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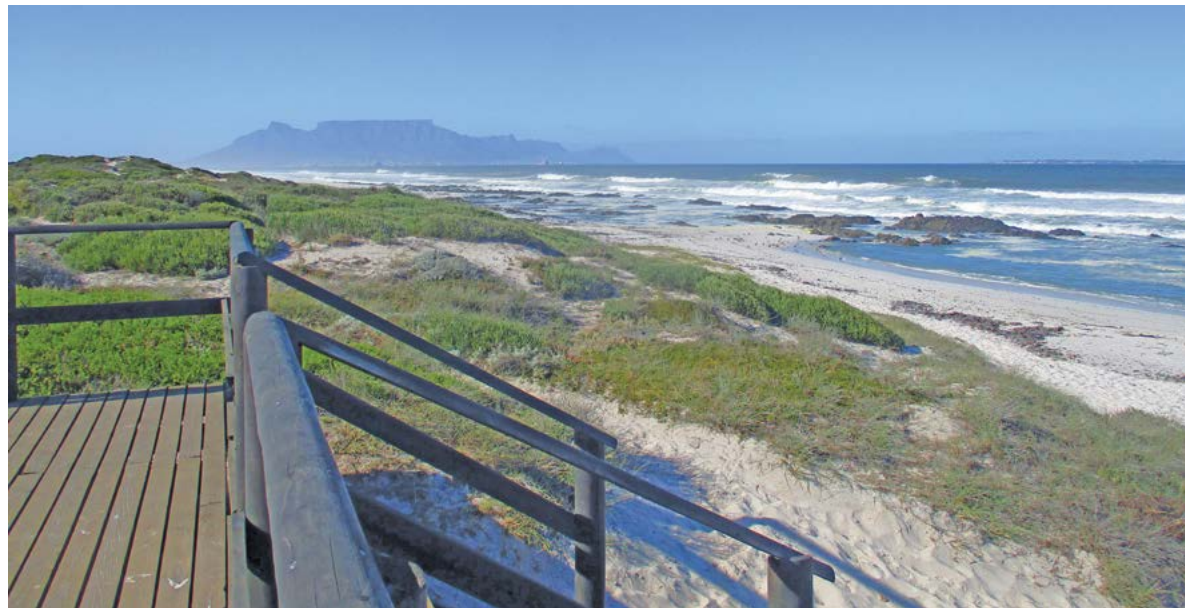
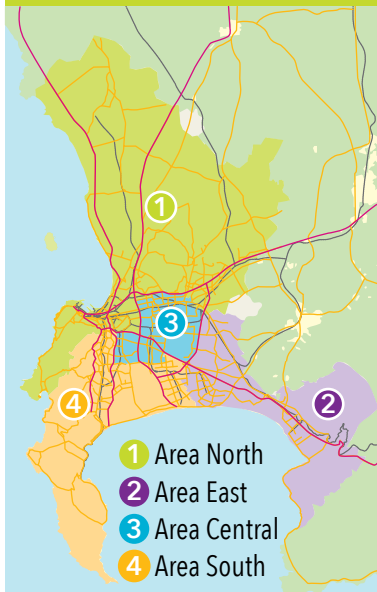


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Pristine green: Blaauwberg nature reserve has reconfirmed its status as a beacon of coastal conservation in Cape Town and the rest of the country by receiving its fifth Green Coast award from the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA). See page 3.

Milnerton park upgrade in honour of the Arch

The City and the Archbishop Tutu Intellectual Property Trust will be working together on upgrading and renaming Lupin Park in Milnerton. The late Archbishop Desmond Tutu frequently visited the park, which is located on the doorstep of his family residence.

Upgrade plans include an extensive children's play area, a reflective memorial garden, commemorative artwork, outdoor performance spaces, and a dog park. The public will also be consulted on the renaming of the park in honour of "the Arch", as Tutu was lovingly known. The project, which has also benefited from input by the Royal Ascot Master Property Owners' Association and the Milnerton Central Ratepayers' Association, will enhance this public space and create a lasting tribute to Desmond Tutu's invaluable contributions to Cape Town.

When the sun stops being fun ...

With extreme heat events expected to increase, the City has launched its Beat the Heat programme to drive awareness of the risks posed by high temperatures.

According to the South African Weather Service, Cape Town had five heatwaves in January 2024, and temperatures above 40 °C were also recorded in Atlantis, Dunoon, Kirstenbosch, the broader Cape Town harbour area, and Observatory. With extreme heat events expected to increase, the City has launched its Beat the Heat programme to drive awareness of the risks posed by high temperatures.

Those particularly vulnerable to high-heat days include the elderly, children under five, pregnant women, and those living in informality, as well as workers operating outdoors and being exposed to heat for long periods of time. Locations most at risk are dense urban and residential areas, business districts and industrial areas, informal settlements, areas of densification around transport corridors, as well as schools and child care centres built of prefabricated material. The lack of greening in some areas also has a huge impact and is a major focus of the City's forward planning.



How to keep the heat at bay

- Drink plenty of water. Use water in spray bottles to cool down. Carry a moist face towel to wipe the face and neck when hot, and submerge feet in cold water to help cool the body.
- Seek relief in covered public spaces such as shopping malls and libraries.
- Wear a wide-brim hat and loose, lightweight clothing, and take cool showers or baths.
- Limit outdoor activity to earlier or later in the day.
- Seek medical assistance at the first sign of a heat-related illness. Symptoms include muscle cramps, heavy sweating, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, fainting, confusion, a fast pulse and high body temperature.

* Other City interventions that address extreme heat in Cape Town include the Urban Forest Policy, the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, the Green Infrastructure Programme and Network, the Biodiversity Network, and the Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

Atlantis power project takes off

Cape Town's first utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) plant is officially off the starting blocks, with the sod-turning held at the Atlantis site in early October. In addition, the City has issued its first tender for the battery energy storage facility that is to be integrated with the 7-10 MW solar PV plant. The two facilities will operate in synergy as a hybrid plant.

The battery storage system will target a minimum rated power output of 5 MW, and useable energy storage capacity of 8 MWh. This is roughly enough to power more than 300 homes with an average consumption of 25 kWh per day.

These and other projects form part of the City's Energy Strategy and are driven via the Mayor's priority programme for greater energy security and more affordable, cleaner energy for Cape Town. Most of these tenders and programmes are national firsts, with City teams doing pioneering work within a tough regulatory environment to make Cape Town more future-fit and less reliant on Eskom.



Planting power: Pictured at the sod-turning for the groundbreaking Atlantis solar photovoltaic plant are, from left, Cllr Moosa Raise, Kadri Nassiep (Energy executive director), Ald Xanthea Limberg (Mayoral Committee member for Energy), Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis and Cllr Allister Lightburn.

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KORTLIKS

Blaauwberg-natuurreservaat het opnuut sy status as voorloper in kusbewaring bevestig deur sy vyfde Green Coast-toekenning van WESSA, die natuurlewe- en omgewingsvereniging van Suid-Afrika, te ontvang.

Die Stad en die Aartsbiskop Tutu-intellektuele-goederetrust sal saamwerk aan die opknapping en naamsverandering van Lupin-park in Milnerton. Die publiek sal geraadpleeg word oor 'n nuwe naam vir die park ter ere van die "Arch", wat 'n gereelde parkbesoeker was.

Aangesien erge hittevoorvalle na verwagting al hoe meer sal voorkom, het die Stad sy Beat the Heat-program bekend gestel om mense van die risiko's van hoë temperature bewus te maak.

Kaapstad se eerste fotovoltaiiese sonkragaanleg op nutskaal is amptelik in aanbou ná 'n sooisptiseremonie op die Atlantis-terrein aan die begin van Oktober. Boonop het die Stad sy eerste tender vir die gepaardgaande batterykragstoortasiteit uitgereik.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Indawo yokugcina indalo yaseBlaauwberg iphinde yaqinisekisa ubume bayo njengesibane solondolozo lwaselunxwemeni ngokufumana imbasa yayo yesihlanu yeGreen Coast kwiWildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA).

ISixeko kunye neTrasti yoBukrelekrele bePropati kaBishophu Tutu ziza kusebenza kunye ekuphuculeni nasekunikeni igama kwakhona iLupin Park eMilnerton. Uluntu luza kucetyiswa kwakhona malunga nokubizwa kwakhona kwepaki ukuhlonipha "iArch" eyayilundwendwe rhoqo.

Njengoko iziganeko zobushushu obugqithisileyo kulindeleke ukuba zinyuke, iSixeko siqalise inkqubo yaso yeBeat the Heat ukuqhuba ulwazi malunga nemingcipheko ebangelwa ngamaqondo obushushu aphezulu.

Umzimveliso wokuqala wokulinganisa amandla elanga ephotovoltaic (PV) waseKapa uphumile ngokusemthethweni kwiibhloko zokuqala, ngoku ububanjelwe kwindawo yaseAtlantis ekuqaleni kweyeDwarha. Ukongeza, iSixeko sikhuphe ithenda yaso yokuqala kwindawo yokugcina amandla ebhetri.

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'Leakbusters' save millions of litres of water a day

As part of their ongoing efforts to safeguard the City's water supply, Water and Sanitation's leak detection crews conduct visual inspections on water pipes. The teams annually survey at least 50% of the City's 11 213 km water reticulation network. During their inspection of 5 551 km of the network in 2023/24, they managed to identify 926 leaks, saving nearly four million litres of water per day. Inspection areas are prioritised based on infrastructure age, water pressure, and pipe material.

The proactive leak detection programme has been active for more than nine years. Apart from detecting leaks, the teams also check for any other water running to waste, as well as damaged infrastructure. Once they locate a leak, a service request is created for it to be repaired. Repairs are mostly completed in-house by the relevant City depot and checked during a follow-up visit.



Drip detected! A team from Water and Sanitation's leak detection programme conducts visual leak detection on the City's water infrastructure. From left: Thalita Voko, Mansoor Dalwai, Dawn Davids, Cllr Zahid Badroodien (Mayoral Committee member for Water and Sanitation), Nkosikho Kama, Thabang Molehe, Asavela Mtirara, Andiswa Mlanjeni, Thandeka Mayekiso, Thembeke Nkomombini and Winston Mackay.

City App unlocks emergency services for the Deaf

Thanks to a collaboration between the City and DeafSA, the Deaf community and hard-of-hearing residents in Cape Town now have direct access to the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre (PECC) via a feature on the City App.

Launched in September, the feature enables quick requests for emergency assistance in life-threatening situations, without the need for a voice call. Once a user's details have been registered, they can send a distress signal with just a few taps.

This development is a massive step forward in ensuring universal access to a potentially life-saving service.

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Let's do summer safely, considerately and with kindness

December is not only a beautiful time of the year in the Mother City; it is also one of the most important times for our local economy as we welcome tens of thousands of visitors. Every tourist in Cape Town – whether from upcountry, elsewhere in Africa or overseas – supports precious jobs and ensures the livelihoods of many Capetonians.

That is why we put in so much work to ensure that we are ready to receive them and that our city looks beautiful and welcoming. Our teams have been hard at work mowing, cleaning, painting, filling potholes and fixing streetlights across town in anticipation of what will likely be a record-breaking festive season.

It is also great to see the precinct around the Castle being restored to its former glory. I was delighted to take part in a recent tree-planting effort alongside the national Department of Public Works to help make this landmark even more beautiful. These public spaces are a very important part of our city's identity, and it is critical that they remain open and accessible to all.

Also important is the safety of visitors and locals alike, which is why we have once again made a record



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

deployment of safety personnel ahead of the summer tourism boom. More than 5 000 personnel – from uniformed enforcement and emergency staff to Metro Police trainees and lifeguards – will work in shifts to help keep everyone safe.

Our high-visibility deployment at hotspots such as the Table Mountain trails, beaches and shopping precincts will be bolstered by our substantial investment in safety technology. This includes cutting-

edge camera tech, automatic number plate recognition, dash and bodycams, drone patrols, and Africa's largest CCTV network.

We will show zero tolerance to those who drink and drive, with daily vehicle checkpoints across the metro and clampdowns on alcohol use and anti-social behaviour in public spaces. Our by-laws are there to protect everyone's right to enjoy our city and its public spaces, and we will not hesitate to enforce them.

In return, we ask that Capetonians and visitors do their bit to help ensure that the summer season is enjoyable and safe for everyone. Please do not drive if you've been drinking, and be considerate to those with whom you share our public spaces. Listen to our lifeguards' instructions at beaches and swimming pools. And always throw your litter in our green Bingo bins.

If we all approach the festive season in a spirit of consideration and kindness, this will undoubtedly be the best summer holiday ever in Cape Town. I wish you all a blessed and safe time in the Mother City.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor

City works for a safe and healthy summer

As summer approaches, the City's environmental health practitioners (EHPs) are ramping up their efforts to protect public health. While sunny weather is welcomed by most, heat also means a higher risk of food spoilage, the faster spread of bacterial infections, an increase in diarrhoeal disease, and of course more flies, mosquitoes and other pests. Warmer weather also increases the risk of fire, which in turn

affects our air quality and could be particularly problematic for those with respiratory conditions.

The City's 209 EHPs monitor and manage all areas where the environment and public health intersect. Key responsibilities include inspecting food and water quality, monitoring for waterborne and foodborne diseases, rodent baiting, clamping down on the sale of illegal pesticides, checking air

quality, and managing infectious disease outbreaks and other health challenges. In 2023/24 alone, our EHPs' efforts included 1 233 health and hygiene projects in informal settlements and 1 555 health promotion outreaches at schools.

** For any complaints relating to environmental health, dial 0860 103 089 or visit your nearest Environmental Health office or clinic.*

Western Cape dam levels slightly higher this year

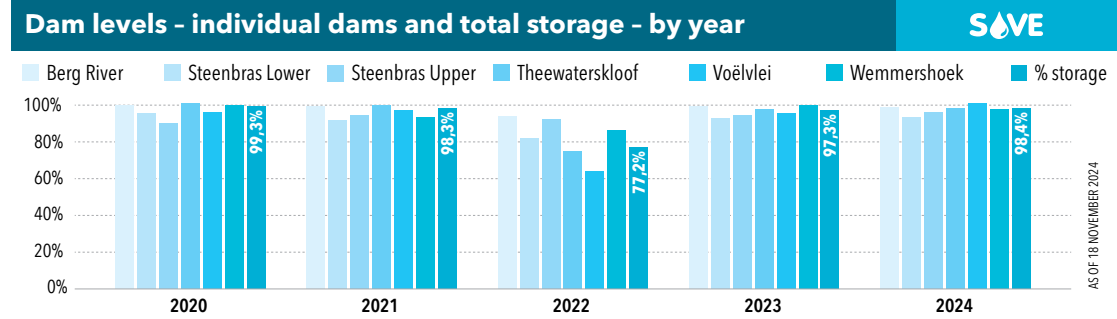
The dam levels for Cape Town have increased to 98,4%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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.



Gearshift for Dial-a-Ride

The City has signed a new six-year contract with HG Travelling Services to operate the Dial-a-Ride service for commuters with special needs. Some of the phased improvements under the new contract will be a newly refurbished fleet, virtual payment, and the introduction of a mobile app and online platform.

Dial-a-Ride is intended for commuters with mobility challenges who have been assessed by a relevant healthcare practitioner and found to be eligible to use the service. Of the service's annual operating costs of R28,1 million, the City subsidises R18,1 million, while Province contributes R10 million.

Replacing cash and card payments with a virtual travel wallet will make payment more convenient, while a dedicated online platform and mobile app will put passenger sign-up, trip booking and monitoring at riders' fingertips. In addition, the new contract allows for the expansion of the service through subcontracting so that more eligible users can be accommodated in the years to come.

** For more about Dial-a-Ride, go to <https://www.myciti.org.za/en/routes-stops/dial-a-ride/>.*

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Gedurende hulle inspeksie van 5 551 km van die waterpypnetwerk in 2023/24 het Water en Sanitasie se lekkasiesoekspanne 926 lekplekke opgespoor. Dit spaar bykans vier miljoen liter water per dag.

Die Stad het 'n nuwe ses jaar lange kontrak met HG Travelling Services onderteken om die Dial-a-Ride-diens vir pendelaars met spesiale behoeftes te bedryf.

Danksy samewerking tussen die Stad en DeafSA, het die Dowe gemeenskap en inwoners met gehoorprobleme in Kaapstad nou direkte toegang tot die Stad se openbare noodkommunikasiesentrum deur

middel van 'n funksie op die munisipaliteit se mobiele toepassing.

Noudat die somer naderkom, is die Stad se omgewingsgesondheidspraktisyns selfs besiger as gewoonlik. Hulle beskerm die publiek deur voedsel en water vir gehalte en enige moontlike siektebakterieë te toets, plaagbeheermaatreëls op te skerp, luggehalte te toets, en enige uitbreking van infeksiesiektes te bestuur.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ngethuba behlola umbhobho wamanzi oziikhilomitha ezingama5 551 ngo2023/24, abasebenzi Bamanzi kunye Nogutyulo bafumana iindawo ezivuzayo ezingama926, ukugcina phantse izigidi ezine zeelitha zamanzi ngosuku.

ISixeko sityikitye isivumelwano esitsha seminyaka emithandathu kunye neHG Travelling Services ukuqhuba inkonzo yeDial-a-Ride kubahambi abaneemfuno ezikhethhekileyo.

Ngenxa yentsebenziswano phakathi kweSixeko neDeafSA, uluntu lwabangaviyo ngeendlebe kunye nabahlali abangeva kakuhle eKapa ngoku bangafikelela ngqo kwiZiko loNxibelelwano loNgxamiseko loLuntu lweSixeko (PECC) ngokusebenzisa indawo ekwiApp yeSixeko.

Njengoko ihlobo lisondela, oogqirha bezempilo zokusingqongileyo beSixeko (i-EHPs) bakhusele impilo yoluntu ngokuhlola umgangatho wokutya namanzi, ukubeka esweni amanzi kunye nezifo ezibangelwa kukutya, ukuthiyela iimpuku, ukuqinisa ukuthengiswa kwezibulali zinambuzane ezingekho mthethweni, ukujonga umgangatho womoya, kunye nokulawula ukuqhambuka kwezifo ezosulelayo.



More deeds delivered in Atlantis

Saxonsea residents in Atlantis are among the most recent beneficiaries of the City's ongoing title deed handover campaign. With every deed handed over, Capetonians are empowered with proof of property ownership, which is essential for estate planning, among others.

Gain security – get your deed
Residents who own a City unit, but have not received their title deed, are invited to visit the Human Settlements kiosk on the 2nd floor of the Cape Town Civic (Mondays to Fridays, 09:00 to 12:00). Be ready to present the owner's ID and, if married, the spouse's ID and a marriage certificate. In the event of a deceased owner, a letter of authority as well as the death certificate must also be submitted.

Alternatively, dial 021 444 0333 (Mondays to Fridays, 07:30 to 16:30), or email title.deeds@capetown.gov.za. In the subject of your email, include the erf number and area. Then state the name and surname in which the title deed is registered, an ID number and address in the body of the email.



Jip, it's nearly done! The dualling of Jip de Jager Drive in Welgemoed, Bellville, is nearing completion. Once work is finalised in February 2025, road users will benefit from significantly eased traffic flow thanks to this major upgrade. Pictured during a visit to the site are, from left, Cllr Rob Quintas (Mayoral Committee member for Urban Mobility), Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis, Cllr Ronel Viljoen, subcouncil chair Ald Gerhard Fourie and project manager Rolandt Gunther. The team has some remaining tasks from Jameson Road down to Van Riebeeckshof Road. The final finishes to the retaining walls are being applied, with streetlights and street markings to follow.

Majik Forest keeps our green heritage safe

The Majik Forest conservation area boasts a tremendous variety of plant species within its 59 hectares. This now also includes Swartland shale renosterveld, which desperately needs to be safeguarded amid increasing urbanisation.

Majik Forest in Welgemoed now boasts a renosterveld garden, showcasing the beauty and diversity of indigenous Swartland shale renosterveld. This endangered vegetation has largely disappeared from the area due to agricultural and urban development.

The garden was the brainchild of the Wildflower Stepping Stones Project (WSSP), a local group dedicated to conserving pockets of locally indigenous wildflowers to combat habitat fragmentation. World-renowned landscaper Leon Kluge and artist Tristan Woudberg (recent gold medallists

for South Africa at the Chelsea Flower Show) did the design, and the project was carried out in collaboration with the City's Recreation and Parks Department.

In this way, the public gets to interact with iconic plant species that would have historically been growing all across the Greater Tygerberg Hills.



Making the Forest even more Majik: A new renosterveld garden at Majik Forest in Welgemoed was officially opened in Arbor Month (September). As part of the proceedings, the City also planted 20 indigenous wild peach and wild olive trees in this special and sensitive conservation area.

Paarden Eiland sewers suffer abuse

In October, it took two City teams several days and some intensive jet-cleaning to clear excessive fat that had blocked a section of sewer pipe in Auckland Street, Paarden Eiland.

Shortly before this unsavoury ordeal, two 250 mm rising main sewers in the same road collapsed and had to be repaired, which necessitated the pump station to be shut down. Upon recommissioning the pump station, teams detected that it still was not operating at full capacity. A manhole-to-manhole investigation ensued, which revealed

that a large section of the sewer line was completely blocked up with greasy fat.

All residents and businesses, specifically restaurants, caterers and other food suppliers, are reminded never to pour fats and oils down kitchen sinks and drains or flush them down the toilet. Rather pour excess oil into empty containers, leave to cool, and dispose of in the bin for refuse collection.

** Visit www.capetown.gov.za/blocked-sewers for tips on how to help keep Cape Town's sewers clear.*



Big fat mess: The sewer pipe in Paarden Eiland (top left), blocked up with fat that had found its way into the sewer system due to some Capetonians' unwise disposal practices. The problem was uncovered shortly after two rising mains had to be replaced in the same street (top right).

Blaauwberg reserve scores green again

Blaauwberg nature reserve recently received Green Coast status for the fifth consecutive time. The status, awarded by the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA), marks high-biodiversity coastal areas and eco-tourism destinations that are managed according to certain standardised criteria.

The award recognises the City's commitment to preserving the unique flora and fauna along this 7 km stretch of coastline. Blaauwberg reserve encompasses approximately 2 000 ha of pristine coastal landscape, inland koppies and flats. Surveys by Custodians of Rare and Endangered Wildflowers (CREW)

have identified more than 200 plant species here, including some critically endangered ones. Moreover, the reserve's Blaauwberg Hill is one of only a few viewpoints in the world that offer views of two proclaimed world heritage sites – in this case, Table Mountain and Robben Island.

Achieving this fifth award is thanks to the unceasing efforts of the City and the Friends of Blaauwberg Conservation Area in monitoring and maintaining the coastline, while also providing opportunities for environmental education, sustainable tourism and community empowerment.



Two lanes for the price of one: The new reversible lane for MyCiTi buses along the R27 between Loxton and Broad roads in Milnerton permits inbound travel towards the Cape Town Civic in the morning, and then switches to outbound travel towards Table View in the afternoon. Traffic flows are controlled via a thermal artificial intelligence camera placed at each entrance to the lane. The cameras detect unauthorised vehicles, reverse entry, and entry-without-exit. The system is monitored from the Transport Management Centre (TMC). If a problem is detected, both red bus lane signs switch to closed, and an alarm is raised at the TMC.

KORTLIKS

Majik Forest in Welgemoed spog nou met 'n renosterveldtuin waar inwoners die prag en diversiteit van inheemse, bedreigde Swartland-skalierenosterveld kan ervaar.

Saxonsea-inwoners in Atlantis is onder die mees onlangse begunstigdes van die Stad se voortgesette veldtog om titelaktes te oorhandig.

Die verdubbeling van Jip de Jager-rylaan in Welgemoed, Bellville, is byna klaar. Wanneer die projek in Februarie 2025 afgehandel is, sal dié enorme opknapping verkeersdruk in die gebied aansienlik verlig.

Twee Stadspanne het in Oktober etlike dae lank gespook om harde vetaanpaksels uit 'n stuk rioolpyp in Aucklandstraat, Paardeneiland, te verwyder. Hulle moes sterk straalspuite inspan.

Die MyCiTi-stasies in Dunoon, Usasaza en

Phoenix word herbou nadat dit ernstige skade opgedoen het gedurende dienslewerings-optogte in 2018. Phoenix-stasie se naam is ook in oorleg met inwoners na 'Freedom-stasie' verander.

Blaauwberg-natuurreservaat het onlangs vir die vyfde keer ná mekaar Green Coast-status van WESSA, die natuurlewe- en omgewingsvereniging van Suid-Afrika, ontvang. Die toekenning erken die Stad se toegewyde werk om die unieke plante en diere langs hierdie stuk kuslyn van 7 km te bewaar.

Die nuwe omkeerbare baan vir MyCiTi-busse op die R27 tussen Loxton- en Broadweg in Milnerton laat soggens inwaartse verkeer in die rigting van die Kaapstad-burgersentrum toe, en keer smiddae om vir uitwaartse verkeer na Table View.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ihlathi laseMajik eWelgemoed ngoku liqhayisa ngegadi ehlaziyiweyo, ebonisa ubuhle kunye neentlobo ntlobo zemveli, esemngciphekweni wokuphela weSwartland shale renosterveld.

Abahlali baseSaxonsea eAtlantis baphakathi kwabaxhamli bakutshanje kwiphulo eliqhubekayo lokunikezelwa kwamaphepha emihlaba eSixeko.

Ubunini bababini beJip de Jager Drive eWelgemoed, eBellville, busondele ekugqityweni. Emva kokuba umsebenzi ugqityiwe kweyoMdumba ngo2025, abasebenzisi bendlela baya kuxhamla ngokuhla kakhulu kwengxinano yokuhamba kwezithuthi ngenxa yoku kuphuculwa kukhulu.

Ngenyanga yeDwarha, kwathatha amaqela amabini eSixeko iintsuku eziliqela kunye nokucoca ijete enamandla ukususa amanqatha agqithisileyo awayevale icandelo lombhobho wokuhambisa ilindle eAuckland Street,

ePaarden Eiland.

Izikhululo zeMyCiTi eDunoon, eUsasaza nasePhoenix zakhiwa ngokutsha emva kokufumana umonakalo omkhulu ngexesha loqhankqalazo lokunikezelwa kweenkonzo ngo2018. Isikhululo sasePhoenix naso sithiywa ngokutsha ngokuba yi'Freedom station' ngokubonisana nabahlali.

Indawo yokugcina indalo yaseBlaauwberg kutshanje ifumene iwonga leGreen Coast isihlandlo sesihlanu ilandelelana kwiWildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA). Le mbasa iqaphela ukuzibophelela kweSixeko ekulondolozeni izityalo nezilwanyana ezikhethekileyo ecaleni kwalo mgama uziikhilomitha ezisi7 wonxweme.

Indlela entsha eguqukayo yeebhasi zeMyCiTi ecaleni kwendlela uR27 phakathi kweendlela zaseLoxton naseBroad eMilnerton ivumela ukuhamba okungenayo ukuya eKapa Civic kusasa, emva koko itshintshela ekuhambeni ngaphandle ukuya eTable View emva kwemini.

Time to 'wine down'

Wine tourism is one of the Western Cape's biggest drawcards. Our wines are not only award-winning, but also vital for job creation and economic development. The City's new digital guide, Cape Town's Wineland Wonders, now makes it easier for locals and visitors alike to explore up-and-coming farms, hidden gems and firm favourites.

Accessible from any mobile device, the guide offers detailed information on wine regions, location information using Google Maps, as well as an interactive WhatsApp channel. It features around 40 farms across the three wine routes of Constantia, Helderberg and Durbanville.

To start exploring, go to <https://thisis.capetown/explore-capetown/wineland-wonders/>.

Benefits by the bottle

In 2022, wine tourism in the Western Cape contributed a staggering R3,05 billion to South Africa's economy and created over 245 000 jobs. The job creation potential of the sector is more than double the national average. These are some of the findings of an impact study by the South African Wine Industry Information and Systems.



Something to cheers to: Just in time for the summer holidays, a new digital City guide will help locals and visitors make the most of our wonderful winelands.

Pulling out all the stops for Milnerton lagoon

Improving water quality at Milnerton lagoon goes way beyond the waterbody itself. The City is busy with a range of projects in the area, all of which are anticipated to help restore the health of this popular recreational spot.

Work to restore the water quality at Milnerton lagoon continues at pace, including major infrastructure projects, ongoing maintenance efforts and longer-term plans.



Koeberg pump station

Upgrades to this key pump station have included constructing manual screens (pictured above), replacing defective valves, and installing a new alarm system. Screens are cleaned weekly to remove debris, and pumps are actively monitored. A fifth mobile pump has enhanced operations, and four new pumps and pump impellers were recently acquired. Long-term interventions involve constructing a new pump station to deliver a pump rate of 1 630 litres per second, along with a new emergency overflow storage pond to accommodate up to four hours' emergency sewage storage. Two new parallel rising mains will replace the existing fibre-cement ones.



Montague Drive bulk sewer

The upgrade of the bulk sewer is under way (pictured above). The new sand trap and screening facility is 30% complete, and over 4 km of micro-tunnelling is nearly done. Construction on phase 2 is planned from August 2025 to December 2026.



Potsdam wastewater treatment works (WWTW)

The upgrades to the WWTW (pictured above), which started in April 2023,

are well under way. Among others, construction includes the rehabilitation of old sludge storage ponds as well as new dewatering facilities, an ultrafiltration building, raw sewage inlet works, and a membrane bioreactor. Solid materials entering the plant have also affected overall efficiency. More than 30 000 m³ of solids, grit and sand were removed from primary settling tanks, and repairs to internal components will be carried out to improve effluent quality.

Potential dredging

Various dredging options for Milnerton lagoon were assessed for effectiveness, cost, social and environmental impact, and amount of waste to landfill. The City has ultimately decided to proceed with a plan that will involve dredging a key channel and removing the organic material from the sand via cyclone technology. This will return clean sand to the lagoon and will dispose of 600 m³ of organics and sediment. The project will cost around R70 million and take 11 months, but will first require environmental authorisation.

Other initiatives include maintenance of Ryan's Pond to receive spills and prevent contamination of the Diep river and Milnerton lagoon, while water pressure management in Joe Slovo and Phoenix Park is also helping to reduce leaks into the stormwater system.

Heroic rescue reminder to respect the sea

Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis has commended the bravery of Heideveld resident Brandon Janeka, who risked his own life to save a woman from drowning off the coast of Table View in October. The incident occurred along a stretch of coastline that experiences regular rip currents and is outside the designated Big Bay and Milnerton swimming areas, where lifeguards are on duty.

For the 2024/25 festive season, the City will be deploying lifeguards to 29 beaches, tidal pools and stretches of coast between 10:00 and 18:00 daily. To date, 241 seasonal lifeguards have been recruited for this purpose.

Safety in the surf

Let's make it a safe summer by following these simple rules:

- Only swim where and when lifeguards are on duty, and stay within the safe bathing areas indicated by their 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.



'Read-ie Gonzales': Five-year-old Leandri Roodman became the first young Durbanville library patron to hit the milestone of reading 1 000 stories before school. This forms part of a focused campaign in City libraries to instil a love of reading in young Capetonians. Leandri's mom has been reading to her since she was four months old, and the avid young reader now enjoys choosing her own books. They joined the campaign in 2022.

Kraaifontein site under hammer to spark growth

A prime 9,2 ha industrial site in Kraaifontein was among 45 City-owned lease and sale lots that went to auction in October. The sale of this particular parcel of land in Wynland Industrial Park along the N1 should unlock private sector-led development opportunities and create jobs in surrounding Wallacedene and Bloekompos.

The property is zoned general industrial 2, which allows for uses such as manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, offices, showrooms, workshops, and storage yards. Apart from having

easy access to the N1, it is also conveniently close to the airport and harbour to facilitate imports and exports. Access to a skilled workforce from nearby areas like Kraaifontein and Durbanville bodes well for industrial growth.

Releasing underused City land for private-sector development helps boost business growth and job creation, while the revenue from property transactions is reinvested in service delivery. The final results of the auction will be confirmed once due process has been followed.



Going once: The prime industrial site in Wynland Industrial Park in Kraaifontein went to auction in October.

KORTLIKS

Wyntoerisme is een van die Wes-Kaap se grootse trekpleisters. Die Stad se nuwe digitale gids, Cape Town's Wineland Wonders, maak dit nou makliker om nuwe plase, versteekte juwele én ou gunstelingte te verken.

Werk om die watergehalte in Milnerton-lagune te herstel gaan volstroom voort. Dit sluit in groot infrastruktuurprojekte aan waterbehandelingsaanlegte in die omgewing, en langertermynplanne vir moontlike baggerwerk.

Burgemeester Geordin Hill-Lewis het hulde gebring aan Brandon Janeka van Heideveld wat in Oktober sy eie lewe in gevaar gestel het om 'n vrou van verdrinking langs die kus van Table View te red.

'n Eersteklas nywerheidseiendom van 9,2 ha in Kraaifontein was onder die 45 Stadseiendomme wat in Oktober op veiling te koop of te huur aangebied is. Die verkoop van hierdie bepaalde stuk grond in Wynland-nywerheidspark langs die N1 behoort geleenthede vir ontwikkeling deur die privaat sektor te ontsluit en werk te skep.

Die vyfjarige Leandri Roodman is Durbanville-biblioteek se eerste klein lesertjie wat 1 000 stories deurgedraf het voordat sy 'grootskool' toe gaan.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ukhenketho lweyayini luyenye yeyona mitsalane mikhulu eNtshona Koloni. Isikhokelo esitsha sedijithali seSixeko iCape Town's Wineland Wonders ngoku senza kube lula kubahlali nakwiindwendwe ukuhlola iifama, ubuncwane obufihliweyo kunye neentandokazi eziqinileyo.

Umsebenzi wokubuyisela umgangatho wamanzi eMilnerton lagoon uyaqhubeka ngesantya, kuquka iiprojekthi ezinkulu zeziseko, iinzame zokulungisa eziqhubekayo kunye nezicwangciso zexesha elide kule ndawo yokuzonwabisa ethandwayo.

Usodolophu uGeordin Hill-Lewis uncome isibindi somhlali waseHeideveld uBrandon Janeka, obeka ubomi bakhe emngciphekweni ukusindisa inkosikazi ekutshoneni kunxweme lweTable View kweyeDwarha.

Indawo ephambili yemizimveliso ezihekthare eziyi9, 2 eKraaifontein yayiphakathi kweendawo zokuqeshisa kunye nokuthengisa ezingama45 zeSixeko ezaya kwintengiso kweyeDwarha. Ukuthengiswa kwale pasile ethile yomhlaba eWynland Industrial Park ecaleni koN1 kumele kuvule amathuba ophuhliso akhokelwa licandelo labucala kwaye kudale imisebenzi.

ULeandri Roodman oneminyaka emihlanu ubudala waba ngumxhasi wokuqala oselula wethala leencwadi eDurbanville wenza isiganeko esibalulekileyo sokufunda amabali ali1 000 phambi kwesikolo.

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