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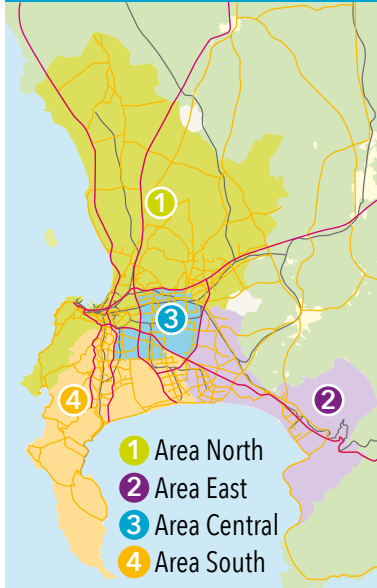
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Cape Town's got its glow on

The Mother City's festive lights were switched on at a Grand Parade event attended by over 80 000 Capetonians on 26 November. The annual switch-on has been marking the beginning of the festive season for over 50 years and is worth seeing.



Eight of our beaches boast 2023/24 Blue Flag status

Bikini Beach, Camps Bay, Clifton 4th, Fish Hoek, Llandudno, Melkbosstrand, Muizenberg and Silwerstroom beaches will fly the sought-after Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) Blue Flag this summer. Pilot Blue Flag status has also been awarded to Mnandi and Strandfontein beaches.

To decide whether or not to grant Blue Flag recognition, WESSA uses 33 criteria across the four categories of environmental education and awareness, water quality, environmental management, and safety services. Universal access, waste management, the availability of interpretive signage and the control of dogs on beaches are also assessed.

The Blue Flag season will run from 1 December 2023 to 31 January 2024 at our accredited beaches, except Camps Bay and Muizenberg, where it will only end in March 2024.



Extra dash of Blue: Bikini Beach is among the eight Cape Town beaches that have secured 2023/24 Blue Flag status from the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA). This guarantees a safe, accessible and environmentally friendly experience for beachgoers.

Stay safe this festive season

For life- and property-threatening emergencies only, contact the City's 107 response centre on 107 from a landline, 112 (toll-free) from a cellphone, or 021 480 7700.

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Die Langa-sportkompleks spog met nuwe heinings en speelvelde ter waarde van R4 miljoen, en nóg opknappings word vir die volgende boekjaar beplan. Die Stad wil die kompleks 'n veilige plek maak waar begaafde plaaslike atlete hulle vaardighede kan slyp en inwoners 'n aktiewe leefstyl kan geniet.

Die Natuurlewe- en Omgewingsvereniging van Suid-Afrika (WESSA) se prestigeryke blou vlag sal dié somer op Bikini-, Kampsbaai-, Clifton se Vierde, Vishoek-, Llandudno-, Melkbos-, Muizenberg- en Silwerstroomstrand wapper.

Die Moederstad se feesliggies is op 26 November by 'n geleentheid op die Parade aangeskakel. Meer as 80 000 Kapenaars was daar.

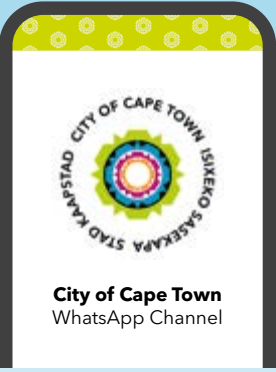
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Ikompleksi yezemidlalo kwaLanga ibiyelwe ngokutsha yaye kulandela amabala emidlalo axabisa iR4 yezigidi, aphuculwe ngakumbi kulo nyakamali uzayo. ISixeko sifuna ikhuseleke ize inqabiseke ukuze abadlali abanesiphiwo basekuhlaleni balole izakhono zabo, nokuze abahlali banandiphe imidlalo.

Amanxweme iBikini Beach, Camps Bay, Clifton 4th, Fish Hoek, Llandudno, Melkbosstrand, Muizenberg neSilwerstroom kweli hlobo aza kuphephezelisa iFlegi eLuhlaza okweSibhakabhaka yeWildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) efunwa ngumntu wonke.

Umsitho wokukhanyiswa kwezibane kweeholide zokuphela konyaka eSixekweni kuye kwaqhubeka eGrand Parade yaye loo msitho ubuzinyaswe ngabantu baseKapa abangaphezu kwe80 000 nge26 kweyeNkanga.

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Want to keep updated on the City's news and information?

Follow the City's channel on WhatsApp by visiting <https://www.capetown.gov.za/WhatsApp>.

E-customers have it e-easier

The City encourages residents to switch from posted paper accounts to receiving their monthly municipal accounts via email. Making the switch is a no-mess, no-fuss process: Simply send an email with your contact details to Revenue.Eservices@capetown.gov.za, or an SMS to 31223, and you will be added as an e-customer. Once registered as such, you can use the e-Services platform to renew vehicle licences, submit water/electricity readings, view account balances and history, and log service requests.

Yet another nifty way to pay

You can now pay your municipal account via your smartphone, using a QR code. The new feature is secure and allows payment through EasyPay. The QR code includes the customer's EasyPay number as well as the balance owing, so there is no need to enter payment details. Simply scan the code and follow the steps to confirm payment. You will be directed to your bank's secure payment portal to complete the transaction.

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- via EFT by selecting the City as a bank-listed beneficiary and using your nine-digit municipal account number as reference;
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We have a plan to keep visitors to our city and our beaches safe

Cape Town is gearing up for a record-breaking festive season, and already, the number of flights, passengers and accommodation bookings point to our best summer yet. As more and more travellers – both international and local – choose to tick Cape Town off their bucket list, we have a duty to ensure that their time here lives up to our global reputation as a must-visit destination.

An important part of that duty is making sure our city – and particularly our beaches, nature reserves and hiking trails – are clean, accessible and safe to use. That is why, in the past month, we launched both our broader festive season safety campaign and our beach readiness and safety campaign.

Over 4 000 uniformed enforcement and emergency personnel will work in shifts as part of our largest ever festive season safety deployment. This includes a special deployment of 80 dedicated personnel for the patrolling of popular tourism routes at Signal Hill, Lion's Head, Devil's Peak, Table Mountain trails, the Bo-Kaap, Waterfront and the central city.

We're also making use of the largest roll-out of safety technology in the country, which includes dashcams, drones, automatic number plate recognition, and what is now Africa's most extensive surveillance network of over 3 000 cameras. All of this is controlled from a central Joint Operational Centre (JOC) at the Traffic Management Centre in Goodwood, coordinating with four area JOCs in different parts of the City, integrated beach JOCs, and the SAPS command centre.

No trip to the Mother City is complete without paying a visit to our pristine beaches, but we also know that beach safety and drowning prevention is a critical part of our responsibility to our visitors.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

Up until April 2024, we will deploy 340 beach lifeguards and 343 swimming pool lifeguards at City facilities to ensure that bathers can enjoy themselves with peace of mind. Our beach lifeguards are on duty between 10:00 and 18:00 daily.

But I must also reiterate that beach safety is a shared responsibility. Last year, all the fatal drownings along our coast occurred either outside of designated bathing areas or outside of the times when lifeguards are on duty. I urge all beachgoers to be water-wise and alert. Make sure you stay between the red and yellow flags indicating the safe swimming area, and always listen to the instructions of the lifeguards, even if you consider yourself a strong swimmer.

We will do all we can to ensure the safety of visitors and Capetonians on our beaches, hiking trails and in other public spaces, but I ask that you please apply caution and common sense yourself. Be aware of your surroundings, be aware of the time of day, and always follow the advice and instructions of those whose job it is to help keep you safe.

And then just a final word on another important aspect of preparing our city for the festive season, and that is our special effort to keep Cape Town clean and beautiful. As part of our festive season cleansing programme, which will run until the end of April 2024, we will deploy an additional 726 cleansing workers across the metro, specifically targeting beaches, scenic routes and central business districts. Along with this programme, we will also be sending out our new anti-litter mascot, Bingo, to spread the word to help keep Cape Town clean and tidy for everyone to enjoy.

We know how important every visitor to Cape Town is to our local economy and to the thousands of families who rely on jobs created through tourism. This year, we expect more visitors than ever before, and we are doing more than ever before to ensure that their experience here is not just unforgettable, but also safe.

– **Geordin Hill-Lewis**

Dam storage levels still looking good in Western Cape

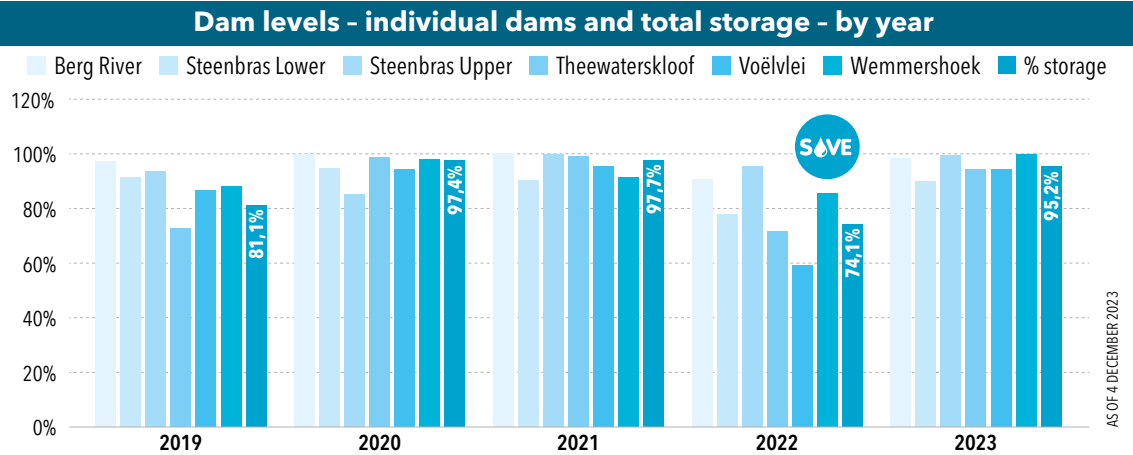
The dam levels for Cape Town have dropped slightly to 95,2%, and the City still aims for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should still try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

Protect our water resources by following water-wise guidelines. Residents and businesses are reminded that the permanent regulations contained in the City's Water By-law still apply across Cape Town, regardless of the restriction level.

Municipal water may be used in gardens only before 09:00 or after 18:00, but never to hose down paved areas.

- Visit www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater or www.capetown.gov.za/waterregulations to access the regulations.

Dam levels - individual dams and total storage - by year



Year	Berg River	Steenbras Lower	Steenbras Upper	Theewaterskloof	Voëlvlei	Wemmershoek	% storage
2019	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%
2020	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%
2021	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%
2022	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%
2023	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%

Banking more biodiversity-rich land

The formal proclamation process of six new City-managed nature reserves across town and the extension of various existing reserves will soon commence. The proposed new reserves are Ariesfontein, Haasendal, Soetwater, Symphony Way, Van Schoorsdrift and Westlake, while extensions are proposed to the existing Blaauwberg, False Bay, Harmony Flats, Steenbras, Table Bay, Tygerberg, Witzands aquifer, Wolfgat and Zandvlei reserves.

Through proactive land banking of conservation-worthy areas, the City secures biodiversity offsets to compensate for much-needed development elsewhere. The additions to Witzands are a prime example, as they will be instrumental in implementing the Atlantis Generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) in the Atlantis urban area. The EMPr, which has been gazetted by the minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, will facilitate development by eliminating various environmental authorisation triggers, including those relating to indigenous vegetation.

The proclamation process will be conducted in collaboration with CapeNature and will include public participation.



(P)reserving nature: Ariesfontein (above) and Soetwater (below) are among the six new City-managed nature reserves proposed for proclamation, along with significant extensions to a number of existing reserves. By banking tracts of valuable biodiversity, the City compensates for development in other areas.



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Wil jy op hoogte bly van die Stad se nuus en inligting? Volg die Stad se WhatsApp-kanaal: <https://www.capetown.gov.za/WhatsApp>.

Vir groter doeltreffendheid en om papier te spaar, moedig die Stad inwoners aan om voortaan hulle maandelikse munisipale rekeninge per e-pos eerder as deur gewone pos te ontvang. Om oor te skakel is maklik: Stuur net 'n e-pos na Revenue.Eservices@capetown.gov.za of 'n SMS na 31223.

Kaapstad skud sy vere reg vir 'n feesseisoen duisend. Die getal vlugte, passasiers en verblyfbesprekings dui reeds daarop dat hierdie somer alle vorige rekords sal laat spat.

Die formele uitvaardigingsproses vir ses nuwe Stadsbestuurde natuurreserve deur die hele metropool en die uitbreiding van verskeie bestaande reserwat begin binnekort.

Jy kan nou jou munisipale rekening betaal deur 'n QR-kode met jou slimfoon te skandeer. Die nuwe funksie is veilig en maak voorsiening vir betaling deur EasyPay.

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IKapa ilungiselela iiholide zokuphela konyaka ezaphula irekhodi, yaye amanani abantu ababhukisha iinqwelo moya, abakhweli neendawo zokuhlala abonisa ukuba eli hlobo liqhuba kakuhle.

Inkqubo esesikweni yokubhengezwa kweendawo zolondolozo lwendalo ezintandathu ezintsha ezilawulwa siSixeko kuyo yonke idolophu nokwandiswa kweendawo zolondolozo ezisele zikho kuza kuqala kungekudala.

Ngoku ungahlawula iakhawunti yakho kamasipala ngesmartphone sakho usebenzisa i-QR khowudi. Le fitsha intsha ikhuselekile yaye iyakuvumela ukuba uhlawule nge-EasyPay.



Upgraded Langa complex ready to nurture more sports stars

The Langa sports complex has produced many national athletes such as footballer Thabo Mngomeni, cricketers Temba Bavuma and Thami Tsolekile, and rugby player Sinazo Mcatshulwa. Following a R4 million upgrade, this hub for soccer, cricket and hockey enthusiasts is ready to deliver even more homegrown sports stars.

The upgrade, which started in August 2022, included new fencing around soccer field A, an upgrade to the cricket net fencing, and new perimeter and backstop fencing at the hockey field. Field rehabilitation and maintenance work included aerating the playing fields (de-compacting and breaking up the surface and layers of soil and sand underneath) and applying topsoil and fertiliser. In 2024/25, building upgrades are also on the cards for the sports complex.



Safeguarding the Cape's commuters: The City has partnered with Province to deploy a public transport facilities safety team to curb criminal activities, enforce by-law compliance and address informal trading matters at public transport interchanges in Bellville, Philippi (Joe Gqabi), and on the Cape Town station deck in the central city. According to City data, nearly one in every three commuters use either minibus taxis or bus services such as Golden Arrow, MyCiTi and Sibanye to get around. The focused safety team will keep a watchful eye at transport interchanges and implement additional safety and security interventions.

Kraaifontein facility tours teach youth to minimise waste

This first-of-a-kind location inspires youth to get involved in recycling

At the Kraaifontein integrated waste management facility – the first of its kind in South Africa – thousands of tons of waste is segregated, transferred, sorted, treated, recovered and disposed of in an integrated manner on a daily basis. The emphasis is on minimising waste that goes to landfill and maximising resource efficiency.

With the huge volume of waste that enters the facility and the sheer scale of waste minimisation that takes place there, it is the perfect location to inspire our youth to get involved in recycling and waste minimisation. It shows that waste minimisation at a huge scale is possible, and it is worth making the effort to participate in waste minimisation programmes and systems. Seeing the mountains of waste that are being sorted and processed also encourages visitors to think much more carefully about how they shop and consume.

The City has been working for some time to develop infrastructure, stimulate markets and create an environment where it is easier for residents to recycle or minimise waste. The focus must now shift to linking residents with systems that work for them.



Teachings about trash: Two tours of the Kraaifontein waste management facility by grade 6s from Kasselsvlei Primary and a group of participants from Province's Year Beyond programme have inspired the youth to be more conscious of the waste they produce, and how to manage it.

Two libraries celebrate big birthdays

This year, Elsies River and Leonsdale libraries celebrated their 60th and 40th birthday respectively. Both have become anchor facilities for the communities they serve, ensuring that particularly young patrons have access to resources.

Officially opened in 1963, Elsies River library's floor space was nearly doubled in a renovation in 1992 to keep up with growing demand for its

services. From humble beginnings, the library today has a vast membership and stocks over 40 000 items.

When Leonsdale library was opened in 1983, it was the only building on the property. Today, it forms part of a busy City service precinct, being surrounded by a clinic, a housing office and a community hall. In 2017, the library won an award for outstanding service to the public.



'Leon' and 'Elsie' a collective century: The City's Leonsdale (above) and Elsies River libraries both celebrated milestone birthdays this year. Together, the 60 and 40-year-old facilities can look back on a century of informing and inspiring their communities.

Smooth riding

Area Central's roads have received some much-needed attention in a number of locations.

In **Hanover Park**, Athwood, Surran and Lodewyk roads as well as Hanover Park Avenue were resurfaced, and damaged manholes, catchpits, frames and chambers were replaced and made flush with the road. In **Goodwood**, 21 streets were resurfaced, damaged stormwater kerbs and channels were repaired and realigned, and retro-reflective road markings are being installed.

Over in **Parow North**, roadworks along McIntyre Road, between the N1 and Frans Conradie Drive, included the installation of sections of kerb, repairs to channels and footways, resurfacing, and the reinstatement of road markings and traffic lights. **Ruyterwacht** residents can expect to have work on 23 of their roads done and dusted before the festive season, including resurfacing and new retro-reflective road markings.

Resurfacing and new road markings are also on the way for some 20 roads in and around Avon and Leonsdale, **Elsies River**. Finally, Great Dutch Street, Ntlangano and Amplankeni crescents as well as Duma Close in **Nyanga** were resurfaced. Work here also included replacing damaged manholes and catchpits, pavement repairs, and a refresh of the road markings.

Goodwood mega-project starts welcoming tenants

Tenanting at the City-enabled Goodwood social housing development started in November.

The mega-project will provide affordable rental opportunities to more than 1 000 families, bringing them closer to economic and transport hubs. Tenant families typically earn a combined monthly household income of up to R22 000.

The City provided Urban Settlements Development Grant funding, land for parking as well as various incentives to ensure the viability of the development, valued at an estimated R575 million. The project is a partnership between the City and, among others, the Social Housing Regulatory Authority, DCI Community Housing Services, the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa), and the Infrastructure Fund.

Progress with other projects

Other developments on the social housing front include the release of City-owned land parcels for 630 social housing units in Parow, and the completion of 314 units at the Bothasig Gardens development. The City is also supporting Province's Founder's Garden precinct in central Cape Town, as well as the Conradie Park development in the inner-city feeder suburb of Pinelands, where 432 units have been constructed in the first phase.

For information or to apply, search under "Apply for social housing" on the City's website.

Cape Town continues to top the travel charts

For the third consecutive year, our city has been named the continent's leading city destination in the World Travel Awards Africa. In addition, the Port of Cape Town was voted Africa's leading cruise port, and Cape Town International Airport Africa's leading airport.

This follows the Mother of all cities being voted the world's fourth-best large city in *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2023 Readers' Choice Awards in October. And in July, readers of *The Telegraph* in the United Kingdom also nominated Cape Town as the best city in the world.

The tourism industry continues to enhance our regional economy, and global recognition increases the numbers of tourists wanting to visit our city.

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Die Langa-sportkompleks het al vele nasionale atlete opgelewer, waaronder sokkerster Thabo Mngomeni, krieketspelers Temba Bavuma en Thami Tsolekile, en die rugbyheld Sinazo Mcatshulwa. Dié sportfasiliteit het pas opknappings van R4 miljoen ondergaan en is gereed om nóg sportsterre van eie bodem te ontwikkel.

Die geïntegreerde afvalbestuursfasiliteit in Kraaifontein – die eerste van sy soort in Suid-Afrika – skei, sorteer, behandel, herwin en doen weg met duisende ton afval per dag.

Verhuring van eenhede in die Stadsondersteunde maatskaplike behuisingprojek in Goodwood het in November begin. Die megaprojek sal meer as 1 000 gesinne van bekostigbare huurgeleenthede voorsien.

Die Elsiesrivier- en Leonsdale-biblioteek het vanjaar onderskeidelik hulle 60ste en 40ste verjaardag gevier. Albei biblioteke het oor die jare ankerfasiliteite in hulle

gemeenskap geword.

Die paaie in 'n aantal dele van Area Sentraal het broodnodige aandag ontvang, waaronder in Hanover Park, Parow-Noord, Ruyterwacht, Elsiesrivier en Nyanga.

Danksy 'n vennootskap tussen die Stad en die Provinsie is 'n spesiale span ontplooi om veiligheid by openbare vervoerfasiliteite te verbeter. Spanlede sal misdaad bekamp, verordeninge toepas en informele handelaars se kwessies hanteer by openbare vervoerwisselaars in Bellville, Philippi (Joe Gqabi) en op die Kaapstad-stasiedek in die middestad.

Kaapstad is vir die derde agtereenvolgende jaar by die Wêreldreisstoekenings vir die Afrikastreek as die vasteland se voorste stadsbestemming aangewys. Die Kaapse hawe spog boonop met die titel van Afrika se beste hawe vir passasierskepe, en Kaapstad Internasionaal is amptelik die beste lughawe op die vasteland.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ikompleksi yemidlalo yakwaLanga iye yavelisa abadlali abaninzi besizwe njengomdlali webhola ekhatywayo uThabo Mngomeni, umdlali weqakamba uTemba Bavuma noThami Tsolekile, nomdlali wombhoxo uSinazo Mcatshulwa. Emva kophuculo oluxabisa iR4 yezigidi, eli ziko lezemidlalo likulungele ukukhupha amaqhawe emidlalo aphuma apha ekhaya.

Kwiziko lolawulo lwenkunkuma eKraaifontein - elilokuqala elifana nalo eMzantsi Afrika - kwahlulahlulwa amawakawaka eetoni zenkunkuma, idluliselwe, ilungelelaniswe, inyangwe, iqokelelwe ize ilahlwe mihla le ngendlella ehlangeneyo.

Ukuhlalisa abantu kwiSixeko kuye kwabangela ukuba ukuphuhliswa kwezindlu zoluntu eGoodwood kuqalile kweyeNkanga. Lo bhazabhaza weprojekthi uza kunikezela ngamathuba okurenta afikelelekayo kwiintsapho ezingaphezu kwe1 000.

Kulo nyaka umzi wogcinozincwadi wase-Elsies River uye wabhiyozela iminyaka engama60 ukho waza

owaseLeonsdale wabhiyozela iminyaka engama40 ukho. Omabini la maziko aye aziintsika kwiindawo akuzo.

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Kangangeminyaka emithathu ilandelelana, isixeko sethu siye sachazwa njengendawo onokuya kuyo enkqenqeza phambili kweli lizwekazi kwiWorld Travel Awards Africa. Ukongezelela, iZibuko laseKapa lavotelwa njengezibuko leenqanawa elinkqenqeza phambili eAfrika, yaza iCape Town International Airport yaba liziko leenqwelo moya eliphambili eAfrika.

City wants to help. Just ask.

With an increased social support package of R4,3 billion for rates and services relief in 2023/24, the City has ample help available for indigent residents, pensioners and social grant recipients.

Households with a monthly income of R7 500 or less can benefit from a once-off debt write-off, access to free basic services, and a 100% discount on their property rates. To find out more, search under "Apply for indigent support" on the City's website, www.capetown.gov.za. Alternatively, visit a City customer office or email indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za.

The City has also extended its assistance for pensioners and social grant recipients, having raised the qualifying limit to a monthly income of R22 000. These residents may qualify for a rates rebate of 10–100%. For more, search under "Apply for pensioner or social grant support" on the City's website, email rates.rebate@capetown.gov.za or ask at a City customer care office.



No phantoms at this opera; just fun: In September, the City's Social Development and Early Childhood Development Department and Cape Town Opera collaborated to host the fourth *Opera Blocks* event at Artscape. *Opera Blocks* is an exciting theatre experience for parents and caregivers to bring their young children up to the age of five to sing, dance, play and have fun, while experiencing the benefits of classical music in their early developmental stages.

Bridgetown to boast new water mains

1 560 m of old fibre-cement water mains will be replaced with long-life uPVC

As part of the City's annual investment in its water reticulation infrastructure, 6 494 m of water pipes and 7 207 m of sewer pipes were replaced in September alone. Work was carried out across town, including Melkbosstrand, Atlantis, Kuils River, Athlone, Kraaifontein, Lansdowne and Bellville.

In Bridgetown, Athlone, a project to replace 1 560 m of aged fibre-cement water mains will continue until March 2024. The new pipes will serve the underground system running through Wilger Plein, Lark Court and Sunbird Court, as well as Kalkoen Street. The old, undersized pipes were prone to bursts, so the new ones, which are more than double the diameter and made of uPVC, should ensure an extended lifespan.



Fixing the flow: Mayoral Committee member for Water and Sanitation, Cllr Zahid Badroodien (pictured third from left in the trench), visited the team working on the water pipe replacement project in Bridgetown. The project will minimise the risk of future water mains bursts in the area.



Have your say on permanent MyCiTi stops

The City continuously monitors the MyCiTi service to make it safer and more convenient for commuters. A proposal that is currently being considered is to replace a number of temporary MyCiTi stops in Atlantis, Century City, Melkbosstrand, Milnerton, Summer Greens and Sunningdale with permanent ones.

In practice, this would mean building stops at slightly different locations from the current temporary stops to improve road safety, access for passengers, and links with future MyCiTi routes. The permanent stops will include name posts with lighting, leaning rails, bus service information, and universal access measures such as tactile paving for the visually impaired and ramps for wheelchair users. Stops with high passenger numbers will also have sheltered seating.

Residents will have an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

Airport best in Africa



The voters of the World Travel Awards Africa have spoken: Cape Town remains the continent's leading city destination. This is the third consecutive year that the Mother City has taken home the coveted accolade. The Port of Cape Town was also voted Africa's Leading Cruise Port, and Cape Town International Airport was named Africa's Leading Airport. The awards are among several nods Cape Town has received in recent months. At the beginning of October, *Condé Nast Traveler* announced in their 2023 Readers' Choice Awards that Cape Town was voted the fourth-best large city in the world, and in July, readers of *The Telegraph* newspaper in Britain nominated Cape Town as the best city in the world.

As Cape Town gears up for its

peak summer holidays, the City has launched several marketing initiatives targeting visitors in key source markets. These include the 'Choose Cape Town' destination campaign that can be seen at Cape Town International Airport and in the SAA *Sawubona* in-flight magazine.

It will also soon launch a travel campaign in Brazil ahead of the take-off of the direct flight between São Paulo and Cape Town. The City has also published the first edition of its *This Is Cape Town* magazine, which is available at airport lounges around the country and is being given to passengers on Kenya Airways international flights to 40 destinations around the world. This comes after a sister city agreement was signed between the City of Cape Town and the Nairobi City Council.



Smart move: Nineteen City libraries took part in this year's Chess@Libraries tournament, which aims to encourage uptake of this mentally stimulating sport among residents, particularly the youth. The tournament started back in July, and players were whittled down to a final 70 who competed in the elimination round in October. Overall winner Delft library offers daily chess matches since the sport took off among library patrons a few years ago. Second and third place went to players from Heideveld and Crossroads libraries respectively. Participants ranged in age from seven to 50. Learn how you can get involved at your nearest library – visit <http://bit.ly/CCTLibraryServices>.

Bonties residents latest to receive title deeds

Thirty Bonteheuwel residents now officially own their properties, having received the title deeds for their homes from the City. Beneficiaries who have never received a deed are encouraged to visit the customer service centre on the 2nd floor of the Cape Town Civic Centre, 12 Hertzog Boulevard, Foreshore, Cape Town, or phone 021 400 2008.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het 'n stewige steunpakkiet van R4,3 miljard opsygesit vir belasting- en diensgeldverligting in 2023/24. Daar is dus ruim voorsiening gemaak om deernisgevalle, pensioenarisse en ontvangers van maatskaplike toelaes by te staan.

As deel van die Stad se jaarlikse belegging in sy waternetwerkinfrastruktuur, is 6 494 m se waterpype en 7 207 m se rioolpype in September alleen vervang. Werk het stadswyd plaasgevind, waaronder in Melkbosstrand, Atlantis, Kuilsrivier, Athlone, Kraaifontein, Lansdowne en Bellville.

Die Stad monitor voortdurend die MyCiTi-diens om dit veiliger en geriefliker vir pendelaars te maak. 'n Voorstel wat tans oorweeg word, is om 'n aantal tydelike MyCiTi-haltes in Atlantis,

Century City, Melkbosstrand, Summer Greens en Sunningdale met permanente haltes te vervang.

By die Wêreldreistoekenings vir die Afrikastreek het rolspelers in die toerismebedryf dit wêreldwye duidelik gemaak: Kaapstad bly die vasteland se voorste stadsbestemming, en Kaapstad Internasionaal is ook as Afrika se beste lughawe aangewys.

Negentien Stadsbiblioteke het aan vanjaar se Chess@Libraries-toernooi deelgeneem. Die Stad moedig inwoners, en veral jong Kapenaars, aan om aan dié verstandelik stimulerende sport deel te neem.

Dertig inwoners van Bonteheuwel besit nou amptelik hulle eiendomme nadat hulle die titelaktes vir hulle huise van die Stad ontvang het.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ngepakheji ethe chatha yeR4,3 bhiliyoni yokunika isiqabu kwintlawulo yeenkonzo ka2023/24, iSixeko sinenkxaso eyaneleyo yokunceda abantu abangathathi ntweni, abo badla umhlalaphantsi nabo baxhamla kwisibonelelo sikarhulumente.

Njengenxalenye yotyalomali lweSixeko lonyaka kwinkqubo yaso yeziseko zophuhliso zokusasaza amanzi, iimitha ezi6 494 zemibhobho yamanzi neemitha ezi7 207 Zemibhobho yogutyulo ziye zatshintshwa ngoSeptemba kuphela. Kuye kwasetyenzwa kuyo yonke idolophu, kuquka eMelkbosstrand, eAtlantis, eKuils River, eAthlone, eKraaifontein, eLansdowne naseBellville.

Ngokuqhubekayo iSixeko sibek' esweni inkonzo yeMyCiTi ukuyenza ikhuseleke ize isebenziseke ngakumbi kubakhweli. Isiphakamiso esqwalaselwayo

ngoku kukutshintsha iindawo zokumisa zexeshana zeMyCiTi eAtlantis, eCentury City, eMelkbosstrand, eMilnerton, eSummer Greens naseSunningdale zibe sisigxina.

Abavoti beeWorld Travel Awards Africa bathethile: IKapa lisesona sixeko sinkqenqeza phambili kweli lizwe yaye iZiko leeNqwelo moya laseKapa lichazwe njengeZiko leeNqwelo moya eliphambili eAfrika.

AmaThala eeNcwadi ayi19 ekwiSixeko iye yathatha inxaxheba kwitumente yeChess@Libraries, ebinjongo yayo ikukukhuthaza ukufakwa kwalo mdlalo ukhuthaza ingqondo phakathi kwabahlali, ingakumbi kulutsha.

Abahlali abayi30 eBonteheuwel sithethanje baneepropati zabo ngokusemthethweni, yaye bafumene iitayitile zabo zezi zindlu kwiSixeko.

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