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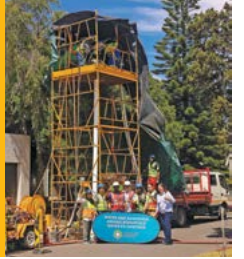
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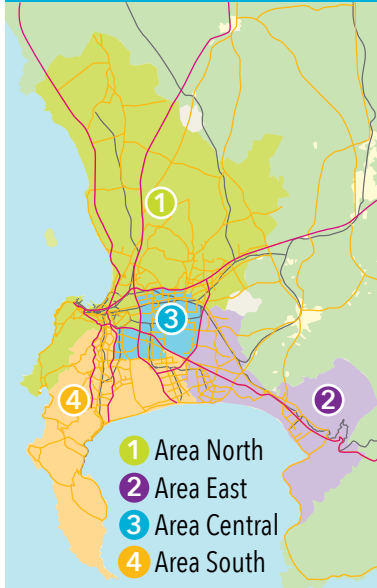
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Turning parking into prosperity: The City is proposing auctioning off the overflow parking area south of the Athlone stadium (marked in red above) for mixed-use development as a way to spark economic activity and growth in the area. See page 3.

Cape Town officially the Mother of all cities

Thanks to *Time Out's* 2025 world city ranking, the world now knows what we've known all along: There is no place on earth like our beloved Mother City.



Cape Town's a cut above the rest, having taken the prestigious top spot on *Time Out's* Best City in the World 2025 ranking. The Mother City scored highly across the board for its beauty, overall happiness and top-notch food scene, offering visitors countless magical experiences.

More than 18 500 city dwellers

across the world responded to this year's survey, sharing their opinion on everything from nightlife and food to public transport, green spaces and friendliness. Additionally, a panel of more than 100 city experts drawn from *Time Out's* global network were asked to name their most exciting cities in the world right now. Finally, all the data –

spanning 44 different criteria – was combined to rank the world's top cities for 2025.

The Mother City outperformed cities such as Bangkok, New York, Melbourne and London, which are ranked second to fifth respectively.

** For the full list of the 50 best cities in the world, go to [timeout.com/bestcities](https://www.timeout.com/bestcities).*

More residents come home

In December 2024, an additional 52 Breaking New Ground (BNG) homes were handed over to the qualifying beneficiaries of the Erf 8448 section of the Gugulethu infill housing project (pictured below). The project has faced a number of challenges, including contractor issues, extortion attempts, unlawful occupation, and vandalism. Once completed, however, it will deliver 1 004 homes, comprising 570 units at Erf 8448 and 434 at Mau Mau in Nyanga.



In addition, twelve Bishop Lavis families in City rental units recently received their title deeds through the Deed-to-Door programme. Nearly 6 000 of the targeted 10 000 title deeds have now been delivered to qualifying families. Think you might qualify? Phone the Human Settlements call centre on 021 444 0333 between 07:30 and 16:30 on weekdays. Alternatively, email Title.Deeds@capetown.gov.za, stating your erf number and area, name and surname, ID number and address.

City keeps it fair

Beneficiaries of City housing projects are selected in accordance with the City's Housing Allocation Policy and housing needs register. This ensures that opportunities are made available in a fair and transparent manner without queue jumping, and to those who legally qualify.



City's new Housing Queue goes live

The City has officially launched its telephonic Housing Queue service, providing residents an added dedicated channel to access housing services and information.

Available on 021 444 0333 on weekdays between 07:30 and 16:30, the new contact service offers residents easy access to Human Settlements information, including on housing opportunities, the housing needs register process, eligibility criteria, and application status updates. Customers will also benefit from enhanced support with online applications and public housing queries, as well as updates on City housing projects.

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KORTLIKS

Die Stad oorweeg 'n voorstel om die oorspoelparkering suid van die Athlone-stadion op 'n veiling te verkoop vir 'n gemengdegebruik-ontwikkeling om ekonomiese aktiwiteit en groei in die omgewing te stimuleer.

Die Stad het sy telefoniese Housing Queue-diens bekend gestel. Dit bied inwoners nou 'n bykomende manier om toegang tot behuisingsdienste en -inligting te bekom.

Kaapstad pryk boaan *Time Out* se ranglys van die wêreld se beste stede vir 2025. Die Moederstad word hoog aangeslaan vir sy natuurskoon, hoë

geluक्सvlakke onder inwoners, uithalercos, en die tallose onvergeetlike ervarings wat besoekers hier kan hê.

'n Bykomende 52 subsidiehuise is in Desember 2024 aan die kwalifiserende begunstigdes van die erf 8448-gedeelte van die Gugulethu-tussenbehuisingsprojek oorhandig. Dié projek sal uiteindelik 1 004 huise voorsien – 570 eenhede op erf 8448, en 434 by Mau Mau in Nyanga.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

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ISixeko siphehlelele ngokusesikweni inkonzo yaso yoLandelwano lweZindlu ngomnxeba, sibonelela abahlali ngomjelo owongezelelweyo ozinikelelo wokufikelela kwiinkonzo zezindlu kunye nolwazi.

IKapa lithathe indawo ebalaseleyo kwiHlabathi yeSixeko esiBalaseleyo kwi-*Time Out* kuluhlu luka2025. IMother City ifumene amanqaku aphezulu

ngobuhle bayo, ulonwabo lunolke kunye nendawo yokutela ephezulu, enika iindwendwe intaphane yamava angumlingo.

KweyoMnga ngo2024, amakhaya ongezelelweyo angama52 eBreaking New Ground (BNG) anikezelwa kubaxhamli abafanelekileyo becandelo lesiza 8448 leprojekthi yezindlu ezingagcwaliswanga eGugulethu. Yakuba igqityiwe, iza kuhambisa amakhaya ali1 004, aquka iiyunithi ezingama570 zesiza 8448 kunye ne434 eMau Mau eNyanga.

Making progress possible. **Together.**

City's switching to smart bills

Come 31 December 2025, the City will no longer send any printed municipal bills via ordinary post. This follows a multi-year paperless billing campaign that has already seen more than 430 000 City customers signing up for emailed bills.

Here's how

To make the switch to cyber, please send your account number and email address to either Revenue. Eservices@capetown.gov.za or the SMS line 31223 before the end of the year. From January 2026, the City's call centre will assist account holders who have no email access. To phone the call centre, dial 0860 103 089.

Here's why

Switching to email delivery offers many benefits. It reduces the risk of non-delivery, makes it easy for customers to keep track of their bills, and gives them quick access to their accounts to use as proof of residence. Moreover, saving on printing and postage makes the City more financially and environmentally sustainable.

* Enter 'Register for paperless bills' in the search box on the City's website. You'll be directed to more information on the switch to e-bills, including frequently asked questions at the bottom of the page.

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REGISTER BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Why Capetonians can take heart from the latest crime stats

One of our pledges to Capetonians at the start of this term of office was to make Cape Town safer. We cannot call this a city of hope as long as our communities suffer at the hands of criminals, and particularly the gangs and drug dealers who terrorise many of our neighbourhoods.

You probably also know that we have long called for our own municipal officers to be granted powers of investigation so that we can build cases that will see criminals successfully prosecuted and locked up. This devolution of policing powers is a top priority for us. But until that happens – and I am confident it will – we will not sit back and let criminals invade and take over our neighbourhoods.

There are very few substitutes in policing for 'boots on the ground' – visible officers deployed to high-crime areas. One way in which we have been able to boost our visible policing is through the Law Enforcement Advancement Programme (LEAP), our partnership programme with Province.

It is one thing to deploy these extra LEAP officers to help the South



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

African Police Service fight crime, but it is quite another to see the results of these deployments reflected in the crime statistics. The recently released figures for October to December 2024 show that our LEAP officers are winning critical battles in the fight against gangs, drugs and firearm crimes.

Arrests for illegal firearms are up dramatically in crime hotspots where we have deployed these officers. Firearm arrests are up by 33% in Mitchells Plain, by 40% in Philippi East, by 70% in Delft, and by a massive 94% in Gugulethu. That's a

significant number of guns taken off our streets. There is similar good news in terms of arrest numbers for drug offences in our LEAP deployment areas. Drug arrests are up by 43% in Delft, by 62% in Khayelitsha, by 114% in Gugulethu, and astonishingly, by 333% in Philippi East.

Of course, we would love to play a bigger role in securing prosecutions following these arrests through quality investigative police work. Nevertheless, it is still very encouraging to know that our LEAP officers are making such a clear impact. Every gun and unit of drugs taken off the streets makes Cape Town communities safer.

When you add the positive effect of our massive investment in crime-fighting technologies such as gunshot detection, aerial surveillance, drones, security cameras and automatic licence plate recognition, there is no doubt that we are getting maximum value from our limited policing powers. Bit by bit, we are making steady progress towards a safer Cape Town for all.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor

Because you settle, we can serve

We thank every single resident who settles their municipal accounts every month. Income from municipal account payments is the primary funding stream for City services. That is why we have made payment as easy and convenient as possible.

Chop-chop ways to pay

You can pay:

- at any Shoprite, Checkers, USave, Pick n Pay, PEP, Ackermans, Lewis, Top It Up, Woolworths or Spar outlet;
- online at www.easypay.co.za or www.powertime.co.za;
- via your internet banking platform by selecting the City of Cape Town as a bank-listed beneficiary on your bank's website and using your nine-digit municipal account number as reference; or
- by scanning the QR code printed on your account (enter 'QR code guideline' in the search box on the City's website for a step-by-step explanation if you're new to code scanning).

* To make payment arrangements, email payment.arrangements@capetown.gov.za. To apply for indigent support, email indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za.

Western Cape dam levels slightly lower this year

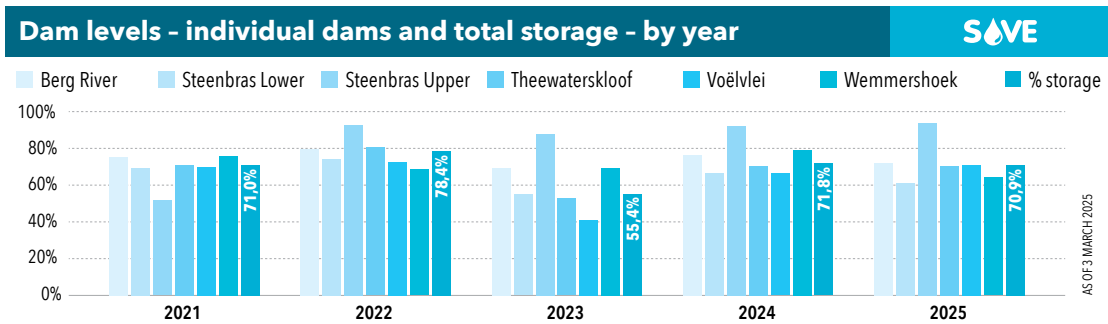
The dam levels for Cape Town have dropped to 70,9%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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



Water reuse works a treat at recreation facilities

An estimated 2,5–3,5 million litres of drinking water will be saved daily as treated-effluent irrigation connections are commissioned at a number of City recreation facilities across town. The Recreation and Parks Department and the Water and Sanitation Directorate are collaborating to switch City-owned sports fields and other recreation facilities to these new, more sustainable irrigation systems. Some 120 facilities have already been connected, with more earmarked.

Safe and sustainable supply

Treated effluent is wastewater that has been purified at a wastewater treatment works (WWTW), where contaminants are removed before it is safely reused for irrigation and industrial purposes. Through a pipeline network of almost 283 km, treated effluent is supplied from nine City WWTWs, namely Athlone, Bellville, Cape Flats, Kraaifontein, Macassar, Potsdam, Scottsdene, Zandvliet and

Melkbosstrand.

A R65 million City investment in treated-effluent infrastructure includes the upgrade of Bellville pump station and the pipeline to supply Kuils River, the new Scottsdene pump station and phase 1 of its pipeline, as well as the new Zandvliet pump station.

Makes financial sense, too

Treated effluent is available at R7,62 per kilolitre for irrigation at golf clubs,

schools and Recreation and Parks facilities, and R8,71 for commercial and industrial users. This is a fraction of the R35,07 per kilolitre of potable water that commercial, industrial and educational institutions currently pay.

* To apply for treated-effluent supply, email Treated.Effluent@capetown.gov.za. For more information, search under 'Apply for supply of treated effluent' on the City's website.

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If you want it emailed to you, send your email address to: citynews@capetown.gov.za.



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Ná 31 Desember 2025 sal die Stad nie meer enige gedrukte munisipale rekeninge met gewone pos versend nie. Dit volg na 'n jare lange veldtog om inwoners na papierlose rekeninge te laat oorslaan. Meer as 430 000 Stadskliënte ontvang reeds hulle maandelikse rekeninge per e-pos.

Een van die Stad se beloftes aan Kapenaars aan die begin van die Raad se huidige ampstermyn was om Kaapstad veiliger te maak. Die misdadigers vir Oktober tot Desember 2024, wat onlangs vrygestel is, toon dat ons LEAP-beamptes belangrike oorwinnings in die stryd teen bendes, dwelms en wapenmisdaad behaal.

Ons bedank elke inwoner wat hulle munisipale rekeninge getrou betaal.

Inkomste uit munisipale rekeningebetalings is die hooffinansieringstroom vir Stads-dienste. Dit is waarom die Stad kliënte verskeie maklike en gerieflike maniere bied om te betaal.

Die gebruik van behandelde uitvloe-water vir besproeiing by 'n aantal Stads-ontspanningsfasiliteite sal daaglik 'n geskatte 2,5–3,5 miljoen liter drinkwater spaar. Die departement ontspanning en parke en die direktoraat water en sanitasie werk saam om sportterreine en ander ontspanningsfasiliteite van die Stad na hierdie nuwe, meer volhoubare besproeiingstelsels te laat oorslaan.

Help ons om afpersers by die Stad se bouprojekte vas te trek. Om verdagte optrede aan te meld, skakel 021 480 7700.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ukuqala ngowama31 kweyoMnga 2025, iSixeko sawube singasathumeli nawaphi na amatyala kamasipala aprintiweyo ngeposi eqhelekileyo. Oku kulandele iphulo leminyaka emininzi elikhuthaza ukuthunyelwa kwamatyala en-gaprintwanga esele libangele ukuba abathengi beSixeko abangaphezu kwama430 000 basayinele ukuba amatyala abo athunyelwe ngeimeyili.

Esinye sezibhambathiso esiye sazenza kubemi baseKapa ekuqaleni kweli thuba lolawulo kukwenza iKapa likhuseleke. Amanani asandul' ukukhutshwa kweyeDwarha ukuya kweyoMnga 2024 adiza ukuba amagosa ethu eLEAP aphumelela amadabi abalulekileyo namaqela emigulukudu, iziyobisi kunye nolwaphulomthetho lwemipu.

Sibamba ngazibini kubo bonke abahlali

abazihlawulayo iikhawunti zabo zikamasipala nyanga nenyanga. Ingeniso efunaneka ngoku-hlawulwa kwee-akhawunti zikamasipala yeyona nkxasomali iphambili siyisebenzisela ukuhlawula iinkonzo zeSixeko. Yiyo loo nto senze ukuhlawula kwaba lula kangangoko kunokwenzeka.

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Weigh in on proposed development of Athlone stadium parking

Residents are invited to have their say on the proposed mixed-use development of a section of the parking area at Athlone stadium alongside Klipfontein Road. The proposal relates to the 13 366 m² overflow parking located south of the stadium.

Harnessing central location

The aim is to incorporate retail, commercial and business components into the development to stimulate economic activity, create job opportunities and enhance socioeconomic development in the area. The stadium's central location on main public transport routes makes it ideal for this purpose. This was also confirmed by a feasibility study.

Auction probably the way to go

The proposed development opportunity is expected to be made available through auction in phases, depending on market take-up. The City's desktop valuation estimates the market value of the property at R17,6 million (excluding VAT and transfer costs). The funds generated from the sale will be used for general citywide service delivery.

The City will share details of designated public meetings. Alternatively, submit your comments to Development.Athlone@capetown.gov.za.

** For further information, visit the Property Development Department's webpage.*

Massive makeover for Bishop Lavis sports ground

A multi-year upgrade to Bishop Lavis sports ground will see the City inject a total of R28 million into the facility to make it more functional and appealing to various users.

Improvements that have already been completed include an upgraded cricket pitch, a re-grassed athletics track, new multipurpose hard courts for tennis and netball, and new spectator fencing. A central green core has been created by consolidating the soccer and cricket fields for greater accessibility and versatility.

This year's planned upgrades will include the creation of an 11-a-side synthetic soccer pitch and a family park, as well as improvements to the entrance, access road and parking areas. A pedestrian link connecting Lavistown train station to central Bishop Lavis is also on the cards.

A plan to 'sea' us through the dry times

In a further bid to augment Cape Town's water supply, the City is planning to establish a desalination plant at Paarden Eiland. With the window for public participation now closed, the municipality will draw on residents' input and the guidance of an expert panel to plan the plant.

Desalination is the technological process of removing salt and other minerals from seawater to make it safe to drink, and is used worldwide to supplement cities' water sources. In Cape Town, too, desalination forms part of the City's New Water Programme to get us to a more water-resilient future, with a permanent plant planned for the Paarden Eiland area. Capetonians had a chance to have their say from January to early March.

Not compromising on quality

The City's drinking water supply continues to meet and exceed the stringent SANS 241:2015 quality standards. And the water supplied by the desalination plant will be no different.

To ensure that Capetonians receive only top-quality water, the proposed Paarden Eiland plant will feature a comprehensive, multi-barrier treatment process. This will include reverse osmosis, using high-pressure membranes to remove dissolved salts. Another step will be ultraviolet oxidation, depending on the results of the seawater quality tests. Additionally, environmentally responsible strategies have been outlined for discharging the brine generated by the desalination



Water, water, everywhere, and soon it'll be safe to drink! An aerial picture showing the proposed location (highlighted in orange) of the permanent desalination plant in Paarden Eiland. The plant will have a water production capacity of 50–70 million ℓ/day.

process back into the sea.

All of these treatment methods adhere to global best practice to ensure that the

plant operates efficiently, without harming the environment. A comprehensive water quality monitoring programme

has also been established to keep tabs on the seawater abstraction zone near the harbour.

Groundwork to make the plant work

The City is not taking any chances and is doing its homework thoroughly. A feasibility study in collaboration with National Treasury's Government Technical Advisory Centre was undertaken to explore the most suitable, sustainable and cost-effective options for financing, building and operating the plant. Residents also submitted input as part of the environmental impact assessment phase.

In addition, the City will draw on the know-how of an independent advisory panel with local and international experts. The panel will provide guidance throughout the planning, construction and operational phases of the plant. Aspects such as purification and water quality, public safety, project financing, desalination technology, engineering as well as marine and environmental sciences will be constantly evaluated and reviewed.

** To learn more about desalination, enter 'Desalination booklet' in the search box on the City's website to be directed to an easy-to-understand resource.*

Power's coming to Valhalla Park

Following unfortunate delays in the appointment of an electrical contractor to connect homes in the Valhalla Park housing project to the power grid, a contract is now in place.

When the housing units were completed in December 2023, beneficiaries agreed in writing to take occupation of their homes prior to the installation of electrical services to reduce the risk of unlawful occupation. This was reconfirmed at the handover as well as during housing consumer education sessions. Subsequently, however, delays in finalising design approvals meant that the electrical contractor could not be appointed as swiftly as had been hoped.

City staff and the contractor are now preparing the necessary areas for the on-site installation of electricity infrastructure to get all homes plugged in as soon as possible.

Paving fixes pick up speed

Since November 2024, the City has been actively reinstating paving on sidewalks, driveways and road kerbs where urgent water pipe and infrastructure repairs required excavations. To speed up the work, external contractors are now on board, allowing multiple work packages to be rolled out simultaneously to ensure consistent progress across various areas. Since implementing this new

approach, reinstatements have already been completed in Delft, Malibu, Belhar, Blomtuin, Upper Oakdale, Brackenfell South, Chrismar, Eversdal, Glenhaven, Groenvallei, Kenridge, La Rochelle, Labiance, Morgenster, Morgenster Heights, Oakdale, Schoongezicht, Scottesdene, Shirley Park, Sonstraal and Valmary Park. Further work is planned in Fairfield Estate, Glenlilly, Panorama, and Platteklouf.



Hole's whole again: Before-and-after shots of a paving reinstatement. The City has been hard at work across town fixing paved surfaces where emergency digging had to be performed.



Back to having a field day: The newly resurfaced astro hockey field at the Bellville sports complex (above) has put the venue back in tip-top shape for the teams of the Bellville Hockey Club, including the junior girls pictured below with coach Jesse Esau (team picture courtesy of ACK Sports Photography).



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Sedert November 2024 is Stadspanne druk besig om plaveisel op sypaadjies, opritte en padrande te herstel waar uitgrawings vir dringende werk aan waterpype en ander infrastruktuur gedoen moes word. Eksterne kontrakteurs sit nou ook hand by, so werk kan nou gelyktydig op verskillende plekke plaasvind om vordering te bespoedig.

Vir die multjaaropknapping van Bishop Lavis-sportterrein bestee die Stad R28 miljoen om dié fasiliteit meer funksioneel en aantreklik te maak

vir verskillende gebruikers.

Ná onvoorsiene vertragings in die aanstelling van 'n elektriese kontrakteur om huise in die Valhalla Park-behuisingsprojek by die kragnetwerk aan te sluit, is 'n kontrak nou onderteken.

Die astrohokkieveld by die Bellville-sport-kompleks spog met 'n nuwe blad, wat dié fasiliteit nou weer eksieperfeksie maak vir die spanne van Bellville-hokkieklub.

Ontsooting is die tegnologiese proses om sout en ander minerale uit seewater te onttrek om dit veilig te maak om te drink. Etlike stede wêreldwyd gebruik dit om hulle waterbronne aan te vul. In Kaapstad is ontsooting deel van die Stad se nuwe waterprogram vir 'n meer waterseker toekoms. 'n Permanente ontsootingsaanleg word in die omgewing van Paardeneiland beplan.

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Uphuculo lweminyaka emininzi kwibala lezemidlalo laseBishop Lavis luza kubona iSixeko sifaka amaR28 ezigidi kwiziko ukuze lisebenze ngakumbi kwaye libe nomtsalane kubasebenzisi abahlukeneyo.

Ukulandela ukulibaziseka okulishwa ekuqashweni kwekontraka yombane ukudibanisa amakhaya kwiprojekthi yezindlu yaseValhalla Park kwigradi yombane, isivumelwano ngoku sikhona.

Ibala elitsha lehocky kwibala lezemidlalo laseBellville libuyisele indawo kwindawo ephuzulu kumaqela eBellville Hockey Club.

Ukukhutshwa kwetyuwa yinkqubo yobuchwepheshe yokususa ityuwa kunye nezinye izimbiwa kumanzi olwandle ukuze akhuseleke ukuwasela, kwaye kusetyenziswa kwihlabathi jikelele ukongeza imithombo yamanzi yezixeko. EKapa, ukukhutshwa kwetyuwa emanzini kuyinxalenye yeNkqubo eNtsha yaManzi yeSixeko kwikamva elikwaziyo ukumelana namanzi, kunye nomzimveliso osisigxina ocwangciselwe ummandla wasePaarden Eiland.

Assistance for ECD centres continues

Last year, the City's Social Development and Early Childhood Development Directorate facilitated training opportunities for nearly 1 700 early childhood development (ECD) practitioners, with more training planned for 2025.

ECD centres play a vital role in our children's future wellbeing and success. Since little ones' cognitive, emotional and social abilities are shaped in those early foundational years, investing in ECD is key.

Yet ECD centres also face many challenges, not least complying with the requirements to register with Province and gain potential access to funding. This is why the City offers training to help these facilities meet all legal health and safety requirements, as well as to promote ECD staff growth and development. Training covers topics such as hygiene, waste management and food preparation, mental health, emergency preparedness and response, first aid, and education around the provisions of the Children's Act.



Equipped to care: Early childhood development (ECD) practitioners receive first-aid training at one of a range of City-facilitated training opportunities last year. The training helps ECD centres meet health and safety requirements for registration with Province.

Ridding Elsieskraal river of invasive poplars

Tying in with the Mayor's priority project to improve inland water quality and create liveable urban waterways, the Elsieskraal river can now breathe more freely thanks to the removal of invasive and thirsty poplar trees.

The City has cleared invasive poplar trees, some as tall as 5 m, from Loevenstein Park along the Bellville section of the Elsieskraal river. Specialised expertise was required for the effective treatment of the felled trees. The total estimated project cost is R1,2 million.

This is one of a number of proactive measures implemented here to improve inland water quality and facilitate studies and designs aimed at the future rehabilitation of the riverbank. Other measures include upgrading a spillway channel for the Kreupelboom dam, routine maintenance of dam gates, valves and levees, erosion protection through an embankment, and road restoration in the reserve area at Vodacom Golf Village.

Ultimately, these efforts will reduce the risk of flooding for adjacent communities, properties and public assets, and enhance habitats for local flora and fauna.

How this river runs
The Elsieskraal river originates in the



Tygerberg Hills. Below Doordekraal dam, the river flows through the Tygervally Waterfront and then adjacent to the quarry opposite Carl Cronje Drive. After running in an unlined channel to the N1, it passes under the road into Jack Muller Park. At the downstream end of the park, the Elsieskraal drops into a covered culvert and exits in Bellville

to pass through public open spaces, greenbelts and the City's Tielman Marais and Elizabeth parks. Crossing the Tienie Meyer Bypass and the railway line, the last section extends for some 1 km to Francie van Zijl Drive and then continues for another 12 km until its confluence with the Vygekraal river near the former Athlone power station.

Cut down to size: The felling of invasive poplar trees along the Elsieskraal river in Loevenstein Park, Bellville, forms part of a larger project, laying the groundwork for the riverbank to be rehabilitated in the future.



Dads and lads discuss GBV: To mark the 16 Days of Activism campaign against gender-based violence (GBV) in November/December 2024, the City hosted a two-day workshop for fathers and sons from Langa, Kraaifontein, Delft, Mfuleni and central Cape Town. Titled "Fatherhood for the future", the session aimed to strengthen father-and-son relationships by emphasising the importance of modelling positive behaviour. Participants developed individual and community action plans for addressing GBV beyond the workshop. They also created art to symbolise their commitment to GBV prevention.



Making 100 look like a piece of cake! Deputy Mayor Ald Eddie Andrews (left) and Cllr Zahid Badroodien (right) visited Athlone resident Doris Barrish Johnson (middle) in January to congratulate her on her 100th birthday. Now residing with her son and his wife, 'Aunty Doris' has lived all over Cape Town, including 30 years at the City's Rainbow Lane pensioners cottages in Silvertown. Her favourite places in the Mother City include St George's Cathedral and the Company's Garden. She also loved taking her children to Kalk Bay and Camps Bay beach by train.

Panorama pipes in rehab

As part of the City's sewer pipe replacement programme, a Mayor's priority project, R323 million has been allocated for sewer maintenance and replacements in 2024/25.

In Panorama, work involves rehabilitating approximately 2,6 km of pipelines across Piketberg and Constantia streets, Alk van Zyl Avenue, Drostdy Street, Panorama Drive, as well as Hennie Winterbach, Heidelberg and Cradock streets. The complex project is expected to be completed by June 2025.

Tired pipes ...
The area was identified as a priority due to repeated sewer overflows and collapses in the past two years. Investigations revealed that 50-year-old fibre-cement pipes with excessive root intrusion were the primary cause of the problem.

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To rehabilitate the sewers, the City is using cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining. The trenchless method involves inserting a resin-coated textile tube into the existing pipe, leaving the tube to harden and form a seamless, joint-free lining. The technology is widely used for its efficiency and minimal surface disruption.



No-trench tech at work: City officials at the sewer rehabilitation project currently under way in Panorama, using no-mess, no-fuss trenchless technology for minimal surface disruption.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad se direkteoraat maatskaplike en vroeëkindontwikkeling (VKO) het in 2024 opleidingsgeleenthede vir bykans 1 700 VKO-praktisyns gefasiliteer. Verdere opleiding word vir 2025 beplan.

Inderingerpopuliere is uit Loevensteinpark langs die Bellville-gedeelte van die Elsieskraalrivier verwyder. Kenners moes help om die bome, waarvan party tot 5 m hoog was, op die regte manier uit te kap en weg te ry. Die totale projektkoste word op R1,2 miljoen geskat.

As deel van die Stad se rioolpypvervangings-program – 'n prioriteitsprojek van die burgemeester – is R323 miljoen in 2024/25 aan rioolpypinstandhouding en -vervangings toegeken.

Vir die 16 Dae van Aktivisme-veldtog teen geslagsgebaseerde geweld laat verlede jaar het die Stad 'n twee dae lange werksessie vir pa's en seuns van Langa, Kraaifontein, Delft, Mfuleni en Kaapstad-middestad aangebied. Die sessie het verhoudings tussen die pa's en seuns versterk deur die belang van positiewe rolmodelle te beklemtoon.

Onderburgemeester rdh Eddie Andrews en rdh Zahid Badroodien het in Januarie die Athlone-inwoner Doris Barrish Johnson besoek om haar met haar 100ste verjaardag geluk te wens.

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