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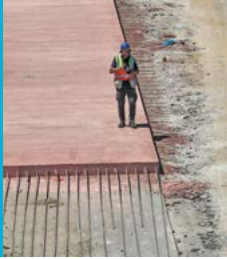
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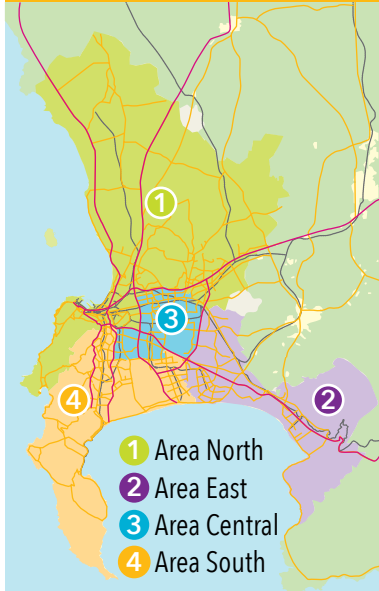
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Redesigning the dunes: As part of a pilot to keep sand off the Sandy Corner section of Baden Powell Drive, the City had to reprofile the dunes, allowing the waves to return some of the sand to the sea. See page 3.

Redesigned Chapel Street nearly ready

The Chapel Street upgrade in District Six, which started in June 2025, is on track for completion by July this year.

The historic street is the central spine linking Trafalgar park to the east of the Zeenatul Islam Masjid with District Six, the new restitution areas, and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology to the west. Once complete, the upgraded street will reconnect residents to one another and the neighbourhood.

Design interventions focus on creating a pedestrian-friendly route with wide paved sidewalks, seating and landscaping. The various institutions and facilities along the route will also be accommodated, and traffic-calming measures will improve safety.

The Chapel Street redesign builds on the Public Realm Strategy that the City developed in consultation with the District Six Caretakers and the wider community a few years ago.



Valuation roll check-and-object window open

The City's 2025 general valuation roll is ready and will take effect on 1 July 2026. Should you wish to dispute your property valuation, please do so before the end of April.

The 2025 general valuation roll (GV2025) of Cape Town's approximately 930 000 registered properties is available for inspection and, if need be, objection before it will be implemented on 1 July 2026.

Residents will find GV2025 on the City's website, www.capetown.gov.za (enter "General valuation roll 2025" in the search box), as well as at 20 venues across town (enter "Property valuation objection venues list" for a schedule). In-person GV2025 inspection and objection will be open until the end of March, as indicated on the venue schedule. The window for online inspection and objection runs until 30 April.

No thumb-suck values

The City's valuation methods are accurate, fair and in line with international best practice. A dedicated team of professional valuers used statistical models to value registered properties in town. The roll was subjected to data verification, statistical accuracy checks and extensive audit reviews.

If you decide to dispute

To dispute your valuation, complete the objection form available on the City's e-Services platform or provided against your property on GV2025, and submit it before 30 April – either via e-Services or the email address stated on the form. Alternatively, submit an in-person objection before the end of March at any of the identified venues.

Keep in mind:

- To object via e-Services, you must be registered on the platform. Allow for a short activation period. For a video on e-Services registration, go to <https://youtu.be/7fR2IXOp2zo>.
- Your objection must be motivated and supported with market-related information as at the valuation date of 1 July 2025. For your convenience, the City supplies verified sales information on its website.

Friendlier rates formula

Your property value is used to determine

your monthly property rates. To assist the Mother City's property owners, the City is proposing a 10,2% lower property rates formula under GV2025. An indicative residential rate-in-the-land of 0,006428 (down from 0,007159) has been set as an interim estimate – comparing very well with other metros. This will depend on draft budget finalisation and confirmation of national funding streams. The final rate-in-the-land will be determined in May 2026 when Council approves the budget, tariffs and rates after public participation.

Along with other proposed measures, the lower rate-in-the-land will ensure that 60% of Cape Town's residential properties will experience either a rates decrease, or no change in rates, even though their property value has likely risen.

To get an idea of what you might be paying in rates under the new valuation roll, use the City's handy indicative interim rates calculator. Access it by clicking on the GV2025 trending box on the City's homepage.

Stop, scan, set off

MyCiTi's printed schedules at bus stops are being replaced with QR codes, linking passengers to the latest schedule for their particular stop based on the bus's last known location. Simply scan the code for bus times and direction of travel.

Passengers may also continue to use the MyCiTi website, app or the helpline at 0800 65 64 63 to access bus schedules.



Bus brought her home:

Zaibunnisa Gallon was among a group of Lotus River residents who recently received their outstanding title deeds when Human Settlements' new Title Deeds Express bus rolled in. The bus also assisted residents with various other housing-related services. Beneficiaries in older City housing developments who are still owed their title deed should dial 021 444 0333.

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KORTLIKS

As deel van 'n proef om te keer dat sand die Sandy Corner-gedeelte van Baden Powell-rylaan toewaai, het die Stad die profiel van die duine in dié gebied aangepas. Van die sand is nader aan die waterlyn gestoot sodat die branders dit kan terugspoel see toe.

Die opknapping van Chapelstraat in Distrik Ses, wat in Junie 2025 begin het, is op koers om teen Julie vanjaar klaar te wees. Die herontwerpte straat sal inwoners weer met mekaar en die buurt verbind.

'n Groep inwoners van Lotusrivier het onlangs hulle uitstaande titelaktes ontvang toe die Stad se nuwe titelaktesbus kom besoek aflê het.

Die jongste algemene waardasielyste van Kaapstad se sowat 930 000 geregistreerde eiendomme is

nou beskikbaar vir inspeksie en enige moontlike besware voordat dit op 1 Julie 2026 in werking tree. Inwoners kan dit op die Stad se webtuiste kry: Gaan na www.capetown.gov.za en soek onder "General valuation roll 2025". Boonop is die waardasielyste by 20 lokale deur die hele stad te kry (soek onder "Property valuation objection venues").

MyCiTi se gedrukte busroosters by haltes word nou met QR-kodes vervang. Die kodes bied passasiers maklike toegang tot die jongste rooster vir 'n spesifieke halte op grond van waar die bus trek. Skandeer bloot die kode vir bustye en -rigtings.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Njengenxalenye yecebo lokususa isanti kwicandelo iSandy Corner leBaden Powell Drive, iSixeko kuye kwafuneka sisuse iingqumba, nto leyo evumela amaza ukuba abuyisele enye isanti elwandle.

Ukuhlaziywa kweChapel Street eDistrict Six, okuqale ngeyeSilimela 2025, kuyaqhubeka yaye kuza kugqitywa ngeyeKhala kulo nyaka. Sakuba sigqityiwe, esi sitrato sihlaziyiweyo siya kuphinda sihlanganise abahlali kunye neendawo ezingqongileyo.

Uzaibunnisa Gallon ebephakathi kweqela labahlali baseLotus River abasandul' ukufumana itayitile zabo ukufika kwebhasi entsha yeSebej lokuHlaliswa koluntu.

Uhlolo oluqhelekileyo luka2025 (GV2025) lweepropati ezibhalisiweyo zaseKapa ezimalunga ne930 000 luyafumaneka ukuze lujongwe yaye, ukuba kuyimfuneko, lunokuhlalutywa

ngaphambi kokuba lusetyenziswe ngowoku1 kweyeKhala 2026. Abahlali bangayifumana iGV2025 kwiwebhusayithi yeSixeko, ethi, www.capetown.gov.za (ngena ku"General valuation roll 2025" kwibhokisi yokusetsha), kwanakwiindawo ezingama20 kuyo yonke idolophu (ngena ku"Property valuation objection venues").

ISixeko sikhuthaza abo bakhangele umsebenzi ukuba bahlaziye inkcazelo yabo ngayo nayiphi na kwezi ndlela zilandelayo: Tyelela iofisi yebhungana okanye iziko leSmartCape kwilayibrari kawonkewonke (phakathi evekini, 08:00–15:30) okanye kwiziko le-EPWP ekungenwayo kulo e50 Wale Street, eKapa (phakathi evekini, 08:00–15:30), okanye uthumele i-imeyili ku EPWP.Help@capetown.gov.za.

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Budget boost for pre-winter stormwater fix-up

The City has allocated an additional R39 million to ramp up maintenance and repairs of stormwater infrastructure in flood-prone areas. The work will take place over the next few months to prepare for high rainfall events in winter.

With the added budget, the City can deploy more teams and increase its stormwater system cleaning cycles. The areas for focused intervention were identified using data from last year, public reports of flooding, and site visits and investigations by City teams. Stormwater systems in and around informal areas are included.

- Help us fend off flooding**
- Sadly, many cases of winter flooding are the result of blockages due to the illegal dumping of waste into the stormwater system. Here's what you can do to help:
- Report blocked drains and illegal dumping on the City app, to the customer call centre on 0860 103 089, to contact.us@capetown.gov.za, or by logging a service request on www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests.
 - Help keep the stormwater inlets in your street free from debris and waste. Do not sweep waste into drains.
 - Regularly trim trees overhanging drains.



GV2025 shows Cape Town works and is future-fit

Every three years, the City undertakes a full valuation of all properties to reflect their market value. The latest general valuation (GV2025) confirms what many of you have already experienced firsthand: Property values in Cape Town continue to grow steadily.

For homeowners, this is good news. It means that your property is increasing in value, contributing to your family's long-term financial security and personal wealth. In fact, Cape Town remains the one South African metro where property assets consistently grow in value.

At the same time, we offer the lowest rate-in-the-land property rates formula of any city in the country. Simply put, it generally costs less to own property here than anywhere else in South Africa, even though property values are higher. This is part of what makes Cape Town not only a great place to live, but also a smart place to invest.

Following this valuation, we are proposing a 10,2% reduction in the residential rate-in-the-land. This will soften the impact of higher valuations



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

and keep rates as affordable as possible. As a result, around 60% of residential properties will either see a decrease in their rates, or no increase at all, despite their property values rising.

We are also expanding relief measures to support more households. The 'rates-free' benefit will now apply to the first R500 000 of your property's value

(up from R450 000). In addition, this benefit is being extended to properties valued up to R8 million (up from R7 million), meaning more middle-class families will qualify for relief.

This forms part of our commitment to run a city that works and is geared for the future, with reliable services, continued infrastructure investment, and property values that grow over time. It's a combination that sets Cape Town apart.

I encourage every property owner to take a few minutes to review their updated valuation on the City's website or at designated venues across town. If you believe that your valuation does not reflect the correct market value as at 1 July 2025, you may lodge an objection until the end of April.

Cape Town's strength lies in its people, and in our shared commitment to building a city of hope for all who live here. Thank you for being part of that journey.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor

Rebate recipients to reapply

After the implementation of GV2025, both pensioners and indigent residents will need to reapply for rates rebates and other benefits. Do so by visiting your nearest municipal customer care office. Alternatively, pensioners may visit <https://bit.ly/47ecgFH> or email rates.rebate@capetown.gov.za, and indigent residents can reapply via <https://bit.ly/4bCqzVI> or email indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za.



Cape Town's hard at work

Jobs in Cape Town have grown by 113 000 year on year, with employment in the Mother City now at an all-time high of 1,895 million people. According to Stats SA's fourth-quarter labour force survey for 2025, Cape Town has the country's lowest unemployment rate, at 19,8%. This is the first time since 2009 that unemployment has fallen below 20%.

The City's strategy to focus on high-growth sectors such as manufacturing, tourism, hospitality, construction, technology and financial services is clearly paying off.

Caution urged as dam levels fall below expectations

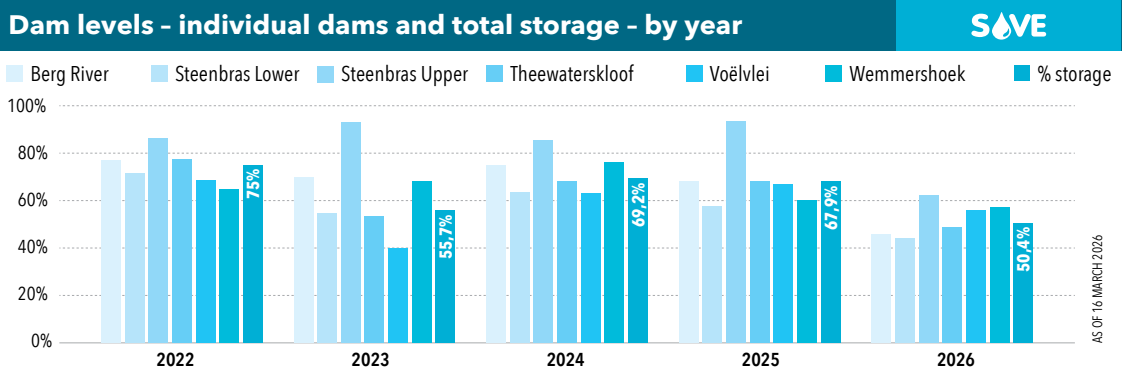
The main dams supplying the city are approximately 20% lower than last year. While there is no immediate reason for concern, the City's water resource status has been updated to 'Early Drought Caution', reflecting a proactive approach to monitoring and managing future drought risks.

The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should 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.



Let's work smart with our water supply

Dam levels are 20% lower compared to this time last year, so being water-savvy is crucial to manage our supply until winter. The City counts on every Capetonian to help bring water usage down again to the target of 975 million litres per day.

Every drop counts

- Find and fix water leaks on your property. Dripping taps, leaking

toilets and faulty plumbing can cause huge water losses over time.

- Water your garden at night to prevent evaporation, and avoid topping up swimming pools unnecessarily.
- Switch to treated effluent for industrial irrigation or construction purposes. The City supplies treated effluent to large water users such as industry, sports clubs, golf clubs,

large new developments and schools.

- Report burst pipes by dialling 086 010 3089 (select option 2), sending an SMS to 31373, a WhatsApp to 060 018 1505, or an email to water@capetown.gov.za. Provide an exact location and take down a reference number.

** For more water-saving tips, go to www.capetown.gov.za/savewater.*

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KORTLIKS

Die Stad het 'n bykomende R39 miljoen toegeken vir instandhouding en herstelwerk aan stormwaterinfrastruktuur in gebiede wat geneig is tot oorstroming. Die werk sal oor die volgende paar maande plaasvind.

Werkseleenthede in Kaapstad het die afgelope jaar met 113 000 toegeneem. Met 1,895 miljoen mense wat werk, is indiensneming in die Moederstad nou hoër as ooit vantevore.

Damvlakke is 20% laer as dié tyd verlede jaar. Dit is noodsaaklik dat ons nou verstandig met ons water werk om ons voorraad tot en met die winter te bestuur. Die Stad maak staat op elke Kapenaar om waterverbruik weer tot die teiken van 975 miljoen liter per dag te verlaag.

Pensioenarisse en inwoners wat deernisbystand ontvang, moet ná die inwerkingstelling van die nuwe waardasielys weer om belastingkortings en ander voordele aansoek doen.

Help die Stad om afpersers vas te trek wat op beskermingsgeld vir Stadsprojekte aandring. Skakel 021 480 7700.

Die jongste waardasielys bevestig dat eiendomswaardes in Kaapstad aanhou toeneem. Vir huiseienaars is dit goeie nuus: 'n Stygende eiendoms waarde help verseker immers jou gesin se langtermyn-finansiële sekuriteit. Terselfdertyd bied die Stad ook die laagste koers in die rand vir eiendomsbelasting van enige metro in Suid-Afrika.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko siye sabekela bucala iR39 yezigidi ukongeza ekulondolozweni nokulungiswa kweziseko zophuhliso zamanzi esichotho kwiindawo ezithandwa zizikhukula. Lo msebenzi uza kwenziwa kwezi nyanga zimbilwa zizayo.

Imisebenzi eKapa inyuka nge113 000 minyaka le, ngoku eSixekweni kuqeshwa abantu ngomthamo ophakame kakhulu wezigidi ezi1.895.

Umthamo wamadama ukumlinganiselo wama20% xa uthelekiswa neli xesha kunyaka ophelileyo, ngoko kubaluleke kakhulu ukonga amanzi ukuze silawule oovimba bethu de kube sebusika. ISixeko sithembe bonke abahlali baseKapa ukuba baza kuphinda bakwehlise ukusetyenziswa kwamanzi ukuya kutsho kusukela lweelitha ezingama975 ezigidi ngosuku.

Emva kokuphunyezwa kweGV2025, abo badla umhlalaphantsi kunye nabahlali abangathathi ntweni kuza kufuneka bafake izicelo

zokubuyiselwa imali ehlawulelwa iinkonzo kwakunye nezinye iinzuzo.

Sincidise ekubambeni izaphulimthetho ezifuna ngenkani imali yokhuseleko kwiiprojekthi ozenzayo. Fowunela 24/7: Ku021 480 7700

Uhlobo oluqhelekileyo lwakutshanje (GV2025) luqinisekisa ukuba amaxabiso epropati eKapa ayaqhubeka ethe ngcembe ukunyuka. Kwabo banezindlu, ziindaba ezimnandi ezi. Loo nto ithetha ukuba ipropati yakho – esoloko iyeyona aseti yakho ibalulekileyo – liyakhula ixabiso layo, nto leyo enegalelo kukhuseleko lwezoqoqosho lwentsapho yakho kangangethuba elide. Kwangaxeshanye, siyazidla ngokunikezela ngowona "milinganiselo kwirandi" uphantsi – ubalo olusetyenziselwa ukubala amaxabiso epropati – kunaso nasiphi na isixeko saseMzantsi Afrika.



Sand-trapping pilot in progress on Baden Powell

Annually, a section of Baden Powell Drive near Monwabisi, aptly named Sandy Corner, is severely affected by windblown sand lifted from the local dune system by the strong summer southeaster. This requires continuous maintenance to ensure road safety and prevent the road from being completely inundated.

This year, the City is conducting a pilot to test the efficiency of brushwood and straw in trapping the sand on the dune. At the same time, the dune was also reprofiled. Reprofiling involved returning approximately 5 000 m³ of clean sand to the sea (pictured above), after which the brushwood and straw were placed (below). The efficiency of the trial, which concludes in June, is monitored closely.



Kommetjie Road upgrade complete

The major upgrade to Kommetjie Road between Capri Drive and Wood Road, just past Masiphumelele, wrapped up at the end of 2025. Additional lanes have been introduced to help ease congestion during peak travel times, particularly for those commuting between Kommetjie, Ocean View, Imhoff's Gift, Heron Park, Masiphumelele, Sunnysdale and surrounds. Thanks to all residents and road users in the area for their patience while this critical project was under way.

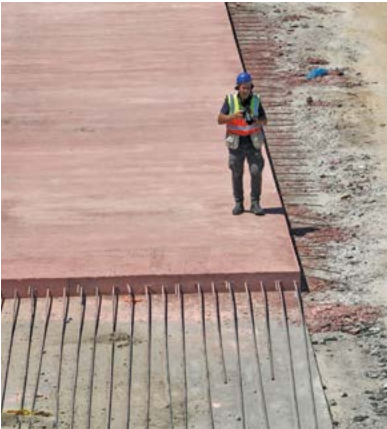
Concrete progress on new MyCiTi route

Dedicated red bus lanes start going in on Govan Mbeki Road

The first red bus lanes along Govan Mbeki Road in the vicinity of the Sky Circle project in Lansdowne are being cast. With casting occurring in phases, this part of the project is on track for completion by December 2026. The first MyCiTi buses should start operating along this route in the second half of 2027.

Govan Mbeki Road is one of the main routes that will allow commuters from Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha to board MyCiTi to connect to Wynberg and Claremont.

The red lanes are cast using reinforced



concrete. While mobile pumps will get the concrete to difficult-to-reach areas, most of the spreading and compaction work is done by hand. Once cast, the concrete typically takes about 28 days to cure or reach optimal strength.

Getting 'reddy' fast: Far left: The first red bus lanes in Govan Mbeki Road being cast. Left: The lanes are in the vicinity of the Sky Circle – South Africa's first freestanding elevated traffic circle, located at the intersection of Govan Mbeki (M9) and Jan Smuts Drive (M17), Lansdowne – which is also progressing well.

Road improvements continue

Road maintenance work on Ottery, New Ottery and Old Strandfontein roads is scheduled for completion by the end of April.

The work entails repairs to kerbs, channels, paving and sidewalks, road resurfacing, and the reapplication of road markings.

Opportunity's calling in Mitchells Plain

The City helped facilitate a new business process outsourcing (BPO) investment in Beacon Valley in the form of a major new call centre. The centre will create hundreds of jobs and skills development opportunities for residents in Mitchells Plain and surrounds. The site features both office space and a training facility for new recruits.

The investment was facilitated by CapeBPO, the City's special-purpose vehicle responsible for developing the industry.

The Beacon Valley contact centre is the second to set up shop in the greater Mitchells Plain region. The first opened on Watgate Boulevard in 2022.

BPO booming in the Cape

Call centres contributed R23 billion to Cape Town's economy in 2024, which was more than double the BPO sector's provincial contribution of R11 billion a mere ten years ago. Thanks to the growth of this industry, over 100 000 Capetonians now work in this sector.



Dialled in and invested: Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis and Ald James Vos (Mayco member for Economic Growth) at the new Beacon Valley call centre, the latest business process outsourcing investment in Cape Town that will generate multiple job and training opportunities in the Mitchells Plain area. Pictured with them are (standing, from left) Ish Kaskar (Futur-Ed managing director), Cllr Solomon Philander (subcouncil 12 chair) and Clayton Williams (chief executive of CapeBPO). Front: Aishah Abrahams and Raeesah Bonzaaier (both call centre employees) and Nuhaa Brooks (Strategic Delivery manager at CapeBPO).



Bo-Kaap's where it's at: Officially opened in February, the Bo-Kaap Market is where you'll find some of the best local food, clothing and craft the Cape has to offer. The permanent, open-air weekend market, located on the corner of Pentz Street and Yusuf Drive, supports local entrepreneurs and celebrates the heritage and identity of the community. Pictured at the opening ceremony (above) are, from left, Cllr Matthew Kempthorne (subcouncil 16 chair), Ganief Laubscher (Bo-Kaap Civic and Ratepayers' Association), Cllr Francine Higham (Mayco member for Community Services and Health, and ward 77 councillor), Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis, Mansoor Abrahams (Bo-Kaap Civic and Ratepayers' Association), Ald James Vos (Mayco member for Economic Growth) and Kwanda Lande (from the City's Area Economic Development Department).



The Mayor and Ald Vos were keen to sample some of the quintessential Bo-Kaap dishes on offer, with the owner of Bo-Kaap's Finest, Nafeesah Dante (in pink), and Ubaidullah Rogers.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het kreupelhout op die duinstelsel langs Baden Powell-rylaan geplaas om te probeer keer dat die wind die pad onder sand begrawe.

Die eerste rooi busbane in Govan Mbeki-weg in die omgewing van die Sky Circle-projek in Lansdowne word tans gelê. Die beton word in fases gegiet, en dié deel van die projek behoort teen Desember 2026 klaar te wees. Die eerste MyCiTi-busse op hierdie roete behoort in die tweede helfte van 2027 te begin loop.

Instandhoudingswerk aan Ottery-, Nuwe Ottery- en Ou Strandfonteinweg behoort teen die einde van April klaar te wees.

Die Stad het 'n groot nuwe inbelsentrum in Beacon Valley help fasiliteer. Die sentrum sal honderde geleenthede vir werk en vaardigheidsontwikkeling vir inwoners van Mitchells Plain en omgewing skep.

Die Bo-Kaap-mark, wat in Februarie amptelik geopen is, bied van die beste plaaslike kos, klere en kuns. Die permanente buitelugmark op die hoek van Pentzstraat en Yusufrylaan is naweke oop. Die mark ondersteun plaaslike entrepreneurs en vier die erfenis en identiteit van die gemeenskap.

Die omvattende opknapping van Kommetjieweg tussen Capri-rylaan en Woodweg, net verby Masiphumelele, is aan die einde van 2025 voltooi. Bykomende bane is geskep om verkeersdruk gedurende spits tyd te verlig.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko sizama ukusetyenziswa kwamahlamvu ukugcina isanti ikwingqumba kufutshane neBaden Powell Drive.

Imigca ebomvu elungiselelwe iibhasi ngakwiGovan Mbeki Road kummandla weprojekthi iSky Circle eLansdowne, iyafakelwa. Njengoko oku kufakwa kusenziwa ngokwamabakala, le nxalenye yale projekthi iyaqhuba yaye sele iza kugqitywa ngeyoMnga 2026. Iibhasi zokuqala zikaMyCiTi zifanele ziqale ukuhamba kulo mzila kwisiqingatha sesibini sika2027.

Ukulungiswa kwendlela iOttery, iNew Ottery neOld Strandfontein kucwangiselwe ukugqitywa ngasekupheleni kukaTshazimpuzi.

ISixeko siye sancedisela ekuququzeleleni ukunikizela ngenkqubo yoshishino notyalomali (BPO) eBeacon Valley – iziko elitsha lokuphendula iminxeba. Oku kuza kuvula amakhulu ngamakhulu amathuba emisebenzi nokuphuhliswa kwezakhono zabahlali baseMitchells Plain neendawo ezikufutshane.

Njengoko ivulwe ngokusemthethweni ngeyoMdumba, iBo-Kaap Market kulapho uya kufumana khona ukutya kwalapha, impahla yokunxiba nezinto zobugcisa ezikumgangatho ophezulu. Imarike esisigxina nephandle evula ngeempelaveki, ekwimbombo yePentz Street neYusuf Drive, ixhasa oosomashishini basekuhlaleni yaye iligugu nembonakaliso yezinto zasekuhlaleni.

Ukulungiswa okukhulu kweKommetjie Road ephakathi kweCapri Drive neWood Road, xa usandolula eMasiphumelele, kuye kwaqosheliswa ekupheleni kuka2025. Kuye kwafakelwa imigca eyongezelelekileyo ukuncedisana nokuphungula uxinezeleko ngamaxesha okuhamba axakekileyo.

Off-grid loos launched in Khayelitsha

Late last year, the City launched a high-tech, off-grid toilet system in OR Tambo informal settlement, Khayelitsha. The system brings full-flush convenience to areas without sewer connections. The 27 toilets are housed in three refurbished 12 m shipping containers. Each container has nine full-flush toilet cubicles, retrofitted with a washbasin, sanitary bin, and accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Dignified, and pretty darn smart
The system is fully off-grid and self-sustaining. It is powered by both solar and wind energy. And since wastewater is treated on-site using a compact modular plant, and reused for flushing, it eliminates the need for bulk sewer connections. The design is ideal to bring dignified sanitation to informal settlements where both space and infrastructure capacity are limited.

The installation forms part of a broader 12-month pilot by the City, the Water Research Commission and the Gates Foundation. The final installation in the pilot is scheduled for Rasta Camp in Ocean View. On each site, the toilets will be maintained by two on-site technical assistants from the local community. They will work alongside up to three janitors at each installation. In addition, WEC Water – the technology service provider – will oversee all operations and maintenance of the plant for the first 12 months.



Flush of genius:
Cllr Zahid Badroodien, OR Tambo resident Nomandla Mthenjana and Cllr Kayaletu Gxasheka (ward 89 councillor) posing at one of the newly installed toilets that are full-flush, though not dependent on the City's sewers or power grid.

New junior river wardens being trained

City programme teaches young learners about wetlands, rivers and environmental stewardship

A new cohort of 48 recruits for this year's Junior River Warden programme attended their first engagement in February at Rondevlei nature reserve, learning about wetlands and estuarine ecosystems. The group comprises grade 5 and 6 learners from the Red River, Ysterplaat and Floreat primary schools, which are all located near vleis, rivers and nature reserves. The programme – a collaboration between the City and non-profit Nature Connect – empowers learners with foundational knowledge of rivers, wetlands and freshwater ecosystems to cultivate environmental stewardship in communities located near Cape Town's waterbodies.



The programme connects the learners' school curriculum with real-world conservation. In addition to developing ecological literacy, learners also build skills such as teamwork, leadership, accountability and problem-solving. Engagements will continue throughout 2026.

* For more about the programme, email admin.riverwardens@capetown.gov.za.

Teaching them to nurture nature:
The fresh cohort of primary school learners being trained as future stewards of the Mother City's rivers, wetlands and freshwater ecosystems.



Muizies makeover moving along: The Muizenberg beachfront refurbishment is in full swing. The project, during which the aged seawalls will be replaced and public amenities upgraded, has now reached the stage where sections of the beachfront will be fenced off in the interest of public safety and security. Demolition of the ablution building on the beach has commenced, and temporary ablutions are available opposite the parking circle next to the railway line. A large crane will be installed at Surfer's Corner to place the concrete precast units for the new promenade walkway. The solid blocks in the picture above indicate current work areas, and the dashed areas are where work will commence in the coming weeks. The City is doing all it can to maintain public access to the beach and services. Sign up for regular updates by using the link <https://forms.office.com/r/8rARD9z8SM>, emailing muizenberg@chand.co.za, or attending the bimonthly community meetings.

Tap through your learner's test

A new, computerised learner's licence testing system is being implemented at all 18 of the City's driving licence testing centres. Replacing the manual, booklet-based test, the system uses digital screens to assess learners' knowledge. Benefits include faster, more accurate results, a lower risk of corruption, and a modern, user-friendly experience. Tests are available in all official South African languages, including support for hearing-impaired applicants. To help you prepare for your learner's test, download the free three-part study guide (rules of the road, road traffic signs, and vehicle controls) from www.natis.gov.za.

* For more information, enter "Apply for a learner's licence" in the search box on www.capetown.gov.za.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het laat verlede jaar 'n gevorderde toiletstelsel in die informele nedersetting OR Tambo in Khayelitsha bekend gestel. Die stelsel is onafhanklik van die krag- en rioolstelsel, en is juis ontwerp om spoeltoilette na omgewings sonder rioolaansluitings te bring. Die 27 toilette is geïnstalleer in drie omgeboude skeepsvraghouders. Die 48 nuwelinge in die Stad se program vir junior rivierbewaarders het in Februarie hulle eerste sessie in Rondevlei-natuurreservaat gehad, waar hulle oor vleilande en riviermondings geleer het. Die groep bestaan uit graad 5- en graad 6-leerders van die laerskole Red River, Ysterplaat en Floreat, wat almal naby vleie, riviere en natuurreservate geleë is.

Die verbetering van Muizenberg-seefront is voltoos aan die gang. Die ou seemure word vervang en openbare geriewe word opgeknop. Die projek het nou die punt bereik waar gedeeltes van die seefront afgeskerm sal word ter wille van die publiek se veiligheid en sekuriteit. Slooping van die ablusiegebou op die strand het begin, en tydelike geriewe is beskikbaar oorkant die parkeersirkel langs die treinspoor. 'n Nuwe, gerekenariseerde leerlinglisensietoets word tans by al 18 rybewoetstsentrums van die Stad in werking gestel. Die stelsel vervang die papietoets en gebruik digitale skerms om leerders se kennis te bepaal.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ngasekupheleni konyaka odluleyo, iSixeko siye sasungula inkqubo yezindlu zangasese ekumgangatho ophezulu engadingi ziseko zophuhliso kumatyotyombe aseOR Tambo, eKhayelitsha. Le nkqubo ibanceda bagungxule ngokupheleleyo kwimimandla engenayo inkqubo yogutyulo. Izindlu zangasese ezingama27 zikwikhonteyina zokuthumela iimpahla ezintathu ezilungisiweyo ezizimitha ezili12. Ibutho labantu abangama48 abaqeshwe kulo nyaka kwinkqubo iJunior River Warden liye langena kuqeqesho lwalo lokuqala ngeyoMdumba kwindawo yojlondolozo lwemvelo iRondevlei, lifunda ngemigxobhozo nezinto eziphila emlanjeni. Eli qela liquka abafundi beBakala 5 nelesi6 abavela kwizikolo zamabanga aphantsi iYsterplaat neFloreat, eRed River ezikufutshane nongqameko, imilambo nakwindawo zolondolozo lwemvelo.

Ukuphuculwa konxweme lwaseMuizenberg kuhamba ngesantya esiphezulu. Iprojekthi, ekuya kuthi iindonga ezindala zolwandle zitshintshwe kuphuculwe nezinye izinto zikawonkewonke, sele ifikelele kwinqanaba apho iinxalenye ezithile zonxweme ziza kubiyelwa ukuze kukhuselwe uluntu. Ukudilizwa kwezindlu zangasese zoluntu elunxwemeni sele kuqalile, yaye sele kubekwe izindlu zangasese zokwexeshana zimelene nesangqa sokupakisha kufutshane nesiporo sikaloliwe. Inkqubo entsha yekhompuyutha yokuvavanyelwa ilayisensi yokufunda ukuqhuba iyafakwa kuwo oli18 amaziko okuvavanyelwa ilayisensi yokuqhuba eSixeko. Ithatha indawo yovavanyo olusekelwe kwincwadana, le nkqubo isebenzisa izikrini zedijithali ukuze ihlole ulwazi lwabafundi.

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