indawo ye'Fruit & Veg' kwisitalato iRoeland – kumphuhlisi wethu wecandelo labucala kuphuhliso oluxubeneyo oluya kubandakanya iiyunithi zezindlu zoluntu ezingama237.

Ukunika iintyantyambo zasentlakohlaza zaseKapa kunye nefynbos ithuba lokukhula, lokudubula kunye nembewu, iSixeko siya kuphinda silandele indlela 'yokungachetywa' kwiindawo ezikhethiweyo zikawonkewonke,

iibhanti eziluhlaza, iimida yeendlela kunye neepaki ukusuka kweyeKhala ukuya kweyeNkanga.

Iziphambuka ezinemiqondiso ezingu1661 zaseKapa zomeleza ukhuseleko lwabahambi ngeenyawo nabaqhubi beemoto kwaye zigcina izithuthi zihamba kakuhle. Iirobothi ezingasebenzi kakuhle zisenokwenza umonakalo kwiindlela zethu ezixakekileyo namaxesha okuhamba, ingakumbi ngamaxesha omsebenzi. Ukuba ubona naziphi na izibane ezaphukileyo okanye ezingaqhelekanga, nceda uxele ngokukhawuleza.

Uhlahlo lwabiwomali luka2025/26 lubandakanya ukucinywa kweR2,2 yeebhiliyoni zeerandi kwityala elidala kwabo bafanele ukuxhamla. Ngokucinywa kwamatyala abo amadala, abaxhamli bazibophelela ukuhlawula iimfanelo zabo ukuya phambili.

Pet sterilisation partnership continues

In July, the City funded another pet sterilisation drive in partnership with the Cape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF), this time in Ravensmead, Elsies River and Bellville South.

Aimed at advancing animal and community health, the partnership with CAWF started in 2013, when 1 800 pets were sterilised in Dunoon and Brown's Farm. Since then, 17 876 animals have been sterilised at a cost of nearly R8 million. Areas that have benefited include Khayelitsha, Wesbank, Atlantis, Wallacedene, Tafelsig, the Deep South, Macassar and Eerste River.

Participating organisations are the Animal Rescue Organisation, Animal Anti-Cruelty League, Animal Welfare Society of South Africa, the Cape of Good Hope SPCA, Envirovet and Vetsol. Collectively, they will sterilise a total of 1 500 domestic pets between August and December this year.

Happy pets, happy people

The objectives of the partnership are to prevent unwanted litters, minimise animal cruelty and abuse, encourage responsible pet care, and raise general standards of animal health and husbandry, thereby improving the health and welfare of communities.

Deed drive speeds past halfway mark

In the past six months, the City has issued a record-breaking 1 048 title deeds as part of its renewed strategy to ensure that residents who are owed a title deed to a City unit receive it as soon as possible. This brings the total number of deeds delivered since the launch of the new strategy to over 6 500, with less than 5 000 to go.

This excellent progress is thanks to the City's integrated deed verification, processing and delivery system, which has enabled targeted outreach, including door-to-door visits to speed up the handover process.

Due for a deed?

If you are a qualifying beneficiary in an older City housing complex and you haven't received your title deed, please contact the City. Over the next few months, the City's Human Settlements bus will also be visiting areas across the metro. Do make use of this opportunity to enquire about your deed.

** For information, or to update your details on the Housing Needs Register, phone 021 444 0333, email housing.db@capetown.gov.za, or enter 'Housing Needs Register' in the search box on www.capetown.gov.za.*

Capetonians, keep 'em peeled, please!

Smash-and-grabs are on the increase. While the City is deploying more resources to patrol hotspots, residents are also urged to remain vigilant.

In 2024/25, the Metro Police's security camera network detected 215 smash-and-grabs. The corridor between Bonteheuwel and Langa remains the biggest hotspot. However, increases have also been seen in areas such as Leonsdale, Beaconvale, the Cape Town Foreshore, Elsies River Industria, Epping Industria, Milnerton and Philippi.

When you sit back, they strike

Most of the smash-and-grabs occurred in the late afternoon and early evening, and the frequency of incidents increased over weekends. This may be because motorists are less vigilant after a long day at work or while relaxing on a weekend, making them vulnerable to these opportunistic criminals. Of course, having valuables in plain sight in vehicles, such as shopping bags on backseats, increases the odds of being robbed.

As the City's surveillance network only detects incidents within the camera footprint, and not all incidents are



Forewarned is forearmed: Metro Police officers conducting an awareness drive at a smash-and-grab hotspot to alert motorists to the risk and advise them on steps to protect themselves.

reported to SAPS, it is nearly impossible to determine the full extent of the problem. However, hotspot areas with camera coverage are monitored for suspicious persons, and resources are dispatched wherever possible. Static patrols are also conducted in areas that are particularly problematic.

Upping resources to deter robbers

Moreover, dedicated daily patrols by

Metro Police and Traffic Services' Highway Patrol Unit boost freeway safety on the N2, N7, R300 and N1, with additional deployments planned on the N2 and surrounds this financial year. The deployment footprint on the N2 extends from Nelson Mandela Boulevard up to Sir Lowry's Pass, including Baden Powell Drive, Borchers Quarry Road and the Airport Approach Road.

Pointers not to fall prey

- Reduce the risk of a smash-and-grab by:
- keeping valuables out of sight – lock them in the boot or store them underneath the car seat;
 - locking all doors and closing windows;
 - being cautious, vigilant and aware of your surroundings; and
 - being wary of people loitering at traffic lights or intersections, including those attempting to hand you pamphlets or sell goods, as not all are legitimate vendors.
- * Report suspicious persons loitering at busy intersections. Call the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre at 021 480 7700.*

City to sound out public on Bellville land release

In the first half of 2026, the City will embark on a public participation process regarding the release of a portion of municipal land in Bellville for mixed-use development.

The site (circled in yellow on the aerial image below) is a 2,2 ha portion of erf 13601 in Stikland. The City is proposing that it be used for the development of a long-distance bus terminus along with supporting mixed-use commercial and retail facilities. Having mixed-use development alongside the terminus could be a great opportunity to support local businesses, improve transport linkages, and shape the future of the greater Bellville area.



Ready for release: The public will be consulted on a proposal to release this portion of City-owned Stikland land for the development of a long-distance bus terminus and associated mixed-use development.

Talks will be inclusive

Stakeholder engagement will include the informal vehicle traders currently operating on the site, whom Council has temporarily allowed to trade there. The City will undertake an audit to determine the extent of informal trading on the site as per the original resolution, and will ensure that everyone is included in the process.

The proposal forms part of the City's consolidated land release programme. Through this programme, the administration is actively pursuing better use of public land, both for the benefit of residents and to support the priorities of the Integrated Development Plan.

City brings Area Central residents home



Cllr Carl Pophaim, and ward councillor Charles Esau. Eeshay Beukes (front) joined in the happy occasion. After the Bishop Lavis handover, the Human Settlements team proceeded to Valhalla Park, where 30 more beneficiaries and their families received their deeds as part of the City's Deed-to-Door campaign.

Key moment: Zuleiga Kamalie (middle) was one of 28 beneficiaries to receive the keys to her home in the R140 million Bonteheuwel infill housing project. Marking the moment with her were ward councillor and subcouncil 15 chair Cllr Angus Mckenzie (left) and Mayco member for Human Settlements Cllr Carl Pophaim (right). Once completed in June 2026, the project will comprise 273 Breaking New Ground state-subsidised homes.



Lawfully yours: In June, Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis (right) and Cllr Carl Pophaim (left) welcomed home Moosa Abrahams, one of the legitimate beneficiaries of the City's Belhar-Pentech housing project. The handover follows a four-year court process to evict unlawful occupants who hijacked completed units the night before the initial handover date in 2021. Belhar-Pentech is a R44,2 million Breaking New Ground City housing development comprising 340 units. To date, 332 homes have been handed over to lawful beneficiaries, with the remaining eight hijacked units still subject to a protracted court eviction process.



Owning it: Bishop Lavis resident Yvonne Beukes (left) received the title deed to her City unit from (from left) national Human Settlements minister Thembi Simelane, deputy minister Tandi Mahambehlala, and others.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad en die Kaapse Dierewelsynsforum het in Julie nóg 'n sterilisasieveldtog vir troeteldiere in Ravensmead, Elsiesrivier en Bellville-Suid aangebied.

Altesaam 215 grypaanvalle is in 2024/25 op die metropolisie se sekuriteitskameras vasgelê. Die korridor tussen Bonteheuwel en Langa bly die grootste brandpunt, hoewel grypaanvalle deur die hele stad toeneem.

Die Stad het die afgelope ses maande 'n rekordgetal van 1 048 titelaktes uitgereik as deel van 'n hernude strategie om te sorg dat inwoners aan wie titelaktes vir hulle Stadseenhede verskuldig is dit ontvang. Daar is nou reeds meer as 6 500 titelaktes oorhandig, en minder as 5 000 bly oor.

'n Proses van openbare deelname oor die vrystelling van 'n stuk munisipale grond in Bellville vir gemengdegebruikontwikkeling sal in die eerste helfte van 2026 plaasvind.

Verskeie inwoners het die afgelope tyd sleutels vir nuwe behuising of titelaktes vir hulle bestaande Stadseenhede ontvang. Dit sluit in inwoners van Valhalla Park en Bishop Lavis, sowel as begunstigdes van die Bonteheuwel-tussenbehuisingprojek en die Belhar-Pentech-projek, waar onregmatige besetters groot vertragings veroorsaak het.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

NgoJulayi, iSixeko siye saxhasa ngemali elinye iphulo lokuvalwa kwenzala yezilwanyana zasekhaya ngokubambisana neCape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF), eRavensmead, Elsies River nakuMazantsi eBellville.

Ngo2024/25, inethiwekhi yeekhamera zokhuseleko zamaPolisa eMetro ziye zabhaqa ukophulwa kweefestile nokubiwa kwezinto okungama215. Umzila ophakathi kweBonteheuwel nakwaLanga useyeyona ndawo zenzeka kuyo ezi zinto. Nangona kunjalo, ukwanda kuye kwabonakala kwidolophu jikelele.

Kwezi nyanga zintandathu zidlulileyo, iSixeko siye saphula irekhodi ngokuthi sikhuphe iitayitile zobunini ezili1 048 njengexalenye yesicwangcibuchule esihlaziyiweyo ukuqinisekisa ukuba abahlali abangekazifumani iitayitile zabo kwicandelo leSixeko bayazifumana. Oku kubeka inani elipheleleyo leetayitile ku6 500, yaye kusele ezingama5 000.

Kwisiqingatha sokuqala sika2026, iSixeko siza kufakan' imilomo noluntu ngokuphathelele nokukhululwa kwenxalenye

yomhlaba kaMasipala eBellville ukuze uphuhliswe ngeendlela ezahlukeneyo.

Ukugcwa kwezityalo ezizikhulelayo, inkunkuma, nothuli kumlambo iSir Lowry's Pass ngoJuni ngaphambi kweemvula zasebusika, kuye kwaba phakathi kwezicwangciso zonyaka wonke zokulungiswa kwemilambo, imijelo namaqula ukunciphisa ingozi yokukhukuliseka nokuphuculwa komgangatho wamanzi.

UZuleiga Kamalie ebephakathi kwabantu abangama28 abafumene izitshixo zendlu kwiprojekthi yezindlu exabisa izigidi eziR140 eBonteheuwel. Umhlali waseBishop Lavis uYvonne Beukes naye uye wafumana iitayitile yakhe kwiyunithi yeSixeko. EValhalla Park, abaxhamli abangabanye abangama30 neentsapho zabo baye bafumana iitayitile zabo njengexalenye yephulo leSixeko lokuthumela iitayitile eBantwini. UMoosa Abrahams, weprojekthi yeSixeko eyiBelhar-Pentech naye uye wafumana izitshixo emva kwenkqubo yenkundla etsale iminyaka emine yokukhupha abantu abahleli ngokungekho mthethweni.

Power for Tower 37 families

The 46 families who had been relocated from the Eskom National Transmission Company (NTCSA) Tower 37 site in Langa to a safer site in the same area received grid power in mid-August. The switch-on brings safe and reliable electricity to the households living on the emergency relocation site.

In May, the City had to intervene to protect the residents living under the NTCSA pylon, which had become severely unstable due to damage and vandalism. In a massive operation, they were moved to safety. After the successful relocation, NTCSA formally took over the Tower 37 site to carry out repairs and maintenance on the infrastructure.



Right, we've got light: Nkosinathi Bakubaku was one of the beneficiaries of the City's recent switch-on of grid power for the families who had been relocated from the perilous Eskom Tower 37 site in Langa.

Limits of the law

In terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act, the City may not use public money to enhance private property. This means that only those backyarders and informal settlement dwellers residing on City-owned property can be assisted with electrification and other projects, and also only where site conditions allow.

Trash traps help fight river pollution

Waste interceptors are proving to be an affordable, adaptable and effective solution to trap river litter, stopping it from reaching the ocean.

To help gather and remove waste from Cape Town's waterbodies, the City has invested R3 million in the installation of 20 waste interceptors in polluted rivers and waterways across town.

In Area Central, interceptors are located in the Bonteheuwel canal along the N2; the Spooradam pond in Railway Road; the Vygekraal river at the intersection of Jakes Gerwel Drive and Klipfontein Road; and the Jakkalsvlei canal in Langa.

So simple, it's genius!

Waste interceptors are simple yet effective systems designed to trap floating litter and debris before it enters larger waterbodies or reaches the ocean. They offer an affordable and adaptable solution for litter reduction, tailored to hold specific volumes

of typical types of waste found at each location. All interceptors are maintained regularly according to a routine schedule. Cleaning takes place at least twice per week, and before and after rainfall events.

**The interceptors are already having a remarkable impact on the environment, so please help the City safeguard these systems. Report any tampering or vandalism. Dial 107 from a landline, 021 480 7700 from a cellphone, or log it online at www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests.*

Good catch: The newly installed waste interceptors are proving to do the trick, trapping trash in some of Cape Town's most polluted waterways. This one located in the Soet river yielded a catch of 600 bags of litter.



Post-collapse repairs on Blomvlei nearly done

Following the 2024 collapse of a section of the Blomvlei canal wall in Belgravia, the City got to work on structural repairs. The R2,7 million project is now in its final stages. Built several decades ago, the concrete structure of the canal had deteriorated over time and could no longer withstand intense winter weather.

Before the damaged sections of the canal wall and concrete floor could be demolished, the affected area first had to be cleared and grubbed, and water diverted from the work zone. Teams then proceeded with excavations along the canal structure, installed subsoil drainage systems, and finally reconstructed the reinforced concrete wall.

Crucial corridor

The canal is an important urban drainage corridor in Cape Town's Salt river catchment. It starts in Hanover Park and flows through

Penlyn Estate, Rylands, Athlone and Bridgetown before joining the Vygieskraal river. Finally, it drains into the Black river, which ultimately flows

into the Salt river. The canal drains from densely built-up urban areas and plays a vital role in managing runoff and reducing flood risk.



Building back better: City teams are in the home stretch of the structural rehabilitation of a section of the Blomvlei canal wall in Belgravia.



Fine Free Week delivers 'great returns': During Library and Information Services' Fine Free Week in July, hosted in the school holidays to target City library patrons below the age of 17, young readers returned nearly 11 000 items worth more than R1,3 million. These included overdue books, comics, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs and CDs. For details on how to join a City library, enter 'City library membership' in the search box on www.capetown.gov.za, or visit your nearest library. Once registered, you'll be able to check out your first batch of books the very same day.

KORTLIKS

Die 46 gesinne wat van Eskom se Toring 37-terrein in Langa na 'n veiliger terrein in dieselfde gebied verskuif moes word, het in mid-Augustus kragaanluitings ontvang. Dit verseker nou veilige en betroubare elektrisiteit vir die huishoudings wat op die noodverskuiwingsterrein woon.

Kragtens die Wet op Munisipale Finansiële Bestuur mag die Stad nie openbare geld gebruik om privaat eiendom te verbeter nie. Daarom kan die munisipaliteit slegs agterplaasbewoners en inwoners van informele nedersettings op Stadseiendom met elektrifisering bystaan.

Om vullis uit Kaapstad se watermassas te help verwyder, het die Stad R3 miljoen bestee aan die installering van 20 afvalonderskeppers in besoedelde riviere en waterlope.

Nadat 'n deel van die muur by die Blomvleikanaal in Belgravia in 2024 in duie gestort het, het die Stad aan die werk gespring met strukturele herstelwerk. Die projek van R2,7 miljoen is nou byna klaar. Die betonstruktuur van die kanaal is etlike dekades gelede gebou, en versakking oor die jare het dit laat meeggee.

Die Stad se biblioteek en inligtingsdienste het in die wintervakansie weer 'n boetevrye week aangebied, veral met die oog op biblioteekgebruikers onder 17-jarige ouderdom. Jong lesers het byna 11 000 items ter waarde van meer as R1,3 miljoen teruggebring. Dit sluit in agterstallige boeke, strokiesverhale, oudioboekke, tydskrifte, DVD's en CD's.

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Emva kokuwa kwecandelo lomjelo iBlomvlei ngowama2024 eBelgravia, iSixeko kwafuneka silungise iziseko zawo. Ngoku iprojekthi exabisa izigidi eziR2,7 sele iza kugqitywa. Njengoko yakhiwa kumashumi aliqela eminyaka, ikonkrithi ekulo mjelo iye yonakala

ngokuhamba kwexesha yaye ayisakwazi ukumelana nemozulu emandla yasebusika.

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