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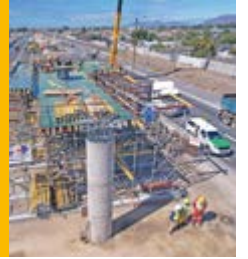
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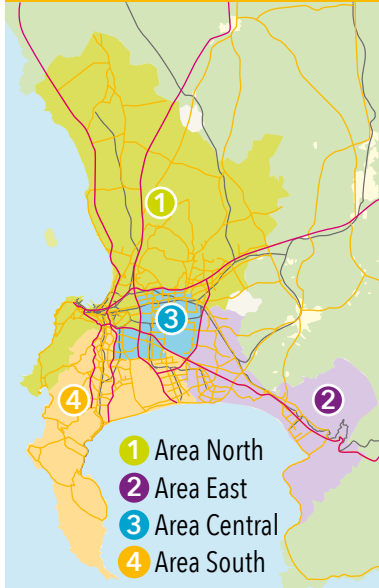


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Giving our wetlands space to breathe: For World Wetlands Day (2 February), Ald Eddie Andrews (left) and City staffers did their bit, clearing invasive plants from Rondevlei in False Bay nature reserve. Wetlands are South Africa's most threatened ecosystem. See page 3.

Survey coming your way

The City has contracted a research organisation to conduct a large-scale household survey to better understand the set-up and service delivery needs of Cape Town's households. The findings will inform the City's investment decisions and service delivery planning.

Up until May, interviewers will visit 10 000 households, randomly selected from suburbs across town. They will be clearly identifiable by their reflective vests and ID badges. Householders will also receive a pamphlet with a QR code to access details of the survey on the City's website. While participation is entirely voluntary, the City appeals to the selected households to complete the interview, which should not take longer than 40 minutes.

Information to be gathered includes socioeconomic and demographic details (age, gender, general health and wellbeing), current employment, level of education, migration, modes of transport, homeownership or rental status, household income and expenditure, access to services, and use of public amenities.

Rest assured that the survey is legitimate and POPIA-compliant. All information gathered will be used for statistical and research purposes only.

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The March, the merrier in Cape Town

From the Cape Town Cycle Tour and the Open Book Youth Fest to Cape Town Carnival and the Cape Town Surf Pro, March has been buzzing in the Mother City. The Events Permit Office issued permits for 60+ events. During the first week of March, they had their hands full with no less than 26 events to monitor.



On 10 March, the Cape Town Cycle Tour, the world's largest timed cycle race, saw over 30 000 cyclists pedal the event's two scenic routes around the Cape Peninsula.

From 13 to 15 March, the Sunshine Tour professional and amateur female golfers gathered at the Royal Cape Golf Club for the 10th edition of the Cape Town Ladies Open.

The Open Book Youth Fest again delighted young readers from 13 to 20 March. Schools, libraries and book lounges offered platforms for young people to engage with poets, authors, illustrators and storytellers. Workshops fostered a love of literature and encouraged creative expression.

The Absa Cape Epic is the foremost mountain bike stage race in the world, attracting over 1 000 riders for eight days of non-stop action to compete for the coveted champion's trophy. This year's event, from 17 to 24 March, kicked off at the Lourensford wine estate, through Tulbagh and Wellington, and finished in Stellenbosch.

Cape Town Carnival, this year themed "Lekker", entertained thousands of locals and visitors along the Fan Walk in Green Point on 16 March. The colourful celebration of our cultural heritage included massive floats and some 1 400 performers.

Also on 16 March, some of the country's top spinners went head to head in the Red

Bull Shay' iMoto at Century City. This event is where motorsport meets stunt work, with loads of flair.

And while the spinners were spinning, top local and international surfers caught the waves at Long Beach, Kommetjie, in the Cape Town Surf Pro.

The Cape Town leg of the SPAR Women's Challenge saw over 10 000 runners take to the streets of Green Point, Sea Point and Mouille Point on 24 March. Held in five other cities in South Africa, the event features a run or walk 10 km challenge or a 5 km fun run.

For more information on these and other events hosted in Cape Town, visit eventsincapetown.com.

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KORTLIKS

Van die Kaapstad-fietstoer en die Open Book-jeugfees tot die Kaapstad-karnaval en die Cape Town Surf Pro, die Moederstad was in Maart 'n miernes van bedrywighede. Die Stad het permitte vir meer as 60 geleenthede uitgereik.

Die Stad het 'n navorsingsfirma aangestel om 'n grootskaalse huishoudelike opname te doen om die omstandighede en diensleweringse behoeftes van Kaapstad se huishoudings beter te verstaan. Die bevindinge sal die Stad se beleggingsbesluite en

diensleweringse planne rig.

Rdh Eddie Andrews en Stadspersoneel het vir Wêreldvleilanddag (2 Februarie) indringerspesies uit Rondevlei in die Valsbaai-natuurreservaat verwyder. Vleilande is Suid-Afrika se mees bedreigde ekosisteem.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ukususela kuMdyarho weeBhayisekile waseKapa, kwalandela iOpen Book Festival Youth Fest, iCape Town Carnival, yaba yiCape Town Surf Pro, oko nje iSixeko saseKapa sinemisitho ngemisitho. Iofisi ekhupha iiMpephamvume zeMisiitho inike iimvume zeziganeko nemisitho ezingaphaya kwama60.

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Apho bekulungiselelwa uSuku lweHlabathi elingoMhlaba ofumileyo (2 eyoMdumba), uCebakhulu Eddie Andrews namagosa eSixeko baye basusa izityalo ezinobungozi kwiRondevlei eyindawo yezolondolozo lwendalo yaseFalse Bay. Imihlaba efumileyo (emanzi) yeyona ndawo yokuphila kwendalo esemngciphekweni eMzantsi Afrika.

Making progress possible. **Together.**

Energy Strategy launched

The City has launched its 2050 Energy Strategy. In addition to new initiatives, the document outlines progress with ongoing efforts to end load-shedding in Cape Town, including the short-term plan to protect residents against the first four stages of Eskom's shed by 2026. The strategy also provides a roadmap to 2050, showing how government, the private sector, residents and businesses can all play their part in the regional energy transition. Download it at https://bit.ly/Energy_Strategy.



War on water-guzzling alien plants

Thirsty alien plant species guzzle up 55 billion litres of Cape Town's precious water every year. This is why removing them forms a key part of the City's Water Strategy and long-term New Water Programme. Back in 2021, the City invested R50 million in the Greater Cape Town Water Fund (GCTWF) to combat the threat of alien invasives. Other partners committed to the GCTWF are CapeNature, the South African National Biodiversity Institute, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the World Wide Fund for Nature South Africa, and Working on Fire.

Through the GCTWF's efforts, almost 50 000 ha of alien plants have been cleared to date, returning 16,1 billion litres of water to Cape Town's groundwater sources. This is equivalent to 44 million litres of water per day. In the process, 787 green jobs have also been created.

The City and TNC clear alien plants in four catchments: Wemmershoek, Steenbras, Berg River and the Atlantis aquifer area. In the first six months of the 2023/24 financial year alone, they restored 3 472 ha of alien-invaded land. The City has committed R25 million to continue the clearing activities in these catchments.

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Together, we'll power through and beat load-shedding

The future of our city, the dignity of every Capetonian and the sustainability of every Cape Town business depend on our energy security. Without a reliable supply of affordable electricity, Cape Town will not fulfil its potential, and we will come up short in our mission of building a city of hope for all who live and work here. This is why our efforts to beat load-shedding, and ultimately end our dependence on Eskom, are so critically important.

Our recently released 2050 Energy Strategy is our blueprint for achieving this goal. We are the first and only metro in the country with such a detailed energy plan, and we hope to show the rest of South Africa that an energy-secure future is indeed possible.

The strategy outlines our immediate load-shedding mitigation measures and how we intend to avoid the first four stages by 2026 through energy procurement and demand management programmes. At the same time, it looks far into the future in terms of alleviating energy poverty and ensuring that the Cape Town of tomorrow is built for optimal energy use.

One of the key aspects of the strategy is to move away from a



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

single, central, inefficient state-owned energy monopoly, towards decentralised, cost-effective and increasingly carbon-neutral energy. And it doesn't get more decentralised than our ground-breaking Cash for Power programme. The programme enables households and businesses with approved grid-tied small-scale generation systems and a bi-directional electricity meter in City supply areas to sell their excess rooftop solar power back to us for cash. We've just registered a first batch of

households who applied, bringing the first registration window to a close. I urge every Capetonian with rooftop solar panels and a grid-tied system to consider taking us up on this offer. We will buy as much power as you can sell. We're also in the final testing phase of a cheaper bi-directional meter to make this an even more attractive option. So, look out for the second registration window, which will open shortly. If you're happy to have your City bill credited rather than receiving cash, this will be done automatically, and there is no need to apply.

Similarly, I encourage Capetonians to become Power Heroes by joining our voluntary demand management programme that remotely switches off non-essential loads such as geysers and pool pumps during high-use times. This could reduce citywide power demand by some 60 MW and could be a real game-changer in our fight against load-shedding.

Cash for Power as well as Power Heroes offer you a chance to play a part in putting load-shedding behind us. Please consider signing up and help us build a city of hope for all.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor

Western Cape dam levels drop amid high temperatures

The dam levels for Cape Town have dropped to 68,5%. The City is still aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

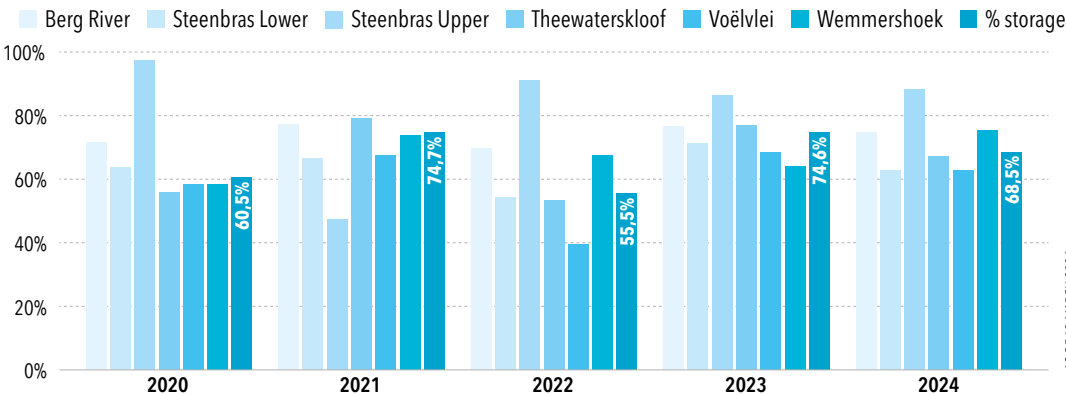
Protect our water resources by following water-wise guidelines. Residents and businesses are reminded that the permanent regulations contained in the City's Water By-law still apply across Cape Town, regardless of the

restriction level.

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

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

Dam levels - individual dams and total storage - by year



A fiery four months: October 2023 to January 2024 was a very busy period for the Fire and Rescue Service, with 13 087 incidents responded to, of which 55% were vegetation fires. Cape Town has 32 fire stations, and construction on a new one in Langa starts soon. Every day, the City's fire stations have at least 240 firefighters on operational duty, and incident management teams are on standby around the clock in the event of major incidents. The Service's operational fleet comprises over 200 vehicles, including fire appliances, water tenders, heavy technical rescue units, aerial appliances, and watercraft.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het sy langtermynenergie-strategie bekend gestel. Die dokument beskryf onder meer vordering met voortgesette pogings om beurtkrag in Kaapstad te beëindig. Dit sluit in die plan om inwoners teen 2026 teen die eerste vier fases van Eskom se kragonderbrekings te beskerm.

Sonder die betroubare voorsiening van bekostigbare elektrisiteit sal Kaapstad nie sy potensiaal verwesenlik nie en sal ons tekortskiet in ons missie om 'n stad van hoop te bou. Dit is waarom ons pogings om beurtkrag te beëindig, en uiteindelik nie meer op Eskom te moet staatmaak nie, so belangrik is.

Die jongste infrastruktuurverslag bevestig dat 73% van vanjaar se enorme infrastruktuurbegroting van R11 miljard bestee is. Veral laerinkomstehuishoudings en mense in informele nedersettings sal hierby baat vind.

Uitheemse plantspesies slurp jaarliks 55 miljard liter van Kaapstad se kosbare water op. Juis daarom is die verwydering van dié plante 'n kerndeel van die Stad se waterstrategie en langtermyn-nuwe waterprogram.

Oktober 2023 tot Januarie 2024 was 'n baie besige tyd vir die brand- en reddingsdiens. Hulle het op 13 087 voorvalle gereageer, waarvan 55% veldbrande was.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko siphehlelele iSicwangciso soMbane sika2050 saso. Ngaphezu kwamaphulo amatsha, uxwebhu lwesicwangciso luchaza ngeenzame eziqhubekayo zokuphelisa ucimicimi wombane eKapa, kubandakanywa isicwangciso esiza kulandelwa kungekudala, engadlulanga u2026, sokukhusela abahlali kumanqanaba amane okuqala okucima kombane kaEskom.

Xa kungekho lubonelelo lombane oluthembekileyo, iKapa ayizi kukwazi ukwenza oko inamandla okwenza, yaye siza kubethakala ekuphumezeni umnqophiso wethu wokwakha isixeko sethemba. Yiloo nto kubalulekile kakhulu kuthi ukuba siwuphelise ucimicimi wombane yaye sohlukane nokuxhomekeka kuEskom. ISicwangciso soMbane sika2050 sethu esisandula kukhutshwa singumkhombandlela wokuphumeza le njongo.

Ingxelo yezibonelelo esandula ukukhutshwa iqinisekisa ukuba i73% yerekhodi yebhujethi yezibonelelo yalo nyaka eyi R11 bhiliyoni ichithwe yaye iza kuzuzwa zintsapho ezifumana imivuzo ephantsi nabantu abahlala ematyotyombeni.

Uhlobo lwesityalo esingaqhelekanga sibimbiliza iilitha eziyi55 bhiliyoni zamanzi ethu aseKapa qho ngonyaka. Yilo nto ukusisusa esi sityalo kuyinxalenye engundoqo kwiSicwangciso seSixeko saManzi nakwiNkqubo yaManzi eNtsha yexesha elide elizayo.

Isithuba esisuka kweyeDwarha ku2023 ukuya kweyoMqungu 2024 ibisisithuba ebesixakeke kakhulu kwiCandelo leeNkonzo zokuCima uMlilo NoHlangulo, apho abasebenzi balo baye bajongana neziganeko eziyi13 087, yaye i55% yazo ibiyimililo yotyani.

Cracking on with Plumstead pipe replacement

Preparations for phase 3 of the 1 300 m water pipe replacement project in Plumstead is under way. Phases 1 and 2 involved replacing pipes in St Joans and Gray roads in November and December 2023 respectively. The third phase will cover Adelaide and Rivers End roads.

The City is using trenchless pipe-cracking technology to replace the ageing fibre-cement pipes with high-density polyethylene (HDPE) ones. A bursting head is hydraulically pulled through the existing pipe, breaking it apart, while a new pipe is pulled along to replace the old one at the same time. This method has shown to be less expensive than the conventional way. The reduced need for excavations also ensures quicker completion and less disruption.



All it's cracked up to be: Work on the Plumstead pipe replacement project is advancing swiftly thanks to smart trenchless pipe-cracking technology. Mayco member for Water and Sanitation Cllr Zahid Badroodien (left) visited the work site to check on progress.



#FestiveDeedsChallenge accepted: Mitchells Plain residents Samsodien and Aniesah Solomons were two of the more than 1 400 new homeowners who completed the City's #FestiveDeedsChallenge. The City launched the challenge in November 2023 with the aim of delivering 1 000 title deeds to qualifying homeowners by the end of the year. The Solomonses are pictured with Cllr Carl Pophaim, Mayco member for Human Settlements. Beneficiaries whose title deeds are still outstanding are encouraged to visit the City's customer service centre on the second floor of the Cape Town Civic Centre or to phone 021 400 2008.

Jobs Connect plants seed with unemployed youth

Local youth offered the chance to participate in a learnership in mixed farming systems

Accredited agricultural education and training provider SEED and the Rocklands Abundance Centre in Mitchells Plain are offering 15 local youth the chance to participate in a learnership in mixed farming systems.

Learners are taught how to grow plants, flowers and vegetables. The veggies go to local feeding schemes, while the plants and flowers are used in the manufacture of hair products, washing powder, soaps and more. The ultimate aim is to equip the learners with the skills to start and run their own agribusinesses. The recruits were selected via Jobs Connect, the City's online workforce development platform.

Matchmaking for jobs

Launched in 2021, Jobs Connect is data-free for MTN and Vodacom users. It requires users to create an online profile, which serves as their digital CV, and to complete a digital numeracy and literacy assessment. Both the CV and the assessment certificates are downloadable.

Once registered and assessed, job seekers can view the training and learnership opportunities available and are even able



Here to grow: A group of 15 unemployed youth from Mitchells Plain and surrounds are learning the ins and outs of mixed farming methods as part of a Jobs Connect learnership placement with SEED and the Rocklands Abundance Centre.

to search by area. Businessowners, in turn, can register as employers on the platform to look for suitable talent. Individuals selected for an interview are then automatically notified via SMS or WhatsApp.

Managed on behalf of the City by Leelyn Management, Jobs Connect recently also collaborated with Smile FM to secure

12 914 job opportunities for Capetonians in a matter of weeks. This was well above the campaign's target of 10 000 jobs.

* To get started on Jobs Connect as a job seeker, go to <https://jobsconnect.leelyn.co.za/>. Businessowners may contact Leelyn Management at info@leelyn.co.za or 021 558 1552.



A little bird told us: Bird enthusiasts will be pleased to know that the Knysna warbler (*Bradypterus sylvaticus*), endemic to South Africa and thought to be extinct in Cape Town, has been spotted again. This juvenile was recently photographed in the Newlands section of the Table Mountain national park by avid birder John Graham. Mike Buckham, chair of the Cape Bird Club, also heard a Knysna warbler calling on one of his regular runs in the same area in November last year. The unassuming little bird inhabits dense tangles and thickets in or on the edge of forests. While extremely secretive, it has a distinctive call that consists of clear, high-pitched notes that accelerate and end in a trill. To listen to a sound clip, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj3IYSxwclY>.



Calling all picnickers to Rondevlei: In December, the City unveiled the newly expanded picnic area at the Rondevlei section of the False Bay nature reserve. The old plant nursery has been repurposed to provide extra space for families and children to picnic and play, and perhaps catch a glimpse of Rondevlei's famous hippos. Apart from Rondevlei, which was established in 1952 as a bird sanctuary, False Bay nature reserve also comprises Zeekoevlei, the Strandfontein birding section, Pelican Park, Slangtjiesbos and the Zandwolf coastal section.



Jabula joins the grid: Maurine Hendricks (pictured above) is one of the residents of Jabula informal settlement in Philippi who were connected to the power grid in December 2023. Jabula is located on privately owned land, and the landowner had to grant permission for the City to provide electricity to the 63 informal structures. In City-supplied areas and on City-owned land, almost all older informal settlements have now been connected to electricity where it is possible to do so. These also include formal subsidised housing, infills and backyarders. In 2022/23, the City spent R23 million on electrifying approximately 2 440 households.

Help protect our power

Report damage to municipal electrical infrastructure. Send an SMS to 31220, or email power@capetown.gov.za.

You can also give an anonymous tip-off if you are aware of illegal activity such as vandalism of power infrastructure or illegal electricity connections. Dial 112 from a cellphone (toll-free), 107 from a landline, or 021 480 7700 for emergencies.

Showing Rondevlei some love

For World Wetlands Day, marked on 2 February, Ald Eddie Andrews (the City's Deputy Mayor and Mayco member for Spatial Planning and Environment) joined Biodiversity Management staff, City river wardens and Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers at the Rondevlei section of False Bay nature reserve to clear invasive species from the wetland.

Of South Africa's 791 wetland ecosystem types, 48% are critically endangered, 12% are endangered, and

5% are vulnerable. Over 70% have no protection. This makes wetlands the country's most threatened ecosystem.

The City's river wardens are based at the Table Bay, Zandvlei and False Bay nature reserves. Their primary task is to enhance the health of ecosystems in catchment areas. To this end, they clear invasive plant species, facilitate rehabilitation activities, and collect and remove litter. Many EPWP workers also specifically focus on protecting Cape Town's green infrastructure and natural systems.



Rondevlei gets its day: Ald Eddie Andrews (in the red shirt) and staffers tackle the invasive plants at the Rondevlei wetland in False Bay nature reserve. Considering that South Africa has already lost approximately half of its original wetland area, the Mother City's wetlands and vleis need our tender loving care.

KORTLIKS

Voorbereidingswerk is aan die gang vir fase 3 van die waterpyppervanging van 1 300 m in Plumstead.

SEED, 'n geakkrediteerde verskaffer van landbou-onderwys en -opleiding, en die Rocklands Abundance Centre in Mitchells Plain bied 15 plaaslike jongmense die geleentheid om deel te neem aan 'n leerlingskap in gemengde boerderystelsels.

Kranige voëlkykers sal bly wees om te hoor dat die Knysna-ruigtesanger (*Bradypterus sylvaticus*) weer opgemerk is. Die voël is endemies in Suid-Afrika, en almal het gedink dit het uitgesterf in Kaapstad. 'n Jong ruigtesanger het egter onlangs sy kenmerkende fluit in die Nuwelandgedeelte van die Tafelberg-nasionale park laat opklink.

Die Stad het in Desember die nuwe, uitgebreide piekniekterrein in die Rondevlei-gedeelte van die Valsbaai-natuurreservaat bekend gestel.

Rdh Eddie Andrews (onderburgemeester en burge-meesterskomiteelid vir ruimtelike beplanning en omgewing) het vir Wêreldvleilanddag op 2 Februarie moue opgerol saam met personeel van die Stad om indringerspesies uit die Rondevlei te verwyder.

Meer as 1 400 nuwe huiseienaars het die Stad se #FestiveDeedsChallenge voltooi. Die Stad het die uitdaging in November bekend gestel met die doel om teen die einde van 2023 altesaam 1 000 titelaktes aan kwalifiserende huiseienaars te oorhandig.

Inwoners van die informele nedersetting Jabula in Philippi is in Desember 2023 van formele aansluitings by die kragnetwerk voorsien.

Meld skade aan munisipale elektrisiteitsinfrastruktuur aan. Stuur 'n SMS na 31220 of 'n e-pos na power@capetown.gov.za.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Amalungiselelo esigaba sesi3 seprojekthi yokulungiswa kombhobho wamanzi oyi 1 300 m ePlumstead ayaqalisa.

Umboneleli oneempephamvume ofundisa noqeqesha ngezolimo obizwa iSEED ekunye neRocklands Abundance Centre eMitchells Plain babonelela ngethuba kubantu abatsha abali15 ukuba bathathe inxaxheba kwinkqubo yoqeqesho yokusebenza efama umntu esenza imisebenzi yokufama exubileyo.

Abathandi beentaka baya kuvuya ukwazi ukuba intaka ebizwa ngokuba nguNothoyi yaseKnysna (Knysna warbler (*Bradypterus sylvaticus*), efumaneka eMzantsi Afrika ebekucingwa ukuba yatshabalala yaphela eKapa, iye yabonwa kwakhona. Eli phuku lifotwe kwipaki yesizwe eseTable Mountain kwicala elingaseNewlands. Kwinyanga yoMnga, iSixeko sityhile indawo entsha eyongeziweyo yeepikniki ekwicandelo laseRondevlei kwithala lendalo laseFalse Bay.

KwiWorld Wetlands Day, ebibhiyozelwa ngowe2

kweyoMdumba, uCebakhulu Eddie Andrews (onguSekela-Sodolophu weSixeko nokwalilungu leMayco yoCwangciso lweMihlaba nokuSingqongileyo) uye wajoyina abasebenzi beSixeko eCity eRondevlei ukususa izityalo ezihluphayo kwimigxobhozo.

Abahlali baseMitchells Plain uSamsodien noAniesah Solomons sisibini kubanini bezindlu abatsha abebengaphezu kwe1 400 abathe baphumelela kuMngeni weSixeko i#FestiveDeedsChallenge. ISixeko siphehlelele lo mngeni ngeyeNkanga 2023 ngenjongo yokunikeza iimpepha zobunini bezindlu eziyi1 000 kubaninizindlu abaselungelweni lokuzifumana phambi kokuphela konyaka.

UMaurine Hendricks ungomnye wabahlali bamatyotyombe aseJabula ePhilippi abathe bafakelwa umbane ngeyoMnga 2023.

Xela umonakalo kwiintambo zombane. Thumela iSMS ku31220 okanye uimeyilele kupower@capetown.gov.za.

Rundown on roadworks

Roadworks are under way along Lantana Street, Juno Road and Silversands Avenue in **Mitchells Plain**. The existing road surface is being milled and removed, and replaced with new asphalt. Work also involves installing new kerbs, constructing a new speed hump, and reinstating all road markings.

Roadworks in the **Crawford** area should be done by 9 April. The project includes the construction of a new parking embayment and sidewalk in Thornton Road between Camberwell and Kromboom roads.



Out with the old, in with the Newlands: To continue providing safe drinking water to residents, the City invested R2,1 million in refurbishing three chlorination plants at Newlands reservoir, being one of Cape Town's oldest. New injector systems were installed along with new and improved safety features. Newlands reservoir can hold 132,6 million litres of water and supplies Wynberg reservoir, Bishopscourt, Hout Bay, Llandudno, Newlands, Claremont, Kenilworth, Groote Schuur, the University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, Molteno reservoir, Ottery, Strandfontein, Pelican Park, Wetton, Lotus River, Retreat, Steenberg, Muizenberg and Grassy Park. Pictured in front of one of the refurbished chlorination plants are Cllr Zahid Badroodien, Mayco member for Water and Sanitation (left), scheme manager Nosisa Nqayi (second from right) and reservoir staff.

City's got big plans for POA

The Council-approved local spatial development framework for the Philippi opportunity area envisages a major transformation for this high-potential Cape Town location

Through sound local planning and smart public infrastructure investment, the local spatial development framework (LSDF) recently approved for the Philippi opportunity area (POA) is set to unlock development opportunities in Philippi East, the Philippi industrial area, Heinz Park, Nyanga, Crossroads and a portion of Gugulethu.

POA packs a punch

The +/-800 ha POA is close to the Philippi horticultural area, Cape Town International Airport as well as both the N2 and R300. This strategic location means it has the potential to be turned into a thriving and sustainable area, and to catalyse the development of the metro southeast.

The vision is for the POA to be transformed into a mixed-use node with



green spaces and an industrial character. Ideally, the area will comprise a mix of higher-density residential development,

retail and recreational spaces in walkable precincts, supported by transport facilities and quality social amenities.



A place to call their own: These City tenants in Lavender Hill have become owners of their rental units as part of the City's unique no-cost transfer programme. With them are Ald Shanen Rossouw (striped shirt, fourth from left), Cllr Marita Petersen (in black and white, crouching), Cllr Carl Pophaim (light jacket at the back) and Executive Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis (blue jacket at the back). The no-cost transfer programme, launched a year ago, funds the attorney transfer fees and insurance costs of the rental units from the date of sale until the registration of the property. Tenants of some 22 000 City-owned rental units or serviced sites may qualify. Nearly R40 million has been allocated for these free transfers over three years.



Stand by, metro southeast, MyCiTi's coming

Two additional work packages as part of the MyCiTi metro southeast roll-out commenced in the latter half of 2023.

Sky circle's taking shape

The first involves the continuation of the 'sky circle' - the freestanding elevated traffic circle at the intersection of Govan Mbeki Road (M9) and Jan Smuts Drive (M17) in Lansdowne. This latest section of the project is concentrated on the area from the Govan Mbeki and Heinz Road

intersection moving eastwards, past the Edith Stevens nature reserve, up to the Govan Mbeki Road and Sabelo Sithole Street intersection.

The circle, the first of its kind in South Africa, will be dedicated to MyCiTi buses, offering them passage across this busy intersection without affecting general traffic below. However, all road users will benefit from the major improvements to the intersection and surrounding roads that form part of the project.

... and bus lanes being built

The second package sees work being done along AZ Berman Drive in Mitchells Plain from just north of the R300 interchange up to the AZ Berman and Wespoort Drive intersection in the south.

In November 2023, the project team also completed a new pedestrian bridge in Lentegeur in the vicinity of Watergate Estate. The bridge provides a safe railway crossing to pedestrians and will improve access to the new MyCiTi station to be located along AZ Berman Drive.

No more number guessing

To show that it means business, the City has launched a new one-stop number for all queries relating to building plans and development.

This should be welcome news to residents and development professionals, who previously had to phone the eight planning district offices for assistance, each with its own contact number. This was particularly confusing to those unfamiliar with the City's district planning boundaries, who were unsure which district office to contact.

The new number, 021 401 4702, is available Mondays to Fridays from 08:00 to 16:00. Use it for any development-related query, from building plan submissions to land use applications and anything in between.

KORTLIKS

Padwerk is aan die gang in Lantanastraat, Junoweg en Silversandslaan in Mitchells Plain.

Die plaaslike raamwerk vir ruimtelike ontwikkeling vir die Philippi-geleentheidsarea is onlangs goedgekeur. Die raamwerk sal ontwikkelingsgeleenthede in dié gebied ontsluit deur verstandige plaaslike beplanning en slim belegging in openbare infrastruktuur.

Stadshuurders in Lavender Hill is nou die trotse eienaars van hulle huureenhede danksy die Stad se unieke program vir gratis eiendomsoordragte.

Om steeds veilige drinkwater aan inwoners te voorsien, het die Stad R2,1 miljoen in die opknapping van drie chloreeraanlegte by Nuweland-reservoir belê.

Twee bykomende werkpakkette vir die uitbreiding van die MyCiTi-diens na die suidooste van die metro het in die tweede helfte van 2023 begin.

Die Stad het 'n nuwe eenstopnommer vir alle navrae oor bouplanne en ontwikkeling bekend gestel. Die nuwe nommer, 021 401 4702, is van Maandae tot Vrydae tussen 08:00 en 16:00 beskikbaar.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ukulungiswa kweendlela kuyaqhubeka eLantana Street, Juno Road naseSilversands Avenue eMitchells Plain.

Ngenxa yezicwangciso zengqingqi ezenziwe ngendlela eyiyo, nangenxa yotyalomali kwizibonelelo zoluntu, isikhokelo sophuhliso semimandla (LSDF) esithe samkelwa mvanje ukulungiselela ummandla wamathuba osePhilippi (POA) siza kuvula amathuba ophuhliso kulo mmandla.

Abahlali beSixeko eLavender Hill kungokunje bangabanini beyunithi ebebeyirenta njengenxalenye yenkqubo yeSixeko yodluliselo lweendawo zokuhlala engenazindleko.

Ukuqhubeka nokubonelela amanzi akhuselekileyo kubahlali, iSixeko sityale iR2,1 miliyoni ekuvuseleleni iiplanti ezintathu zokufaka iklorini ezikwidama laseNewlands.

Iipakeji ezongezelelweyo zokusebenza ezimbini eziyinxalenye yeMyCiTi zommandla okumbindi wamazantsi-mpuma ziqalile ukusebenza kwisiqingatha sesibini sonyaka ka2023.

Ukubonisa ukuba sizimisele ekuboneleleni ngeenkonzo kuluntu, iSixeko siphehlelele inombolo enye yonxibelelwano lwayo yonke imibuzo emalunga neepalani zokwakha kunye nolwakhiwo. Inombolo entsha ethi 021 401 4702, ikho ukususela ngoMvulo ukuya kutsho ngoLwesihlanu ukususela ngo08:00 ukuya ku16:00.

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