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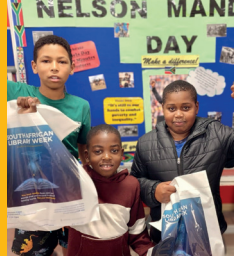
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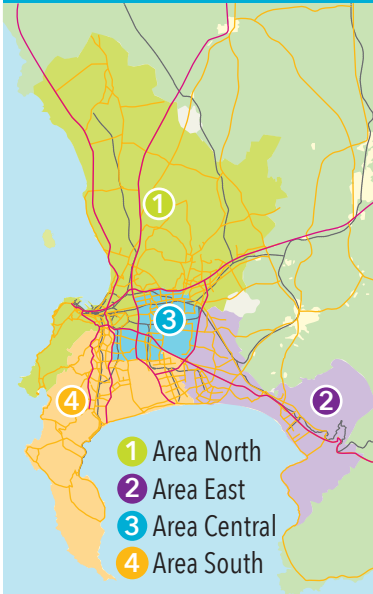


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Have your say on Planning By-law updates

The City is proposing amendments to its Municipal Planning By-law, which regulates development and land use in town. The revisions are meant to make it easier to build and develop in Cape Town, encourage the development of affordable rental housing in identified areas, and provide for advancements in renewable energy. A proposed new provision also enables the impoundment of moveable property where a stop order on illegal building and demolition work is ignored.

Peruse the draft revised by-law and an explanatory document at www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay. Then submit your comments either online at www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay or via email to lums@capetown.gov.za by 23 September 2024.



Cape Town Market gets its green on: Cape Town Market in Epping, one of the oldest and largest fresh-produce markets in South Africa, is officially geared for a greener, more energy-secure future: It has commissioned a 3 MWh battery energy storage and demand management system following the installation of some 3 000 solar panels with a 1,4 MWh output. Moreover, the market diverts 90% of its waste away from landfills. Half of its discarded produce is donated to Food on the Table, a non-profit that serves more than 100 soup kitchens. More than 5 500 producers deliver their produce to Cape Town Market agents, who, in turn, sell to about 8 000 registered buyers. The market is owned by the City and leased to Cape Town Market (Pty) Ltd, a private company comprising industry players.

No repeat reporting, please?

To lighten the load on our overstretched systems and staff, residents should refrain from logging the same service request multiple times through multiple channels.

Following the recent storms, the City's 24-hour call centre, the Public Emergency Communication Centre and the Transport Information Centre have been dealing with high volumes of service request calls. This has put significant pressure on these communication channels.

To avoid an IT-related collapse of the City's communication systems, please report an incident or log a service request only once, via only one channel. Instead of expediting matters, logging the same request multiple times or via various channels has the exact opposite effect, putting further strain on our systems and teams.



Choose your channel

Select the appropriate City channel below, and log your service request once only:

- **24-hour call centre** on 0860 103 089 or www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests

- 021 480 7700, or 107 from a landline, for **emergencies**

- 0800 656 463 or Transport.Info@capetown.gov.za for **roads and stormwater requests (potholes, flooding, fallen trees, open manholes)**

- WhatsApp line 060 018 1505, SMS line 31373 or water@capetown.gov.za for **water and sanitation issues**

- WhatsApp line 060 018 1505, SMS line 31220 or power@capetown.gov.za for **electricity services and damage**

Another two communities connected

Some 99% of older existing informal settlements in City-supplied areas and on City-owned land have been connected to the electricity grid. The latest two to join the network are Sihlanu and Mabophe settlements in Nyanga.

Sadly, though, the destruction caused by vandalism, theft and illegal connections is so severe in some areas that entire circuits and grids need to be rebuilt. This leaves already vulnerable residents without power for extended periods. In addition, increasing safety risks pose a real threat to service delivery. The City and its contractors can only attend to service requests when it is safe to do so. Where possible, they are accompanied by City law enforcement or private security.



Powerful feeling:

Phethuxolo Maselana was among those recently connected to the electricity grid in the Sihlanu and Mabophe informal settlements in Nyanga.

Let's protect our power

The City appeals to residents to be its eyes and ears in the community and report electricity infrastructure tampering, theft, vandalism and illegal connections. Call the Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700.

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KORTLIKS

Kaapstadmark in Epping, een van die grootste varsproduktemarkte in Suid-Afrika, is amptelik gereed vir 'n groener, meer energieseker toekoms: Die mark spog nou met 'n batterykragstoor- en energievraagbestuurstelsel van 3 MWh nadat sowat 3 000 dakgemonteerde sonpanele met 'n leweringsvermoë van 1,4 MWh daar geïnstalleer is. Boonop word tot 90% van die mark se afval van vullisterreine weggekeer. Die helfte van die onverkoopte produkte word geskenk aan Food on the Table, 'n organisasie sonder winsoogmerk wat meer as 100 sokkombuise bedien.

Die Stad stel bepaalde wysigings voor aan sy Verordening op Munisipale Beplanning, wat ontwikkeling en grondgebruik reël. Die aanpassings sal dit makliker maak om

in Kaapstad te bou en te ontwikkel, en moedig veral ook die ontwikkeling van bekostigbare huurbehuising in aangewese gebiede aan.

Om die las op die Stad se oorlaaide stelsels en personeel te verlig, moet inwoners asseblief nie dieselfde diensversoek meer as een keer deur verskeie kanale registreer nie. Enige kwessie moet slegs een keer deur slegs een kanaal aangemeld word om te keer dat die stelsel in duie stort.

Sowat 99% van alle ouer, bestaande informele nedersettings in die Stad se kragvoorsieningsgebied én op Stadsgrond is nou deel van die kragnetwerk. Die jongste twee nedersettings wat krag aansluitings ontvang het, is Sihlanu en Mabophe in Nyanga.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

IMarke yaseKapa eEpping, enye yeemarike ezinkulu zemveliso entsha eMzantsi Afrika, ilungiselelwe ngokusesikweni ikamva eliluhlaza elikhuseleke ngakumbi kumandla: igunyazise ugcinolwamandla ebhetri ye3 MWh kunye nenkqubo yokulawula imfuno emva kokufaka iipaneli zelanga ezingama3000 ezinemveliso ye1,4 MWh. IMarke ikwasusa ama90% enkunkuma yayo kwindawo yokuhlala inkunkuma. Isiqingatha semveliso yayo elahliweyo inikezelwa kwiFood on the Table, umbutho ongenzi nzuzo osebenza kumakhitshi esuphu angephezulu kwe100.

ISixeko siphakamisa izilungiso kuMthetho kaMasipala woCwangciso lukaMasipala, olawula uphuhliso nokusetyenziswa komhlaba. Olu hlaziyo lwenzelwe ukwenza kube lula ukwakha

nokuphuhlisa eKapa nokukhuthaza uphuhliso lwezindlu eziqeshwayo ezifikelelekayo kwiindawo ezichongiweyo.

Ukunciphisa umthwalo kwiinkqubo zethu ezinabileyo kunye nabasebenzi, abahlali kufuneka bayeke ukufakwa kwesicelo senkonzo enye amaxesha amaninzi ngokusebenzisa amajelo amaninzi. Nceda uchaze isiganeko okanye ubhale isicelo kube kanye kuphela, usebenzisa ijelo elinye kuphela ukunqanda ukusilela.

Malunga nama99% amatyotyombe akhoyo kwiindawo ezibonelelwa siSixeko nakumhlaba ophantsi kweSixeko aqhagamshelwe kuthungelwano lombane. Amabini aggqiba ukungena kolu thungelwano ngamatyotyombe iSihlanu kunye neMabophe eNyanga.

Making progress possible. **Together.**

Mind free-supply limit to keep Cape Town water-secure

The City supplies 15 kℓ of free water to 230 225 registered indigent property owners in Cape Town. This includes the cost of sanitation services of up to 10 500 ℓ of sewage. Where these limits are exceeded, and customers do not respond to requests to reduce consumption, the City will implement restrictions.

After two consecutive months of excessive usage, the customer will receive a warning letter if consumption is not reduced. Where consumption remains too high, supply will be restricted to a low-pressure, trickled supply on the fourth consecutive month. This occurs by inserting a restrictor disc into the water meter to provide 6 kℓ per month, which is the basic allocation provided for in the National Water Standards. The disc will remain in place for 12 months, after which the flow will be restored to 15 kℓ.

Don't get disced

To avoid restrictions, apply for an increase in water allowance if you have more than ten people residing at your property, or for health reasons. Indigent customers should also report any leaks.

To apply for an increased water allowance or report leaks:

- go to a City walk-in centre;
- email water@capetown.gov.za;
- dial 0800 103 089 (select option 2 for water-related faults); or
- send an SMS to 31373 (no free SMSs).

Tampering can cost you

Another challenge is tampering, with 1 855 suspected cases involving both indigent and non-indigent customers investigated to date. Forms of tampering include either unlawfully removing a restrictor disc or installing a straight connection. Water meters are also tampered with to by-pass or reduce meter readings.

Where tampering is suspected on an indigent resident's property, a thorough investigation is done and pictures are taken as evidence. If the meter has been tampered with, it is removed for repair or replacement, a notice of tampering is issued to the property owner, and a penalty of R5 000 is levied against the registered owner's account.

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Caring for ALL Capetonians

To make our city work – to ensure that all parts of the city remain economically viable and that all our residents can feel a sense of ownership and pride in Cape Town – it is essential that our public spaces remain just that: public. Our streets, our pavements, our squares and parks have to be safe and accessible to all who live and work here.

Equally, we have a duty of care to our most vulnerable citizens who have ended up living on the streets for various reasons and whose lives are filled with unimaginable challenges. The City has rolled out an extensive social developmental response to homeless encampments that have formed in various parts of central Cape Town and other central business districts, particularly since the pandemic lockdown.

For us to ensure the long-term health of our city and its people, it is critical that we solve both these challenges simultaneously. This is why we are investing so much time and resources in both securing court orders for the legal eviction of unlawful occupants from sites across Cape Town, as well as rapidly increasing our City-run Safe Spaces.

The City helps around 3 500 people annually with transitional shelter placement and referrals to a range of social services. Approaching the courts is always the last resort where offers of help are persistently refused, and every person



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

evicted from a public space through such a court order is offered place in one of our Safe Spaces.

This comes with a warm bed, two cooked meals a day, clean ablution facilities, as well as access to a whole range of social assistance measures to help get people back on their feet. In the best-case scenario, they are also reunited with family and reintegrated back into society. Safe Space residents have access to addiction treatment programmes, an on-site social worker, EPWP work opportunities and personal development planning, as well as assistance with applications for IDs or social grants.

Last month, we opened our fifth Safe Space in Ebenezer Road, Green Point, with 300 beds, taking the total beds across all our Safe Spaces to 1 070. I was proud to open this facility because our officials have done such a wonderful job of creating dignified and welcoming accommodation for people whose

lives have been very hard. It really is the best first step towards building a new life for someone who has fallen on tough times.

The other significant event was the completion of our court order process for the eviction of various sites of unlawful occupation across central Cape Town. This was a big milestone in the process of restoring our inner city. The court order was for hotspots along Buitengracht Street, FW de Klerk Boulevard, Foregate Square, the taxi rank and Foreshore, Helen Suzman Boulevard, Strand Street, Virginia Avenue and Mill Street Bridge.

More than 160 people chose to relocate to our Safe Space shelters – most of them will be housed at the new Ebenezer Road facility – while some accepted assistance to return to their communities. We also helped a family of three find placement with the help of Province's social workers. Our City teams immediately began restoring the vacated sites for public use.

We still have some way to go, but I am very pleased with the progress we are making in both returning our public spaces for public use, and in extending the City's care to those who need it most.

Thousands of flood kits delivered

With the recent stormy weather, the City issued over 16 000 flood kits to residents in informal settlements and elsewhere. A flood kit comprises plastic sheeting and nails, mainly to make roofs waterproof.

More than 37 areas across the metro have been affected, including Khayelitsha, Lwandle, Strand, Nomzamo, Gugulethu, Masiphumelele, Macassar, Sir Lowry's Pass, Mfuleni, Tafelsig,

Vygieskraal and Ocean View. With more rain expected, citywide assistance continues.

Residents can lower their risk by not settling near waterbodies or in low-lying areas.

Heavy winter rains fill Western Cape dams to capacity

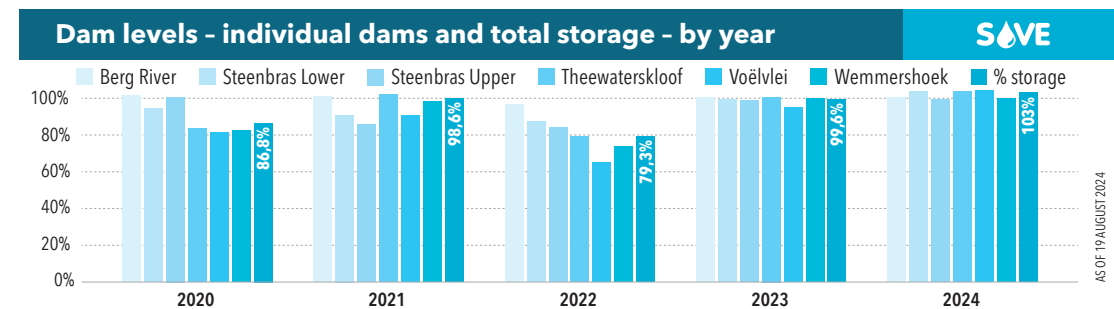
The dam levels for Cape Town have increased to 103%. The City is still aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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.



KORTLIKS

Die Stad voorsien 15 kℓ gratis water aan 230 225 eiendomseienaars wat as deernisgevalle geregistreer is. Dit sluit tot 10 500 ℓ gratis riolering in. Waar hierdie perke oorskry word, en kliënte nie gehoor gee aan versoeke om verbruik te verlaag nie, sal die Stad beperkings instel.

Om te sorg dat alle dele van ons stad ekonomies lewensvatbaar bly, moet ons openbare ruimtes vir almal veilig en toeganklik wees. Daarom het die Stad 'n uitgebreide veldtog van stapel gestuur om hawelose mense wat in openbare ruimtes kamp opslaan by te staan en meer Safe Space-beddens

beskikbaar te stel. Dié tussentydse skuilings help hawelose persone weer by die samelewing inskakel.

Met die onlangse onstuimige weer het die Stad meer as 16 000 stelle vloedtoerusting in informele nedersettings en elders uitgedeel. Dit bestaan hoofsaaklik uit plastiekbladmateriaal en spykers om dakke waterdig te maak.

Burgemeester Geordin Hill-Lewis het aangekondig dat die Stad se eerste koolstofkredietveiling R36 miljoen vir die munisipaliteit ingebring het. Die krediete is opgebou met die afval-tot-energie-projekte by die Stad se vullisterreine.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

iSixeko sibonelela nge15 kℓ zamanini asimahlala kuma230 225 abanini bepropati abahluphekayo ababhalisiweyo eKapa. Oku kuquka iindleko zeenkonzozogutyulo ukuya kutsho kwi10 500 ℓ yamanzi amdaka. Apho le mida igqithiwe, kwaye abathengi bengaziphenduli izicelo zokunciphisa ukusetyenziswa, iSixeko siya kumisela izithintelo.

Ukuqinisekisa ukuba zonke iindawo zesixeko sethu zihlala zinoqoqosho kubalulekile ukuba iindawo zethu zoluntu zikhuselekile kwaye ziyafikeleleka kumntu wonke. Ngoko ke, iSixeko sinikezele ngempendulo ebanzi yophuhliso loluntu kwiinkampu zabantu abangenamakhaya

kwaye sandisa ngokukhawuleza iNdawo eziKhuselekileyo ezilawulwa siSixeko ezibonelela ngekhushi lethutyana.

Ngenxa yemozulu enesaghwathi yakutsha nje, iSixeko sikhuphe iikiti zezikhukula ezingaphaya kwe16 000 kubahlali abasematyotombeni nakwezinye iindawo. Ikiti yesikhukula ibandakanya iplastiki kunye nezikhonkwane, ukwenzela ukuba uphahla lungangeni manzi.

USodolophu uGeordin Hill-Lewis ubhengeze intengiselwano yasesidlantaleni eyimpumelelo yamaR36 ezigidi zeerandi zeekhredithi zekhabhoni eziveliswe ngamaphulo okulahlala inkunkuma yokwenza umbane kwiindawo zokulahlala inkunkuma zeSixeko.



City's first carbon credit auction raises R36 m

Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis has announced the successful auctioning off of R36 million's worth of carbon credits generated by the waste-to-energy initiatives at the City's landfill sites. These funds will be ringfenced for waste management projects to reduce pollution and improve environmental health.

Turning methane into money

Carbon credits are earned for each ton of greenhouse gas (GHG) that is destroyed through projects registered with the United Nations-approved Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). These credits are then sold to companies who, in turn, wish to offset their GHG emissions. The City's registered projects involve extracting methane gas from the Bellville, Coastal Park and Vissershok landfill sites, and then turning it into energy to run waste operations on-site. Methane emissions are known to have a global warming potential approximately 25 times greater than carbon dioxide, so every bit eliminated is a big environmental win.

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LET'S STAND TOGETHER

Tenants settle in at Goodwood Station project

The City recently welcomed more new tenants to the mega 1 055-unit Goodwood Station social housing project. The municipality has provided grant funding, land for parking as well as various rates discounts and incentives to make the project viable. Other project partners include the national and provincial Human Settlements departments, the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA), DCI Community Housing Services (the social housing institution undertaking the development), the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa), and the Infrastructure Fund. Tenanting of all 1 055 affordable units should be finalised by October 2024.

More 'puzzies' in the pipeline

The Goodwood Station project is located along Voortrekker Road corridor, which links central Cape Town to Bellville. Other social housing developments completed in the area include the 314-unit Bothasig Gardens, and the 204-unit Maitland Mews development, where all units are already fully tenanted.

But there's more to come: In Parow, the City has released land for the development of 630 social housing units, while land made available across various inner-city feeder suburbs should yield up to 4 900 affordable housing units, all close to economic and transport hubs.



Hope you'll be happy here: Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis (left) and Cllr Carl Pophaim, Mayco member for Human Settlements (middle) welcome another new tenant to the Goodwood Station social housing project. Tenanting at the R500 million+ affordable housing development is nearing completion.



City introduces 'Big Fix' at rental stock

The City has initiated 'maintenance days', clustering together all repairs and maintenance requests at specific public housing schemes, and then tackling them all in one go.

The City's approximately 50 000 subsidised community residential units (CRUs) make the administration one of the biggest landlords in South Africa. This large public housing stock offers much-needed opportunities to over 200 000 vulnerable residents. Yet it also comes with massive maintenance and repairs responsibilities, mostly in response to vandalism.

A focused fix

To utilise its resources as efficiently as possible, the City has introduced targeted 'maintenance days', sending in an entire team to deal with all repairs and maintenance issues at a specific public housing development. Complexes that have had their turn include Nooitgedacht, Brent, Clyde, Arend, Eben, Deon, Frederick, Glen, Hendrick and Isak units in Bishop Lavis (pictured alongside, left), and Francesca and Gail courts in Manenberg (alongside, right). Initiatives such as this one will see the administration inject R1,2 billion into the upkeep of its public housing over the next three years.

Also sprucing senior housing

The 'Big Fix' has specifically also focused on the 13 City complexes that cater for older residents, including Apricot Place



See something? Say something! Report suspicious behaviour and vandalism at the City's public housing developments to the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700. Reports may be anonymous.

in Bonteheuwel, and the Matroosfontein cottages. These units are all self-catering, and tenants have to be able-bodied and not in need of frail care. Senior residents can apply via the City's Housing

Needs Register, and units are allocated based on national and City eligibility criteria. For more information, go to www.capetown.gov.za and enter 'Senior citizen complexes' in the search box.

Gugs residents grateful for new homes

Eleven beneficiaries of the Gugulethu infill housing project received the keys to their Breaking New Ground (BNG) homes in July. The project will deliver 1 004 homes to qualifying beneficiaries – 570 at the Gugulethu site and 434 at Mau Mau.

The City recently had to take over the project, having had numerous challenges with contractors, extortion

attempts, unlawful occupation of partially completed units, and vandalism to completed works.

Beneficiaries of City housing projects are selected in accordance with the administration's Housing Allocation Policy and Housing Needs Register. This ensures that housing opportunities are made available in a fair and transparent manner to those who lawfully qualify.



Glad to be in: Eleven new homeowners, including Xoliswa Mcoki (pictured), can now settle into their brand-new Breaking New Ground (BNG) homes in the Gugulethu infill housing project.

Protect City housing projects

Your anonymous tip-offs about illegal activity (whether past or planned) will help us ensure that housing opportunities go to legitimate beneficiaries:

- To report extortion: 0800 00 6992 or SSIMS.SSIUReporting@capetown.gov.za
- To report vandalism or unlawful occupation: 021 480 7700

Bloemvlei canal now rock-solid

The City has spent R1,2 million on upgrading Bloemvlei canal in Kewtown to protect it from erosion and reduce the risk of flooding. Once the site was cleared of vegetation and litter, the dangerously steep embankments were reshaped and the collapsing concrete canal walls replaced. The team also installed subsoil drains, as well as erosion protection in the

form of riprap (a layer of loose stones) along the riverbed and 45 m of rock-filled gabions along the embankments.

Aside from protecting against erosion, the gabions will help filter stormwater from Hanover Park, Penlyn Estate, Rylands and Silvertown, improving water quality as the canal meets the Vygekraal river in Kewtown.



Future-fit vlei: The Bloemvlei canal upgrade (top right) included the installation of 45 m of rock-filled gabions to protect against erosion and filter stormwater. Pictured with the gabions (top left) are Water and Sanitation's Luqmaan Abdullah (left) and Moegamat Abrahams (right).

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het onlangs nóg nuwe huurders by die Goodwoodstasie-megaprojek van 1 055 sosialebehuisingseenhede verwelkom. Die munisipaliteit het toekenningsfinansiering, grond vir parkeerplek én verskeie tariefkortings en aansporings voorsien om die projek lewensvatbaar te maak.

Met ongeveer 50 000 huureenhede is die Stad een van die grootste verhuurders in Suid-Afrika. Dit bring egter ook enorme instandhoudingspligte mee. Met 'n nuwe veldtog word alle herstel- en instandhoudingsversoeke by 'n spesifieke behuisingeskema saamgegooi en op een slag kafgedraf.

Elf begunstigdes van die Gugulethu-tussenbehuisingprojek het in Julie die sleutels vir hulle Breaking New Ground- (BNG)-huise ontvang. Die projek sal uiteindeelik 1 004 huise aan kwalifiserende begunstigdes voorsien – 570 op die Gugulethu-perseel en 434 by Mau Mau.

Om Mandelamaand mee af te sluit, het rdl Carl Pophaim, burgemeesterskomiteelid vir menslike nedersettings, saam met nuwe inwoners van die Gugulethu-tussenbehuisingprojek 'n gemeenskapstuin by dié ontwikkeling aangelê.

Die Stad het R1,2 miljoen bestee aan die opknapping van Bloemvleikanaal in Kewtown om dit teen erosie te beskerm en die risiko van oorstromings te verlaag. Nadat plantegroei en rommel van die terrein verwyder is, is die gevaarlik steil walle hervorm en die wankelrige betonmure van die kanaal vervang.

Noudat die Stad se eenhede in Shelleyweg, Soutrivier, nié meer vir munisipale doeleindes benodig word nie, ondersoek die Stad die beste pad vorentoe met hierdie markverwante huureiendomme, wat apart staan van die Raad se ander huurbehuising.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Kutsha nje iSixeko samkele abaqeshi abatsha kwiprojekthi yezindlu zoluntu enkulu kakhulu eneyunithi ezili1 055 kwiSikhululo sikaloliwe saseGoodwood. Umasipala unikeze inkxasomali yesibonelelo, umhlaba wokupaka izithuthi kwakunye nezaphulelo ezahlukeneyo zeerhafu kunye nenkuthazo ukuze iprojekthi isebenze.

Malunga nama50 000 eendawo zokuhlala zeSixeko ezixhaswa ngekkxasomali (iCRUs) zenza ulawulo lube lolunye lwabona banini bomhlaba abakhulu eMzantsi Afrika. ISixeko sigalise 'iintsuku zolungiso', sidibanisa kunye zonke izcelo zolungiso kunye nokugcina kwizikim ezithile zezindlu zikawonkewonke, kwaye sijongana nazo zonke ngexesha elinye.

Abaxhamli abalishumi elinanye kwiprojekthi yezindlu ezingaphuhliswanga kakuhle eGugulethu bafumene izitshixo zezindlu zabo zeBreaking New Ground (BNG) kweyeKhala. Le projekthi iza kunikezela ngamakhaya

ali1 004 kubaxhamli abafanelekileyo – abangama 570 kwisiza saseGugulethu kunye nama434 eMau Mau.

Ukuqokumbela inyanga kaMandela ilungu leMayco leCandelo lokuHlaliswa koLuntu uCeba uCarl Pophaim kunye nabaxhamli beprojekthi yaseGugulethu batyale izithole kuphuhliso oluza kukhula ngoku lube sisitiya sabahlali.

ISixeko sichithe iR1,2 yezigidi zeerandi ekuphuculeni umjelo waseBloemvlei eKewtown ukuwukhusela kukhukuliseko nokunciphisa umngcipheko wezikhukula Sakuba isiza sicocwe uhlaza nenkunkuma, amangwanqwa ayingozi ahlengahlengiswa ngokutsha kwaza kwatshintshwa iindonga ezidilikayo zomjelo wekhonkrithi.

Ngeenjongo zikamasipala , iSixeko siphanda ngeyona ndlela ingcono yokujongana nezi zakhiwo ziqeshwayo malunga nemarike ezahlukeyo kwimpahla eqeshwayo yeBhunga.

New surface for Bellville’s Strand Road

The resurfacing of Strand Road between Bill Bezuidenhout Avenue and Peter Barlow Drive in Bellville should be done by early September, weather permitting. Work includes removing the existing asphalt surface and replacing it with hot-mix asphalt, and replacing and realigning selected damaged channels.

Bellville Men’s Clinic hours extended

Thanks to a partnership between the City and the Anova Health Institute, the Bellville Men’s Clinic, situated near the public transport interchange, is extending its operations from once weekly to twice. Visit them now on Thursdays and Fridays between 08:00 and 15:00.

The facility is geared towards men’s health needs, offering HIV testing, screening for sexually transmitted infections, referrals for voluntary medical circumcision, and treatment for erectile dysfunction.

Similar City-run facilities are in operation at Sites B and C in Khayelitsha, and in Gugulethu.



Elsies River kids crowned master code-crackers

The recent in-house coding sessions at the City’s libraries once again proved that Cape Town’s kids are a clever bunch who can code their way out of problems – a skill that bodes well for the future of the Mother City.

In July, 28 City libraries again hosted in-house coding sessions as part of the Mandela Day Coding Tournament. This annual engagement project is facilitated by the Nelson Mandela University’s Computing Science Department in partnership with the LEVA Foundation. Elsie’s River library delivered two of the top three teams, with Belhar securing the remaining spot.

The in-house coding sessions attracted a total of 438 participants in more than 30 teams. First-place winners Elsie’s River Tribal Chiefs, first runners-up Belhar Rangers and second-runners up Team Yoh! (also from Elsie’s) will now compete against other libraries’ top performers to determine who will advance to the national competition in October, and then to the world tournament in December.

Creating critical thinkers

Coding is a fun way to improve logic, analytical thinking, and problem-solving skills. It was introduced to the City’s libraries two years ago. Unplugged coding allows libraries to bring coding to communities who do not have access to expensive resources. Coding applications such as TANKS and RANGERS let participants play offline and require



Coding kings: The Elsie’s River Tribal Chiefs took first place in the recent City libraries coding competition. From left are ‘chiefs’ Zhubeir Morris, Steven Chipofya, Omar Mohamed and Kelvin Chipofya.

minimal resources.

Last year, the grand finale of the coding competition – a virtual event – drew participants from Kenya, Uganda, Ghana,

Zambia, Zimbabwe, Ireland, Germany and the United States. The three participating City libraries (Valhalla Park, Belhar and Ocean View) placed in the top ten.

**To find out more about coding, visit your local library or email info@levafoundation.org.*

Lifeguard hopefuls put through their paces

The City recruits some 600 seasonal lifeguards every year to support its permanent senior rescuers. Together, this team aims to prevent drownings through active patrolling and monitoring of bathing areas. Fittingly, the current cycle of lifeguard assessments coincided with World Drowning Prevention Day on 25 July.

Not just splash and smile

This year, the City received over 1 400 applications. Aspiring lifeguards undergo rigorous assessment. Candidates must pass a swim-

and-rescue test, demonstrate their first-aid skills, and meet very specific swimming times: Pool lifeguards must be able to swim 100 m in under two minutes, and beach lifeguards 400 m in under eight minutes. Applicants also need to have a clean criminal record and be drug-free.

Fatal drownings were down by 26% in summer 2023/24 compared to the season before. There were 30 non-fatal drownings, 14 fatal drownings and 80 rescues along the coast, and no drownings at the City’s swimming pools.



Fit to keep you safe: Lifeguards are key players in the City’s drowning prevention programme and, therefore, are thoroughly assessed before appointed to keep pool and beach bathers safe. Top left: Candidates dive in for their swim test at the Long Street swimming pool. Right: Beach lifeguard hopefuls get a move on at Muizenberg.

KORTLIKS

Die bladvernruwing van Strandweg tussen Bill Bezuidenhoutlaan en Peter Barlowrylaan in Bellville behoort teen die begin van September klaar te wees, mits die weer dit toelaat.

Altesaam 28 Stadsbiblioteke het in Julie weer interne koderingswedstryde as deel van die Mandeladag-koderingstoernooi aangebied. Hierdie jaarlikse projek word gefasiliteer deur die departement rekenaarwetenskap van die Nelson Mandela Universiteit in vennootskap met die LEVA Foundation. Meer as 30 spanne en 438 deelnemers het dit uitgespook. Elsie’srivier-biblioteek het twee van die drie wenspanne opgelewer, en Belhar die ander een.

Danksy ’n vennootskap tussen die Stad en Anova Health Institute is die Bellville-manskliniek naby die openbare vervoerwisselaar nou twee dae per week oop, en nie meer net een nie. Besoek die kliniek op Donderdae en Vrydae tussen 08:00 en 15:00.

Die Stad werf jaarliks ongeveer 600 seisoenale lewensredders om die permanente senior lewensredders te ondersteun. Meer as 1 400 aansoeke is vanjaar ontvang, en kandidate moes streng toetse slaag om die paal te haal.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ukufakelwa komphezulu wendlela iStrand Road ngokutsha phakathi kweBill Bezuidenhout Avenue Peter kunye neBarlow Drive eBellville kufuneka kwenziwe ekuqaleni kweyoMsintsi, imozulu ivuma.

KweyeKhala, amathala eencwadi angama28 eSixeko aphinde abamba iiseshoni zekhowudingi zangaphakathi njengxalenye yeTumente yokuKhowuda yoSuku lukaMandela. Le projekthi yothethathethwano yonyaka iququzelelwa liSebe leNzululwazi yeKhompyutha leYunivesithi iNelson Mandela libambisene neLEVA Foundation. Iiseshoni zatsala abathathinxaxheba abangama438 kumaqela angaphezulu kwama30. Ithala leencwadi laseElsies River lazisa amaqela amabini kuwona maqela mathathu aphezulu, iBelhar yafumana indawo eseleyo.

Enkosi ngentsebenziswano ephakathi kweSixeko kunye neAnova Health Institute, iKliniki yaMadoda yaseBellville, emi kufutshane nerenki enkulu yezithuthi zikawonkewonke, yandisa imisebenzi yayo ukusuka kanye ngeveki ukuya kabini. Bandwendwele ngooLwezine nangooLwezihlanu phakathi kwentsimbi ye08:00 neye 15:00.

ISixeko siqesha abahlanguli abangama600 bamaxesha athile ngonyaka ukuxhasa abahlanguli baso abaphezulu abasisigxina. Kulo nyaka iSixeko sifumene izicelo ezingaphezulu kwe1 400 kwaye abo babengwenela ukuba ngabahlanguli kuye kwafuneka ukuba benze uhlolo olungqongqo ukuze bafumane indawo yabo.

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