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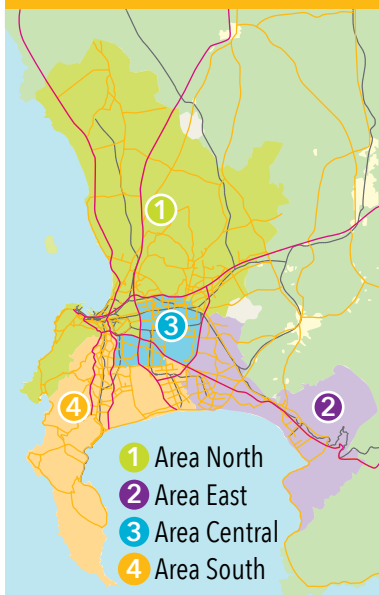
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Finely restored and fiery red: The R7 million renovation of the Sea Point fire station, one of the oldest in Cape Town, is complete. Some of the work to the main building included painting, roof replacement, tiling, updating electrical infrastructure, installing new gutters, and repairing cracks along the building facade. This important Sea Point landmark dates back to 1932, so conserving its heritage status and architectural features was top of mind during the project.



Personal deed delivery: Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis and Cllr Carl Pophaim, Mayco member for Human Settlements, visited Tafelsig resident Rosina Plaatjies in Mitchells Plain in August to deliver the title deed to her home. Cllr Pophaim also sat down to lunch with another 50 local residents at the Tafelsig community centre for more deed handovers. The City is investing over R20 million to fund no-cost property transfers to qualifying residents.

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.**



Granger Bay's looking grand:

After issues with contractor underperformance caused a longer-than-expected construction period, Capetonians can finally enjoy the newly upgraded Granger Bay parking area and landscaping. The upgrade has improved both the user experience and coastal infrastructure resilience. The footway and coping at Rocklands beach is still due for repairs in the coming months pending a structural assessment of the concrete slab supporting the footway.



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

Die opknapping van die Seepunt-brandweerstasie, een van die oudstes in Kaapstad, is klaar. Die projek het R7 miljoen gekos. Hierdie belangrike baken in Seepunt is in 1932 opgerig, en daarom was dit uiters belangrik om die gebou se erfenisstatus en boukundige eienskappe te bewaar.

Inwoners se hulp word benodig om *Hedera spp.*, wat ook as 'klimp' 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.

Kapenaars kan nou uiteindelik die opgeknapte Granger Bay-parkeerterrein en omgewing geniet. Die opknappingsprojek het die gebruiker-ervaring verbeter en kusinfrastruktuur meer veerkragtig gemaak.

Kwalifiserende inwoners van Mitchells Plain het in Augustus die titelaktes vir hulle Stadseenhede ontvang. Die Stad bestee meer as R20 miljoen aan kostelose eiendomsoordragte aan inwoners wat daarvoor in aanmerking kom.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ukulungiswa kwesikhululo somlilo eSea Point, esinye sezona zindala eKapa, kugqityiwe. Lo mqondiso ubalulekileyo waseSea Point usukela ngo1932, ngoko ke ukugcina iwonga lelifa lemveli kunye neempawu zoyilo kwakuyinto ephambili engqondweni ngexesha leprojekthi.

ISixeko sihlaba ikhwelo kubahlali ukuba basincede silawule kwaye siqulathe i*Hedera spp.*, eyaziwa njenge 'ivy' okanye 'iEnglish ivy'. Isityalo esihlaselayo, esirhubuluzayo nesinyukayo sibeka isoyikiso esinzima kokusingqongileyo kwendawo.

Bamalunga ne150 abaqhubi beebhasi zeMyCiTi abaphantsi koqeqesho lweSixeko lweSmart Driver ukuphucula indlela yokuziphatha, ukonga amafutha, ukukhutshwa kwekhakhoni esezantsi, ukunciphisa iindleko zokulungisa, ukunciphisa umngcipheko, kwaye ngaphezu kwako konke, ukwandisa

ukhuseleko lwabakhweli.

Emva kokuba imiba yokungasebenzi kakuhle konokontra ibangele ixesha lokwakha elide kunelo belilindelwe, abantu baseKapa banokuyonwabela indawo yokupaka entsha yaseGranger Bay kunye nobuhle belizwe. Uhlaziyo luwaphucule amava abasebenzisi kunye nokomelela kweziseko ezingundoqo zoxweme.

USodolophu uGeordin Hill-Lewis kunye noCeba uCarl Pophaim, ilungu leMayco lezokuHlaliswa koLuntu bandwendwele umhlali waseTafelsig uRosina Plaatjies eMitchells Plain kweyeThupha beyokuhambisa isiqinisekiso sobunini ekhayeni lakhe. ISixeko sityala imali engaphaya kwama R20 ezigidi zeerandi ukukhasa ngemali unikezelo lwezakhiwo kubahlali abafanelekileyo.

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

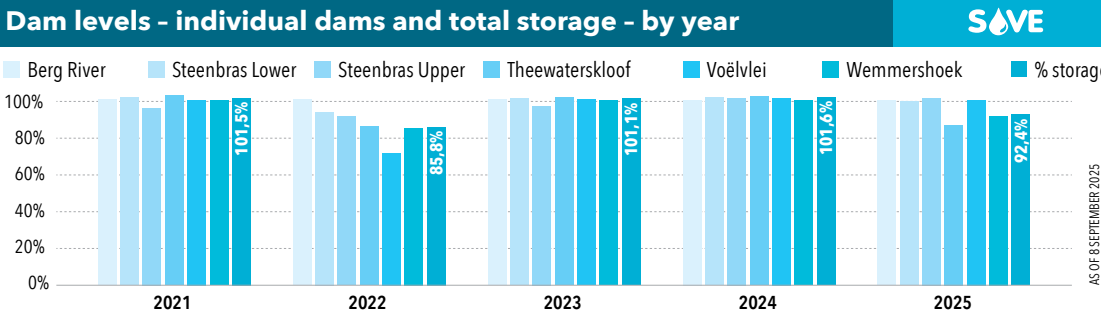
The dam levels for Cape Town are sitting at 92,4%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should still try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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

grassnyaktiwiteite in sekere openbare oop ruimtes, groenstroke, parke en op party padrande.

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 iyunithi 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 ezizakekileyo 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.

Faure water scheme scores good feasibility results

The City's envisaged Faure New Water Scheme (NWS) will use advanced technology to turn treated wastewater from the newly upgraded Zandvliet wastewater treatment plant into drinking water that meets both South African and international quality standards. The aim is to produce 70 million litres of purified recycled water per day.

For maximum transparency, the City recently revealed the findings of a feasibility study on this groundbreaking project.

It's all good ...

The feasibility study has shown that the Faure NWS aligns with the City's Water Strategy and will indeed diversify and strengthen the resilience of Cape Town's bulk water supply. It has further confirmed:

- that the project has undergone robust design and risk assessments based on international standards;
- that legal and regulatory approvals are in place, and the necessary land has been secured; and
- that the project is affordable.

... and PPP's the way to go

In terms of implementation, the study has identified a public-private partnership (PPP) as the best option for building, financing and operating the Faure NWS. Importantly, this would not constitute privatisation: The City would remain the water services provider and the owner of the infrastructure, and would retain the legislative responsibility of ensuring water safety and compliance prior to distribution to the public.

The private partner should be identified through a competitive bidding process to ensure best value. The City would pay for the additional bulk water produced through an offtake agreement, provided that the water quality meets the required contractual standards.

The City is no stranger to PPPs. It already has similar agreements in place with external companies who support the administration in providing services such as solid waste management, public transport, and operating wastewater services infrastructure, including the Zandvliet plant.

Cape Flats plant wins big in Big Apple

A new City plant in Pelican Park has proved that our local infrastructure is leading-edge, claiming a prestigious global prize.

The City's first advanced water reclamation plant (AWRP), for which civil works were completed in December last year, was named jury winner in the "Factories and Warehouses" category at the prestigious 13th Annual Architizer A+Awards in New York in June. The plant is situated next to the Cape Flats wastewater treatment works in Pelican Park and is a vital part of the City's Cape Flats aquifer management scheme, which will help secure Cape Town's water future.

City spaces second to none

The Architizer A+Awards honour the world's best buildings and spaces, and champion the designers who bring great buildings to life. This accolade shows that South African infrastructure can compete with the world's best, not only in terms of advanced functionality, but also aesthetics and purposeful design.

More than a pretty place

The state-of-the-art AWRP will play a crucial role in the managed injection of treated secondary effluent into the Cape Flats aquifer, replenishing this vital groundwater source. This will enable the City to abstract water from the aquifer sustainably, which will then undergo



Prize-winning plant: The epitome of functional art, the City's advanced water reclamation plant (AWRP) at Pelican Park scooped an award as one of the world's greatest factories and warehouses built in 2024/25.

further treatment at potable water plants to meet SANS 241 drinking water standards. The aquifer management scheme is expected to yield up to 54 million litres of water per day. Work on the next phase of the AWRP is

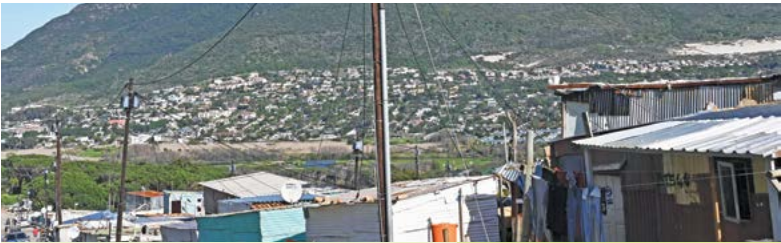
currently under way, which includes the installation of mechanical and electrical components such as ozone generators, ultraviolet disinfection, pumps and filter media. The entire facility should be complete by April 2027.



Following its collapse in July 2020, a section of the embankment of Kloof Road, Clifton, below Nettleton Road was temporarily stabilised to ensure safety while the City prepared for more permanent work. That work is now in full swing. It involves reinforcing the slope with ground anchors, known as soil nails, along with sprayed concrete to stabilise the area. The slope is also being reshaped and drainage improved to prevent future erosion. Kloof Road will remain open to traffic for the duration of the project, and appropriate signage is in place.



No more slip sliding away: Stabilisation work on Kloof Road in Clifton is ongoing and should be done by October.



Power to more people: The living conditions of 170 households in the Dantse Yakhe section of Imizamo Yethu, Hout Bay, have been significantly improved with formal power connections thanks to a R1,5 million City electrification project completed in June. In 2025/26, the City will spend R21,4 million on similar projects in informal settlements across the metro. Electrifying informal areas reduces the risk of illegal connections and open fires, ensures safer streets, and restores human dignity.

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.

City hall clock's 'timing and chiming' again

The famous Cape Town city hall clock is back in action after being fully restored. The clock was removed in March to restore its bells and chime mechanism. The restoration required special expertise: After all, the clock was manufactured by British clockmaker JB Joyce & Co., who also built Big Ben, and was installed at the city hall in 1905. The clock's original parts make it a rare example of historical horology. The turret clock features a three-train

movement with separate mechanisms controlling the timekeeping, chimes and strikes. Fixing the magnificent timepiece included restoring worn drum bushings and ensuring that the sound mechanism met heritage preservation standards. This is but one of several upgrades recently carried out at the city hall, which is a strategic City asset. Other improvements include the camera surveillance system, wayfinding signage, and lighting.



Standing the test of time: Facing the Grand Parade with Table Mountain in the background, the recently restored Cape Town city hall clock has been a backdrop to many iconic events in the Mother City over the years. Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis (right) and Ald James Vos (Mayco member for Economic Growth) dropped by to admire the refurbished timepiece.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad se beoogde Faure-nuwewaterskema sal gevorderde tegnologie gebruik om behandelde afvalwater van die onlangs opgeknapte Zandvliet-behandelingsaanleg in drinkwater te omskep wat aan Suid-Afrikaanse én internasionale gehaltestandaarde sal voldoen.

Kaapstad se eerste gevorderde water-herwinningsaanleg, wat in Pelican Park geleë is, is as die beoordeelaars se gunsteling in die kategorie vir fabriek en pakhuis aangewys by die prestigierike 13de Architizer A+Awards in New York in Junie.

Nadat 'n deel van die wal langs Kloofweg, Clifton, in Julie 2020 in duie gestort het, is dit tydelik gestabiliseer terwyl die Stad vir meer permanente werk voorberei het. Die permanente herstelwerk is nou goed op dreef.

Die bekende toringhorlosie van die Kaapse stadsaal is ten volle gerestoureer. Die horlosie is in Maart verwyder vir werk aan die klokslaan-meganisme. Hoogs gespesialiseerde tegnici het die restourasie behartig.

Die leefomstandighede van 170 huishoudings in die Dantse Yakhe-gedeelte van Imizamo Yethu, Houtbaai, is aansienlik verbeter met formele krag aansluitings danksy 'n elektrifiseringsprojek van R1,5 miljoen wat die Stad in Junie voltooi het.

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.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

IFaure New Water Scheme (iNWS) ecetywayo yeSixeko iya kusebenzisa ubuchwephesha obukumgagngatho ophezulu ukujika amanzi amdaka acociweyo asuka kwiziko elitsha lokucoca amanzi amdaka eZandvliet abe ngamanzi okusela ahlangebazana nemigangatho yomgangatho waseMzantsi Afrika kunye nehlabathi jikelele. Injongo kukuvelisa iilitha ezizigidi ezingama70 ngosuku zamanzi acociweyo aphinde asetyenziswe kwakhona.

Umzimveliso wokuqala weSixeko wokulungiswa kwamanzi (iAWRP), apho umsebenzi woluntu ugqitywe kweyoMnga kulo nyaka uphelileyo, wachongwa waba ngophumeleleyo kuluhlu lwe"Factories and Warehouses" kumawonga abalaseleyo e13th Annual Architizer A+Awards eNew York kweyeSilimela.

Emva kokuwa kwayo kweyeKhala ngo2020, icandelo longqameko lweNdlela iKloof eClifton, ngezantsi kwendlela iNettleton lazinziswa okwexeshana ukuqinisekisa ukhuseleko lo gama iSixeko silungiselela umsebenzi othe kratya osisigxina. Iwotshi yodumo yeholo yedolophu yaseKapa ibuyele

emsebenzini emva kokuba ibuyiselwe ngokupheleleyo. Iwotshi yasuswa kweyoKwindla ukubuyisela iintsimbi zayo kunye nomatshini onesandi esikhenkceyayo. Ukubuyiselwa kwakufuna ubuchule obukhethekileyo. Le wotshi yenziwe ngumenzi wewotshi waseBrithane uJB Joyce & Co., owakha neBig Ben.

Iimeko zokuhlala zamakhaya ali170 kwicandelo leDontse Yakhe elmizamo Yethu, eHout Bay, ziphuculwe ngokubonakalayo ngoqhagamshelo lombane olusesikweni ngenxa yeprojekthi yokufakelwa kombane yeSixeko esiya1,5 yezigidi egqitywe kweyeSilimela. Ngo2025/26, iSixeko siza kuchitha R21,4 yezigidi zeerandi kwiiprojekthi ezifanayo kumatyotyombe kuwo wonke umasipala ombaxa/

NgokoMthetho woLawulo lweMali kaMasipala, iSixeko asinakusebenzisa imali karhulumente ukuphucula izakhiwo zabucala. Oku kuthetha ukuba ngabo bahlala ngasemva kwezindlu kuphela kunye nabahlali basematyotyombeni abahlala kwipropati yeSixeko abanokuncediswa ngokufakelwa umbane nezinye iiprojekthi, kananjalo kuphela xa iimeko zesiza zivuma.



Langa learners taught to lead in disaster

The City's Disaster Risk Management Centre runs an annual initiative to highlight females' contribution to disaster risk reduction in Cape Town. The initiative's flagship project is an eight-day winter school holiday programme that helps groups of learners develop a range of life skills and a toolkit for disaster mitigation. This year, 19 learners from the Leap Science and Maths School in Langa had the opportunity to learn about hazards such as flooding, fires in informal settlements, wind events, drought, heatwaves and other severe weather events. The programme also covered the importance of considering people with disabilities in disaster management planning, and ensuring that all community members are accounted for during emergencies. The group received instruction in first-aid interventions, including the basics of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and firefighting, and had a chance to put their new skills to the test. A number of field trips brought the lessons to life: A visit to the Koeberg nuclear power station shed light on the role of nuclear energy in relation to climate change. At Steenbras dam, the learners gained insight into hydroelectric power generation and its significance in sustainable energy practices. A day at the Helderberg nature reserve focused on climate change and biodiversity, and taught the group how to start a yard garden to boost food security in their communities.

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 South, interceptors are located in the Bokmanspruit river at Flamingo Drive, Kommetjie, and Slangkop Road, Ocean View; the Big Lotus river at the intersection of Govan Mbeki and Duinefontein roads, Gugulethu; the Big Lotus canal at Springfield Road, Philippi; and the Little Lotus river at Fifth Avenue, Lotus River.

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, as well as 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 in Strand yielded a catch of 600 bags of litter.



River custodian group gets grant funding

The Friends of the Rivers of Hout Bay along with ten other community-based organisations have received City grant funding to strengthen their work, enhancing water and sanitation services across Cape Town in partnership with the municipality.

Grant will go a long way The funding will have a significant impact on what the Friends will be able to do in the Hout Bay catchment. They plan to expand their current waste collection efforts along the rivers, wetlands and nearby beaches from two to three days per week, aiming to increase the amount of litter collected monthly from 1 400 kg to 2 000 kg. The organisation will also grow its conservation team to operate throughout the week, clearing invasive plants, stabilising riverbanks and planting vegetation along the Hout Bay river, Kadotstroom and the Hout Bay wetlands. Additionally, a portion of the funding will go towards a detailed field study of the middle reaches of the Hout Bay river, which is to be conducted by an expert in river rehabilitation.



Friends with real benefits: Members and workers of the Friends of the Rivers of Hout Bay, one of eleven community-based organisations who have been awarded City grant funding to boost their efforts to improve the quality of Cape Town's waterways. They are pictured with Mayco member for Water and Sanitation, Cllr Zahid Badroodien (fifth from the left), at Kadotstroom, one of the rivers they are looking after.

Hippo changes bays: The City has relocated a four-year-old hippo bull from False Bay nature reserve to Plettenberg Bay. The 17-hour operation required a custom-built boma trap, a crane, a flatbed truck, highly experienced staff, expert veterinarian services, lots of patience, and months of planning. Safely checked in at the Plettenberg Bay game reserve, the city slicker is being closely monitored for acclimatisation and gradual integration into the resident hippo pod. The relocation was necessary to prevent potential conflict with other males in the Table Bay reserve and to remove the risk of the feisty bull breaking out into surrounding urban areas.



KORTLIKS

Die Stad se ramprisikobestuursentrum voer 'n jaarlikse veldtog om vroue se bydrae tot ramprisikovermindering in Kaapstad te beklemtoon. Die vlagskipprojek van dié veldtog is 'n wintervakansieprogram vir leerders om 'n verskeidenheid lewensvaardighede aan te leer en 'n 'gereedskap' vir rampverligting te ontwikkel. 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. Die gemeenskapsorganisasie Friends of the Rivers of Hout Bay en tien ander het toelaagfinansiering van die Stad ontvang om hulle werk te ondersteun. Die

Friends-groep beplan om hulle huidige rommelopruimingswerk in riviere, vleilande en op nabygeleë strande van twee tot drie dae per week uit te brei, en wil die maandelikse hoeveelheid rommel wat hulle bymekaarmaak van 1 400 kg tot 2 000 kg verhoog. Die Stad het 'n vierjarige seekoeibul uit Valsbaai-natuurreservaat na Plettenbergbaai verskuif. Die 17 uur lange operasie het 'n doelgeboude boma-lokal, 'n hyskraan, 'n platbakvragmotor, hoogs ervare personeel, kundige veeartsenydienste, hope geduld en maande se beplanning geverg.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

IZiko Lolawulo loMngcipheko weeNtlekele leSixeko liqhuba iphulo lonyaka lokuqaqambisa igalelo labasetyhini ekunciphiseni umngcipheko wentlekele eKapa. Eli phulo yiprojekthi yeentsuku ezisibhozo zeeholide zasebusika enceda amaqela abafundi aphuhlise uluhlu lwezakhono zobomi kunye nezixhobo zokusebenza zokunciphisa intlekele. Ukunceda ukuqokelela nokususa inkunkuma kwimithombo yamanzi yaseKapa, iSixeko sityale imali ezizigidi eziR3 zeerandi ekufakeni inijelo yokuthintela inkunkuma engama20 kwimilambo engcolisekileyo nemijelo yamanzi kwidolophu iphela. ABahlobo beMilambo yaseHout Bay kunye neminye imibutho elishumi yasekuhlaleni bafumane inkxasomali yeSixeko ukuqinisa umsebenzi wabo. ABahlobo baceba ukwandisa iinzame zabo zangoku zokuqokelelwa

kwenkunkuma ecaleni kwemilambo, imigxobhozo kunye namalwandle akufutshane ukusuka kwiintsuku ezimbini ukuya kwezintathu ngeveki, ngenjongo yokunyusa umthamo wenkunkuma ekekelelwa ngenyanga ukusuka kwi1 400kg ukuya kuma2 000kg. ISixeko sifuduse inkunzi yemvubu eneminyaka emine ubudala ukusuka kulondolozo lwendalo eFalse Bay yasiwa ePlettenberg Bay. Lo msebenzi weeyure ezili17 ubufuna ibhoma elakhiwe ngokwesiqhelo, ikhreyini, ilori enebhedhi esicaba, abasebenzi abanamava, iinkonzo zoogqirha bezilwanyana, umonde omninzi, kunye neenyanga zokucwangcisa.

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