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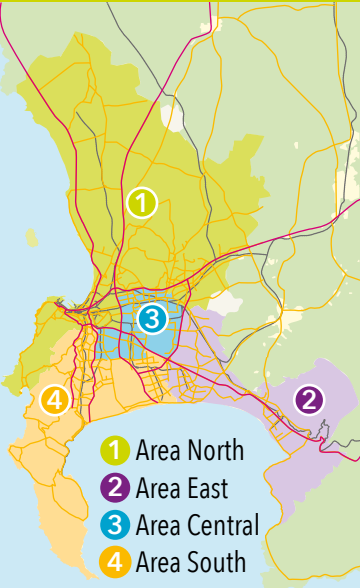


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A home of her own: Ald Clive Justus (left) and Mayoral Committee member for Human Settlements, Cllr Malusi Boozi (right), hand over a title deed to Ms Cathlene Potberg, one of the 23 latest beneficiaries in the R74 million Greenville affordable housing project in Durbanville. Total homes handed over in this project – a partnership between the City and Garden Cities – now stand at 1 698, including 323 homes in phase 3. See page 4.

Pilot online market a success

In May, informal traders, vendors and crafters were invited to participate in an online market, offering economic opportunities through the e-commerce platform as physical markets were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Some 400 traders offered products that included toys, accessories, clothes, health and beauty products, gifting and snacks. The online market platform received 19 000 views from areas such as the Eastern Cape, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal, and countries such as Kenya, Ghana, United Arab Emirates and New Zealand.

The online market had a live chat box where customers could interact directly with online administrators. Feedback received was used to enhance the customer experience. For example, clients could indicate which products they would like to see more of.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the online market was the number of young entrepreneurs who showcased their handmade products.

Athlone jab mega-site opens

New vaccine facility opens with 40 walk-in stations and a five-lane drive-through.

In August, the City and Province opened Athlone Stadium as the second walk-in vaccination site in the Western Cape. The drive-through facility, the first of its kind in South Africa, opened two weeks later. It is open weekdays from 08:00 to 16:00 for any resident 18 years and older.

A safe and easy vaccination alternative, the drive-through has five lanes and offers many benefits, including allowing parents to keep young children in the car while they are vaccinated. Clients follow the same steps as at a walk-in: Cars stop at four stations, where residents are screened, registered and vaccinated.

The City has leased the stadium free of charge to Province, who is mandated to administer Covid-19 vaccines. Considerable preparation work had to be done for the drive-through, including a detailed traffic plan to minimise queues, connectivity, vaccine storage, health technology, social distancing protocols, furniture acquisition, disinfecting, waste management, fire and evacuation plans, and security and

events coordination.

With its 40 walk-in stations and five-lane drive-through able to administer more than 4 000 vaccines a day, the Athlone site has the same capacity as the walk-in site at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

Jabs van

The City also put three mobile 'pop-up' vaccination stations on the road in areas with the lowest registration rates, and in vulnerable areas where access to vaccination sites is a challenge. The vaccination vans will be able to register clients and

administer their vaccines.

Van locations for the sites will be chosen in consultation with local clinics and councillors to ensure that word gets out ahead of time. The communities of Philippi and surrounds, Khayelitsha and Bellville will be targeted.

This mobile service will help address the growing vaccine inequity being reported between residents with and without medical insurance. It will hopefully also help curb the worrying trend of vaccine apathy slowly creeping in.

All residents above the age of 18 are urged to register for their Covid-19 vaccine in one of the following ways:

- Visit <http://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/> (which can also be accessed via www.westerncape.gov.za).
- WhatsApp the word REGISTER to 0600 123456.
- Dial *134*832*ID number# if you don't have internet access.
- If you are over 60, you can be registered and vaccinated in one go at your nearest site.

**Don't ignore Covid-19.
Protect yourself and others.**

Keep your distance. Wear a mask.

Wash your hands frequently.

Avoid touching your face.

Cough or sneeze with care, and safely dispose of the tissue.

(B)innovation in Doornbach informal settlement

After much research, development and collaboration between the City, the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) and informal-settlement residents, a new refuse bin design is being rolled out.

The bins have been designed to respond to the waste management challenges typically encountered in informal settlements, which include shortage of space, odours, pests and stray animals, as well as high levels of bin theft and bin vandalism.

The new 80-litre bins are fixed to a post cemented into the ground, and their rounded bases mean they can't stand on the ground, making them less appealing to bin thieves. Angled lids secure the bins against the weather and rodents. Moreover, the nifty containers are made of tough polyethylene, which has little to no scrap value.

Doornbach is the first informal settlement to receive the new bins. More than 5 000 will be installed here, and the roll-out is scheduled to be completed in September. Once the Doornbach installation is complete, the City will roll out the bins to other informal settlements as well.



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KORTLIKS

Athlone-stadion is in Augustus as die tweede inloop-inentingsterrein in die Wes-Kaap geopen. Die deurryfasiliteit by die stadion, die eerste van sy soort in Suid-Afrika, het twee weke later gevolg. Alle inwoners van 18 jaar en ouer kan die fasiliteit op woensdae tussen 08:00 en 16:00 gebruik.

Ongeveer 400 informele entrepreneurs is in Mei genooi om hulle handgemaakte produkte in 'n aanlyn mark ten toon te stel. Die platform het 19 000 besigtigings aangeteken, onder meer van ander provinsies, Afrika buurlande, en selfs van so ver as Nieu-Seeland.

'n Innoverende nuwe vullisdrom van 80 liter word tans versprei om die uitdagings van afvalbestuur in informele nedersettings die hoof te bied. Die drom word aan 'n paal vasgemaak wat met beton in die grond geanker word. Weens die ronde drombasis kan dit nie op die grond staan nie, wat dit nutteloos maak vir dromdiewe. En danksy die skuins deksels is dit boonop weer- en knaagdierbestand. Doornbach is die eerste gebied waar die dromme geïnstalleer sal word, en sal teen die einde van September meer as 5 000 daarvan hê.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

NgeyeThupha, iAthlone Stadium yavulwa njengendawo yesibini yokugonywa ozingenelayo kuyo eNtshona Koloni. Iziko lokugonywa usemotweni lavulwa kwiiveki ezimbini emva koko, uhlobo lokuqala olunje eMzantsi Afrika. Liyavulwa phakathi evekini ukusuka ngo08:00 ukuya ku16:00 kubahlali abaneminyaka eli18 nanga-phezulu.

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ezikude njengeNew Zealand.

Uyilo olutsha lomgqomo wenkunkuma luya khutshwa ukujongana nemiceli mngeni yokulawula inkunkuma ematotyombeni. IDoornbach yeyokuqala ukufumana le miggomo iyi80 l. Ingaphezu kwama5 000 eza kufakelwa apha ekupheleni kweyoMsintsi.



R22 million electricity refurbishment under way

The City is carrying out an important R22 million refurbishment to its high-voltage overhead power lines. The 66 kV and 132 kV lines are being insulated with the very latest silicone-rubber composite insulators. These insulators deliver superior performance, are lighter and easier to handle, are less prone to damage, and will extend the lifespan of the infrastructure.

The project is being carried out over three years, from 2021 to 2023, and will play an important part in enhancing reliable electricity provision across town. City Electricity teams will also attend to the metal conductors and the steel structures supporting conductors and insulators.

This work will ensure that the City's high-voltage lines are protected and safe to operate for a further 25 years, in line with the City's vision of providing a safe and reliable power supply to all energy users.

Residents reminded of debt write-off opportunity

The City has approved the write-off of approximately R4,1 billion's debt for qualifying debtors. It is meant to encourage a culture of payment and assist struggling debtors.

Qualifying customers may apply for the write-off of debt older than three years, provided they enter into a payment agreement with the City for the remainder of their debt. Registered pensioners, public benefit organisations and other entities will receive a once-off write-off.

This is over and above the R3,4 billion in rates and service relief to qualifying customers allocated in the new financial year.

For more information about payment arrangements, visit <http://bit.ly/CCT-PaymentPlan>.

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We're doing our best to provide affordable energy

As a caring city, Cape Town has shielded its residents against Eskom's steep price increases more than any other metro. While Eskom raised prices for municipalities by 17,8%, the price hike for Capetonians has been limited to 13,45% – a good 32% lower.

The City was able to absorb some of Eskom's increase by running a cost-efficient electricity service, even though margins are tight as input costs increase. Capetonians can rest assured that money is not wasted, and all income from electricity sales goes to providing the service. For City-supplied electricity customers, 80% of electricity outages are fixed within three and a half hours.

The City also protects its customers from Eskom's load-shedding as far as possible, using the Steenbras pumped-storage generation scheme.



A message from Executive Mayor Dan Plato

Eskom's annual increases are a key reason why our City is leading the charge to diversify energy supply, escape the Eskom power monopoly, and promote competitive pricing for consumers.

In this regard, the City is planning to procure at least 300 MW of energy from independent producers. Consultations with government are ongoing to speed up the process.

We are also assisting struggling households in the following ways:

- Free basic electricity to 27% of City-supplied households on the Lifeline tariff. This is among the highest proportions in the country
- Lowest commercial and residential rates of all metros in South Africa, based on the cent-in-the-rand rate, a statutory measure to calculate property rates. Cape Town's rates are 25% lower than Johannesburg's, and over 50% lower than eThekweni's
- R3,35 billion in rates relief this financial year, including R1,99 billion for indigent relief and R1,35 billion in rates rebates
- A R4 billion debt write-off and payment incentive to help struggling residents and foster a culture of payment
- Assistance is available for those struggling to pay their bills, in the form of pensioner, disabled and indigent rebates, as well as rebates

for public benefit organisations

In Cape Town, 600 units of power are almost R300 cheaper than in Johannesburg, including all fixed monthly costs and VAT (R1 634,50 vs R1 928,83). This is despite it costing our City 3% more on average to buy electricity from Eskom due to the high cost of transmission to our location.

In Cape Town, it is always best to buy only the units you need. The rate increases once you exceed 600 units in a calendar month on the Home User or Domestic tariffs, or 350 units on the Lifeline tariff.

For enquiries about electricity tariffs, rebates, and the support on offer for struggling households, please contact the City's call centre on 021 400 1111.

Times may be tough, but we'll get through this as #OneCityTogether.

– Executive Mayor Dan Plato



Educational equipment for educare centres: As part of the City's Mandela Day activities, Executive Mayor Dan Plato delivered learning and recreational items to 19 educare centres across town, as selected by ward councillors. Items donated included yoga mats, soccer balls, skipping ropes, hula hoops, paint sets, crayons, clay, books and building blocks. From left are Cllr Washiela Harris (ward 82), Executive Mayor Dan Plato, and Unity Educare owner and principal Patricia Hawkins.

Supply Chain Management Policy to be updated

The City is proposing changes to its Supply Chain Management Policy to improve its alignment with existing legislation, and further enhance tender process efficiency. Members of the public are invited to comment on the draft revised policy by 14 September 2021.

The policy review aims to improve on current systems, processes and performance targets. The proposed amendments

to the policy are available for inspection at City libraries and subcouncil offices, and online at www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay.

Comments, recommendations and input may be submitted as follows:

- Via the City's website: www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay
- By hand: City of Cape Town, Supply Chain Management,

8th floor, Tower Block, Cape Town Civic Centre (attention: Sandra Gomm)

- Via e-mail: scm.enquiries@capetown.gov.za

The City's Public Participation Unit will assist people with disabilities, who cannot submit written comments, to have their input recorded and submitted to the City. Send an e-mail to Frederick.Venter@capetown.gov.za.

Water meter theft rising

There has been an increase in stolen water meters reported across town. From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, a total of 2 198 cases were reported. In May 2021, 287 cases were reported, and in June, a whopping 386.

If your water meter is stolen, report it immediately. Do so online (www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests), by e-mail (water@capetown.gov.za), SMS to 31373 (max of 160 characters, standard rates apply), telephonically (0860 103 089), or at your nearest walk-in centre (see www.capetown.gov.za/facilities).

You will receive a reference number, and the City should visit the property for an inspection within 24 hours. If the meter needs replacement, it will normally be carried out within the next day.

Due to the increase in stolen meters over the past year, the City is no longer installing brass water meters, as these have scrap value. Meters are now plastic, but due to the number of meters in service, switching all to plastic will take some time.

Excellent dam storage levels in the Western Cape

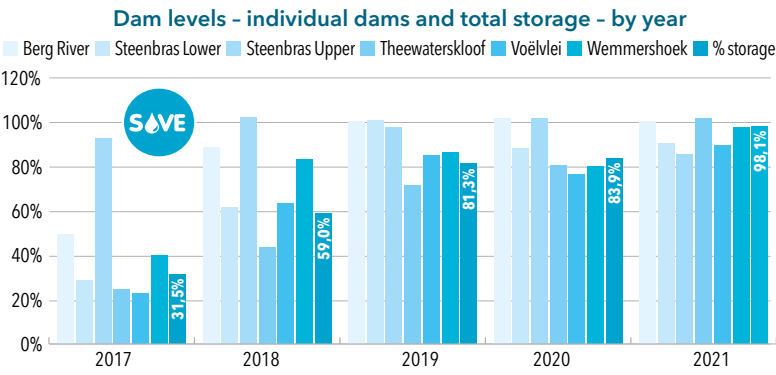
Due to good rains this winter, and thanks to the water-saving efforts of the majority of residents, the levels of the dams that supply Cape Town are the highest they have been in five years.

However, the Western Cape remains a water-scarce region vulnerable to drought. 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.

- The regulations can be accessed at www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater or www.capetown.gov.za/waterregulations.



KORTLIKS

Die Stad is tans besig met 'n belangrike opknappingsprogram van R22 miljoen aan bogronde hoëspanningslyne om betroubare elektrisiteitsvoorsiening deur die hele Kaapstad te verseker.

Die munisipaliteit het inwoners ook so ver moontlik teen Eskom se skerp prysstygings probeer beskerm: In plaas van Eskom se landwyse verhoging van 17,8% vir plaaslike owerhede, het die Stad tariefverhogings vir Kapenaars tot 13,45% beperk – 'n volle 32% laer.

Die Stad bestuur 'n kostedoeltreffende elektrisiteitsdiens, en inwoners van die Moederstad betaal bykans R300 minder vir 600 eenhede krag as hulle eweknieë in Johannesburg.

Watermeterdiefstal deur die hele stad is aan die toeneem. Altesaam 2 198 gevalle is van 1 Julie 2020 tot 30 Junie 2021 aangemeld.

Die Stad stel wysigings aan sy beleid oor voorsieningskanaalbestuur voor om tenderprosesse doeltreffender te maak. Lede van die publiek word genooi om teen 14 September 2021 op die konsep-hersiene beleid kommentaar te lewer.

Daarbenewens het die Stad goedkeuring verleen dat sowat R4,1 miljard se skuld van kwalifiserende debiteure afgeskryf word. Kliënte wat aan die kriteria voldoen, kan aansoek doen om hulle skuld van ouer as drie jaar te laat afskryf.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko siqhuba inkqubo yohlaziyo olubalulekileyo lwezigidi ezingamaR22 lwevolthi ephezulu ukuphucula ukubonelelwa kombane othembekileyo esixekweni.

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Next Bothasig Gardens phase launched

Phase 3 of the City and Communi-care's Bothasig Gardens affordable social housing project was launched in July. This phase will provide 314 housing opportunities and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

This project is part of the City and its partners' plans to develop affordable housing opportunities in and near hubs. It will help address the growing demand for affordable housing opportunities for those earning below R22 000 per month.

The City is aware of the acute housing need across the metro. Therefore, it remains committed to provide several different types of opportunities across all income brackets.

The selection of beneficiaries for all City housing projects, including social housing, occurs in accordance with the City's Allocation Policy and Housing Needs Register.

Housing Needs Register is free

The City reminds beneficiaries who qualify for state-subsidised housing that they do not have to pay to be placed on the Housing Needs Register, or to receive state-subsidised property or a piece of City-owned land.

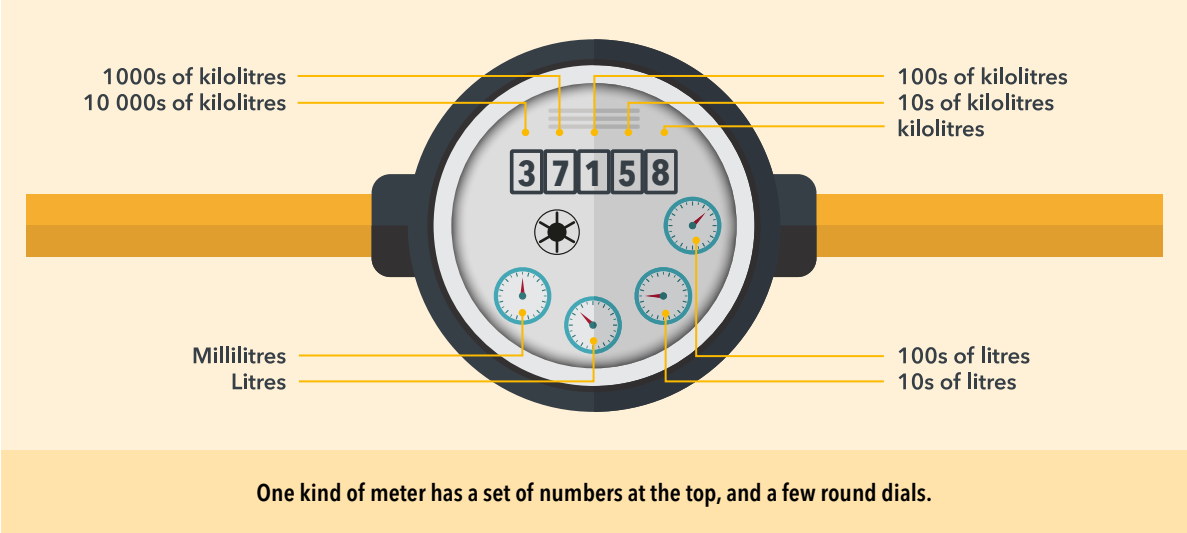
If you are asked to pay to be registered, or for your RDP/Breaking New Ground (BNG) opportunity or a plot of City-owned land, you are being scammed. Report any such incidents to the South African Police Service.

Residents may be allocated a housing opportunity only when such an opportunity becomes available. Only the registered owner (in this case, the City) may sell property, so anyone else 'selling' City-owned property is doing so illegally.

- City's fraud hotline: 0800 32 31 30
- For more information about the qualifying criteria for subsidised housing, visit the Housing Needs Register page.

How to read your water meter

Reading a water meter is easy. Inside your water meter box, you'll find one of two kinds of meters used by the City, as depicted below. They record the same info, but display it differently.



Monitor to manage better

You can monitor your meter readings to check how much water you're using, or to detect a leak. On the meter with the round dials (above), the small volumes are indicated by the dials for litres or millilitres (or tenths of litres). On the meter with numbers only (below), look to the far right, where the litres (second from the right) and millilitres (furthest to the right) are.

Check how much the numbers go up by

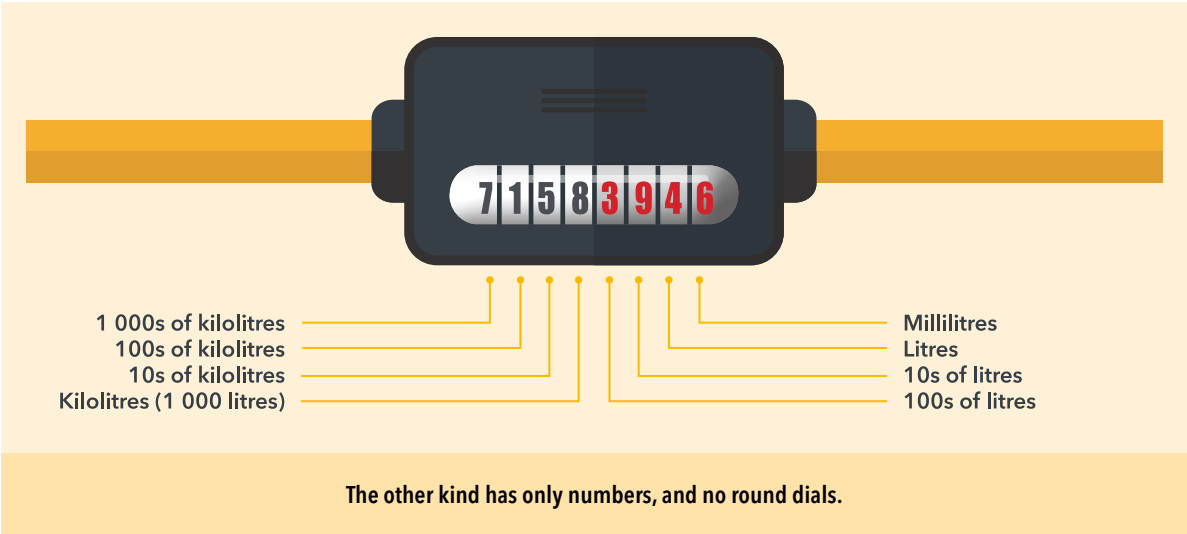
on a regular basis, e.g. weekly or monthly. To check if you have a leak, first stop all water use in the house and take your meter reading. Then wait about 15 minutes and check the meter reading again. If the numbers have gone up, it means you have a leak.

Report broken or faulty meters

- Online: www.capetown.gov.za/service-requests

- E-mail: water@capetown.gov.za
- SMS 31373, giving the location and contact number in a maximum of 160 characters
- Call: 0860 103 089
- Visit a walk-in centre: www.capetown.gov.za/facilities

If the call centre is experiencing high call volumes, please try one of the other reporting channels.



Baby (beanie) shower at City libraries

Staff and patrons of City libraries have knitted more than 3 000 baby beanies over the past two months. In support of Mandela Day, the 3 149 beanies and several other knitted baby items were donated to City clinics for distribution to babies who visit these facilities for their health check-ups.

The project celebrates City library mascot LiBee and the upcoming 1 000 Stories Before School reading programme.

Amendments to Electricity Act welcomed

Government's amendment to the Electricity Act to raise the threshold for self-generation from 1 to 100 MW brings South Africans one step closer to achieving a more stable energy supply. This means that companies can build their own generation facilities. The City continues to seek greater inclusion of independent power producers (IPPs) in the energy mix to help ease the pressure on Eskom power supply.

Cape Town is the most energy-efficient city in South Africa, and the only one where City-supplied customers are spared the full impact of load-shedding thanks to the Steenbras hydroelectric scheme. Cape Town also has extensive solar-powered photovoltaic (PV) and small-scale embedded generation programmes in place, which are ready to be extended. The City hopes to have its own PV plant within two years.

However, under the current Municipal Finance Management Act and Electricity Regulation Act regulations, it could take up to five years from when a governmental determination is made to having the first power from an IPP in our grid. Specialist studies are under way.

The City believes that local governments have the constitutional power and obligation to procure renewable energy and move away from sole reliance on Eskom.

Urban farmers put down roots

In light of the the rise in unemployment and hunger due to Covid-19, the City has revised its urban agriculture training programme to conform to Covid-19 regulations. The revised training programme started in mid-July.

To safeguard participants, one-on-one practical training took place at the beneficiaries' homes. Training topics included understanding farming requirements and uses, preparing organic compost, natural pests, disease control and organic sprays.

At the end of the training, participants were assessed to test their understanding of agriculture, the importance of planning, understanding land as an economic unit and its role in sustainable farming, and the knowledge and skills required to conduct sustainable gardening or farming.



Growing for the future: Atlantis residents who participated in the City's urban agriculture training programme.

Title deeds to Wesbank residents

Members of the Wesbank community recently received title deeds to their homes. The title deeds were handed over by the City's Mayoral Committee member for Urban Management, Ald Grant Twigg. He was joined by Urban Management Portfolio Committee chair Ald Willie Japhta, subcouncil 21 chair Ald Johan van der Merwe, and ward 19 councillor Ebrahim Sawant.

Many families still live as tenants or without ownership rights in homes they have occupied for generations. By handing over title deeds, the City can help rectify the injustices of the past. Title deeds also give homeowners access to a financial asset that will grow in value into the future.



Done deed: From left, Ald Willie Japhta, Ald Johan van der Merwe, Wesbank title holder Magdalene van Wyk, Cllr Ebrahim Sawant and Cllr Andreas Scheepers.

KORTLIKS

Fase 3 van die Stad en Communicare se maatskaplike behuisingsprojek Bothasig Gardens is in Julie van stapel gestuur. Dit sal teen die einde van die jaar 314 bekostigbare behuisingsgeleenthede voorsien.

Die Stad herinner begunstigdes wat vir staat-subsidiebehuisung in aanmerking kom dat hulle nie hoef te betaal om op die behuisingsregister te kom of om 'n staatsubsidiehuis of 'n stuk Stadsgrond te bekom nie. Wees bedag op swendelaars wat op betaling aandring.

Die opleidingsprogram vir stedelike landbouers is aangepas om aan Covid-19-regulasies te voldoen, en individuele praktiese opleiding het by begunstigdes se huise plaasgevind.

Begunstigdes van die Wesbank-gemeenskap

het titelaktes ontvang om die onreg van die verlede reg te stel. Titelaktes bied huiseienaars 'n finansiële bate wat mettertyd in waarde sal toeneem.

Personeellede en kliënte van die Stad se biblioteke het die afgelope twee maande meer as 3 000 babamussies gebrei. Dit is vir Mandeladag aan die Stad se klinieke geskenk om uit te deel wanneer klein Kapenaartjies vir hulle roetine-ondersoek kom.

Die wysiging aan die Elektrisiteitswet wat die drempel vir selfkragopwekking van 1 tot 100 MW verhoog, bring Suid-Afrikaners een tree nader aan meer stabiele energievoorsiening.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

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Beneficiaries receive homes in Greenville

The City and its partner, Garden Cities, have handed over another 23 homes to beneficiaries in the R74 million Greenville affordable housing project in Durbanville. To date, 1 698 homes have been handed over, including 323 homes in phase 3 of the project. The Greenville project is a partnership between the City's Human Settlements Directorate, the Province's Department of Human Settlements, and developer Garden Cities. The first two phases, with a combined cost of R247 million, were completed in August 2020. Residents who are aware of illegal occupation in housing developments can give anonymous tip-offs. Dial 112 from a cellphone (toll-free) and 107 from a landline. For emergencies, dial 021 480 7700.

Did you know?

City service delivery is a massive operation. Your municipality:

- maintains more than 666 500 electricity meters, services about 86 high-voltage substations and 14 443 km of lines and cables;
- services 9 990 substations and maintains 60 179 low-voltage kiosks; and
- protects City-supplied customers from Eskom's load-shedding where possible.

City and Women Lead launch GBV campaign

The awareness and prevention programme aims to reach 1 000 people aged 18-35.

The City and the Women Lead Movement will launch a gender-based violence (GBV) awareness campaign. The aim is to empower women and communities with the necessary information to recognise and report acts of violence against women and young girls. The programmes will be implemented in eight previously disadvantaged communities, including Bellville South, Elsies River, Delft, Khayelitsha, Mfuleni, Atlantis, Lavender Hill and Mitchells Plain. Some of these communities were identified as GBV hotspots by the South African

Police Service. The campaign will see just over R19 million in grants-in-aid benefiting 32 community organisations who assist street people, early childhood development centres, and shelters working with GBV survivors. A memorandum of agreement (MOA) has been signed as an important regulatory to ensure that the sponsorship is disbursed for the intended purposes. The Women Lead Movement, established in 2017, promotes and advocates for gender equality as well as an active and participatory citizenry.



Empowering women and communities: Women Lead Movement founder and executive director Melene Rossouw with Cllr Zahid Badroodien, Mayco member for Community Services and Health.

Abandoned pet rabbits on the rise

The City is concerned about the marked increase in abandoned domestic rabbits at Wessel Lourens dam and the surrounding park in Vredeklouf, Brackenfell. In the past few months, numerous complaints have been received of residents 'dumping' rabbits at the park in Vredeklouf. *Oryctolagus cuniculus domesticus* is a European rabbit subspecies specifically bred as household pets. When abandoned, these rabbits face serious challenges as they struggle to adjust to outdoor living conditions. Abandoned rabbits suffer from irregular feeding, unsanitary conditions, environmental pollution and stress, which can

cause various health conditions. They also run the risk of contracting viral and fungal infections, some of which are transmissible to humans. In addition, rabbits dig holes and tunnels, which could weaken a dam wall or retention structure. Holes dug by rabbits could also pose a threat to residents who visit the park to relax or exercise. Abandoning pets in a park is illegal and anyone in contravention of the City's Animal By-law and Public Parks By-law will be handed over to the authorities, which can lead to a fine or imprisonment. Pet owners who deliberately cause suffering to unwanted pets by abandoning

them are also in contravention of animal anti-cruelty laws. Recreation and Parks and Law Enforcement staff continue to report incidents and manage this 3,6 ha public open space in Vredeklouf. However, Recreation and Parks cannot assume responsibility for providing additional veterinary services – including vaccinations, medical care or euthanasia – due to pet owners' negligence. For assistance with unwanted rabbits or domestic animals, contact the SPCA on 021 700 4140, or Law Enforcement on 021 480 7700.

City library a comfort during Covid-19

Executive Mayor Ald Dan Plato and Mayco member for Community Services and Health Cllr Zahid Badroodien recently received a tour of the Brackenfell library, accompanied by principal librarian Sunell Lotter (pictured below). They also thanked staff for their dedicated work to ensure that residents are once again able to enjoy the facility. The library recently celebrated its 34th birthday and has the highest circulation figures of all City libraries. The Brackenfell library underwent a revamp in 2012, receiving a new circulation counter and Smart Cape section, where residents can access the internet. The library is located in Paradys Street and has more than 85 000 books, 2 335 magazines, 1 216 audio CDs and 2 415 DVDs in its collection. It is also a Covid-19 vaccination registration site.



Roadworks in your area

The City has completed the resurfacing of an eastbound section of Langeberg Road in Durbanville as part of its routine maintenance. This is in keeping with the City's commitment to improve Cape Town roads by ensuring their safety and enhancing their durability. Meanwhile, roadworks at Saint Square, a new development in Sunningdale, are nearing completion. The works along Wood Drive, between Berkshire Boulevard and Newington Street, were required to provide a dedicated right-turn lane into the development. The work entailed the widening of a section of Wood Drive.

Women at Work road teams roll on with repairs

The City's women-only road repair teams' 116 participants are in the final stretch of their three-year skills development project. The programme, which started in July 2019, has one working team in each of the City's roads infrastructure management depots. The project is aimed at developing women-only road repair teams in what is traditionally a male-dominated environment. In this way, the City invests in public and community works programmes that empower women and endorse gender equality at all levels in the City. Women are generally under-represented



The road to success: The City's three-year Women at Work road teams programme is nearing completion, with its 116 participants now better skilled for the job market.

in the transport sector. Training opportunities include literacy, matric, learner or driving licences, supervising, training and certification in road repairs, stormwater cleaning, footway repairs and road markings, life skills training, and administrative and project management skills. At the end of the programme, the women will be equipped to apply for permanent positions or start their own businesses and work directly with the City. Based on the success of the programme, a further three-year cycle of Women at Work is on the cards.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad en die Women Lead Movement sal 'n bewusmakingsveldtog oor geslagsgebaseerde geweld van stapel stuur om vroue en gemeenskappe te bemagtig. Die Stad en sy vennoot Garden Cities het 'n verdere 23 huise in die Greenville-projek vir bekostigbare behuising in Durbanville oorhandig. Begunstigdes van die projek van R74 miljoen het tot dusver altesaam 1 698 huise ontvang, wat 323 huise in projekfase 3 insluit. Die Stad is besorg oor die merkbare toename in weggooitroetelkone by Wessel Lourensdam en die omliggende park in Vredeklouf, Brackenfell. Die Brackenfell-biblioteek spog met die hoogste uitleensyfers van alle Stadsbiblioteke en het

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