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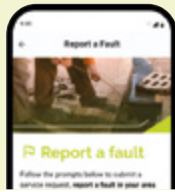
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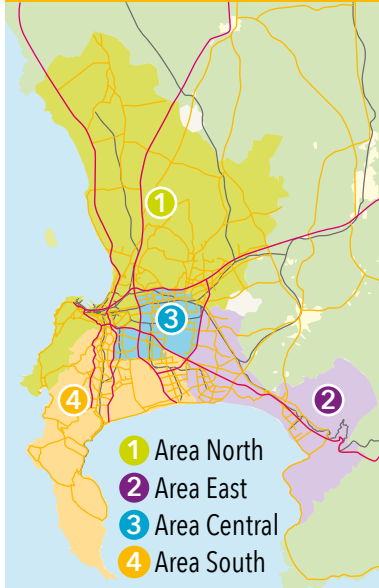
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Time to scrub the tub: Molteno reservoir in Oranjezicht was cleaned recently as part of the City's annual proactive water maintenance programme to ensure that residents receive the best-quality drinking water. See page 3.

New warning system at Muizenberg bridge

The Urban Mobility Directorate has installed an additional height and length warning system at the notorious railway bridge in Atlantic Road, Muizenberg. The new system electronically detects vehicles that have a high likelihood of crashing into the bridge.

Using two Lidar units, the system measures the height and length of westbound vehicles. If a vehicle is found to fall outside the set parameters, the system sends a signal to the pedestrian crossing, which then turns red to stop the vehicle from trying to pass under the bridge. In addition, three in-ground red stop-lane lights are activated, while a variable-message sign flashes a warning to the driver.

This continues until the vehicle leaves the detection zone, offering the driver enough time to turn around and take an alternative route.



Tricky for trucks: A new advance-warning system installed at the railway bridge in Muizenberg cautions oversized vehicles to stop and take another route to avoid becoming part of the high crash statistics at this tricky spot.

Vaccinate. Save jobs. Protect yourself and those you work with.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Help us catch criminals who demand protection money for your projects.

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LET'S ACT
LET'S STAND TOGETHER

Extortionists, this is where you exit City fights back against crime syndicates

Extortionists are waging a reign of terror in Cape Town, with major City housing projects being a key target. Usually, a local syndicate would threaten contractors with violence or damage unless they pay a 'protection fee', or the syndicate would demand a portion of the contract value for the local labour or security components. The projects are normally in vulnerable areas in dire need of housing, so those who can least afford it end up bearing the brunt of construction delays.

This is why the City has embarked on its "Enough is enough" campaign, which includes a 24/7 anonymous tip-off line (see "See something, say something"), a new enforcement unit, and ongoing stakeholder consultations.

Nearly all projects affected

Extortion has reached the point where there is hardly a City project that is not delayed due to some form of threat to contractors or officials. Various checks have

been implemented to combat this, and operations across City departments are being adapted to reduce the risk and impact of extortion. The City is even considering closing bid adjudication committee meetings to prevent criminals from targeting the officials who make the decisions. Yet that would be a severe blow to transparency and good governance.

City's hitting back

In addition to its reporting hotline, the City has commissioned a new facility protection officers (FPO) law enforcement unit to protect City facilities from extortion, theft and vandalism. Moreover, the City, the South African Police Service (SAPS), Province and others are on a task team to coordinate activities.

Unfortunately, protecting contractors is not a function the City is mandated to provide. Likewise, the power to arrest and charge extortionists currently rests with SAPS alone.

There are no quick solutions. Ultimately, international experience shows that the only effective way to deal with extortion is through effective policing, prosecution and punishment. The City is doing its best within the confines of its mandate. Extortion took time to creep into construction projects. It will take time to crush it.

See something, say something

Extortion, intimidation, corruption and fraud affect us all. Even if you're not a direct victim or target, any theft of public money undermines efforts to improve infrastructure, services and amenities. Please help by reporting any incident to the City's anonymous 24/7 tip-off line on 021 480 7700. Be specific by stating that the matter involves 'extortion', 'intimidation', 'blackmail' or 'protection money', among others.

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Die Molteno-opgaardam in Oranjezicht is onlangs skoongemaak as deel van die Stad se jaarlikse proaktiewe waterinstandhoudingsprogram om te sorg dat inwoners drinkwater van topgehalte ontvang.

Afpersing het al 'n aantal projekte van miljoene rande in Kaapstad vertraag. Die Stad se veldtog "Genoeg is genoeg" leer personeel, projekspanne en inwoners hoe hulle afpersingsvoorvalle veilig kan aanmeld sodat ons 'n beter kans staan om hierdie misdadigers aan die pen te laat ry.

Die direkteoraat stedelike mobiliteit het 'n bykomende hoogte- en lengtewaarskuwingstelsel by die berugte spoorwegbrug in Atlantic-weg, Muizenberg, geïnstalleer. Die nuwe stelsel het elektroniese sensore om voertuie te bespeur wat heel waarskynlik onder die brug sal vashaak.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ipitsi laseMolteno eOranjezicht liye lacocwa kutshanje njengenxalenye yephulo leSixeko laminyaka le elikhawulezileyo lokucoca amanzi, ukuqinisekisa ukuba abahlali bafumana amanzi okusela akumgangatho ophezulu.

Urhwapphilizo luye lwalibazisa iiprojekthi eziliqela ezixabisa izigidi zeerandi kulo lonke iKapa. Ngephulo laso elithi "Kwanele", iSixeko sifundisa abasebenzi, amaqela eeprojekthi nabahlali ngendlela ekhuselekileyo yokuxela urhwaphilizo ukuze kwandiswe amathuba okuzisa izaphulimthetho ngaphambili.

ICandelo loLawulo loThutho eDolophini liye longezelela inkqubo ebanzi yokulumkisa kwibhulorho kaloliwe ethandwa ziziganeko kuMgaqo iAtlantic, eMuizenberg. Le nkqubo intsha ye elektroniki ijonga iimoto ezikwangozi enkulu yokuntlitheka kule bhulorho.

Making progress possible. **Together.**



Sjoe, not the sewer!

City teams clear over 300 sewer blockages and overflows a day. Among the items causing these problems are tyres, rags, clothing, feminine hygiene products, builder's rubble, litter, fats and oils, car parts and even electronics.

Everything but the kitchen sink

Recently, buckets full of spoons and forks were removed from a sewer in Mfuleni. And over in Lavender Hill, it took four hours of labour and specialised equipment to extract a mattress from a manhole.

In the past financial year, the City spent R417 million to tackle blockages in Cape Town's sewer system. Spending included both proactive measures such as the winter preparedness programme and jet cleaning of sewer pipes, and citywide reactive clearing of sewer blockages due to illegal dumping.

Get your mind INTO the gutter

Be careful with what you put into the sewer system:

- Don't flush anything other than human waste and toilet paper. Anything else will block the pipes.
- Use the City's solid waste services and drop-off facilities to get rid of solid waste; not the drains.
- Use the resources on the City's website to raise awareness about this issue in your area.

Report sewer blockages, missing manhole covers and other water and sanitation issues:

- **SMS:** 31373 (maximum 160 characters, standard rates)
- **WhatsApp:** 060 018 1505
- **Call:** 0860 103 089
- **Visit** a walk-in centre: www.capetown.gov.za/facilities
- **Email:** water@capetown.gov.za
- **Online:** www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests

Show your pride in Cape Town

While Cape Town's weather still seems to be deciding whether spring has arrived or not, we're certainly not going to wait around for that before we get into the spirit of spring. On Friday the 1st of September, we launched our annual Spring Clean campaign with a clean-up event in Langa, where we rolled up our sleeves along with enthusiastic members of the community to help get our city in ship-shape condition ahead of the summer season.

A big part of our vision for Cape Town relies on the buy-in of Capetonians to help us build a city of hope. If residents have pride in their city, they become partners and ambassadors in creating a better Cape Town. That's why city clean-up operations that involve communities are so important, because that is how you build a sense of ownership and a shared responsibility for not only keeping the city litter-free, but indeed for making every aspect of the city work.

As part of our Spring Clean campaign, we have scaled up our cleaning operations in litter hotspots around



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

the city, and we encourage residents to organise their own clean-ups in their areas, whether this is to pick up litter in a street, a public space like a park, or even a local beach.

It won't be long before our airport, our Waterfront, our city pubs and restaurants and our winelands are buzzing with summer season tourists, and we want to put our best foot forward by welcoming them to not only the most vibrant and

beautiful city in the world, but also one of the cleanest. And this is something every single Capetonian can contribute towards.

We're also on a mission to instil this sense of pride in a clean Cape Town among our youngest residents so that this becomes a mindset for life; so we're sending our new litter mascot, Bingo, out into communities and on school visits to spread the word. Bingo, a cheerful green litter bin character, will play an important part in keeping our litter-free message top of mind with a call to always Bin it in the Bingo Bin.

As part of the Spring Clean campaign, we've made a 24-hour toll-free number (0800 110 077) available for residents to report illegal dumping in exchange for a reward where such a tip-off leads to arrests.

If you're planning a clean-up of your own, we'd love to know about it. So be sure to share your clean-up effort on social media and then tag your post with #SpringCleanCT to show your pride in our beautiful mother city!

- **Geordin Hill-Lewis**



Get the City on your cell

After many months of hard work, the City's mobile app has gone live, bringing the municipality and its services even closer to residents and businesses.

A feast of functions

The app's many useful functions include alerts and service notifications about outages and traffic disruptions. Users will soon be able to localise these notifications for their specific areas. The functionality of the City's standalone load-shedding app has also been included.

Residents have immediate access to emergency services through a 'floating' red button, which connects to the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre (PECC). The facilities for reporting electricity failures, pipe bursts, traffic light outages, sewer blockages, illegal dumping and potholes have even been incorporated.

In addition, you may use the app to upload meter readings, check account balances, find and contact your ward councillors, and have your say in public participation processes.

Future features

Over time, the app will be refined to include other sophisticated features, such as geolocation and emergency response tools, even adding artificial intelligence to the mix.

The City app is available for both Android and Apple on your favourite app store, at no cost.



Brazen brass meter thieves cost taxpayers dearly



Replacing some 2 255 stolen water meters between July 2022 and May 2023 cost the City R3,9 million. This is money that would have come in very handy in other service delivery areas.

In addition to the unnecessary expense, stolen meters also cause major inconvenience for the affected households, who are left without water supply until the meter is replaced.

Since the older brass meters (*pictured right*) have scrap value, the City is proactively replacing them with plastic ones (*pictured left*). Residents can also help tackle theft and vandalism of water and sanitation infrastructure by reporting incidents for investigation. A reward of up to R5 000 is offered for information that leads to the arrest of a suspected thief or the recovery of City property. To provide information on the whereabouts of stolen property or a suspected offender, dial 0800 110 077.



Report stolen water meters or manhole covers:

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Dam storage levels up in the Western Cape

Due to heavy winter rains, the dam levels for Cape Town have increased to 101,9%. 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.

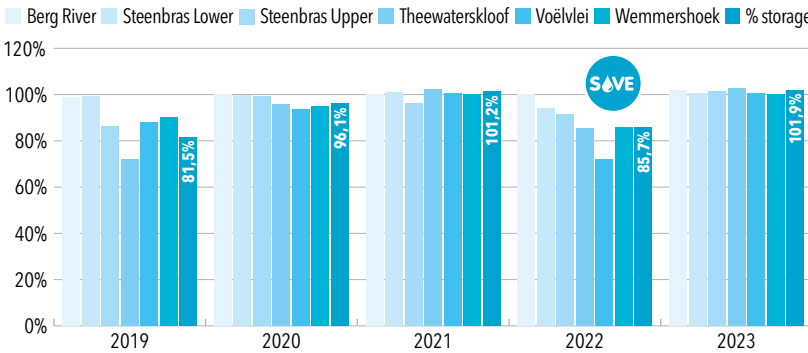
Protect our water resources by following water-wise guidelines. Residents and businesses are reminded that the permanent regula-

tions 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



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As deel van ons lenteskoonmaak-veldtog, het ons ons reinigingsbewerkings opgehef in hoë besoedelde areas rondom die stad. Ons moedig inwoners aan om hul eie opruimings in hul areas te reël.

Die Stad se spanne hanteer meer as 300 rioolverstopings en -oorstromings per dag. Items wat die probleme veroorsaak sluit in motorbande, lappe, klere, sanitêre produkte, bourommel, vet en olie, motoronderdele en selfs elektronika.

Die vervanging van sowat 2 255 gesteelde watermeters tussen Julie 2022 en Mei 2023 het die Stad R3,9 miljoen gekos. Benewens die onnodige uitgawe, veroorsaak gesteelde meters ook

heelwat ongerief vir die betrokke huishoudings, wat sonder water sit totdat die meter vervang word.

Na maande se harde werk is die Stad se mobiele toep nou in werking. Dit bied vele nuttige funksies soos waarskuwings en kennisgewings oor diensonderbrekings en verkeersontwrigtings. Inwoners het ook kitstoegang tot nooddienste en kan kragonderbrekings, gebarste pype, stukkende verkeersligte, rioolverstopings, onwettige vuilstorting en slaggate in 'n japtrap aanmeld.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Njengenxalenye yephulo lethu lokucoca, siye sayandisa imisebenzi yethu yokucoca kwiindawo ezinenkunkuma ezingqonge isixeko, kwaye sikhuthaza abahlali ukuba balungiselele ukucoca kwiindawo zabo.

Amagela eSixeko acoca ngaphezulu kwama300 emibhobho yamanzi amdaka evalekileyo kunye nokuphuphuma ngosuku. Phakathi kwezinto ezibangela ezi ngxaki ngamatayara, amalaphu, iimpahla, iimveliso zococeko lwabasetyhini, inkunkuma yabakhi, inkunkuma, amafutha neeoyle, iintsimbi zemoto nezinto zombane.

Ukufakela iimitha zamanzi ezibiweyo ezingama2 255 kweyKhala 2022 naku-Canzibe 2023 kudle iSixeko izigidi eziR3,9. Ukongeza kwiindleko ezingeyemfuneko,

iimitha ezibiweyo zikwadala inkxamleko enkulu kumakhaya achaphazelekayo, athi ashiywe engenamanzi de kufakelwe imitha yamanzi.

Emva kweenyanga ezininzi zomsebenzi onzima iapp yeselula yeSixeko iye yase-tyenziswa kwaye inezinto ezininzi eziluncedo njengezilumkiso kunye nezaziso zenkonzo malunga nokungabikho kunye nokuphazimiseka kwezithuthi. Abahlali bakwanofikelelo olukhawulezileyo kwiinkonzo ezingxamisekileyo kwaye banokuxela ukusilela kombane, ukugqabhuka kwemibhobho, ukucima kweerobothi, imibhobho yamanzi amdaka evalekileyo, ukulahlwa kwenkunkuma ngokungekho mthethweni kunye nemingxuma ezindleleni.



Don't let your backup blow up

Amid ongoing Eskom load-shedding, the City is experiencing an enormous spike in solar photovoltaic (PV) applications as residents and businesses resort to backup systems to keep the lights on. Over 5 700 grid-tied and off-grid systems have been authorised to date.

Is your inverter vetted?

Incorrectly wired solar PV inverters and batteries on the grid, including faulty meters, are a leading cause of extended power outages in neighbourhoods when power is restored after load-shedding. Unsafe systems also increase the chance of fire or electrocution for those working on the electrical grid. To ensure that you choose a safe and legal system, the City has loaded a list of approved inverters on its website. Go to "Documents and policies" and type in "inverter" in the search box. The "Approved photovoltaic inverter list" will be among the search results.

Grid-tied? Hope you've applied

From October 2023, all small-scale embedded generation (SSEG) systems need to include a City-approved inverter and professional sign-off. This only applies to solar PV and battery systems connected to the wiring of a building. Smaller inverters that plug into wall sockets are regarded as electrical appliances and are not included. The City will prioritise less cumbersome grid-tied installations and is also working on an online application process to further streamline the customer experience. For a handy checklist on safe and legal solar PV installations, search for the "Rooftop PV safe and legal installations guidelines pamphlet" under "Documents and policies" on the City's website.

Little croakers safe and sound underground

Safe pathways created for endangered western leopard toad

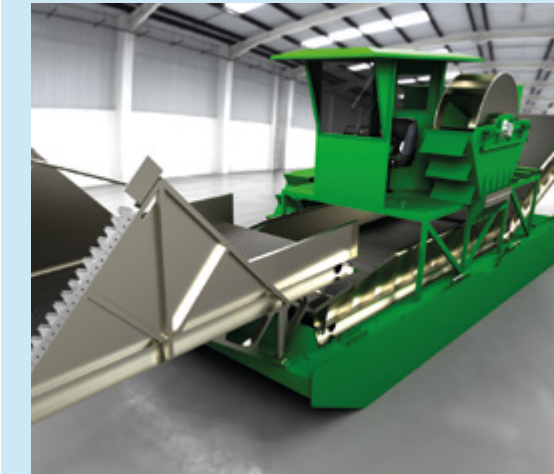
Several City departments provided advice and the required permissions for the construction of underpass tunnels along Peninsula Road in False Bay nature reserve to construct a safe crossing for the endangered and endemic western leopard toad. The sixth tunnel was completed just in time for the amphibians' breeding and migration season (August and September), when road traffic poses the biggest threat to them. The project was a collaboration with Nature Connect and made possible through funding from Leisure Charitable Trust, Fondation Ensemble, FORVIA Foundation, and the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund. Volunteers have spotted the toads making use of the tunnels, and statistics point to a clear decrease in toad deaths along the road. The western leopard toad is endemic to the Western Cape and an endangered species. In addition to the reserve, the toads are also found in Bergvliet, Clovelly, Constantia, Diep River, Fish Hoek, Glencairn, Grassy Park, Hout Bay, Kirstenhof, Kommetjie, Lakeside, Noordhoek, Observatory, Scarborough, Strandfontein and Tokai.



Toad-aly cool! The City has constructed underpass tunnels along Peninsula Road in False Bay nature reserve to provide a safe crossing for the endangered western leopard toads during their breeding and migration season. Picture courtesy of Jeremy Shelton.

Watch out weeds, the Cape Shoveler and the Otter are coming

The City will soon be unleashing its two new weed harvesters – the Cape Shoveler and the Otter – on the weeds in Zandvlei and Rietvlei wetlands. The names for the two machines were selected from residents' proposals. Residents were asked to submit proposals that related to any of the indigenous aquatic animals that roam the two vleis, or to indigenous plants.



Mean green weed-eating machine: An artist's impression of what the City's two new, custom-designed weed harvesters, the Cape Shoveler and the Otter, will look like. The names, selected from residents' own proposals, will be applied before the machines are delivered.

Did you know? The Cape shoveler is a waterfowl found in Southern African wetlands. With its spatula-shaped bill, it thrives in reedy marshes and tranquil lakes and is a key member of the dynamic world of wetlands. The Cape clawless otter is a fresh-

water mammal species. They have large molars adapted to crush crabs and lobsters, but also prey on frogs, fish and insects. Their name refers to their unique front feet, adapted for both digging and picking food underwater. They have extremely sensitive whiskers and mostly hunt from dusk to dawn.



Maitland crematorium fully operational again

Maitland crematorium's second cremator, which was out of service for maintenance since April, is back in operation. It received the necessary authorisation from air-quality control authorities and passed the required stack tests that measure emissions. The Maitland facility is the only City-owned crematorium and operates 24/7. The City has regular meetings with funeral undertakers and religious fraternities to stay informed of challenges in the burial and funeral industry. As available land for burial is scarce, cremation is an efficient option. Residents whose cultural and religious beliefs prohibit cremation are encouraged to consider second or third burials in family graves, or mausoleum burial.



A 'clean sweep' for City reservoirs

Recent annual maintenance work at both Molteno and Newlands reservoirs included scouring as well as repairs to the concrete structures to ensure that they continue to operate safely. The City invested some R1,6 million in this mammoth task, which involved over 100 staffers at each site. Each operation took about a week to complete. Teams put in place the necessary contingency measures to ensure that there were no supply disruptions to residents. In addition to the maintenance effort, the City also monitors the water quality at the reservoirs throughout the year.

Did you know? Molteno and Newlands reservoirs are Cape Town's oldest. Molteno has a capacity of 188,8 million litres, and Newlands 132,6 million litres. Newlands reservoir supplies Wynberg and Molteno reservoirs as well as residents in Newlands, Claremont, Kenilworth, Groote Schuur, Rondebosch, Ottery, Strandfontein, Pelican Park, Wetton, Lotus River, Retreat, Steenberg, Muizenberg, Grassy Park, Bishopscourt, Hout Bay and Llandudno. Molteno, in turn, supplies inner and upper Cape Town, the Foreshore and the Atlantic seaboard, Woodstock, Mowbray, Rondebosch and Rosebank.

EPWP continues to empower

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) continues to offer short-term work and skills development to job seekers who have been unable to find formal employment. To be considered, register on the City's job seekers database at your subcouncil office. You will need your CV, ID and a valid South African work permit. Registration is free. The City will never ask you to pay for a work opportunity or to be able to apply for one. For more information, contact the EPWP help desk on 021 400 9406 or epwp.help@capetown.gov.za.

KORTLIKS

Verskeie Stadsdepartemente het raad gegee en die nodige toestemming verleen vir die konstruksie van ondergrondse tunnels in Peninsulaweg in die Valsbaai-natuurreservaat sodat die bedreigde en endemiese luiperdskurwepaddas in die gebied veilig aan die anderkant van die pad kan kom. Vir die onlangse jaarlikse instandhoudingswerk by sowel Molteno- as Nuweland-opgaardam is die betonstrukture geskrop en herstel om te sorg dat dit steeds veilig is vir gebruik. Die Stad het sowat R1,6 miljoen belê in dié reusetaak, waarvoor meer as 100 personeellede by elke terrein ingespan is. Die Stad sal binnekort sy twee nuwe onkruidsniers – die Cape Shoveler en die Otter – op die onkruid in Zandvlei- en Rietvlei-vleiland loslaat. Die name vir die twee masjiene is uit inwoners se voorstelle gekies.

Die tweede verbrandingsoond by Maitland-krematorium, wat sedert April buite werking was vir instandhouding, is weer aan die gang. Dit het die nodige magtiging van luggehaltebeheerowerhede ontvang en die vereiste vrystellingstoetse geslaag. Die Maitland-fasiliteit is die enigste krematorium wat deur die Stad bedryf word en werk 24/7. Die program vir uitgebreide openbare werke (EPWP) gaan voort om korttermynwerksgeleenthede en vaardigheidsontwikkeling te voorsien aan werksoekers wat sukkel om formele werk te kry. Te midde van voortslepende Eskom-beurtkrag beleef die Stad 'n drastiese toename in aansoeke om fotovoltaiëse sonkraginstallasies. Maak seker jy kies 'n veilige en wettige stelsel. Raadpleeg die lys goedgekeurde wisselrigters op die Stad se webtuiste.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Amasebe aliqela eSixeko aye anikela iingcebiso neemvume ezifunekayo zokwakhiwa kwamatonela ahamba ngaphantsi ngakwiPeninsula Road kwindawo yolondolozo lwendalo eFalse Bay ukuze kwenziwe iindawo ezinokunqumla kuyo ngokukhuselekileyo iindubule ezisengozini yokuphela nezizezalapho ekuthiwa ziiwestern leopard toads. Ukulungisa okwenziwa minyaka le nobekusandul' ukwenziwa kwipitsi laseMolteno nelaseNewlands bekuquka ukukhuhlwa kwakunye nokulungiswa kweziseko zekonkile ukuqinisekisa ukuba ziqhubeka zisebenza ngokukhuselekileyo. ISixeko siye satyala imali emalunga neR1,6 lezigidi kulo msebenzi mkhulu, obubandakanya abasebenzi abangaphezu kwe100 kwisayithi nganye. Kungekudala iSixeko siza kufaka izixhobo zaso ezibini ezitsha zokuncuthula ukhula – iCape Shoveler

neOtter – ukuba zinchuthule ukhula olukwimigxobhozo eseZandvlei naseRietvlei. Amagama aba matshini babini aye akhethwa kwiziphakamiso ezize nabahlali. Indawo yesibini yokutshisa izidumbu eMaitland ebingasebenzi kuba ibilungiswa ukususela ngoAprili, iphinde yasebenza. Iye yafumana ukugunyaziswa okuyimfuneko kumagunya alawula umgangatho womoya yaza yawaphumelela amavavanyo ayimfuneko okulinganisa ukukhutshwa komoya. Iziko eliseMaitland kuphela kwendawo yokutshisa izidumbu ephantsi kweSixeko yaye lisebenza 24/7. Inkqubo eYongezwayo yemiSebenzi kaWonkewonke (EPWP) iyaqhubeka nokukhupha umsebenzi wesingxungxo nophuhliso lwezakhono kwabo bakhangela imisebenzi nabangekakwazi ukufumana umsebenzi osisigxina.

Social housing projects advance

The City has secured heritage approval for its biggest inner-city social housing project yet, namely the provision of around 700 units at the former Woodstock Hospital site. This marks a critical milestone towards the submission of building plans and tackling unlawful occupation challenges (see below).

Social housing projects in and close to the inner city are moving ahead swiftly. Earlier this year, tenanting commenced at the well-located 204-unit Maitland Mews development, located in a key inner-city feeder suburb. Moreover, five inner-city land parcels totalling over 1 300 social housing units have received critical land release approvals.

Along with the Voortrekker Road corridor, construction continues at the City's 1 055-unit Goodwood station development, while 434 units of the Bothasig Gardens project have been completed.

The City has also enabled 130 social housing units in Pinelands for phase 1 of Province's Conradie Park development and provided support to Province's Founders Garden precinct in the city centre. Overall, 6 500 social housing units are in the planning pipeline across 50 land parcels citywide.

Haibo for hijackers

Both the Woodstock Hospital property and Province's Helen Bowden nurses' home were the target of orchestrated building hijackings by non-profit Ndifuna Ukwazi's Reclaim the City campaign in early 2017 after announcement of plans to develop social housing there. In October 2018, the high court granted an order restraining them from encouraging persons to unlawfully occupy or invade the properties. Yet ongoing unlawful occupation remains a challenge.

The Woodstock Hospital property has the correct zoning and rights for social housing development. With heritage approval secured, the City is determined to proceed with the development.

Refurbished Fisherman's Lane nearly ready
Coastal pavilion upgrade will be complete by end September

The Coastal Management Branch has made great progress with the upgrade of Fisherman's Lane at the Strandfontein pavilion. The project is scheduled for completion towards the end of September.

The broken and unsafe road has made way for a staircase to the beach, with a rock revetment on either side to protect the car park from coastal wave action. The road linking the western and eastern parking areas has been reconstructed on the same footprint. Parking and services previously exposed to coastal processes have been relocated for better protection.

The last phase of the upgrade includes the completion of the sidewalks, constructing braai and picnic facilities and linking them with the beach, and installing lighting. Play equipment will also be installed and soft landscaping and art applied over the next few weeks (see alongside).

Once completed, natural coastal processes will help reshape the dune between the new road and the picnic area until it reaches its optimal profile.



Some artsy appeal for the Lane

Two local NGOs and mosaic artist Jocelyn de Freitas have been working with high-school learners to create mosaic art for the new playground. The

artist dedicated her time to two groups of learners as a hands-on skills transfer opportunity, allowing them to work on the actual artwork that will be installed at the site.

PrEP better than cure

Since the launch of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) at a number of City clinics in February 2022, over 6 000 clients have accessed this new HIV-prevention strategy.

PrEP is a daily antiretroviral (ARV) tablet that prevents an HIV-negative person from contracting the virus when at risk of exposure through sexual activity. It works by blocking the replication of the virus in human cells, thereby stopping infection. South Africa is the first African country to have approved and launched PrEP.

Yet PrEP prevents HIV only – no other sexually transmitted infection (STI). It also does not prevent pregnancy. Therefore, condoms remain important to prevent other STIs and

unplanned pregnancy.

A number of other HIV prevention strategies continue to be used, including voluntary medical male circumcision, HIV testing, and risk-reduction counselling. An added tool to encourage testing is HIV self-screening, which allows individuals to do their own HIV test, either with or without a healthcare worker present. Individuals whose self-test is positive are advised to undergo a normal HIV rapid test at a healthcare facility.

For a list of City facilities offering PrEP, go to <https://bit.ly/3ktjUGX>. To learn more about STI prevention, enter "Get wise to STIs" in the search box on the City's website.



City's steady and stable, says Moody's

Moody's Investors Service has maintained the City's stable outlook and affirmed the municipality's positive baseline credit assessment (Ba3) and long-term and short-term issuer and debt ratings. "Moody's notes a track record of improved management policies and practices, which should help the City to maintain sound financial metrics despite upcoming infrastructure spending over the medium term," the ratings agency said.

Good ratings are crucial for financial planning. They hold the potential of lower interest, which means it costs less to service debt, freeing up precious public resources to meet other urgent needs.



Urban Waste gets new wheels

The City recently took delivery of 219 Urban Waste Management vehicles to replace some of the older vehicles in the fleet. The new additions are 24 standard compactors for collections, and five smaller ones for cleansing, 46 cleansing trucks, seven earthmoving vehicles for clearing illegal dumping and City disposal sites, and 137 light vehicles.



New chapter for Plumstead library

The City has entered into a new lease to ensure that Plumstead library continues to serve residents. The new agreement started on 1 July and will run for two years. In future, external leases will not be a valid reason for City libraries to close. This comes after the review of a decision taken in 2021 not to renew Plumstead's lease due to the impact of Covid-19 on revenue. The decision was overturned, in part as a result of robust community feedback. Visit Plumstead library at the Village Square, Yudelman's Lane, off Main Road. Contact plumstead.library@capetown.gov.za or 021 814 1231/2.

KORTLIKS

Die kusbestuurstak vorder fluks met die opknapping van Fisherman's Lane by die Strandfontein-paviljoen. Die werk behoort teen die einde van September klaar te wees.

Die Stad het erfenisgoedkeuring ontvang vir sy grootste sosialebehuisingsprojek in die middestad tot nog toe, naamlik die voorsiening van sowat 700 eenhede op die voormalige Woodstock-hospitaalperseel.

Die Stad het onlangs 219 nuwe afvalbestuursvoertuie in ontvangs geneem om van die ouer voertuie in die vloot te vervang.

Sowel die Woodstock-hospitaalperseel as die Provinsie se Helen Bowden-verpleërstehuis het aan die begin van 2017 deurgeloop onder georkestreerde geboukapings deur die organisasie Ndifuna Ukwazi se veldtog "Reclaim the City" nadat dit bekend geword het dat sosiale behuising daar opgerig sal word. Die hooggeregshof het

in Oktober 2018 'n bevel uitgereik wat die organisasie verbied om mense aan te hits om die eiendomme onwettig te betree en te beset. Nietemin bly onregmatige besetting 'n uitdaging.

Sedert die bekendstelling van voorblootstellingsprofielakse (PrEP) by 'n aantal Stadsklinieke in Februarie 2022 het meer as 6 000 kliënte al van hierdie nuwe MIV-voorkomingstrategie gebruik gemaak.

Volgens graderingsagentskap Moody's is die Stad se finansiële vooruitsig steeds stabiel. Hulle het die munisipaliteit se positiewe basislynkredietassessering (Ba3) onderstreep, en bevestig dat die Stad op sowel lang as kort termyn sy skuldverpligtinge kan nakom.

Die Stad het 'n nuwe huurooreenkoms onderteken sodat Plumstead-biblioteek kan voortgaan om inwoners te bedien. Die nuwe ooreenkoms is vir twee jaar.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

!Sebe Lolawulo lwamaNxweme liye lenza inkqubela enkulu nokuphuculwa kweFisherman's Lane kwipaviliyoni yaseStrandfontein. Kucwangciselwe ukuba le projekthi igqitywe ngasekupheleni kukaSeptemba.

ISixeko sele lizifumanele imvume ebalulekileyo ngeprojekthi yokwakhiwa kwezindlu phakathi esixekweni, oko kuthi ilungiselelo leenyunithi ezimalunga ne700 kwisayithi ebisakuba siSibhedlele saseWoodstock.

ISixeko siye samkela ukuziswa kweemoto ezi219 zoLawulo lweNkunkuma yaseDolophini.

Umhlaba weSibhedlele saseWoodstock kunye nekhaya labongikazi iHelen Bowden elikweli Phondo waba zizisulu zoqweqwediso lwezakhiwo olwalusenziwa liphulo elingenangeniso leNdifuna Ukwazi's Reclaim the City ebutsheni bonyaka ka2017 emva kokwazisa izicwangciso zophuhliso lwezindlu zoluntu apho. NgeyeDwarha (Ok-

thobha) 2018, inkundla ephakamileyo yakhupha umyalelo obathintelayo ekukhuthazeni abantu ukuba bahlale okanye bangene ngenkani kulo mhlaba. Sekunjalo ukuhlaliwa kweendawo ngokungekho mthethweni kuselucelomngeni.

Ukususela ekukhuthweni kwepre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) kwiiklinikhi eziliqela eziseSixekweni ngeyoMdumba (Februwari) 2022, abathengi abangaphezu kwe6 000 baye bafikelela le ndlela intsha yokuthintela iHIV.

INkonzo yabaTyalimali iMoody's iye yalondoloza imo ezinzileyo yeSixeko yaza yaqinisekisa uhlolo olusisiseko lwalo masipala (Ba3) nokukhutshwa kweengxelo zexesha elide nezexesha elifutshane.

ISixeko siye sangenela isivumelwano esitsha sengqesho ukuqinisekisa ukuba umzi wogcinozincwadi wasePlumstead uqhubeka uncenda abahlali. Esi sivumelwano sitsha siza kuqhuba kangangeminyaka emibini.

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Anti-corruption and fraud hotline

Tel (anonymous, toll-free) . . 0800 323 130

Cable theft

All-hours tel 0800 222 771

Public transport (toll-free)

Information centre. 0800 656 463
Dial-a-Ride 0800 600 895

Drought and water

www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater

Report and track faults

www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests

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Contact the City

www.capetown.gov.za/contacts

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