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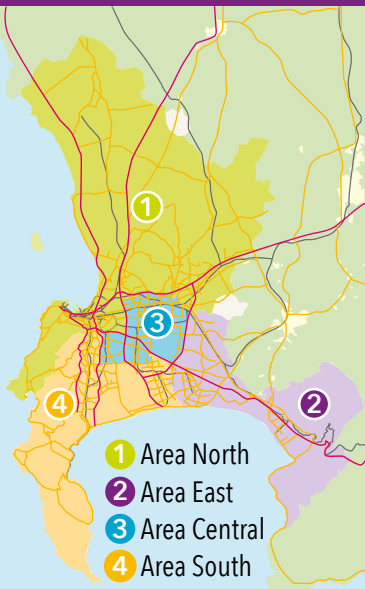


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Sun sets on busy summer season: Summer 2023/24 was again a busy season at Cape Town's beaches and swimming pools, and hundreds of lifeguards and support staff pulled out all the stops to keep visitors safe. In addition to the hundreds of thousands of beachgoers, gate counts at some of the public swimming pools were very impressive: The pool in Sea Point recorded 102 463 visitors, Retreat 47 454, Newlands 47 143, and Long Street 43 451. Sadly, 14 fatal drownings and 30 non-fatal drownings occurred along the City-managed coastline between Silverstroomstrand and Kogel Bay – all either outside designated bathing areas or during times when lifeguards were not on duty. Despite the massive crowds, lifeguards actively patrolled beaches and maintained safety at pools.



Tiny bit of traffic: The mini road layout of reclaimed asphalt at the City's new Road Safety Learner Centre in Mitchells Plain allows young learners to 'take the wheel' and learn first-hand about road safety. See page 4.

EPWP a win-win for employment and environment

In the past four years, the City's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in Environmental Management has assisted over 14 500 unemployed Capetonians with short-term job opportunities. The recruits gain skills and much-needed income, while Mother Nature benefits from their care.



The Environmental Management Department continues to be a key implementer of the City's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). From July 2023 to February 2024 alone, it created well over 2 000 job opportunities through various programmes. These include the Kader Asmal, Carbon Smart skills development, conservation skills development as well as the invasive species management and river warden programmes.

EPWP recruits help rehabilitate ecological infrastructure and support operations at City nature reserves. Teams clear invasive species from reserves, biodiversity sites, waterbodies and

It pays to protect nature: Some of the recruits who have secured short-term job opportunities through Environmental Management's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). Since 2019, more than 14 500 of these workers have had a chance to earn an income and improve their future employability, while helping the City to conserve and protect the environment.



catchment areas. They also maintain reserve firebreaks and see to it that solid waste is removed from vleis and wetlands. In addition, they are trained to educate their communities about the environment.

Their time with the City has also seen many of the EPWP workers move on to longer-term employment. This is thanks to the theoretical and on-the-job training they receive as part of the skills development component of the programme. Training is provided in fields such as project management and administration, quality control, data collection and management, as well as environmental awareness and stakeholder engagement.

Capetonians, protect your power!

The City recorded 223 incidents of vandalism of power infrastructure and illegal connections in the first quarter of 2024 at a cost of R6,26 million. The Area South and Mitchells Plain districts were the hardest hit.

In some instances, the destruction caused is so severe that entire circuits and grids need to be rebuilt. Moreover, due to escalating security risks, the City and its contractors can only attend to service requests when it is safe to do so. Where possible, teams are accompanied by City law enforcement or private security.

The City is exploring every option to combat vandalism, theft and illegal connections. Power up our efforts by reporting any such incidents to the emergency number 021 480 7700, the fraud hotline on 0800 1100 77, City law enforcement agencies or the South African police.



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Stand up against theft, vandalism and illegal connections!

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KORTLIKS

Die minipadnetwerk van herwinde teer by die Stad se nuwe padveiligheidsleedersentrum in Mitchells Plain stel jong leerders in staat om 'agter die stuur' in te skuif en die padreëls op 'n praktiese manier te leer.

Kaapstad se strande en swembaddens was weer behoorlik besig oor die somerseiisoen, en honderde lewensredders en steunpersoneel het hard gewerk om duisende besoekers veilig te hou.

Die Stad se uitgebreide openbarewerkeprogram (EPWP) in die departement omgewingsbestuur het die afgelope vier jaar meer as 14 500 werklose

Kapenaars met korttermynwerkseleenthede bygestaan.

In die eerste kwartaal van 2024 was daar 223 voorvalle waar kraginfrastruktuur verniel of onwettige aansluitings gemaak is. Dit het die Stad R6,26 miljoen uit die sak gejaag. Area Suid en Mitchells Plain het veral erg deurgeloop.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Uyilo lwendlela encinci yetela ebuyiselweyo kwiZiko laBafundi loKhuseleko eziNdleleni leSixeko eMitchells Plain kuvumela abafundi abaselula ukuba 'baqhube iimoto' baze bafunde ngoko nangoko ngokhuseleko ezindleleni.

Ihlobo lowama2023/24 ibilixesha elixakekileyo kumanxweme nakumaqula okuqubha aseKapa, yaye amakhulukhulu oonogada abakhusela ubomi nabasebenzi abancedisayo baye benza okusemandleni abo ukuze bagcine amawakawaka eendwendwe ekhuselekile.

Kule minyaka mine idluleyo, iNkqubo kaMasipala

eXananazileyo yokuSebenza kwiSixeko (iEPWP) kuLawulo lokusiNgqongileyo iye yanceda abantu baseKapa abangaphangeliyo abaphezu kwe14 500 ngemisebenzi yesingxungxo.

ISixeko sinengxelo ngeziganeko ezingama223 zokonakaliswa kweziseko zophuhliso zombane noxokomezelo olungekho mthethweni kwikota yokuqala ka2024, nto leyo esidle iR6,26 miliyoni. Izithili zeArea South neMitchells Plain ziye zathwaxeka kanobom.

Making progress possible. Together.



New meter less of a money eater

The City has started rolling out a single-phase meter to afford more residents access to the Cash for Power programme. With a price tag of just over R6 000 (including VAT), the new meter is roughly 40% cheaper than the three-phase option, the cost of which has been prohibitive to many wanting to sell their excess solar power to the City.

How to get the new meter

Meter applications are automated for those who have already submitted an application for small-scale embedded generation (SSEG). Alternatively, follow the process for service connections to apply for the new meter. To submit an SSEG application, enter "Apply for authorisation to install an embedded generation system" in the search box on the City's website.

Once the meter is installed, you will be able to export your excess energy to the grid and get money back in the form of a credit offset on your monthly City bill.

Keep in mind that:

- the single-phase AMI meter is not applicable to three-phase customers;
- customers are required to provide the necessary metering accommodations; and
- in some cases, customers may need to adjust their electrical supply installation.

Power to the City, cash to the people

Cape Town is the first South African metro to buy excess solar photovoltaic power from small-scale generators. In this way, businesses and households have already earned over R30,8 million since the start of the 2022/23 financial year.

In exchange for their excess solar power, the seller's total municipal bill is first credited automatically down to zero, with the option to apply to earn cash beyond a zero balance. The cash option has been available to businesses since June 2023 and was recently introduced for households as well. By April 2024, more than 1 500 sellers were already benefiting from the programme. About 60% are residential customers, and the rest are commercial or industrial.

For more information on Cash for Power and how to apply, search under "Apply to sell surplus SSEG electricity to the City" on the City's website.

Be part of our power(ful) plan

A key part of our plan to protect Capetonians against load-shedding is to move away from a single state power utility towards a more reliable, flexible supply. To this end, the City is contracting with independent power producers for renewable energy, provided on demand. Part of that supply will come from thousands of households and businesses with spare rooftop solar power.

Our ground-breaking Cash for Power programme already does this – putting money back in the pockets of Capetonians with grid-tied solar systems, while easing the strain on our grid. Our 1 500 residential, commercial and industrial sellers have already earned R30,8 million in both municipal credit and cash for their surplus power.

A new, cheaper bidirectional meter – the device you'll need for selling power to the City – now makes it even easier for Capetonians to earn money as



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

solar power providers. Thanks to the cheaper meter (costing 40% less than the previous one) and a new online portal to speed up applications, we expect the number of suppliers to grow rapidly.

Another part of the plan is to integrate

the City's energy systems. A third of Cape Town residents are served directly by Eskom. The City had been negotiating to take over these Eskom supply areas so that it can offer those residents the same load-shedding protection and service reliability that it offers its own customers. Unfortunately, Eskom has now withdrawn from these talks.

Not giving up, we have launched a petition where residents can show their support. Do consider signing it, as it is in everyone's interest that the whole of Cape Town is supplied more effectively by our excellent Electricity Generation and Distribution Department.

To find the petition, go to change.org.za and enter "City of Cape Town's takeover of Eskom supply area services" in the search bar. I hope I can count on your help to make Cape Town more energy-secure.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor



City plays 'matchmaker' for SMMEs

In May, 150 small, medium and micro-sized enterprises (SMMEs) pitched their services to prospective buyers in the first of four 'match-up' sessions hosted by the City's Smart Supplier programme. The sessions followed a series of workshops where the enterprises were taught how to address the daily challenges of accessing new markets and business opportunities.

Smart Supplier is an eight-month programme funded by the City and administered by Smart Procurement World. This year, the programme – already in its eighth edition – focuses on buyer-seller linkages and connecting small businesses with clients across the province, country and continent. Since its inception in 2016, 1 800 potential buyer linkages have been created for programme participants, resulting in business opportunities worth approximately R20 million.

Each match-up session focuses on clients in different industries. This first one saw SMMEs meet with buyers in aviation, construction, energy and mining.

For more information, email business.support@capetown.gov.za or dial 021 417 4043.

Old municipal debt? You could qualify for a write-off

Qualifying customers may apply for the write-off of arrear debt older than about three years, provided they enter into a payment agreement with the City for the remainder of their debt.

To qualify:

- Enter into a debt payment agreement for current debt.
- Debt older than three financial years will be considered as

- written off automatically
- A condition of this arrangement is that the debt that is written off will be reinstated if customers default on their instalment plans.

You will need a copy of your identity document, proof of income, and a current City account that needs to be paid upfront, plus an additional sum towards the arrears (which the front office will determine based

on affordability). Also bring along three months' bank statements, and if unemployed, an affidavit to this effect. If the City account is in more than one person's name, a letter of consent will be required as well.

Visit our customer contact centres for assistance, contact the City call centre on 0860 103 089, or email Payment.Arrangements@capetown.gov.za.

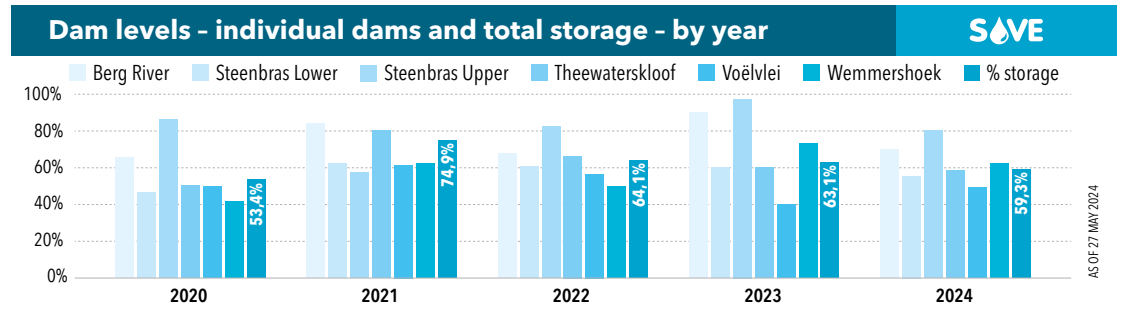
Western Cape dam levels have dropped considerably

The dam levels for Cape Town have dropped to 59,3%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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

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

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



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KORTLIKS

Die Stad stel nou 'n enkelfasemeter beskikbaar om méér inwoners toegang te bied tot die Cash for Power-program. Die nuwe meter kos net oor die R6 000 (BTW ingesluit) en is ongeveer 40% goedkoper as die driefaseweergawe.

Die Stad nooi inwoners om sy petisie te teken sodat die hele Kaapstad, ook huidige Eskom-gebiede, deur die munisipaliteit se elektrisiteitsdepartement van krag voorsien kan word. Geïntegreerde kragvoorsiening is een van die maniere om die Moederstad meer beurtkragbestand te maak.

Altesaam 150 klein, medium- en mikro-ondernemings het in Mei hulle dienste aan voornemende

kopers bemark by die eerste van vier skakelingsgeleenthede van die Stad se Smart Supplier-program.

Kwalifiserende Stadskliënte kan aansoek doen om munisipale skuld ouer as sowat drie jaar te laat afskryf, mits hulle 'n ooreenkoms met die Stad aangaan om die res van hulle skuld af te betaal.

Die damvlakke vir Kaapstad het tot 59,3% gedaal. Die Stad se mikpunt vir algehele waterverbruik is steeds 650 miljoen liter per dag – wat beteken dat Kapenaars minder as 105 liter per persoon per dag moet probeer gebruik.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko siye saqalisa ukukhupha iimitha zebakala lokuqala ukuze lincede abahlali abangakumbi ukuba bafikelele inkqubo yoMbane oHlawulelwayo. Njengoko ixabiso ngaphezulu nje kwiR6 000 (idibene neVAT), le mitha intsha itshiphu ngesithuba se40% kunemitha yebakala lesithathu.

ISixeko sihlaba ikhwelo kubahlali ukuba batyikitye uxwebhu lwaso olunoluhlu lwezicelo ukuze iKapa lilonke kuquka imimandla yakalokunje ebonelelwa ngombane ngabakwaEskom ukuba ifumane ubonelelo ngombane kwisebe lezombane likamasipala. Ubonelelo lombane ngokuhlangeneyo lolunye lweendlela zokwenza isixeko esingunozala ukuba sixhathise ngakumbi kucimicimi wombane. NgoMeyi, amashishini amancinane,

aphakathi nasakhasayo ali150 (iiSMMEs) aye anikezela ngeenkonzo zazo kwabo basenokuba ngabathengi babo kwinkqubo yokuqala kwezine 'zokhuphiswano' ebezisingathwe yinkqubo yabaNikezeli ngeenkonzo yoMthengi oPhum' iZandla.

Abathengi abaphumeleleyo banokufaka isicelo sokucinyelwa ityala elimileyo elingaphezu kweminyaka emithathu, ngaphandle kokuba bangenela isivumelwano sentlawulo yetyala eliseleyo kunye neSixeko.

Umlinganiselo wamadama aseKapa uye wehla waya kutsho kwi59,3%. ISixeko sisazibekele usukelo lokusetyenziswa kweelitha ezingama650 miliyoni ngosuku – nto leyo ethetha ukuba umntu ngamnye waseKapa umele azame ukusebenzisa ngaphantsi kweelitha ezili105 ngosuku.



Upgraded Zandvliet plant a treat

The R2 billion upgrade to the Zandvliet wastewater treatment works (WWTW) has officially been one of the City's largest ever infrastructure projects to date. Yet it's worth every cent. The new-look plant brings better sanitation to Delft, Khayelitsha, Mfuleni and Blue Downs, having increased treatment capacity from 72 to 90 million litres per day. Effluent quality has also been significantly improved thanks to cutting-edge membrane treatment technology. Effluent is being treated to close to potable standards, meeting all licence requirements of the national Department of Water and Sanitation. In time, treated wastewater from the plant will be supplied to the state-of-the-art Faure New Water Scheme, which will be built in the years ahead. There, the water will be further purified to drinking-water standards and then blended with dam water to be fed back into the City's potable-water supply across town. The City is aiming to add around 7% of this water to the metro's supply by 2040.



Beach Road bumps go bye-bye: A stretch of Beach Road, Strand, between Sarel Cilliers Street and Main Road, has been resurfaced. In addition to resurfacing both the westbound and eastbound lanes as well as the parking embayments, the City team also carried out isolated patchwork between Van Ryneveld and Michau streets. Resurfacing forms part of the City's regular maintenance plan to prolong the longevity of the road network.

Women for Change take anti-GBV stance

The message of a new mural at Lentegeur civic centre is clear: Stamp out gender-based violence.

A group of participants in the City's Women for Change programme have added their voices to the battle against gender-based violence (GBV) with an anti-GBV-themed mural at the Lentegeur civic centre. Women for Change empowers unemployed women to become agents of change in their communities by addressing social issues, while at the same time being linked to resources such as NGO programmes and training opportunities. The mural was the final step in a series of programme engagements since they joined the initiative in mid-November last year. Other activities included supporting the successful Identikidz beach safety project during the festive season and attending training in computer use, first aid, conflict management, and foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). Moreover, a ten-day Art of Healing programme allowed them to work through their own past trauma and personal challenges.



Writing's on the wall for GBV perpetrators: Some of the Women for Change participants working on their mural at Lentegeur civic centre to spread the word that gender-based violence has no place in our communities. The ladies from Lentegeur and Rocklands were supported by professional artist Skumbuzo Salman.

City live wires recover 1,7 tons of stolen metal

Following a wave of cable theft, particularly at streetlights, the City's Metals Theft Unit is turning up the heat on metal thieves. The Unit, also known as the Copperheads, recovered over 1 700 kg of stolen metal from July 2023 to March 2024. The Unit also made 115 arrests, including securing a 12-year prison sentence for a metal thief. Moreover, officials conducted 1 715 inspections of scrapyards and bucket shops, as well as 2 145 hotspot patrols. Ten vehicles were impounded and 2 382 fines issued for various by-law transgressions.

Public more involved
The City replaces stolen cables

and vandalised streetlights at a record pace, having carried out 1 120 streetlight cable replacements in April 2024 alone. Yet some repaired poles are hit by repeat cable theft almost immediately. The public is getting more involved in helping to combat this crime, with City law enforcement having responded to 70% more metal theft complaints in 2023/24 than the previous year.

Keep 'em calls coming
Please continue helping the City bust metal thieves by calling the 24-hour toll-free tip-off line on 0800 110 077. Rewards are on offer for information leading to the arrest and conviction of metal thieves.



Wired to catch cable thieves: Metals Theft Unit officers attended a session by the Southern Africa Revenue Protection Association in mid-April to further improve their ability to clamp down on those perpetrating essential-infrastructure crimes.



Gap housing plots handed over

In April, the City handed over a first lot of 55 serviced residential plots in Fairdale, Blue Downs, to applicants willing and able to build their own homes. The project will ultimately provide 219 housing opportunities. The plots are purchased at a discounted price through the gap housing programme. Beneficiaries' monthly income exceeds the threshold for Breaking New Ground (BNG) housing, but is not necessarily enough to access a home loan from a private institution. This is one of many such projects that are being made available to Capetonians in line with the City's objective of increasing the supply of affordable, well-located homes. Like all other South African municipalities, the City can no longer rely solely on the provision of state-subsidised BNG units to meet the demand for housing. A variety of opportunities are required, including social rental housing, serviced plots, or the upgrading of informal settlements. For more about the available opportunities and how to get your name and details onto the City's housing needs register, visit your nearest housing office.

Ensuring winter-ready waterways

The City is undertaking maintenance on the Kuils river and the Khayelitsha wetlands, specifically along the 1,2 km section from the N2 to Spine Road. The aim is to help protect surrounding communities Qandu-Qandu, BM Section and Greenpoint against flooding in the event of heavy winter rains. The R450 000 project involves dredging the river, which lies upstream to the wetlands, to remove silt and deepen its bed, as well as constructing sand berms along the banks. The Kuils river is approximately 30 km long and runs from east of Kanonkop, Durbanville, through areas such as Kuils River, Mfuleni, Khayelitsha and Sandvlei, where it converges with the Eerste river.



Better safe than sorry: Dredging of the Kuils river upstream from the Khayelitsha wetlands is a precautionary measure to guard against flooding in surrounding communities once the winter rains hit.

MyCiTi construction reaches Turfhall Road

Construction on a 1,7 km section of Turfhall Road (M24), between the intersection with the M5 freeway in the west and with Castor and Benona roads in the east, should be done by July 2024, weather permitting. It forms part of the mammoth MyCiTi rollout to the metro southeast, which will see a number of major construction projects undertaken over the next three financial years. However, while it might be an inconvenience to road users now, it will bring scheduled, affordable, safe and reliable public transport services to over 30 communities. The work in Turfhall Road entails the reconstruction of all four lanes, the construction of two dedicated bus lanes in the median, and the addition of walkways and cycle lanes on both sides of the road. Work is also being done on the bulk water sewer mains, and improved traffic signals and new road markings are being installed.

KORTLIKS

Die vernuwing van die Zandvliet-afvalwateraanleg is amptelik een van die Stad se grootste infrastruktuurprojekte tot nog toe. Die opgeknapte aanleg, wat R2 miljard gekos het, het suiweringsvermoë van 72 tot 90 miljoen liter per dag verhoog, en verseker dus beter sanitasiedienste vir Delft, Khayelitsha, Mfuleni en Blue Downs. 'n Groep deelnemers aan die Stad se Women for Change-program het standpunt ingeneem teen geslagsgebaseerde geweld met 'n muurskildery by die Lentegeurburgersentrum. Die Stad is besig met instandhouding van die Kuilsrivier en die Khayelitsha-vleiland om gemeenskappe teen oorstromings te beskerm as die winterreën opdaag. Die werk word oor 'n afstand van 1,2 km vanaf die N2 tot by Spineweg gedoen.

Nadat kabeldiewe veral by straatligte amok gemaak het, het die Stad se eenheid vir metaaldiefstal van Julie 2023 tot Maart 2024 meer as 1 700 kg gesteelde metaal teruggekyr. Die eenheid het ook 115 inhegtenisnemings uitgevoer en onder andere toegesien dat 'n metaaldief 12 jaar agter tralies sal deurbring. Die Stad het in April 55 residensiële erwe met dienste in Fairdale, Blue Downs, oorhandig aan aansoekers wat hulle eie huise wil en kan bou. Dit was die eerste lot erwe. Die projek sal uiteindelik 219 behuisingsgeleenthede voorsien. MyCiTi-bouwerk aan 'n 1,7 km lange gedeelte van Turfhallweg (M24), tussen die kruising met die M5-snelweg in die weste en Castor- en Benonaweg in die ooste, behoort teen Julie 2024 klaar te wees.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Uphuculo lweebhiliyoni zeerandi eziR2 kwindawo yokucocwa kwamanzi amdaka aseZandvliet (iWWTW) ngokusesikweni ibe yenye yeeprojekthi zesiseko ezingundoqo ezinkulu zeSixeko ukuza kuthi ga ngoku. Lo mzimveliso unenkangeleko entsha uzisa ugutyulo olungcono eDelft, eKhayelitsha, eMfuleni naseBlue Downs, nonyuse umgangatho wokucoxa ukusuka kwiilitha ezingama72 ukuya kuma90 ezigidi ngosuku. Iqela labathathinxheba kwinkqubo yeSixeko yabaseTyhini yoTshintsho longeze amazwi abo kwidabi lokulwa ubundlobongela obusekelwe kwisini (iGBV) ngomfanekiso oseludongeni ochasene neGBV kwiziko loluntu laseLentegeur. ISixeko siqhuba ulungiso kumlambo iKuils nemigxobhozo yaseKhayelitsha, ecaleni kwecandelo leekhilomitha ezi1, 2 ukusuka kuN2 ukuya eSpine Road. Injongo kukuncedisa ekukhuseleni uluntu kwizikhukula ngexesha leemvula zasebusika.

Kulandela ukubiwa kweekheyibhile ingakumbi izibane zasezitalatweni, iCandelo lokuBiwa kweSinyithi kwiSixeko, elaziwa ngokuba yiCopperheads, lifumene ngaphezulu kwe 1 700 kg lentsimbi ebibiwe ukusuka kweyeKhala ka2023 ukuya kweyoKwindla ka2024. Eli candelo likwabambe abantu abali115, kuquka nokugwetywa iminyaka eli 12 entolongweni ngenxa yobusela bentsimbi. KuTshazimpuzi, iSixeko sinikezele ngeendawo zokuhlala ezilungiselelwe iinkonzo ezingama55 eFairdale, eBlue Downs, kubafakizicelo abazimiseleyo nabakwaziyo ukuzakhela amakhaya abo. Le projekthi iza kubonelela ngamathuba ezindlu angama219. Ulwakhiwo kumgama oyi 1,7 khilomitha kwicandelo le Turfhall Road (M24), phakathi kwesiphambuka sikahola wendlela iM5 entshona kunye neendlela iCastor neBenona ngasempuma kweMyCiTi kufuneka wenziwe kweyeKhala ngo2024.

New centre makes road safety child’s play

A collaboration between the City’s directorates of Safety and Security as well as Urban Mobility recently culminated in the launch of the Road Safety Learner Centre in Mitchells Plain. The facility, operated by Traffic Services’ Road Safety Education Unit, uses a miniature road layout to teach young learners how to safely cross a road, how to observe and listen, how to read road signage, and the importance of safety belts and general road safety. The initiative was facilitated by the South African Road Federation (SARF), a non-profit that represents various groups with an interest in roads and transport. Lobbying government on traffic safety and transport-related issues is one of SARF’s primary functions. The City’s Road Safety Education Unit regulates traffic around pedestrian crossings near schools, coaches scholar patrols, and delivers road safety talks at schools and early childhood development (ECD) centres. In 2023, their talks reached 10 148 children at 29 schools and ECD facilities.



First you trap it, then you toss it: Determined to improve the quality and cleanliness of Cape Town’s waterways, the City partnered with The Litterboom Project and the Rondebosch Golf Club to clean a section of the Black river in the run-up to Earth Day in April. Workers from the Water and Sanitation as well as Urban Waste Management directorates helped remove litter trapped by a strategically placed litterboom.

Khayelitsha ward projects address key community needs

The City is proud to be involved with two initiatives that are improving lives in ward 94, Khayelitsha. The **Lingomso Elihle** (‘Our Future’) painting and drawing project is an after-school programme that equips children with essential skills for the future, fostering problem-solving abilities and a sense of emotional security. Initially launched at Isiphiwo Primary in Harare, Khayelitsha (top picture alongside, with Mayoral Committee member Grant Twigg behind the mic), the project will also expand to other schools in the metro. Using arts and crafts, children are afforded a chance to be creative, and improve their communication and motor skills to boot. The City has assisted with a range of art supplies. The **Noluntu Soup Kitchen**, in turn, serves as a beacon of hope for those grappling with food insecurity. The City has helped provide vital supplies, such as large pots, gas stoves, plastic basins, perishables and compost bins (bottom pic above, with soup kitchen founder Noluntu Mhlanga dressed in white), to ensure that the kitchen can continue its good work. In addition, by composting its food waste and using this in a communal garden, the kitchen not only tackles hunger, but also contributes to environmental conservation. To have your community initiative considered for potential City assistance through the Community Development Worker (CDW) programme, contact your local subcouncil office or email Community.DevelopmentWorkers@capetown.gov.za.



Strandfontein development enters EIA phase

In November 2022, the City called for residents’ comments on a proposal to develop the neglected and underused Strandfontein coastal resort area (shown on the map alongside). The plan is to create a high-quality mixed-use node with well-located residential and commercial opportunities, including recreational facilities such as picnic areas, walkways and terraces. Next up, an EIA Since then, more than one round of community participation have taken place. The next step is to perform an environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the site. This is required by the National Environmental Management Act, as the proposed development falls within 100 m of the high-water mark. The envisaged development will occur mainly in the northern, western and central sections of the 26 ha site. The eastern section is preserved for biodiversity, while the southern section includes the Strandfontein Pavilion and tidal pool. Will touch base again A City-appointed independent consultant will undertake the EIA, and the community will again be approached for a discussion of the outcome and the way forward.



Beetle pest seen in Penhill

In February, the City was notified of a tree possibly infested with the polyphagous shot-hole borer beetle (PSHB) in Penhill, Eerste River. Following investigations and positive DNA samples, Penhill has since been confirmed as the latest PSHB hotspot. Surveys by the City’s Invasive Species Unit discovered another 24 infested trees – eight on City-owned land and 14 on private properties. The spreading of the beetle is of great concern, and all private landowners should inspect their trees and immediately contact the City should they see signs of infestation (see picture). To report PSHB sightings, go to www.capetown.gov.za/InvasiveSpecies, dial 021 444 2357 (weekdays 07:30 to 16:00), or email invasive.species@capetown.gov.za. The City’s website also contains information on how to identify infected trees, and what to do if spotted.

Cape Town’s governance ‘gooder’ than the rest

Cape Town has come out tops in the 2024 edition of Good Governance Africa’s Governance Performance Index. The index ranks South Africa’s metro, local and district municipalities across the five good governance indicators of administration and governance, economic development, leadership and management, planning, monitoring and evaluation, and service delivery. The City is ranked first for service delivery and economic development. Cape Town also maintains the lowest broad unemployment rate in the country.

KORTLIKS

Die direktoraat veiligheid en sekuriteit sowel as stedelike mobiliteit het saamgewerk om die padveiligheidsleerdersentrum in Mitchells Plain tot stand te bring. Die sentrum gebruik ’n minipadnetwerk om jong leerders van padveiligheid te leer.

Die Stad is trots op sy betrokkenheid by twee inisiatiewe wat lewens in wyk 94, Khayelitsha, verbeter. Lingomso Elihle (‘Ons Toekoms’) is ’n nasorgprogram wat kinders met vaardighede vir die toekoms toerus, en Noluntu-sopkombuis help diegene wat met kostekorte sukkel.

Ná ondersoeke en positiewe DNS-toetse is Penhill bevestig as die jongste brandpunt waar die veelvretende boorkewer verwoesting saai. Die Stad het in November 2022 inwoners se kommentaar gevra op ’n voorstel vir die ontwikkeling van die verwaarloosde Strandfontein-kusoordeelgebied. Die plan is om ’n gemengdegebruiksnodus te skep met residensiële en kommersiële geleenthede sowel as ontspanningsgeriewe. Die volgende stap is ’n omgewingsimpakstudie vir die terrein.

Die Stad is vasberade om die gehalte en suiwelheid van Kaapstad se waterlopie te verbeter. Daarom het die munisipaliteit ’n gedeelte van die Swartrivier in vennootskap met die Litterboom Project en Rondebosch-golfklub skoongemaak.

Kaapstad kraai koning in vanjaar se uitgawe van Good Governance Africa se indeks van plaaslikeregeringsprestasie.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Intsebenziswano phakathi kwamacandelo olawulo eSixeko ezoKhuselo noKhusaleko kunye noZinzo lwezoThutho eziDolophini yafikelela kuvuthondaba ngokuphehlelelwa kweZiko laBafundi loKhusaleko eziNdleleni eMitchells Plain elisebenzisa ubume bendlela obuncinane ukufundisa abafundi abaselula ngokhuseleko ezindleleni.

ISixeko siyazingca ngokubandakanyeka kumaphulo amabini okuphucula ubomi kwiWadi 94 eKhayelitsha. ILingomso eLihle (‘Our Future’) yinkqubo yaseemva kokuphuma kwesikolo yokuxhobisa abantwana ngazakhono zekamva, ngelixa uNoluntu Soup Kitchen, encedisa abo banengxaki yokunqongophala kokutya.

Ukulandela uphando kunye neesampuli zeDNA ezilungileyo, iPenhill iqinisekisiwe njengoqongqothwane wamva nje ohlasela izityalo ngokuvula imigxuma iPSHB.

KweyeNkanga ka2022, iSixeko sahlaba ikhwelo kubahlali lokuba bavakalise izimvo zabo ngesindululo sokuphuhlisa indawo yokuphumla engahoywanga yaseStrandfontein. Isicwangciso kukudala indawo yokusetyenziswa okuxubeneyo enamathuba okuhlala kunye nawezorhwebo kunye neendawo zokuzonwabisa. Inyathelo elilandelayo luvavanyo lwempembelelo yokusingqongileyo (EIA) kwisiza.

Sizimisele ukuphucula umgangatho kunye nokuceka kweendlela zamanzi zaseKapa, iSixeko siye sasebenzisana neProjekthi yeLitterboom kunye neKlabhu yeGalufa yaseRondebosch ukucoca icandelo lomlambo iBlack.

IKapa liphume phambili kuhlalo luka2024 lweSalathiso sokuSebenza koLawulo oluLungileyo lwaseAfrika.

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