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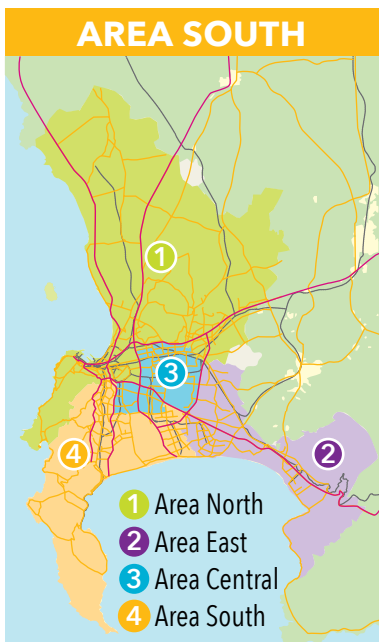
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City calls on residents: Protect Your Power

In 2024/25 alone, the City spent some R60 million on electricity infrastructure maintenance and replacement. Yet this massive investment is jeopardised by theft, vandalism and illegal power connections across our communities and along major roadways.

The City's Protect Your Power campaign calls on residents to watch over the power infrastructure in their areas and report any suspicious activity anonymously to the Public Emergency Communication Centre (PECC) on 021 480 7700. With this first-of-its-kind campaign, the City hopes to drive home the message that vandals and cable and power thieves ultimately leave communities, neighbourhoods and roadways in the dark. Therefore, it's in residents' own interest to help the City protect power infrastructure.

City crews geared for fire season

Summer brings a higher risk of fire, so the City's firefighters stand ready to help keep urban, informal and rural communities safe.

The Fire and Rescue Service plays a crucial part in the City's interdepartmental Festive Season Safety Plan. Cape Town's hot, dry and windy summers increase the risk of both vegetation fires and devastating blazes in informal settlements. Over the past few summer seasons, these incidents have increased. Additionally, the Service responds to structural fires, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous material spills and water rescues.

In terms of the Festive Season Safety Plan, fire crews will be on duty 24/7 at all 32 City fire stations to deal with any type of emergency. Aerial firefighting support in the form of two Huey helicopters will be available from 1 December. Other resources include a fixed-wing light spotter aircraft to assist the command and control centre during veld fires, as well as 96 dedicated wildland firefighters, who will be strategically deployed to cover areas prone to runaway vegetation fires.



Report any fires or other risks to life or property to the Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700.
For fire safety tips, enter 'Fire safety' in the search box on www.capetown.gov.za.

Prepared to protect: The City's interdepartmental Festive Season Safety Plan is operational, with the Fire and Rescue Service being a key stakeholder to safeguard lives and property during Cape Town's dry and windy summer.

Paper bills a thing of the past

From 31 December 2025, the City will send only emailed accounts, with no more bills sent via the post. Please make the switch. Send your account number, contact number and email address to Revenue.Eservices@capetown.gov.za or by SMS to 31223. If you do not have email, the City will find another paperless way to assist. Please phone the call centre on 0860 103 089 or visit your nearest customer interaction centre.

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31 DEC 2025



Not coping with your account?

The City has made available more than R5,1 billion in rates and services assistance to qualifying residents. Indigent residents who have previously benefited are encouraged to reapply. Pensioners who have received assistance before will only need to reapply after the General Valuation in 2026. Council has also approved a R2,2 billion initiative that will enable qualifying beneficiaries to have their old City debt written off.

Find out more by phoning the call centre on 0860 103 089 or emailing:

- payment.arrangements@capetown.gov.za for debt write-off;
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- indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za for indigent assistance.

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KORTLIKS

Die bestuur van die Stad se oorde Miller's Point en Soetwater is nou meer op bewaring ingestel. Albei oorde verwelkom egter steeds graag besoekers.

Die Stad het slegs in 2024/25 sowat R60 miljoen aan die instandhouding en vervanging van elektrisiteitsinfrastruktuur bestee. Nietemin dreig diefstal, vandalisme en onwettige kragaanluitings om dit ongedaan te maak. Met sy veldtog Protect Your Power moedig die Stad inwoners aan om enige verdagte aktiwiteite aan te meld.

Die gevaar van brande verhoog in die somer, en daarom is brandbestryders op gereedheidsgrondslag. Twee Huey-helikopters en 'n vastevlerk-

opsporingsvliegtuig sal beskikbaar wees om gedurende veldbrande te help, en 96 toegewyde veldbrandbestryders is ook reg om hand by te sit.

Meer as R5,1 miljard se bystand met eiendomsbelasting en diensgeld is beskikbaar vir kwalifiserende inwoners. Diegene wat voorheen bygestaan is, moet weer aansoek doen.

Die Stad sal vanaf 31 Desember 2025 alle munisipale rekeninge slegs per e-pos stuur, en glad nie meer deur gewone pos nie. Maak seker jy skakel oor na e-posrekeninge. Stuur jou rekeningnommer, kontaknommer en e-posadres na Revenue. Eservices@capetown.gov.za, of SMS dit na 31223.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ULawulo ngoku lugxile kakhulu kulondolozo lwendalo kwiindawo ekuchithelwa kuzo iiholide zaseMiller's Point naseSoetwater zeSixeko. Zombini zintle njengakuqala kwaye ziya kuqhubeka nokwamkela iindwendwe.

Kunyaka ka2024/25 iSixeko sichithe malunga namaR60 ezigidi zeerandi ekulungisweni nasekutshintshweni kombane. Olu tyalomali lusemngciphekweni wobusela, ukonakaliswa kunye nokudityaniswa kombane okungekho mthethweni. Iphulo leSixeko elithi Khushela Umbane Wakho licela abemi ukuba baxeke nawuphi na umsebenzi orhanelekayo.

Njengoko isalathisi somlilo sinyuka ehlotyeni, abasebenzi bomlilo baza kuba semsebenzini 24/7, oko kukuthi iiyure ezingamashumi amabini anesine ngosuku iintsuku

ezisixhenxe ngeveki. Iinqwelomoya ezimbini zeHuey ziya kufumaneka kunye nengwelomoya encinci yokuncedisa ngexesha lomlilo wamadlolo. Kuza kubakho nabacimimlilo abangam96 abazinikeleyo.

ISixeko sense ukuba kufumaneka engaphezulu kweR5,1 yeebhiliyoni zeerandi kunye noncedo lweenkonzo kubahlali abafanelekileyo. Abo baye baxhamla ngaphambili bafanele bafake izicelo kwakhona.

Ukususela ngomhla wama31 kweyoMnga 2025, iSixeko siya kuthumela iikhawunti ngeimeyile kuphela akusayi kubakho matyala athunyelwa ngeposi. Nceda wenze utshintsho. Thumela inombolo yeakhawunti yakho, inombolo yohagangshelwano kunye nedilesi yeimeyile ku-Revenue.Eservices@capetown.gov.za okanye ngeSMS ku31223.

Making progress possible. **Together.**

Eight Blue Flag beaches to choose from

Eight City beaches have again qualified to fly the Blue Flag for the 2025/26 season, running from 1 December to 28 February. They are Bikini Beach, Camps Bay, Clifton 4th, Fish Hoek, Llandudno, Melkbosstrand, Muizenberg and Silverstroomstrand.

First introduced in 2001, Blue Flag status is awarded to beaches that meet high standards of environmental management and education, water quality, safety and services. The accreditation, which includes an international adjudication process, is facilitated by the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA).

Enjoy responsibly

If you'll be heading to our beaches this summer, please be mindful of the golden rules:

- Swim only where and when lifeguards are on duty, sticking to the area between the red-and-yellow flags.
- Beware of rip currents.
- Don't swim while under the influence of alcohol.
- Always actively monitor children in and around water.



Flying the 'flag of fabulous': Fish Hoek is among the eight Cape Town beaches that have secured Blue Flag status this summer, certifying their high standards.

Let's honour Cape Town's icons and heroes

You might recall that, in 2023, we revived the tradition of bestowing Civic Honours on remarkable people who have made our city and the world a better place through their talents and service. I said at the time that this would become a regular occurrence once more, with a Civic Honours ceremony to be held every two years.

We have kept our word. In mid-November, we bestowed Civic Honours on another group of exceptional people, as well as awarded Mayor's Medals to no fewer than 18 individuals and organisations across various categories. This followed an extensive public call for nominees.

But there is another accolade that is even more prestigious and rare – one that hasn't been bestowed in Cape Town for almost a decade – and that is the Freedom of the City. Previous recipients include the late President Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. I am very proud to announce that we will once again be bestowing the Freedom of the City on not one, but two



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

exceptional Capetonians.

They are two separate recipients who have each individually contributed greatly to our city's cultural heritage. But they are perhaps best known for the wonderful work they produced together as long-time musical and theatre collaborators. I am speaking, of course, of Cape Town's cultural icons David Kramer and Taliep Petersen. In Taliep's case, the award is made posthumously, and his family will accept

the award on his behalf.

Through iconic musical theatre productions such as *District Six: The Musical* and *Kat and the Kings*, this duo managed to blend social commentary and activism with unmatched musical entertainment, bringing us remarkable Cape Town stories on themes such as forced removals, identity, and community resilience.

I cannot think of two Capetonians more deserving of this honour, and the overwhelming support from Capetonians since we first announced this news has confirmed what an incredibly popular nomination they are. We will bestow the Freedom of the City on David and Taliep at an event at the Grand Parade in January, and I cannot wait to share this joyous occasion with many of you.

They will take their place alongside previous Freedom of the City recipients and titans of history, and will forever be celebrated as Cape Town's finest cultural ambassadors.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor

Collaborating to keep our rivers clean

Thanks to City grant funding, The Litterboom Project has installed eight new litterbooms in rivers across the metro and employed 12 local river wardens to maintain them. These simple yet effective barriers intercept litter before it can flow downstream into the ocean.

As part of its project plan, the non-profit has also expanded its operations to support a circular economy. They take plastic pollution in rivers, sort it, and convert it into raw material for the production of useful items that can be reused or sold. At their Innovation Hub, recyclable plastic is transformed into commodities and everyday household items. The proceeds are reinvested into initiatives to keep waterways clean and sustain local reclaimers.



Got river clearing in the bag: The City-funded Litterboom Project bags the litter intercepted by their litterbooms in a number of Cape Town's rivers every day, as shown here along the Black river. The waste is sorted, and recyclable plastics are converted into valuable goods.

High dam levels, ongoing low power use

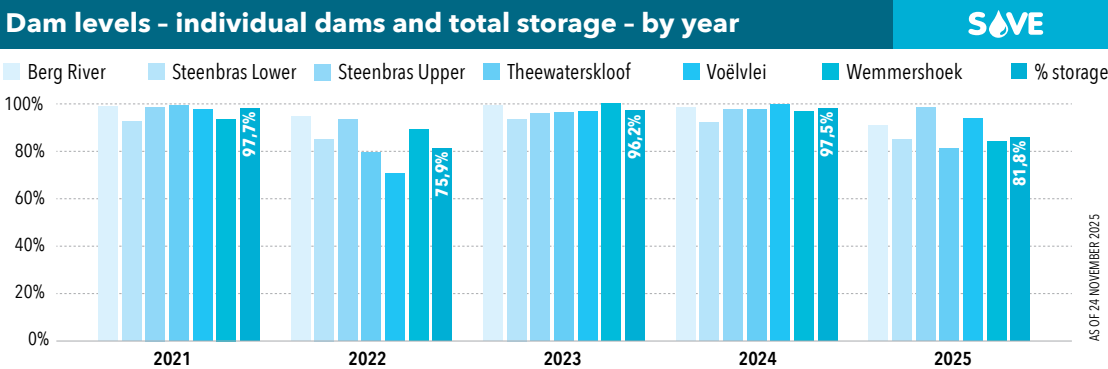
The dam levels for Cape Town are sitting at 81,8%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should still try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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.



Millions invested in safety at public facilities

The more than 8 000 properties overseen by Community Services and Health are often exposed to social evils such as illegal dumping, theft and vandalism, as well as the impact of violent crime in communities. This affects operations, as it forces the closure of City facilities for the safety of staff and patrons. This is why the City invests hundreds of millions of rands each year in on-site security services and

security hardening measures.

In 2024/25, the City spent R25 million on fencing repairs and maintenance, and nearly R10 million on new fencing, access control gates, alarm systems, roller shutter doors and bulletproof windows at certain clinics. A similar amount has been budgeted for this financial year, along with R389 million in the operational budget for day-to-day security services.



Not on the fence about security: The City makes substantial provision in the budget each year to secure its public facilities, including community centres, libraries and clinics.

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Agt strande onder Stadsbestuur het vir die somerseiisoen weer gesogte blouvlagstatus ontvang. Dit is Bikinistrand, Kampsbaai, Clifton 4de, Vishoek, Llandudno, Melkbosstrand, Muizenberg en Silverstroomstrand.

Die Stad het in November burgerlike eerbewyse aan 'n uitsonderlike groep mense oorhandig, en boonop burgemeestersmedaljes aan nie minder nie as 18 individue en organisasies verleen. Die Vryheid van die Stad, 'n eerbewys wat byna 'n dekade laas verleen is, sal in Januarie aan David Kramer en Taliep Petersen oorhandig word.

Met toelaagfinansiering van die Stad het die Litterboom Project agt nuwe vullisvangers in riviere deur die

hele stad geïnstalleer en 12 plaaslike rivierbewaarders aangestel om dit in stand te hou. Die vullisvangers onderskep rommel voordat dit in die see beland.

Die Stad se begroting maak ruim voorsiening vir veiligheid by openbare fasiliteite. In 2024/25 is R25 miljoen bestee om omheinings te herstel en in stand te hou, en bykans R10 miljoen aan ander veiligheidsinfrastruktuur. 'n Soortgelyke bedrag is vir dié boekjaar opgesig, tesame met R389 miljoen vir daaglikse sekuriteitsdienste.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Iilwandle ezisibhozo zeSixeko ziphinde zawongwa ngezinga leBlue Flag kwisithuba sika2025/26. Ezo lwandle yiBikini Beach, Camps Bay, Clifton 4th, Fish Hoek, Llandudno, Melkbosstrand, Muizenberg neSilverstroomstrand.

Siza kunikeza amawonga karhulumente eSixeko kwiqela loluntu olugqwesileyo kananjalo sinikeze newonga leemedali zikaSodolophu kubantu abangexho ngaphantsi kwenani elingu18 nemibutho kananjalo. Elinye iwonga leSixeko elagqityelwa kudala ukunikezwa, elagqityelwa kwishumi leminyaka eyadlulayo eKapa, liya kunikezwa abantu ababini uDavid Karmer noTaliep Petersen.

Ngenxa yenkxasomali yeSixeko, iLitterboom Project ifakele izingxobo zenkunkuma ezisibhozo kwinqi-la yonke yaye yaqesha oonogada bemilambo yeengingqi abali12

ukuba bazimenteyine. Ezi zingxo-bo zifakelwe ukuthintela ukuba inkunkuma ingehli ngomlambo iye kungena elwandle.

ISixeko sibeka imali ethe xhaxhe kwibhajethi yaso ukulungiselela izibonelelo zaso zoluntu. Ngo2024/25, iSixeko sachitha izigidi zeerandi eziyi25 silungisa amacingo okubiyela saphinda sachitha malunga nezigidi ezili10 kwizibonelelo zokhuseleko kwiikliniki ezithile. Kuphinde kwabekwa isixamali esibufana nesi kulo nyakamali kunye neR389 miliyoni yeenkonzo zokhuseleko zamihla yon-ke.

Wildevloëlvlei wastewater plant gets major upgrade

The City is investing R280 million in upgrading the Wildevloëlvlei wastewater treatment works (WWTW) in Kommetjie to improve treated effluent quality and help safeguard local waterways and the surrounding environment.

The treated effluent processed at the WWTW flows into the Wildevloëlvlei, which drains into the ocean via Kommetjie beach. While the effluent is already of a good standard, the upgrade, which involves refurbishing existing mechanical equipment such as mixers and aeration systems, will further raise effluent quality while also increasing operating capacity and boosting efficiency. Additionally, a new, larger-capacity dewatering facility is being installed, and plans are in place for a treated effluent pump station valued at R40 million, which will improve access to treated effluent in Kommetjie and neighbouring areas. The full upgrade will be completed by April 2027.

Looking even further ahead, another capacity upgrade for the WWTW is envisaged for 2032, for which planning and design work is already under way.



Wastewater works in for a treat: The Wildevloëlvlei wastewater treatment plant, which serves Fish Hoek, Kommetjie, Noordhoek, Ocean View and Masiphumelele, is undergoing a multimillion-rand upgrade.

Roadworks roundup

Road resurfacing in **Ottery** took place in Pine Close, Bishopstone Road, Cranborne Road, Stoughton Crescent, Sandown Drive, Bedford and Edward ways, Melville and Woodlands roads, Orchid Close, Beechwood Close, Newmarket and Charles roads, Swallowcliffe Drive and Fairview Close.

Over in **Schaapkraal**, in turn, Vlei, Middle and Schaapkraal (gravel) roads were graded. Work also involved the raising and replacement of manholes and catchpits, the reshaping of stormwater channels, re-gravelling to improve drainage, and reinstating road markings.

Work on our vleis A for away

In pursuit of liveable and safe urban waterways, the City is making steady progress improving water quality and recreational safety at Cape Town’s popular vleis

Dredging and weed harvesting operations at Zeekoevlei and Zandvlei are well under way.

Deep vacuum for Zeekoevlei
Dredging at Zeekoevlei started in June. This first vlei dredging in Cape Town in 42 years is removing sediment containing nutrient and pollutant build-up from the lakebed. Two sections of the vlei will be dredged over a period of 26 months, starting in Storm Bay and then moving to Home Bay. To date, up to 15 200 m³ of sediment has already been dredged at Storm Bay, with another approximately 190 000 m³ to go over the next 12 months.

Preparations for the dredging included the construction of a 4,3 km slurry pipeline to pump the dredged sediment from Zeekoevlei to dewatering ponds at the Cape Flats wastewater treatment works, preparing the dewatering ponds, and assembling and testing the floating suction dredger.

Weed-eater at work in Zandvlei
Over at Zandvlei, the delivery of a second weed harvester, named Spoonbill through



Every vlei has its day: The City is hard at work cleaning, clearing and improving Cape Town’s recreational vleis, with weed harvesting at Zandvlei (pictured left) and a 26-month dredging project on the go at Zeekoevlei (pictured right).

a public nomination process, now doubles the specialised vessel capacity to assist with aquatic vegetation management in this waterbody and its canals. The new machine incorporates significant modifications to improve performance, particularly when navigating the tight waterways of Marina da Gama. Apart from the two weed harvesters at Zandvlei, a third one is operating at Rietvlei.

Weed harvesters are key ecological

management tools. By removing pondweed and algae, they extract excess nutrients from the system, thereby improving water quality and reducing the risk of algal blooms and oxygen depletion associated with eutrophication (nutrient build-up). Additionally, they clear the vleis to make them more navigable and safer for communities.

Both Zandvlei and Zeekoevlei are located in proclaimed City-managed

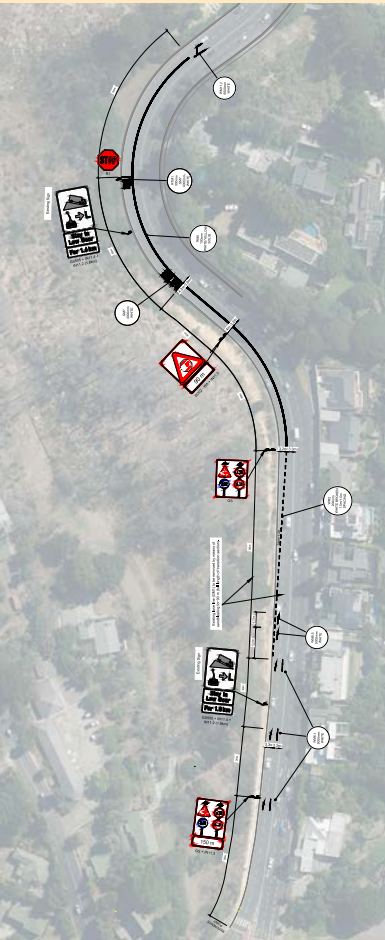
nature reserves, namely the Zandvlei estuary nature reserve and the False Bay nature reserve respectively. False Bay nature reserve is also a Ramsar site of international importance for wetlands, with the City being an accredited Ramsar city. Improving water quality in these waterways, therefore, is not only a responsibility towards Capetonians, but also aligns with the City’s international commitments.

Public consulted on Kloof Nek heavy-vehicle stop proposal

A City proposal to implement a compulsory heavy-vehicle stop on Kloof Nek Road was subjected to public participation in October, and Capetonians’ feedback is now being evaluated. The proposed stop is intended to address the spate of heavy-vehicle accidents on Kloof Nek Road citybound.

Divide and conquer
This will involve accommodating general traffic in the current righthand lane, while the lefthand lane will be reserved for heavy vehicles only, for a distance of approximately 250 m. Relevant signage and road markings will be displayed, restricting heavy vehicles to the demarcated section of roadway and forcing them to stop approximately 150 m downhill from the pedestrian signal at Tafelberg Road (as illustrated alongside). Here they will be required to engage low gear and maintain it for the remainder of the downhill section.

The City will keep residents and interested parties updated on the outcome.



Inner-city lights to be turned up, and up, and up

Over the next two years, Energy will refurbish 85 high-mast streetlights along the main routes into and out of central Cape Town. The project forms part of a wider public lighting upgrade programme that is rolling out across town to enhance safety, support economic activity and promote sustainable energy use.

With a budget of R8 million, the project will include full structural inspections of the poles, the replacement of outdated components, repainting, and the retrofitting of old sodium lamps with modern, energy-efficient LED

fittings. The approximately 340 new LED luminaires will save over 40% in energy costs, while providing significantly better visibility to boot. Other benefits include lower maintenance requirements and fewer service call-outs, and the extended lifespan of the lighting infrastructure.

The identified 85 high-mast poles were originally installed in the 1970s for wider illumination coverage and better road safety. Their refurbishment ties into a broader City commitment of over R160 million for LED public lighting expansions across the metro over the next three years.



In pole position: Central Cape Town is about to be seen in an even brighter light as 85 high-mast streetlights are up for refurbishment and LED retrofits.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad bestee R280 miljoen aan die opknapping van die Wildevloëlvlei-afvalwateraanleg in Kommetjie om die gehalte van behandelde afvloei te verhoog en plaaslike waterweë en die omringende omgewing te help beskerm.

Baggerwerk en grasverwydering by onderskeidelik Zeekoevlei en Zandvlei is goed op dreef. Die werk by Zeekoevlei het in Junie begin. Dit is die eerste keer in 42 jaar dat ‘n vlei in Kaapstad gebagger word. Die doel is om die sediment op die bodem van die meer te verwyder. Die afsaksel is vol oortollige voedingstowwe en besoedeling.

‘n Stadsvoorstel om ‘n verpligte stop vir swaarvoertuie op Kloofnekweg in te stel is in Oktober aan openbare deelname onderwerp, en Kapenaars se terugvoer word nou

geëvalueer. Die voorgestelde stop is bedoel om swaarvoertuigongelukke op Kloofnekweg in die rigting van die stad te verminder.

Die direktoraat energie sal oor die volgende twee jaar 85 hoëmasstraatligte langs die hoofroetes na en van die middestad vernuwe. Die projek is deel van ‘n groter program om verligting in openbare gebiede te verbeter en sodoende veiligheid te bevorder, ekonomiese aktiwiteit te ondersteun en volhoubare energiegebruik te verseker.

Vyftien paaie in Ottery spog nou met nuwe ryvlakke. In Schaapkraal is gruispaaie geskraap, mangate en vangputte verhoog en vervang, en stormwaterkanale verlê.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko sityala imali ezizigidi ezingaR280 zeerandi ekuphuculeni imisebenzi yokucocwa kwamanzi amdaka yaseWildevloëlvlei (WWTW) eKommetjie ukuze kuphuculwe umgangatho wamanzi amdaka acociweyo kunye nokunceda ukukhusela imijelo yamanzi yasekuhlaleni kunye nokusingqongileyo.

Imisebenzi yokugawula nokuvuna ukhula eZeekoevlei naseZandvlei sele iqhubeka. Ukutsala amanzi eZeekoevlei kuqale kweyeSilimela. Oku kutsalwa kokuqala eKapa kwiminyaka engama42 kususa intlenge equlethe izondlo kunye Nokwanda kongcoliseko elunxwemeni.

Isiphakamiso seSixeko sokuphumeza ukumisa ngokunyanzelekileyo isithuthi esikhulu kwindlela iKloof Nek Road safakwa kwintathoxaxheba yoluntu kweyeDwarha, kwaye ingxelo yabemi baseKapa ngoku iyavanywa. Indawo yokumisa ephakanyiswayo yenzelwe ukujongana nemeko yeengazi yezithuthi ezinkulu kwiNdlela iKloof Nek eya edolophini.

Kwiminyaka emibini ezayo, ezaMandla ziza kuhlaziya izibane zesitalato ezingama85 ezinde ecaleni kweendlela eziphambili ezingena neziphumayo embindini weKapa. Le projekthi iynxalenye yenkqubo ebanzi yokuphucula izibane zikawonkewonke eza kuqhutywa kulo yonke idolophu ukuphucula ukhuseleko, ukuxhasa imisebenzi yezoqoqosho kunye nokukhuthaza ukusetyenziswa kwamandla okuzinzileyo.

Ukulungiswa kwendlela eOttery kwenzeka kwiindlela ezili15, ngelixa kwiindlela zaseSchaapkraal, eVlei, eMbindini naseSchaapkraal (indlela yegrabile) kwahlolwa. Umsebenzi wawubandakanya ukuphakamisa nokutshintsha imingxuma yamanzi kunye neendawo zokugcina amanzi, ukuphinda kulungiswe imijelo yamanzi emvula.

Workshops make Tafelsig youth water-wise, sanitation-smart

The City provides grant funding to 11 community-based organisations as part of its effort to inspire a change in how residents interact with sewerage infrastructure, and to stimulate resident-led activities to protect urban rivers and the natural environment. One of the organisations is Ummati Community Upliftment.

As part of its project plan, Ummati hosts a series of six “Keep it flowing” workshops aimed at youth between the ages of 18 and 24. The sessions, hosted in Tafelsig and surrounds, address responsible water use, common causes of sewer blockages and overflows, and the importance of good sanitation practices. Each workshop concludes with a clean-up activity in local parks and public spaces.

The City cannot tackle challenges such as water wastage and sewer system abuse on its own. It needs meaningful partnerships such as these to amplify its reach and impact.



Demonstrating the don'ts: Carol Swarts, a teacher from Paramount High School and facilitator from Ummati Community Upliftment, hosting a youth-focused water and sanitation workshop at the Tafelsig hall. Here she demonstrates how flushing wet wipes and sanitary products down the toilet can block sewer systems and cause costly overflows.

Miller’s Point and Soetwater resorts ‘under new management’ Sensitive biodiversity will be protected at these popular public resorts

Responsibility for two of the 13 coastal resorts under City management – Miller’s Point and Soetwater – recently moved from Recreation and Parks to Environmental Management’s Coastal Management Branch. Both form part of so-called ‘coastal conservancies’, making Coastal Management best suited to manage them.

The two resorts are both great family getaway spots, offering camping, beach access, braai facilities and many more recreational activities.

About bookings

To book your family’s spot, phone 021 444 6769/70, or email either Soetwater.bookings@capetown.gov.za or Millerspoint.bookings@capetown.gov.za.

For online bookings, visit the City’s e-Services portal.

Festive season bookings opened on 1 September 2025 already, and the City will start accepting bookings for the Easter holidays from 1 February 2026. Bookings for these peak seasons can only be done telephonically.

You will need to provide a name, ID number, City business partner number (if applicable), contact number, email address and physical address to complete a booking.

Sweet spot: Ever-popular Soetwater is a great getaway for families and one of Cape Town’s few remaining undeveloped coastal terraces with functioning ecosystems.



Inner-city site released for social housing

The so-called ‘Fruit & Veg’ site in central Cape Town has officially been released to be developed into 237 social housing units as well as some retail space. The 3 300 m² City-owned property is located between Kent and Bloemhof streets, right on the edge of District Six and the centre of town. The site is also within walking distance from MyCiTi bus stations, schools, universities, and a range of economic opportunities.

Thousands of affordable housing units are also at different stages of development in other inner-city areas such as Woodstock, Salt River and Maitland. Collectively, the pipeline of 12 000 units in development are aimed at households earning between R1 850 and R32 000 per month.

Additionally, the delivery of affordable housing is being accelerated through significant legislative reform to make it quicker and easier to get building approval from the City. Micro-developers now receive hands-on support, including a new township development fund, which helps reduce development costs, and pre-approved building plan templates.



Location, location, location: A more central location for inner-city social housing than the recently released ‘Fruit & Veg’ site in central Cape Town will be hard to find, bringing more families closer to the opportunities that city living offers.



Starting a Culture Craze: Cultural diversity and building a positive sense of identity were among the key topics discussed at the City’s new Culture Craze programme for high-school learners, initiated during Heritage Month. Six two-day workshops were held at the Zandvlei Lookout and Zeekoevlei, Witsands and Tygerberg nature reserves. Nearly 200 learners from high schools in Pelican Park, Steenberg, Bernadino Heights, Saxonsea and Robinvale attended. The workshops help learners explore their cultural and heritage identity, build confidence, and develop a positive outlook on life. The programme will be making its way to other districts across town in the course of 2025/26.



KORTLIKS

Die Stad voorsien toelaagfinansiering aan 11 gemeenskapsorganisasies om inwoners se gedrag ten opsigte van rioolinfrastruktuur te verbeter en gemeenskappe aan te spoor om die riviere en natuurlike omgewing van Kaapstad te beskerm. Ummati Community Upliftment het in dié verband ses werksessies in Tafelsig aangebied om jongmense oor die werking van die rioolstelsel op te voed.

Die bestuursverantwoordelikheid vir twee van die Stad se 13 kusoorde – Miller’s Point en Soetwater – is onlangs van die departement ontspanning en parke na die kusbestuurstak van die departement omgewingsbestuur verskuif. Albei oorde maak deel uit van sogenaamde ‘kusbewaringsgebiede’, en die kusbestuurstak is dus die beste daartoe in staat om hierdie

gewilde uitspanplekke te bestuur.

Die sogenaamde Fruit & Veg-terrein in die Kaapse middestad is amptelik vrygestel vir die ontwikkeling van 237 sosialebehuisingseenhede sowel as winkelruimtes. Dié Stadseiendom van 3 300 m² is tussen Kent- en Bloemhofstraat geleë.

Kultuurdiversiteit en ‘n positiewe identiteitsbesef is van die onderwerpe wat die Stad se nuwe Culture Craze-program vir hoërskoolleerders aanroer. Die program is in Erfenismaand bekend gestel met ses werksessies van twee dae elk by die Zandvlei Lookout-sentrum en die Zeekoevlei-, Witsands- en Tygerberg-natuurreservaat. Byna 200 leerders het dit bygewoon.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko sinikezela ngenkxasomali kwimbutho eli11 yoluntu ukutshintsha indlela abemi abasebenzisana ngayo neziseko zophuhliso lwelindle, kunye nokukhuthaza imisebenzi ekhokelwa nga-bahlali ukukhusela imilambo yasezidolophini kunye nokusingqongileyo kwendalo. I-Ummati Com-munity Upliftment ibambe iindibano ezintandathu ze-“Keep it flowing” eTafelsig nakwiindawo ezingqongileyo zolutsha oluneminyaka eli18 ukuya kuma24.

Uxanduva lweendawo ezimbini kwiindawo ezili13 zokungebeleka ezikunxweme oluphantsi ko-lawulo lweSixeko – iMiller’s Point kunye neSoetwater – kutshanje lufuduselwe kwiCandelo loLawulo loNxweme lwezoLonwabo neePaki ukuya kwiSebe loLawulo loNxweme loLawulo lweN-dalo. Zombini ziyinxalenye yezinto ezibizwa ngokuba ‘ziindawo zokugcina unxweme’, nto leyo eyenza ukuba ulawulwo lonxeme

lufaneleke kakhulu ukulawula ezi ndawo zidumileyo zosapho zokuphumla.

Indawo ebizwa ngokuba yi-‘Fruit & Veg’ embindini weKapa ikhutshiwe ngokusesikweni ukuze yakhiwe ibe ziyunithi zezindlu zoluntu ezingama237 kunye neendawo zokuthengisa. Ipropati yeSixeko engama3 300 m² iphakathi kwezitalato zaseKent naseBloemhof.

Ukwahlukahlukana kwenkcubeko kunye nokwakha ingqiqo eyakhayo yobuntu bekuphakathi kwezihloko eziphambili ezixoxwe ngazo kwinkqubo entsha yeCity Culture Craze yabafundi beziko-lo zamabanga aphakamileyo, eyaqalwa ngeNyanga yamaGugu. Iindibano zocweyo ezintandathu zeentsuku ezimbini zibanjwe kwiindawo zokulondoloza indalo zaseZandvlei naseZeekoevlei, eWitsands naseTygerberg kubafundi abamalunga nama200.

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