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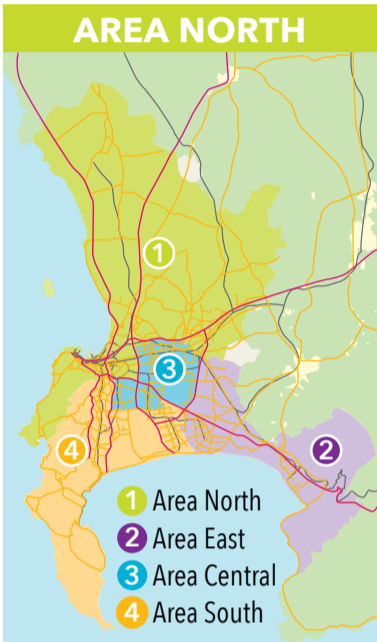
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Turning real estate into real benefits

Realising that City-owned properties can be leveraged for the benefit of all Capetonians, Council recently approved the sale and lease of 36 properties. The total sale transaction value is approximately R24,6 million, and the value of the lease transactions is an estimated R1,7 million per annum.

Concrete opportunities

Among the transactions is the sale of a site of 13 ha in Atlantis Industria, intended for the construction of a cement-grinding facility to manufacture products for various building applications. The business will support local jobs for an estimated 200 employees, along with significant indirect employment opportunities in the logistics and related industries that will support the plant.

Another transaction involves the relocation of an inner-city-based business to Atlantis Industria to enable the development of a liquid-waste specialised storage, collection, recycling and refinery facility. The liquid waste (mineral oil and wastewater) is largely collected from the Cape Town harbour, treated, and then resold to other industries such as textile, laundry and fishing, thereby contributing to the green, circular economy.

People before profit

Other sale transactions involve sites to be used for social care and community purposes, where the sale price has been significantly discounted. The lease agreements, in turn, include the extension of a lease for the Maitland crematorium. This will allow time for much-needed renovations to the site, and for its vital cremation services to continue.



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.

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).

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KORTLIKS

Die Stad het sy telefoniese Housing Queue-diens bekend gestel. Dit bied inwoners nou 'n bykomende manier om toegang tot behuisingdienste 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 geluksvlakke onder inwoners, uithaleros, en die tallose onvergeetlike ervarings wat besoekers hier kan hê.

Die polifae boorkewer maak nou ook amok in Durbanville se bome. Dié plaag hou 'n ernstige bedreiging in vir Kaapstad se stedelike woud, want besmette bome moet uitgekap en opgekerf word.

Die Raad besef maar alte goed dat Stadseiendomme tot voordeel van alle Kapenaars benut kan word, en het dus onlangs die verkoop en verhuring van 36 sulke eiendomme goedgekeur. Net die verkoopstransaksies sal sowat R24,6 miljoen inbring.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko siphelelele ngokusesikweni inkonzo yaso yokufolela imicimbi yezezindlu ngefowuni, inika abahlali ijelo elongezelelweyo elijoliswe kakhulu ekubanikeni inkonzo yezindlu nenkazelozelo ngayo.

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Sithethanje imithi yaseDurbanville inyakazela oooqongothwane abagrumbayo nabatya yonk' into. Esi sinambuzane siwabeka kwingozi enkulu amahlathi akwiidolophu zaseKapa, kuba kaloku imithi echaphazelekayo kunyanzeleka inqunqwe ize igutywe.

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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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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

Western Cape dam levels slightly lower this year

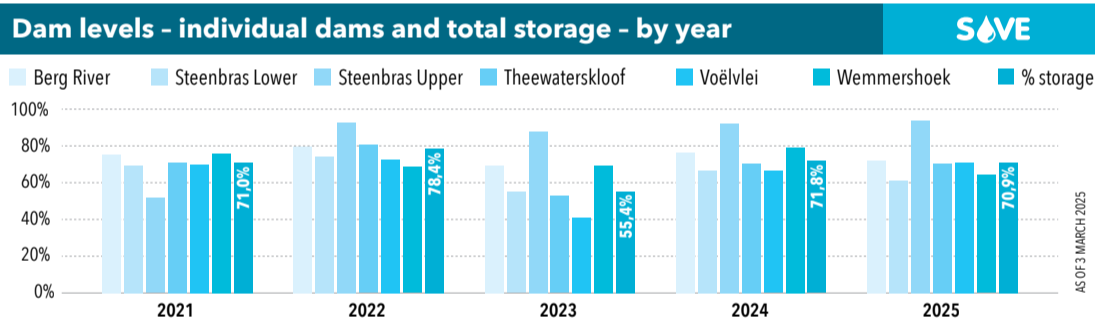
The dam levels for Cape Town have dropped to 70,9%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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, Scottsdale, 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 Scottsdale 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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KORTLIKS

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 hul 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 misdaadsyfers 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 hul munisipale rekeninge getrou betaal.

Inkomste uit munisipale rekeningebetalings is die hoof finansieringstroom vir Stadsdienste. Dit is waarom die Stad kliënte verskeie maklike en gerieflike maniere bied om te betaal.

Die gebruik van behandelde uitvloeiwatervir besproeiing by 'n aantal Stadsontspanningsfasiliteite 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 besproeiingsstelsels 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

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Sibamba ngazibini kubo bonke abahlali

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Temporary halt at Bayside canal site

Despite the temporary suspension of work on the Bayside canal upgrade in Milnerton, the City remains committed to the timely completion of this multi-million-rand project.

The civil contractor suspended operations in November 2024 due to contractual matters. Nevertheless, the project is already beyond the halfway mark. The remaining scope of work includes the construction of the upgraded stormwater canal to the primary sedimentation ponds, and the bypass canal connecting the secondary treatment channel to the Rietvlei. Efforts are under way to resolve the matter promptly and resume construction.

The canal upgrade is vital to cope with the increased stormwater flows resulting from rapid development in the catchment. The project also aims to combat pollution of the Rietvlei from various stormwater channels.



Canal's gone quiet, for now: Legal processes are under way so that work on the Bayside canal upgrade can resume with minimal delays.



A 'hole' lot of swing: The 18-hole Durbanville Golf Club hosted the prestigious Standard Bank Ladies Open in February. This second stop of the eight-tournament Sunshine Ladies Tour season attracted over 100 professional and amateur golfers from more than 30 countries. The Durbanville golf course, which extends over 6 173 m from the tees, is the latest Cape Town course to host a major professional tournament. The Mother City will also host the Investec SA Women's Open at the Erinvale Golf Club in Somerset West in April. For more information, visit eventsincapetown.com.

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.

Park collab shows power of partnership

The City and Edge Church partnered to upgrade Sunnyside Park, a central gathering place for the people of Edgemoor. Edge Church made a generous R2,7 million donation and will be assisting with park maintenance and management. The City contributed 30 trees and mulch, a water meter, as well as refurbished play equipment to enhance the space, creating a greener,

more inviting environment for residents.

The transformed park was revealed to the public at the end of January. It boasts planted beds, a landscaped berm with shrubs, synthetic grass and rubberised surfacing, new benches and picnic tables, enhancements to the dog park, laterite pathways, a dedicated play area for children, and improved access for all modes of transport.

Park's got parking too

Another key feature is the new public parking area. This will improve traffic flow in surrounding streets, particularly during church services, school drop-offs, and scout hall meetings. The added convenience benefits park visitors, event attendees, and the broader community.



Park with an Edge: Joining hands for the benefit of the Edgemoor community, the City and Edge Church worked together to transform Sunnyside Park. Together, they have turned the park into a vibrant spot for residents to relax.



Bingo's taking bookings

Keeping the City's communities clean is everyone's responsibility, and there's no better way to spread this message than among our youth. Schools are invited to book the City's anti-litter mascot Bingo to drop by. Along with the Urban Waste Management Directorate's Public Awareness team, Bingo uses fun and engaging activities to teach our children about the serious problem of littering and dumping.

There is no denying that littering and dumping is an enormous challenge: Each year, the City spends more than R100 million to clear illegal dumping. Let's tackle the problem head-on by instilling pride and accountability in our youth.

* To secure a slot in Bingo's diary, enter 'Bingo booking form' in the search box on the City's website.

KORTLIKS

Werk aan die opknapping van die Bayside-kanaal in Milnerton is weens kontraktuele kwessies tydelik gestaak. Nietemin bly die Stad daartoe verbind om hierdie multimiljoenrandprojek betyds te voltooi.

Ontsouting 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 ontsouting deel van die Stad se nuwe waterprogram vir 'n meer waterseker toekoms. 'n Permanente ontsoutingaanleg word in die omgewing van Paardeneiland beplan.

Die Stad en Edge Church het saamgespan om Sunnyside-park op te knap. Die kerk het 'n ruim skenking van R2,7 miljoen gemaak en sal met parkinstandhouding en -bestuur

help. Die Stad het 30 bome, 'n gronddeklaag, 'n watermeter en opgeknapte speeltoerusting bygedra.

Die Durbanville-golfklub met sy 18 putjies het in Februarie die prestigeryke Standard Bank-vroue-ope aangebied. Dit was die tweede van agt toernooie van die Sunshine Ladies Tour-seisoen, en oor die 100 beroeps- en amateurspelers van meer as 30 lande het deelgeneem.

Elkeen het 'n verantwoordelikheid om Kaapstad skoon te hou, en die beste manier om dié boodskap te versprei is deur ons jeug. Skole word aangemoedig om Bingo, die Stad se kampvegter teen rommel, vir praatjies te bespreek om leerders oor die ernstige probleem van rommelstrooiing en onwettige vullisstorting te leer.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Nakuba unqunyanyiswe okwethutyana umsebenzi wokuphuculwa komjelo waseBayside eMilnerton, iSixeko sisazibophelele ekuqunjelweni ngethuba kwale projekthi ixabiso izigidi ngezigidi zeerandi.

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ngemithi engama30 nesigcinikufuma, imitha yamanzi, kunye nezixhobo zokudlala ezilungisiweyo.

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'TLC teams' reach Atlantis rental units

The City's community residential units (CRUs) at Neptune Castle and Coral Place in Atlantis received some focused attention in February during a 'maintenance blitz'.

Work included repairing gutters, concrete stairs and handrails, installing new sink cabinets and washing lines, removing graffiti on flats and refuse huts, and replacing broken windowpanes. Area lighting and faulty plug sockets and light switches were also fixed and plumbing issues addressed, including the jetting of sewer lines.

The maintenance blitzes are part of a broader drive to maintain and upgrade the City's CRUs to ensure a safe and dignified living environment for tenants.

On the same day, other key City services were also present in the Atlantis area, and teams offered support to residents at Saxonsea community hall and door-to-door.



Fixers out in force: With over R1,2 billion allocated to the upkeep of the City's community residential units (CRUs) in the coming years, the municipality's 'maintenance blitz programme' attended to various essential upgrades at units in Atlantis in February.

Now beetle's boring into Durbanville trees

Durbanville is the latest Cape Town area where the destructive polyphagous shothole borer beetle is wreaking havoc on the Mother City's urban forest. Here's how you can help quash it.

Having been notified of a possible polyphagous shothole borer (PSHB) beetle infestation in Durbanville, the City deployed a team of monitors from its Invasive Species Unit to collect samples for DNA verification. Sadly, it was found that the boxelder and sweet viburnum trees had indeed been infested. Several other trees in the vicinity, including English oak, liquid amber and Chinese cottonwood, were also found to have PSHB symptoms.

Durbanvillers called to tree duty
Durbanville residents should urgently inspect all trees on their properties for symptoms (see sidebar). If any symptoms are present, please contact the City immediately: Go online at www.capetown.gov.za/InvasiveSpecies, call the Invasive Species Unit on 021 444 2357 (weekdays, 07:30-16:00), or email invasive.species@capetown.gov.za. The City will try to respond within ten working days to verify a reported sighting.

Staff doing the tree assessments will need access to private properties. Identify them by their City-branded clothing and official staff ID cards.

Beetle management in brief

The key guideline when you have an infested tree on your property is that it needs to be chipped (or cut into smaller pieces), sealed in refuse bags, and exposed to direct sunlight (solarised) - all on-site. Solarisation is recommended for between six weeks (in warmer weather) and six months (in winter). Do not remove the chipped wood from the property, as this will spread the pest to other areas.

Alternatively, dump the chips in your compost heap, as the heat build-up will kill the beetle. Infected wood chips may also be burned at an appropriate incineration facility.

Do not use pesticides or fungicides, as these do not work to eradicate PSHB. Ideally, seek assistance from service providers with a sound knowledge of PSHB management.



Signs of a 'bugged' tree

- **Branch dieback** - cracks on branches; discoloured leaves; dry and leafless branches; branch break-off revealing webs of galleries filled with black fungus
- **Gumming** - blobs of goo coming out of the bark; oozing of liquid and gum from the beetle holes
- **Entry and exit holes** - small (2 mm) holes on the bark of the tree; shotgun-like scars developing around the holes
- **Staining** - brown or dark stains on the bark of the tree

Beady eyes on boxelders, please?

Boxelder trees are highly susceptible reproductive host trees for PSHB, increasing the risk to surrounding trees. Once attacked, boxelders typically die within a year. If you have boxelders on your property, please log them on <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/box-elders-cpt>. This will help the City set up monitoring interventions to catch new invasions early on.



Table View upgrade to restart

Having experienced significant challenges in 2024, work on the beachfront upgrade in Table View will hopefully recommence in April 2025.

The agreement with the initial contractor had to be terminated in November 2024 due to ongoing performance issues and failure to meet construction milestones. However, with a revised plan in place, the City will be appointing a new contractor, who will focus on completing the stormwater outfalls, walkways, parking areas and ablution facilities.

Helping hands honoured: At its annual volunteer awards in December 2024, the City's Disaster Risk Management Centre recognised its volunteer corps, who contributed a staggering 65 697 hours in support of disaster risk management operations in 2023/24. Volunteers help ensure safety at events and facilities, perform risk assessments, coordinate services, and activate responders.



Among the helping hands acknowledged at the event were 25-year long-service awardees, Sanepter de Bruin and Juanita le Roux from Atlantis. Milnerton volunteer Tristan Killian received three awards - for volunteer of the year, most hours in a calendar year (1 076 hours), as well as assistant unit leader of the year.

Vissershok sold for 'higher' purpose

The City's Mayoral Committee has recommended to Council to sell its Vissershok site of some 32 ha of agricultural-zoned land to the Morningstar Flying Club.

This includes the 5,6 ha the association has been leasing from the City for the past 30 years. During this time, they have developed it as an airfield with hangars and other facilities. The Morningstar Flyers Club will now be able to make long-term investments, to create improved infrastructure. This will unlock opportunities for skills development, employment and economic growth. The funds generated from the sale will go towards City service delivery across town.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het meer as R1,2 miljard toegeken aan die instandhouding van sy huureenhede oor die volgende paar jaar. In Februarie het instandhoudingspanne die munisipale eenhede in Atlantis besoek om verskeie noodsaaklike opknappings te doen.

Die verwoestende polifae boorkewer het nou ook die bome in Durbanville ingevaar. Durbanvillers moet dringend alle bome op hulle eiendom vir tekens van besmetting nagaan en die Stad dadelik laat weet indien hulle enigets opmerk.

Ná aansienlike uitdaginge in 2024 word werk aan die opknapping van die Table View-waterkant hopelik in April hervat.

Die Stad se ramprisikobestuursentrum het by sy jaarlikse vrywilligertoekennings in Desember 2024 erkenning verleen aan sy vrywilligerkorps, wat in 2023/24 'n verstommende 65 697 uur aan ramprisikobestuursbedrywighede gewy het.

Die burgemeesterskomitee het by die Raad aanbeveel dat die Stad se Vissershok-terrein van sowat 32 ha landbougesoneerde grond aan die Morningstar-vliegklub verkoop word. Dit sluit die 5,6 ha in wat die klub reeds die afgelope 30 jaar by die Stad huur.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Njengoko bekubekwe ngaphezu kweR1,2 bhiliyoni kusenzelwa ukulondolozwa kweyuyunithi zokuhlala zoluntu zeSixeko (iiCRUs) kule minyaka izayo, 'inkqubo eliphulo yokulungisa' kamasipala iye yajongana nophuculo oluyimfuneko kwiuyunithi eziseAtlantis kweyoMdumba.

IDurbanville yeyona ndawo yamvanje eKapa apho oqongqothwane abagrumbayo nabatya yonk' into begquqgisile ukonakalisa ihlathi leSixeko esiliGugu. Abahlali baseDurbanville kufuneka bahlale ngokungxamisekileyo yonke imithi ekwiipropati zabo ukuze babone iimpawu, kwaye ukuba zifunyenwe baqhagamshelane neSixeko ngokukhawuleza.

Nakuba kuye kwakho imicelimgeni ebonakalayo ngo2024, sinethemba lokuba umsebenzi wokuphuculwa konxweme eTable View ngethemba uza kuqala

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Kumawonga alo aminyaka le amatshantliziyo kweyoMnga 2024, iZiko loLawulo loMngcipheko weNtlekele leSixeko liye lajizeka ngamawonga amagosa alo angamatshantliziyo, ngokunikela kwawo ngeeyure eziyi65 697, exhasa amaphulo okulawulwa kweentlekele ngowama2023/24.

IKomiti kaSodolophu weSixeko yenze isindululo kwiBhunga ukuba lithengise isiza sayo saseVissershok esimalunga neehktare ezingama32 zomhlaba oandelwe ulimo kumbutho iMorningstar Flyers Association. Oku kuquka iihktare eziyi5,6 ubusoloko uziqesha lo mbutho kwiSixeko kule minyaka ingama30 idlulileyo.

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