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Intatheli: Vincent Lali



KHAYELITSHA

Pipes need maintenance, but shacks on top of them are preventing access

Families in the Lansdown Road informal settlement in Khayelitsha, Cape Town, have had raw sewage flowing through their shacks since end November. GroundUp visited the settlement, near Somerset Taxi Rank, on the last Sunday of November, the Monday and Tuesday. Sewage was gushing out of manholes and to date still does. Sinkholes have developed under some shacks, causing them to collapse. The City of Cape Town's mayco member for water and sanitation, Zahid Badroodien, told GroundUp

that a sewage pipe collapsed. This is linked to previous incidents in the nearby SST informal settlement, where 40 shacks have been built on top of the sewer line. Those shacks need to be moved so that the sewer pipe can be maintained, said Badroodien. "We left our shacks and stood on the pavement as the water flowed into our shacks throughout the night," said resident Zelda Makeleni.

Isishwankathelo ngesiXhosa:

Iintsapho zaseLansdown Road eKhayelitsha ziye zaxhwaleka ukusukela ekupheleni kukaNovemba, xa amanzi amdaka aqalisa ukungena ngaphakathi kwamatyotyombe abo ngenxa yombobho wokuthuthwa kwendle owonakeleyo – umbobho ogutyungelwe

ngamatyotyombe angaphezu kwama-40. Le meko ibangele umonakalo omkhulu kubahlali, abathi abakwazi nokulala ngenxa yevumba elinganyamezelekiyo; abanye baphoqelege nokuvala amashishini abo okuthengisa inyama nencindi ngenxa yongcoliseko. ISixeko sithi la matyotyombe akhiwe phezu kombobho kufuneka asuswe ukuze ulungiswe, yaye nangona kukho iipompo ezisebenza ukucoca amanzi amdaka, kusekho umsebenzi omninzi ekufuneka wenziwe kuba abahlali abaninzi ngoku bengenandawo yokuhlala kwaye belahlekelwe zizinto zabo ezixabisekileyo.

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UTHixo abenani kwezi holide. Abaqhubi bezithuthi baqaphele ezindloleni, kwaye ningaqhubi niphantsi kweempembelelo zotywala. Bonke abafundi abaphumeleleyo kwimviwo sithi, "Halala!" Kwabo bangaphumelelanga niphinde nizame kunyaka ozayo.

Kwabo bolusileyo sithi: "Mabaye bephila! Babuye bephila!"

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UKUMKANI ZWELIBANZI UTYELELE KWASIRAYELI

Intatheli: Monwabisi Khininda



MPUMA KAPA

UKumkani Buyelekhaya Zwelibanzi Dalindyabo wabaThembu wamkelwe nguMphathiswa wesebe leZangaphandle kutyelelo lwaseburhulumenteni kwilizwe lakwaSirayeli.

Olutyelele injongo zalo kukuqinisa amakhonco entsebenziswano phakathi

kwenkokheli zemveli kwaSirayeli naseMzantsi Afrika.

Olutyelele lufumane ukugxekwa ngosopolitiki ngenxa yohlasele oluqhutywa nguSirayeli eGaza nto leyo eyabangela ukuba uMzantsi Afrika umangalele uSirayeli kwiInternational Court.

UMphathiswa uphawule ngembali yamaJuda awayephila kanzima kwiminyaka ehlala elubhacweni. Uphinde wacacisa ukuba igama elithi “Zionism” athe iingcambu zeligama zisebhayibhileni zichaza ngokubuyela kwamaJuda eJerusalem engumhlaba wokhokho bawo.

UMphathiswa ubulele iFriends Of Zion Museum ngokusingatha inxalenye yolutyelelo wabulela noPastor Mike Evans ngenkxaso yakhe.

Ukhumbule intlanganisano yakhe noKumkani eMpuma Kapa kulapho iKumkani yamkela isimemo sokuyobona kwaSirayeli.

“Emva kwenyanga ezintathu naku sikwilizwe lakwaSirayeli” utshilo uMphathiswa.

UMphathiswa ukhuthaze uKumkani ukuba axoxe ngokukhululekileyo ngethuba lotyelelo. “Ungabuzo nawuphi umbuzo, ungadinga ingcangciso nangantoni nakubani othethayo,” utshilo uMphathiswa osengeza ngelithi banomdla wokuba uKumkani azuze lonke ulwazi ngelizwe lakwaSirayeli.

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As part of our commitment to serving our readers better, Dizindaba Iphaphandaba lesiXhosa is proud to announce that we are expanding our content to include multiple languages! Starting from this edition, you will be able to read select articles in isiXhosa, English, Afrikaans and in the near future sesotho –making sure more voices are heard and more communities are represented. This move reflects our belief that language is a bridge, not a barrier. Whether you read for information, empowerment, or inspiration, Dizindaba is here for you—in your language.

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Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela
“During my lifetime, I have dedicated myself to the struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.”
18 July 1918 – 5 December 2013

“When you speak to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. When you speak to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.” — Nelson Mandela

“Dizindaba honours Nelson Mandela’s legacy — his fight for freedom, his love for our languages, and his belief in the power of storytelling. As we mark 12 years since his passing, we continue to speak to our people in their own language — to reach not just their minds, but their hearts.”



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Mayoral Festive Greetings

Hello Visitors and Residents,

As we enter this joyful season, I wish every family in our district peace, rest, and moments of true celebration. Thank you for your resilience, your spirit, and the support you continue to show one another throughout the year.

While we enjoy this special time, let us do so safely. Parents and caregivers — please know where your children are, who they are with, and when you expect them home. If you'll be travelling, plan ahead, buckle up, and never drink and drive.

When visiting our beautiful parks and public spaces, I encourage you to choose picnicking. It's a wonderful way to enjoy time together while also preventing fires and keeping our shared spaces clean and safe.

This is the season of caring. A simple check-in with a neighbour can make a meaningful difference. And please remember — not every home feels safe during this time. If you or someone you know needs help, reach out. No one in our Cape Winelands community should face abuse alone.

To all our emergency services and municipal teams working through the holidays — thank you for your commitment and service.

From our table to yours, I wish you a safe, peaceful, and truly blessed Festive Season. May we continue to look out for one another and keep the Cape Winelands District a place of dignity, kindness, and care."

🎄 Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026 to all 🎄



Summer Safety for All

Lenny says...

"Lets enjoy a safe Summer"



Lenny's

Top Tips for everyday

1. Stay out of the sun from 10:00AM to 15:00PM. Always wear a hat when outside.
2. Pack a few bottles of frozen water to keep food cool when shopping or on a picnic.
3. Save emergency numbers to your cellphone and charge your cellphone before leaving home.
4. Have an emergency plan, tell children where to go in an emergency, choose a community hall or centre where other adults will gather.
5. Drowning is silent. Never leave children unattended.

Going out?

1. Always tell family members where you are going, and when to expect you back.
2. Check weather predictions before day, hiking and or camping trips. Dress appropriately.
3. Write your cell number on your child's arm before visiting spaces like beaches and public pools.



Water safety

Lenny says...

"Vigilance around water saves lives"



Water play is fun, safety is #1!

Wild-Fires

Lenny says...

"Be a Safety Hero, Report a fire"



Matches and lighters are tools for grown-ups. If you find them, give them to an adult immediately.



Heatwaves:

Lenny says...

"Beat the heat with preparedness. Hydrate, shade and care for community"



Stay cool as ice! Drink lots of clean water and play indoors or in the shade.

MM's Festive Greetings

Dear Residents and Visitors,

It is with great pleasure that I extend warm festive greetings to each of you. The Winelands is especially beautiful at this time of year, with a spirit of anticipation in the air as we approach this special season.

The festive season is, above all, a time of giving. Let us give a little extra kindness as we go about our daily activities, remembering that some of our neighbours may feel alone, be far from home, or be facing challenges we cannot see. A smile, a greeting, or a moment of connection can make a lasting difference in someone's day.

As many of you take to the roads to visit friends, family, and the attractions of our district, please travel safely. Be patient on our roads, look out for pedestrians and cyclists, and don't rush the journey, arriving safely is the greatest gift you can give your loved ones.

On behalf of the Cape Winelands District Municipality, my hope is that 2026 brings good health, opportunity, and joy to every person who calls this remarkable district home. To those who choose to spend their holidays with us, may this festive season be peaceful, memorable, and truly restorative.

kindest regards,
🎄 **Henry Prins, Municipal Manager**

Getting to where you want to be, safely this Festive-season

Taxis, Busses, etc

- **Use only well-maintained taxis** – avoid vehicles with damages, worn tyres, or anything that looks unsafe.
- **Pay attention to the driver** – if they are rude, aggressive, drunk, or driving recklessly, ask to get out as soon as you can do so safely.
- **Keep your belongings close** – avoid displaying cash or valuables.
- **Don't get into overloaded taxis** – your safety depends on it.
- **Trust your gut** – if something feels wrong, rather wait for another option.

Self-Drivers, Truckers, Caravanners, Trailers:

- **Check before you go** – tyres, lights, hitch secure.
- **Pack properly** – heavy items below and lighter items on top – all tied down, nothing loose.
- **Enjoy the journey, slow down** – towing needs longer stopping and steadier driving.
- **Keep your distance** – more space = more safety.
- **Signal early & watch mirrors** – stay aware of sway.
- **Rest often** – Driving is tiring.
- **If something feels wrong**, noise, a wobble, a smell, stop and check.

Highlights

International Disability Day

Celebrating Day for Disabilities in Ceres. Inclusivity, Dignity and Togetherness



World Aids Day

CWDM celebrates World AIDS Day. Raising awareness, breaking stigma, and strengthening community health. World AIDS Day is a reminder of our struggles, progress and resilience. CWDM is committed to the fight against HIV and AIDS by working hand in hand with communities to transform the HIV/AIDS response.



GBV Launch

CWDM joins hands with various stakeholders to launch 16 Days of Activism. Uniting communities to end GBV, not just for 16 days, but everyday.



Fire Services Passing Out Parade

CWDM Fire Services honour 23 new Firefighters at Ysterplaat. The graduation was a symbol of their strength and resilience. Partnering with the Department of Defence (DoD) showcased discipline and unity.



Spaza Shop Training

Ensuring safety at Spazas. Training of Spaza and 'Huiswinkel' owners, to ensure health and safety of communities.



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INQAKU LOMHLELI/
LETTER FROM THE
EDITOR

Dear Readers,

As we enter the festive season and our learners close the year after completing their exams, I encourage every family to celebrate responsibly and remember the true meaning of this time — the birth of Christ Jesus. Let us stay vigilant on our roads, protect our children, and guard our homes against the rising reports of gender-based violence. May we avoid unnecessary spending, prioritise safety, and cherish the moments that matter. From all of us at Imbokodo, we wish you a peaceful, joyful, and blessed holiday season.

Anetta Barnes-Mangxaba - Editor-in-Chief



Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV)

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."

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KRAAIFONTEIN

I-Makahope Educare ibibambe umsitho wothweso zidanga ngomhla wama-29 kwinyanga yeNkanga. Lo msitho

nobumkhulu kakhulu uzinyaswe luninzi lwabazali babantwana, izihlobo nezalamane, kwaye ke novuyo, uchulumaco belubhalwe ebusweni kuninzi lwabantu ebebezimasile.

AMALUNGELO AWABASETYHINI
ANGAKHUSELEKA-SARCS

Intatheli: Monwabisi Khininda

MPUMA KAPA

I-South African Red Cross Society kwiphulo layo lokuphawula intsuku ezilishumi elinesithandathu zokulwa ukuxhatshazwa kwamanina nabantwana igqithise umyalezo othi-ilizwe loMzantsi Afrika alijamelenanga neengxaki zokuhla kuphela kodwa lijongene nentlekele yokutshabalala koluntu.

- Eli ziko lichaze ukuba-
- Kwiiyure ezintathu kukho inina eligetyengwayo.
- Kwiiyure ezintlanu kukho umntwana obulawayo.
- Amashumi amane eepesenti zamaxhoba odlwengulo ngabantwana.
- Iipesenti ezintlanu zokunyhashwa kwamalungelo abasetyhini ehlabathini.
- Ngaphezu kwama-53,000 amatyala okuxhaphaza ngokwesondo kunyaka ophelileyo.
- Amatyala okudlwengula aphakathi kwe 8-14 % akhokelele ekugwetyweni kwezidlwengulo.
- I-GBVF ityabula ilizwe loMzantsi Afrika

imali ekuma-R28-42 biliyoni ngonyaka.

- Abasetyhini nabantwana bathwele ubunzima angakwazi ukuhlangabezana nabo urhulumente.

Eli qhumrhu lithi liyayibona imigudu karhulumente yokuhlangabezana nezingxaki ngalamaphulo -:Presidential Summits, NSP-GBVF, nemithetho engqwalalala ukuphelisa lemikhuba, ukusungulwa kwengxowa-mali ye-GBVF, ukwanda kwamaziko eThuthuzela Care Centres kodwa ubundlobongela buyanda.

Eliqumrhu lithi kungako libetha ikhwelo lokuba kuwiswe imo yentlekele/ nonxunguphalo xa kuqatshelwa ukuxhatshazwa kwamanina nabantwana. Othethela i-SARCS uthi ngokomthetho we-Disaster Management Act intlekele sisiganeko esidala ukufa, iingozi, izifo, neGBV iphantsi kolu luhlu.

I-SARCS ixhasa nawaphi amaphulo ekhuseleko, ukuxhotyiswa kwamaxhoba, ukuhanganiswa kolutsha nongenelelo loluntu. Iphethe ngelithi ukuxhatshazwa kwamanina nabantwana kunganqandeka, ukunokunzwa kwabasetyhini kungathintelwa noluntu luyakhuseleka.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM: MEN'S GENDER BASED
VIOLENCE DIALOGUE IN MITCHELLS PLAIN

MITCHELLS PLAIN

This week, the Western Cape Departments of Police Oversight and Community Safety, Social Development, and Health & Wellness hosted a powerful Men's GBV

Dialogue in Mitchells Plain.

Over two days, men opened up about trauma, substance abuse, and gangsterism in a safe and supportive space. Dr Shanaaz Hoosain shared vital insights on intergenerational trauma, sparking meaningful conversations and moments of clarity. Social workers and counsellors were on-site, and many participants accessed support, with one even stepping up to mentor young boys through his soccer programme. A real example of positive change starting immediately.

Participants expressed deep gratitude for this rare and impactful safe space. The dialogue inspired hope, healing, and a renewed commitment from men to break harmful cycles in their homes and communities. The Western Cape Government remains committed to creating spaces for healing, accountability, and change.

#ForYou #SaferCommunities #Safety #16DaysOfActivism

UBULEWE KABUHLUNGU NGUMZALA
WAKHE UBEKEKA.

Intatheli: Ntsikelelo Jonga



bamthuma ukuba ayokuthenga, uye

wahlala ixesha elide ke de bayomkhangela. Into abayixelele usapho kukuba ube imali kodwa into ebhidayo umzala ubiza imali eyohlukileyo kule ibizwa yitshomi.

Bambulele kabuhlungu ke kuba bambethile, bamtshisa nge'plastic' ngaphantsi. Umzali uxelele udadewabo uBekeka ukuba ubashiyile xa kubuzwa ukuba ubashiye wayaphi waphendula ngelithi uswelekile kwaye ebengazimisela ukumbulala.

Umthandazo wolusapho kukuba abenzi bobubi babhatale ngesenzo sabo kwaye ubulungisa baziwe futhi ke bahlale eluvalelweni abenzi bobubi.

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Usapho lukaBekeka Xhegwana waseNdlovini eKhayelitsha eKapa lufuna ubulungisa; oku kulandela emva kokubulawa kwakhe ngumzala wakhe oyindoda kunye netshomi yakhe.

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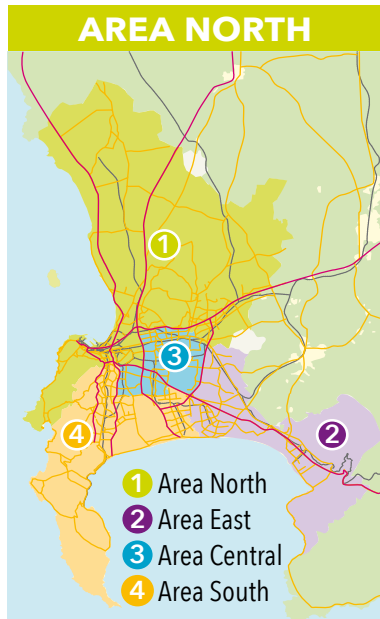
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Table View beachfront upgrade is taking shape



4
Let's stop illegal dumpers in their tracks



4
Digital system speeds up meds dispensing

Lighting up Area North: The light-emitting diode (LED) upgrade and replacement project is part of the City's continued investment in electricity infrastructure, ensuring that communities benefit from reliable services that are both modern and cost-effective. Ongoing maintenance of electricity infrastructure also improves safety for communities and road users. Several streetlights in Kraaifontein (pictured above) were upgraded to LEDs, while critical infrastructure maintenance was undertaken at the same time.

Licence disc drive-through now serving

The City's first vehicle licence renewal drive-through in Brackenfell enables motorists to renew their licence discs without leaving their cars. The drive-through is meant for those who have received renewal notices via SMS. Motorists need only show the SMS to be assisted.

The cashless facility currently operates from 11:30 to 19:30 Mondays to Fridays, and from 11:00 to 14:30 on Saturdays. The City is working to extend weekday operating hours. Once finalised, the new times will be shared with the public.

This is another innovation aimed at making transacting with the City easier. It follows the successful launch of the online booking system for key municipal services.



One new licence disc coming up: A cashless drive-through facility for vehicle licence renewals is one more way in which the City is making its services more accessible.



City calls on residents: Protect Your Power

In 2024/25 alone, the City spent some R60 million on electricity infrastructure maintenance and replacement. Yet this massive investment is jeopardised by theft, vandalism and illegal power connections across our communities and along major roadways.

The City's Protect Your Power campaign calls on residents to watch over the power infrastructure in their areas and report any suspicious activity anonymously to the Public Emergency Communication Centre (PECC) on 021 480 7700. With this first-of-its-kind campaign, the City hopes to drive home the message that vandals and cable and power thieves ultimately leave communities, neighbourhoods and roadways in the dark. Therefore, it's in residents' own interest to help the City protect power infrastructure.

City crews geared for fire season

Summer brings a higher risk of fire, so the City's firefighters stand ready to help keep urban, informal and rural communities safe.

The Fire and Rescue Service plays a crucial part in the City's interdepartmental Festive Season Safety Plan. Cape Town's hot, dry and windy summers increase the risk of both vegetation fires and devastating blazes in informal settlements. Over the past few summer seasons, these incidents have increased. Additionally, the Service responds to structural fires, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous material spills and water rescues.

In terms of the Festive Season Safety Plan, fire crews will be on duty 24/7 at all 32 City fire stations to deal with any type of emergency. Aerial firefighting support in the form of two Huey helicopters will be available from 1 December. Other resources include a fixed-wing light spotter aircraft to assist the command and control centre during veld fires, as well as 96 dedicated wildland firefighters, who will be strategically deployed to cover areas prone to runaway vegetation fires.



Report any fires or other risks to life or property to the Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700. For fire safety tips, enter 'Fire safety' in the search box on www.capetown.gov.za.

Prepared to protect: The City's interdepartmental Festive Season Safety Plan is operational, with the Fire and Rescue Service being a key stakeholder to safeguard lives and property during Cape Town's dry and windy summer.

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Die gevaar van brande verhoog in die somer, en daarom is brandbesteders by die Stad se 32 brandweerstasies op gereedheidsgrondslag. Twee Huey-helikopters en 'n vastevlerk-opsporingsvliegtuig sal beskikbaar wees om gedurende veldbrande te help, en 96 toegewyde veldbrandbesteders is ook reg om hand by te sit. Die projek om verouderde straatligte met LED-lampe te vervang is deel van die Stad se voortgesette investering in elektrisiteitsinfrastruktuur. Dit sorg dat gemeenskappe betroubare, moderne en kostedoeltreffende dienste ontvang. Die Stad het slegs in 2024/25 sowat R60 miljoen

aan die instandhouding en vervanging van elektrisiteitsinfrastruktuur bestee. Nietemin dreig diefstal, vandalisme en onwettige krag aansluitings om dit ongedaan te maak. Met sy veldtog Protect Your Power moedig die Stad inwoners aan om enige verdagte aktiwiteite aan te meld. Danksy die Stad se eerste deurryfasiliteit vir die hernuwing van voertuiglisensies in Brackenfell kan motoriste nou hulle lisensieskywe herno sonder om hulle voertuie te verlaat. Diegene wat hernuwingskennisgewings per SMS ontvang het, hoef slegs die boodskap te wys om bygestaan te word.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Nanjengokuba linyuka inani lemililo ehlotyeni, amaqela okucima imililo aza kuhlala elindele nantoni enokwehla kwiiyure zonke (24/7) kuzo zonke izitishi zethu zokucima imililo eziyi32 zeSixeko. Kuza kubakho iinqwelontaka ezimbini eziza kusetyenziswa zeHuey kunye nentye encinci esetyenziselwa ukucima imililo esisigxina eziya kuthi zinedise xa kukho imililo yamadlalo. Kuya kubakho nabacimimlilo abajongene nemililo yamadlalo abangama96. Uphuculo lwezikhanyisi ezisebenzisa umbane (LED) zeSixeko neprojekthi yokuthenga esinye yinxalenye yotalomali oluqhubekayo kwizibonelelo nakwizixhobo ezisebenza ngombane, ukuqinisekisa ukuba uluntu luyazuza kwiinkonzo ezithembekileyo zamvanje nezingabizi kakhulu ngokwasemalini kanaanjalo eziphucula ukhuseleko.

Ngo2024/25 kuphela, iSixeko sichithe iR60 miliyoni kulungiso lwezibonelelo zombane nasekuthengeni ezinye izibonelelo ezitsha. Olu tyalomali lukhulu lumoshwa kukubiwa kwezinto, ukutshatyalaliswa kwazo kunye nokufakelwa kombane ngokungekho mthethweni. Iphulo leSixeko lokuba uMntu aKhusele uMbane waKhe (Protect Your Power) licela abahlali ukuba baxele xa bebona kusenziwa izinto ezikrokrisayo. Iphulo leSixeko lokuqala lokuhlaziywa kweelayisenisi zezithuthi elenziwa umntu ehleli kwisithuthi sakhe eBrackenfell linceda abaqhubi bezithuthi ukuba bahlaziye iidiski zezithuthi zabo bengaphumanga kuzo. Abo baqhubi bezithuthi abafumene izaziso zohlaziyo ngeSMS badinga nje ukuveza izaziso eso ukuze bancedwe.

Eight Blue Flag beaches to choose from

Eight City beaches have again qualified to fly the Blue Flag for the 2025/26 season, running from 1 December to 28 February. They are Bikini Beach, Camps Bay, Clifton 4th, Fish Hoek, Llandudno, Melkbosstrand, Muizenberg and Silwerstroomstrand.

First introduced in 2001, Blue Flag status is awarded to beaches that meet high standards of environmental management and education, water quality, safety and services. The accreditation, which includes an international adjudication process, is facilitated by the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA).

Enjoy responsibly

If you'll be heading to our beaches this summer, please be mindful of the golden rules:

- Swim only where and when lifeguards are on duty, sticking to the area between the red-and-yellow flags.
- Beware of rip currents.
- Don't swim while under the influence of alcohol.
- Always actively monitor children in and around water.



Flying the 'flag of fabulous': Melkbosstrand is among the eight Cape Town beaches that have secured Blue Flag status this summer, certifying their high standards.

Let's honour Cape Town's icons and heroes

You might recall that, in 2023, we revived the tradition of bestowing Civic Honours on remarkable people who have made our city and the world a better place through their talents and service. I said at the time that this would become a regular occurrence once more, with a Civic Honours ceremony to be held every two years.

We have kept our word. In mid-November, we bestowed Civic Honours on another group of exceptional people, as well as awarded Mayor's Medals to no fewer than 18 individuals and organisations across various categories. This followed an extensive public call for nominees.

But there is another accolade that is even more prestigious and rare – one that hasn't been bestowed in Cape Town for almost a decade – and that is the Freedom of the City. Previous recipients include the late President Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. I am very proud to announce that we will once again be bestowing the Freedom of the City on not one, but two



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

exceptional Capetonians.

They are two separate recipients who have each individually contributed greatly to our city's cultural heritage. But they are perhaps best known for the wonderful work they produced together as long-time musical and theatre collaborators. I am speaking, of course, of Cape Town's cultural icons David Kramer and Taliep Petersen. In Taliep's case, the award is made posthumously, and his family will accept

the award on his behalf.

Through iconic musical theatre productions such as *District Six: The Musical* and *Kat and the Kings*, this duo managed to blend social commentary and activism with unmatched musical entertainment, bringing us remarkable Cape Town stories on themes such as forced removals, identity, and community resilience.

I cannot think of two Capetonians more deserving of this honour, and the overwhelming support from Capetonians since we first announced this news has confirmed what an incredibly popular nomination they are. We will bestow the Freedom of the City on David and Taliep at an event at the Grand Parade in January, and I cannot wait to share this joyous occasion with many of you.

They will take their place alongside previous Freedom of the City recipients and titans of history, and will forever be celebrated as Cape Town's finest cultural ambassadors.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor

High dam levels, ongoing low power use

The dam levels for Cape Town are sitting at 81,8%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should still try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

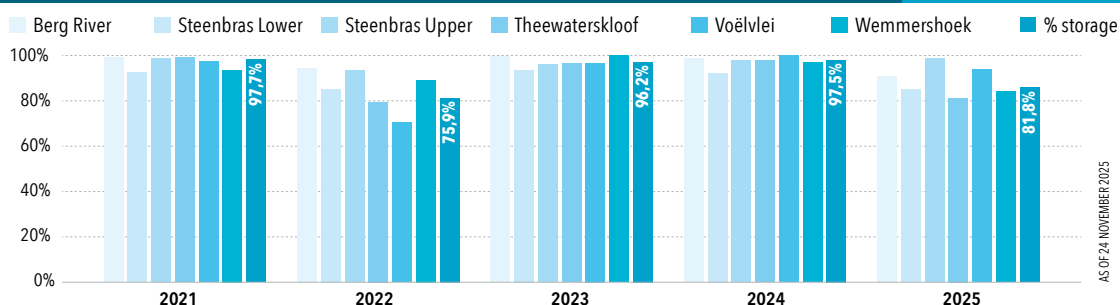
Protect our water resources by following water-wise guidelines. Residents and businesses are reminded that the permanent regulations contained in the City's Water By-law still apply across Cape Town, regardless of the

restriction level.

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

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

Dam levels - individual dams and total storage - by year



Millions invested in safety at public facilities

The more than 8 000 properties overseen by Community Services and Health are often exposed to social evils such as illegal dumping, theft and vandalism, as well as the impact of violent crime in communities. This affects operations, as it forces the closure of City facilities for the safety of staff and patrons. This is why the City invests hundreds of millions of rands each year in on-site security services and

security hardening measures.

In 2024/25, the City spent R25 million on fencing repairs and maintenance, and nearly R10 million on new fencing, access control gates, alarm systems, roller shutter doors and bulletproof windows at certain clinics. A similar amount has been budgeted for this financial year, along with R389 million in the operational budget for day-to-day security services.



Not on the fence about security:

The City makes substantial provision in the budget each year to secure its public facilities, including community centres, libraries and clinics.

Collaborating to keep our rivers clean

Thanks to City grant funding, The Litterboom Project has installed eight new litterbooms in rivers across the metro and employed 12 local river wardens to maintain them. These simple yet effective barriers intercept litter before it can flow downstream into the ocean.

As part of its project plan, the non-profit has also expanded its operations to support a circular economy. They take plastic pollution in rivers, sort it, and convert it into raw material for the production of useful items that can be reused or sold. At their Innovation Hub, recyclable plastic is transformed into commodities and everyday household items. The proceeds are reinvested into initiatives to keep waterways clean and sustain local reclaimers.



Got river clearing in the bag: The City-funded Litterboom Project bags the litter intercepted by their litterbooms in a number of Cape Town's rivers every day, as shown here along the Black river. The waste is sorted, and recyclable plastics are converted into valuable goods.

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Agt strande onder Stadsbestuur het vir die somerseisoen weer gesogte blouvlagstatus ontvang. Dit is Bikinistrand, Kampsbaai, Clifton 4de, Vishoek, Llandudno, Melkbosstrand, Muizenberg en Silwerstroomstrand.

Die Stad het in November burgerlike eerbewyse aan 'n uitsonderlike groep mense oorhandig, en boonop burgemeestersmedaljes aan nie minder nie as 18 individue en organisasies verleen. Die Vryheid van die Stad, 'n eerbewys wat byna 'n dekade laas verleen is, sal in Januarie aan David Kramer en Taliep Petersen oorhandig word.

Met toelaagfinansiering van die Stad het die Litterboom Project agt nuwe vullisvangers in riviere deur die

hele stad geïnstalleer en 12 plaaslike rivierbewaarders aangestel om dit in stand te hou. Die vullisvangers onderskep rommel voordat dit in die see beland.

Die Stad se begroting maak ruim voorsiening vir veiligheid by openbare fasiliteite. In 2024/25 is R25 miljoen bestee om omheining te herstel en in stand te hou, en bykans R10 miljoen aan ander veiligheidsinfrastruktuur. 'n Soortgelyke bedrag is vir dié boekjaar opgesig, tesame met R389 miljoen vir daaglikse sekuriteitsdienste.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Iilwandle ezisibhozo zeSixeko ziphinde zawongwa ngingela leBlue Flag kwisithuba sika2025/26. Ezo lwandle yiBikini Beach, Camps Bay, Clifton 4th, Fish Hoek, Llandudno, Melkbosstrand, Muizenberg neSilwerstroomstrand.

Siza kunikeza amawonga karhulumente eSixeko kwiqela loluntu olugqwesileyo kananjalo sinikeze newonga leemedali zikaSodolophu kubantu abangekho ngaphantsi kwenani elingu18 nemibutho kananjalo. Elinye iwonga leSixeko elagqiyelwa kudala ukunikezwa, elagqiyelwa kwishumi leminyaka eyadlulayo eKapa, liya kunikezwa abantu ababini uDavid Karmar neTaliel Petersen.

Ngenxa yenkxasomali yeSixeko, iLitterboom Project ifakele izingxobo zenkunkuma ezisibhozo kwinqi-la yonke yaye yaqesha oonogada bemilambo yeengingqi abali12

ukuba bazimenteyine. Ezi zingxo-bo zifakelwe ukuthintela ukuba inkunkuma ingehli ngomlambo iye kungena elwandle.

iSixeko sibeka imali ethe hxaxhe kwibhajethi yaso ukulungiselela izibonelelo zaso zoluntu. Ngo2024/25, iSixeko sachitha izigidi zeezandi eziyi25 silungisa amacingo okubiyela saphinda sachitha malunga nezigidi ezili10 kwizibonelelo zokhuseleko kwikliniki ezithile. Kuphinde kwabekwa isixamali esibufana nesi kulo nyakamali kunye neR389 miliyoni yeenkonzo zokhuseleko zamihla yon-ke.

Making progress possible. **Together.**

Area North, December 2025

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Atlantis drop-off hours adjusted

The summer hours at the Atlantis drop-off site have been adjusted. The facility now closes at 19:00, and not 20:00 as advertised. The earlier closing time has been determined based on usage patterns.

* For a full list of operating hours for all drop-off facilities, enter 'Drop-off operating times' in the search box on www.capetown.gov.za.

Kudos to CPUT for exemplary work on waste

The City applauds the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) for leading the charge towards zero waste to landfill in the higher education sector. The university's September celebration of its Zero Waste Initiative showcased how institutions of higher learning can help create a sustainable future.

CPUT boasts separation-at-source systems, circular-economy practices, and strong sustainability leadership on campus. The initiative highlights the vital role universities play in driving meaningful change and smarter choices in society.

Call to action

However, ensuring that zero waste ends up on landfills requires broad collaboration. The City urges other universities and businesses across the metro to re-examine their procurement practices and prioritise products and services that are environmentally friendly. Every contract signed and every purchasing decision made is an opportunity to reduce waste and protect our planet.

Not coping with your account?

The City has made available more than R5,1 billion in rates and services assistance to qualifying residents. Indigent residents who have previously benefited are encouraged to reapply. Pensioners who have received assistance before will only need to reapply after the General Valuation in 2026. Council has also approved a R2,2 billion initiative that will enable qualifying beneficiaries to have their old City debt written off.

Find out more by phoning the call centre on 0860 103 089 or emailing:

- payment.arrangements@capetown.gov.za for debt write-off;
- rates.rebate@capetown.gov.za for rates rebates; or
- indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za for indigent assistance.

Table View beachfront upgrade coming along nicely

Enhanced surrounds and amenities on track and making steady progress

The Table View beachfront is already showing off some of its newly upgraded elements. The project is expected to be completed by November 2026, although most of the civil-related construction, which causes the largest disruption, should be done by mid-year.

The stabilised dunes serve as a natural barrier against wave action, preventing sand from blowing inland. The City continues to monitor and manage the dunes to ensure that they remain effectively stabilised. This includes ongoing maintenance of wind nets and vegetation until they are in a balanced state.

The new walkway and reconfigured parking bays improve beach access. To compensate for parking spaces lost to the walkway, parking capacity is being expanded at Bokkombaai, while a new parking area is being built at Visagie Street, and additional bays are planned along Beach Road. These new parking facilities will also offer elevated views of the beach and Table Mountain, allowing visitors to enjoy the scenery from their vehicles.



Way better walkway: The upgrade at Table View beachfront includes a supersized walkway, some 4 m wide and 2 km long.

Aside from construction on the walkway and parking areas, current work also includes timber fencing, access ways and stormwater outlets.

Members of the public are reminded to keep dogs on a lead, adhere to signage on-site, and access the beach via designated access pathways only.

Your roadworks roundup

Roadworks in **Atlantis** in October affected Bloembosch and John Dreyer streets, between Neil Hare Road and the R304. Work involved resurfacing and the reinstatement of road markings.

Also in October, a portion of Voortrekker Road in Salt River was refaced. The work started on the Salt River bridge opposite the Salt River station, and ended at the Beach Road intersection with Voortrekker Road. Both the eastbound and westbound carriageways were resurfaced.

In the **Kraaifontein** area, resurfacing took place along Voortrekker Road between Fairfield Road and Van Riebeeck Street, along Botfontein Road between Voortrekker and Maroela roads, and along Van Riebeeck Street between Voortrekker Road and Frans Conradie Drive. Sidewalks along these roads were repaired and resurfaced, and the stormwater infrastructure on the west side of Van Riebeeck Street was also upgraded to eliminate regular flooding.

Roadworks along Marine Drive (inbound) in the **Paarden Eiland** area are planned to continue up until January 2026. Work will include resurfacing, patching and overlaying sections of the roadway, replacement of damaged kerbs, channels and catchpits, and the raising of manholes. The stormwater infrastructure will also receive attention to improve drainage

efficiency. Temporary lane closures may be in place at times to allow teams to carry out certain aspects of the work.

The construction of pedestrian footways in **Parklands, Brooklyn** and **Montague Gardens** will continue until March 2026. In Brooklyn, work will happen along a portion of Koeberg Road, between William Masson Road and Lavis Crescent. In Parklands, the affected stretch is along Dorchester Drive, and in Montague Gardens, the focus will be Montague Drive.

The implementation of a range of traffic-calming measures and new footway construction in **Milnerton, Melkbosstrand, Parklands, Table View** and **Atlantis** will carry on until April 2026. Speed humps will be installed along Oxalis Street (Milnerton), Drommedaris Street (Melkbosstrand), Deptford Crescent and Beacon Road (Parklands), Shetland and Pinto roads, Plover Street, Hutchison Avenue and Palomino Road (Table View) and Antelope and Addison avenues, Bentos Street, Adriatic Avenue, Bengal Street, Bon Aventura Avenue, Dahlia and Cosmos streets, Keria Avenue, Starling Road and Patrys Street (Atlantis). Atlantis will get new footways along Patrys, Bottle Brush, Lisboa, Matheran, Middelburg and Tsitsa streets. Raised intersections are coming at Mimosa Street and Ixia Road (Milnerton) and at Humewood Drive and Torquay Close (Parklands).



Improved interchange on the way: The upgrade to the Joe Slovo public transport interchange (PTI) in Milnerton (circled in blue above) is in full swing and should be completed by February 2026. Taxi operations have temporarily relocated to the corner of Freedom and Democracy ways. Work includes the surfacing of the current unsurfaced area, improvements to a section of the existing road leading to the PTI, and the construction of sidewalks and sewer and stormwater systems (including kerbs, channels, manholes and catchpits). New road signage and road markings will also be installed.

Team-up increases shelter beds

The City and The Haven Night Shelter have partnered to increase shelter bed availability and help more people off the streets in various parts of the metro.

The recently completed 120-bed expansion to The Haven Retreat has more than doubled capacity from 104 to 224 beds, to which the City contributed R12,7 million. The partnership between the City and the shelter will also see hundreds more beds being added to The Haven's facilities in Kensington and Wynberg. Additionally, The Haven District Six is

set to expand thanks to grant funding from Province.

The City's own Safe Spaces currently offer over 900 beds in central Cape Town, Bellville and Durbanville. The Safe Space model includes dignified shelter, ablutions, two meals per day, access to an on-site social worker, personal development planning and various social services.

Annually, the City helps around 3 500 individuals with shelter placement in either Safe Spaces or partner NGO facilities.

KORTLIKS

Die opknapping van die Table View-kusfront sal na verwagting teen November 2026 klaar wees, hoewel die meeste van die siviele konstruksie reeds teen die middel van die jaar afgehandel behoort te wees. Van die nuwe elemente is reeds te sien.

Die somerure van die Atlantis-vullisafslaaifasiliteit is aangepas. Dit sluit nou 19:00, en nie 20:00 nie.

Die Stad wens die Kaapse Skiereiland Universiteit vir Tegnologie geluk met hulle baanbrekerswerk om al hoe minder afval vullisterrein toe te stuur. Hulle is 'n voorbeeld vir die res van die hoëronderwyssektor.

Meer as R5,1 miljard se bystand met eiendomsbelasting en diensgeld is beskikbaar vir kwalifiserende inwoners. Diegene wat voorheen bygestaan is, moet weer aansoek doen.

Die opknapping van die Joe Slovo-openbarevervoerwisselaar in Milnerton behoort

teen Februarie 2026 klaar te wees.

Padwerk is in Bloembosch- en John Dreyerstraat in Atlantis uitgevoer. In Soutrivier is die blad van sekere bane in Voortrekkerweg vernu. Bladvernuwing en sypaadjieherstel is ook in Voortrekkerweg in Kraaifontein gedoen. Padwerk in Marinerylaan in die omgewing van Paardeneiland sal nog tot Januarie 2026 voortduur. Die konstruksie van voetpaaië in Parklands, Brooklyn en Montague Gardens sal tot in Maart 2026 duur. Die implementering van verkeersmatiging en nuwe voetpaaië in Milnerton, Melkbosstrand, Parklands, Table View en Atlantis behoort teen April 2026 klaar te wees.

Die Stad en The Haven-nagskuiling werk saam om meer beddens in skuilings te voorsien. Die aanbouing by The Haven Retreat het die fasiliteit se bedkapasiteit verdubbel, en die Stad het die werk help finansier.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Ulwandle lwaseTable View luphuculiwe lwafakelwa izinto ezintsha. Le projekthi kulindeleke ukuba igqitywe ngeyeNkanga (Novemba) 2026. Ubuninzi bomsebenzi wolwakhiwo buya kwenziwa bugqitywe phakathi enyakeni.

Iiyure zexesha lasehlotyeni zinyenyisiwe kwindawo yokulahla inkunkuma yaseAtlantis. Ixesha lokuvala ngoku ngu19:00, asingo20:00.

ISixeko siqhwebela iCape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) ngokukhokela iphulo lokuba kungabikho nkunkuma eya kugcwalisa amaziko emfundo ephakamileyo.

ISixeko silungise iR5,1 bhiliyoni yoncedo kwiireyithi neenkonzo eya kunceda abahlali abaselungelweni lokulufumana olu ncedo. Abo babekhe balufumana olu ncedo, ngaphambili bangaphinde bafake izicelo.

Uphuculo lwerenki yezothutho kawonkewonke yaseJoe Slovo eMilnerton lufanele ukuba lugqitywe kweyoMdumba (Februwari) 2026.

Ukulungiswa kweendlela eAtlantis kuchaphazele izitrato iBloembosch neJohn Dreyer. Iziporo eziseVoortrekker Road

eSalt River ziye zalungiswa. Kuye kwalungiswa iVoortrekker Road eKraaifontein kwaze kwalungiswa neendledlana zokuhamba uluntu. Kuyaqhutyekwa nolungiso lweendlela ehamba eMarine Drive kummandla wasePaarden Eiland de ibe yinyanga yoMqungu (Janyuwari) 2026. Ukwenziwa kweendlela zokuhamba uluntu eParklands, Brooklyn naseMontague Gardens kuza kuqhubeka de ibe yinyanga yoKwindla (Matshi) 2026. Amanyathelo okuhlisa izantya zezithuthi nokwenza iindledlana zokuhamba uluntu ezintsha aza kuqhubeka eMilnerton, Melkbosstrand, Parklands, Table View naseAtlantis ide ibe nguTshaziimpuzi (Epreli) 2026.

ISixeko neThe Haven Night Shelter zakhe ubuhlakani ukuze kongezwe iibhedhi kwikhaya labo bafumana ikhushi kweli ziko. Kongezwe iibhedhi eziyi120 eThe Haven Retreat zasuka kwinqanaba eliyi104 ukuya kwiibhedhi eziyi224.

Tortoise poaching in reserve shocks

In early November, staff from Table Bay nature reserve discovered the empty shells of 19 angulate tortoises along footpaths leading to the reserve's environmental education centre. The tortoises appear to have been shucked and harvested, possibly for meat or traditional use.

This horrific poaching incident has been reported to the local police for further investigation. It is not only a serious case of animal cruelty, but is also in violation of both the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act and the City's own environmental protection by-laws. The angulate tortoise is a protected species in South Africa.

It is suspected that two men had entered the reserve under the pretence of wanting to fish, having paid for this activity. Photographic evidence as well as video footage of the suspects' vehicle has been submitted to the local police, CapeNature and the SPCA.

See something, say something
While staff conduct regular patrols at all City nature reserves, we also call on visitors to report any suspicious activity or behaviour.



Chilling discovery: Only empty shells were left after poachers killed 19 angulate tortoises at the Table View nature reserve in November.

Dumpers still trashing our town

Illegal waste tipping a hazard to nature and health

Illegal dumping continues to put Cape Town's environment and public health at risk. In 2024/25, a total of 106 vehicles used for dumping were impounded in line with the City's by-laws, including 25 trucks along Malibongwe Drive in Dunoon as well as Old Faure Road in Mfuleni.

Dumped items commonly include builder's rubble and general waste. Many unsuspecting residents also rely on scrap collectors to dispose of garden refuse and builder's rubble, not knowing that the waste is often dumped illegally, frequently in the very same area.

The fine for illegal dumping is R2 500, and the fee to get an impounded vehicle released is R8 700. The release fee for a second impoundment is R11 700, and R17 400 for a third offence.

* Report illegal dumping in progress to the Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700. Tips can be submitted to the City's 24-hour tip-off line on 0800 110 077 (rewards may apply).



Caught in the act: The City calls on residents to help it clamp down on those who brazenly carry on dumping waste illegally on empty sites across the metro.



Dose of excellence: City Health's pharmacy network has implemented Elula - a digital dispensing and stock management programme. For patients, it means shorter waiting times, while staff benefit from improved workflows and stock control, and real-time access to data. The team of 37 pharmacists and 77 post-basic pharmacist assistants dispensed R230 million's worth of medication from more than 70 dispensaries in 2024/25.

Fisantekraal to get recycling facility

Fisantekraal is one of the few remaining areas in Cape Town with no municipal recycling drop-off within a 7 km range. This is about to change, with a new facility to be constructed in Dullah Omar Street.

The design is being finalised and the facility should be ready for use in the 2027/28 financial year. Finetunes to the design include the relocation of the site's main entrance to Boy Briers Drive in response to residents' concerns about potential traffic disturbance in Dullah Omar. Additional adjustments are also being made to address visual and aesthetic considerations.

On completion, the drop-off will receive recyclable materials such as paper, plastics, glass and metals, as well as garage (mixed) waste, e-waste and builder's rubble. Progress updates will be shared with the community as the project advances.



Waiting for the drop-off: In a few years, residents of Fisantekraal will also enjoy convenient access to a City drop-off for the easy disposal of their recyclable waste.

Paper bills a thing of the past

From 31 December 2025, the City will send only emailed accounts, with no more bills sent via the post. Please make the switch. Send your account number, contact number and email address to Revenue.Eservices@capetown.gov.za or by SMS to 31223. If you do not have email, the City will find another paperless way to assist. Please phone the call centre on 0860 103 089 or visit your nearest customer interaction centre.

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Personeel van Tafelbaai-natuurreservaat het in November op 'n skokkende stropingsvoorval afgekomp toe hulle op die leë doppe van 19 bontskilpaaie ontdek het. Die diere is oënskynlik uitgedop en geoes, heel moontlik vir vleis of tradisionele gebruik. Die voorval is vir verdere ondersoek by die plaaslike polisie aangemeld.

Onwettige vuilisstorting hou 'n voortdurende gevaar vir Kaapstad se omgewing en openbare gesondheid in. Die Stad het in 2024/25 beslag gelê op altesaam 106 voertuie wat by vuilisstorting betrokke was.

Die Stad se apteeknetwerk het 'n digitale resepteer- en voorraadbestuursprogram genaamd Elula geïmplementeer. Vir pasiënte beteken die stelsel korter wagtye; personeel vind baat by beter werkwloei en voorraadbeheer,

en intydse toegang tot data.

Fisantekraal is een van die laaste oorblywende gebiede in Kaapstad sonder 'n munisipale aflaafasiteit vir herwinbare afval binne 'n omtrek van 7 km. 'n Nuwe fasiteit sal in Dullah Omarstraat opgerig word en behoort in die boekjaar 2027/28 gereed te wees.

Die Stad sal vanaf 31 Desember 2025 alle munisipale rekeninge slegs per e-pos stuur, en glad nie meer deur gewone pos nie. Maak seker jy skakel oor na e-posrekeninge. Stuur jou rekeningnommer, kontaknommer en e-posadres na Revenue.Eservices@capetown.gov.za, of SMS dit na 31223.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Kwinyanga yeNkanga, abasebenzi bethala lendalo laseTable Bay bothuswe ngumbono ombi kakhulu wokubiwa kwamalungu omzimba esilwanyana; babone amaqokobhe angenanto ali19 amafudo Kubonakala ngathi axotyuliwe kwaze kwakhutshwa amalungu angaphakathi ukuze kufunyanwe inyama okanye aye kusetyenziselwa izinto zesintu. Oku kuchaziwe kumapolisa engingqi ukuze kuphandwe ngakumbi.

Ukulahlwa kwenkunkuma ngokungekho mthethweni kuyaqhubeka nokubeka emngciphekweni impilo yabantu nezokusingqongileyo eKapa. Ngo2024/25, izithuthi ezili106 ezasetyenziswa ukulahlwa inkunkuma zaye zabanjwa kulandelwa imithetho kamasipala yeSixeko.

Iqela elithungelanayo leekhemesti zecandelo lezeMpilo leSixeko limisele inkqubo ebizwa iElula - eyinkqubo esebenzisa idijithali ukuhambisa nokulawulwa isitokhwe. Kwizigulane, oku kuxela

uku abasayi kulinda ixesha elide ukanti kubasebenzi, oku kuza kubanceda kumsebenzi wabo ukuba uphucuke bakwazi nokulawula isitokhwe i nokufikelela kwidatha echanekileyo.

iFisantekraal yenye yemimandla embalwa eshiyekelelo eKapa engenandawo kaMasipala esetyenziselwa ukurisayiklisha ekumgama oyi7 km. Kuza kwakhiwa iziko elitsha eDullah Omar Street yaye kufanele ukuba libe selilungele ukusebenza kunyakamali ka2027/28.

Ukusukela ngowe31 kweyoMnga (Disemba) 2025, iSixeko siya kuthumela kuphela iikhawunti ngeimeyili, akusayi kuphinda kuthunyelwa iibhili ngeposi. Nceda ke uzilungiselele. Thumela inombolo yakho yeakhawunti, inombolo yoqhagamshelwano nedilesi yeimeyili ku-Revenue.Eservices@capetown.gov.za okanye uyithumele ngeSMS ku31223.

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BAXHOTYISIWE NGESIFO UGAWULAYO ENGCOBO

Intatheli: Yonela Mpaka



Uluntu luxhotyiswa ngesifo ugawulayo

MBHASHE

Ibandla lase Tshetshi phantsi kwe Diosis of uMbashe libambisene ne ofisi yakwa special programmes unit eNgcobo belibambe usuku lukoxhobisa abantu ngesifo ugawulayo. Amasebe karhulumente kwanalawo angekho phantsi kukarhulumente ebeyinxalenye yolusuku. Oku kuza emva kokuba uzwelonke ebebhiyoza ngomhla wokuqala ku Disemba. Abe ofisi ye Man as Parterners nejolise ekuxhobiseni amadoda iye yamelwa. Owakwa programmes unit kwicala le Hiv And Aids uNobuhle Maninjwa uthi banomceli mngeni wabantu abatsha abangazihoyanga nabafumana usuleleko ngokumangalisayo. "Siyacela abantu bazihoye kuba esisifo asibulali koko siyanyangeka, simelelela

kwabo bangekasifuman ukuba baqiniseke kumachiza okuzikhusela, sisithi nathi sivulile kwi ofisi zethu xa umntu efuna ingcebiso," utshilo uManinjwa. Abantu abatsha bazize lukhulu ngolusuku. Ongumfundi kwisikolo sase King Sabatha Dalindyebo nolitsha Ntliziyo lesifo ugawulayo u Ayakha Mbulawa nengelogama lakhe lokwenyani uthi ukufumana ingcebiso ezimandla kubancedisa kakhulu kuba ukuphila nesifo esi akukho lula ingakumbi kulowo kunzima ukuba makasamneke, ekhuthaza abo bangekabinaso ukuba bazikhathalele ngamaxesha onke. Inkokheli zokuhlala beziyinxalenye yalomsitho. Ongu Bhisop u Siyabulela Siyo uthi abantu abatsha mabaqaphele kuba lobhubhane ujonge kubo ikakhulu, ebacebisa ukuba bakhe bazikhwebe ekusebenziseni utywala. Isebe lezempilo nalo lithe laqhuba ukuvavanya abantu.

KWEHLILE UKUSETYENZISWA KWEKHONDOM

Intatheli: Monwabisi Khininda

MPUMA KAPA

Ingqonyela kwibhunga lesifo ugawulayo kweli (South African National AIDS Council) uGqirha Thembisile Xulu uthi liyaxhalabisa izinga lokwehla kokusetyenziswa kwekhondom kweli. Oku kuza kanye ngethuba bekuphawulwa usuku olubizwa iWorld Aids Day rhoqo ngomhla wokuqala kwinyanga yoMnga (01 December). Eli lizwe linabantu abalinganiselwa kwizigidi ezisibhozo (8 million) abaphila nentsholongwane kaGawulayo. UGqirha Xulu uthi ukungasetyenziswa kwekhondom kweli kuyingxaki ephazamisana nokuthintela ukwanda kwezifo.



IZITHANDANI ZIFUNYENWE ZIBHUBHILE KWANOBUHLE.



KWANOBUHLE

Abecuphi Kwanobuhle baphanda unobangela wokubhubha kwezithandani ezifunyenwe zibanda nkca okwempumlo yenja ekhayeni lazo. Kuvakala ukuba kwisithuba sentsimbi yethoba 09:00 ekuseni amapolisa abizelwe kwisitalato i'Baleka' Kwanobuhle nalapho afike afumana lemizimba yezithandani. OweNina umzimba ubusebhedini logama owendoda ubujinga eluphahleni lwendlu. Isithethi samapolisa uCaptain Sandra Janse van Rensburg uthi amaxhoba achazwe njengoMathabela Skei (41) kunye neqabane lakhe uLunga Ronald Mabombo (49). Imeko ekhokelele ekubhubheni kwabo iyinxalenye yophando lwamapolisa.

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ULUTSHA LUYABONGOZWA UKUHLOLELA INTSHOLOGWANE KAGAWULAYO RHOQO.

Intatheli: Anele Raziya

MPUMA KOLONI

ISebe lezeMpilo neAids Council eMpuma Koloni zikhuthaza ulutsha ukuba lungahambeli kude kumaziko wezempilo uyokuxilongela intshologwane kagawulayo. Oku kuvele ngexesha urhulumente waseMpuma Koloni ebebambe usmsitho wokuqaphela usuku lweWorld Aids day eGqeberha ebutsheni bale nyanga. Usihlalo kwiAids council ephondweni, uMhlekezi uMelikhaya Lusithi uye wahlaba ikhwelo kulutsha ukuba lityelele amaziko ezempilo ngalo ixesha ukuyoxilongela impilo. ULusithi uthi abantu esele bezazi ukuba bachaphazelekile ngugawulayo mabaye rhoqo uyokuthatha amayeza ulungiselela intshologwane



uMphathiswa wezeMpilo eMpuma Koloni uNtandokazi Capa ukhuthaze ulutsha ukuba luyokuzihlola intshologwane kagawulayo rhoqo.

kagawulayo. Uqhuba wathi ngamanye amaxesha abo bachaphazelekileyo yile ntshologwane baye barhuqe inyawo ekuthatheni amayeza ntoleyo ebaneziphumo ezibi empilweni yabo. Ethetha uMphathiswa wezeMpilo eMpuma Koloni, uNtandokazi Capa obeyinxalenye yale mini, uthi kulo mceli mngeni wabantu abarhuqa inyawo ekuthatheni amayeza wabo, bancame basungula inkqubo apho babayela ezindlini bebakhuthaza ukuba bakhathalele amayeza wabo. UCapa uthi urhulumente wenza ngako konke okusemandleni ukuqinisekisa ukuba wonke ubani uyazifumana inkonzo kumaziko ezempilo. Kangangokuba njengokuba iziholide zika zokuphela konyaka, uthi bazakundwendwela kwamanye amaphondo kufuneka baqale kwiklinikini zabo ukuze banikwe incwadi ezizakubanceda xa befuna amayeza kwezo ndawo bazakube bekuzo. Uqhuba wathi ulutsh maluphakame ngobuninzi

ISIKOLO I-EMITHINI PRIMARY SIKHALIMELA UBUNTLONTI NGOKWESINI (GENDER BASED VIOLENCE)

KRAAIFONTEIN

Nanjengoko kusongwa unyaka, kukwakho nemicelimngeni elilizwe elijongene nayo. Oyena uphambili kakhulu kukuhlukumezeka okanye ukuntlonteka kwabantu ngokwesini. Kukho ke amacebo amaninzi enziwayo wokulwisana nalomcelimngeni. Elinye lalomacebo liphantsi kwenkqubo eyintshukumo yeentsuku ezili-16 lokukhalimela nokulwisana ukuphathana, kuntlontwana gadalala ngokwesini. Isikolo i-Emithini Primary eKraaifontein iyibambile nayo lentshukumo. Kulapho bekuhlenganisene khona amaqela



i- Caring Network, Kraaifontein Child Welfare, omele iCandelo lezeMpilo uNksosazana Andiswa Sigaxa nalapho ushukuxiwe ngamandla umcimbi wentlonti yokuphathana kakubi ngokwesini. Ukanti ke uNkszn Sigaxa uvelise okanye ukrobisele abantu kwintetho yakhe izinto abantu amabayeke ukuzenza nezibanomthelela okanye imiphumela yempatheko gadalala. Ukanti ke inkqubo yentshukumo yolwasuku isungulwe ngohambo (march) ezolileyo.

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Stellenbosch Launches Festive Season Safety Campaign with UNITED Front



STELLENBOSCH

Stellenbosch Municipality officially launched its Festive Season Safety Campaign today at Die Braak, bringing together one of the largest multi-agency safety collaborations in the Cape Winelands.

The campaign unites all arms of the Municipality's Protection Services - Fire Services, Disaster Management, Law Enforcement and Traffic Services - together with key external partners including the South African Police Service (SAPS), private security companies, campus security, the Red Ants, Community Policing Forums, neighbourhood watches and several other safety organisations across the valley.

This joint operation strengthens visibility, boosts patrols in busy and hotspot areas and ensures faster responses through shared intelligence, shared resources and continuous communication between partners.

"Our mission is simple," said Executive Mayor Jeremy Fasser. "We want safe streets. We want safe neighbourhoods. We want families to walk without fear. And this festive season we are implementing a zero-tolerance approach - especially when it comes to drinking and driving. Safety is everyone's responsibility."

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BOXER SUPPORTS MITCHELLS PLAIN SAPS AND TAFELSIG PRIMARY COMMUNITIES



Boxer donated much needed care items for the Mitchells Plain SAPS Victim Friendly Facility.

MITCHELLS PLAIN

Boxer Superstores continues to strengthen its commitment to community upliftment through a partnership with SAPS Mitchells Plain and local NGO MOSAIC, supporting vulnerable women, children and local learners in need.

During a donation handover at the Mitchells Plain Police Station, Boxer contributed essential items to the station's Victim Support Room, a safe and comforting space where survivors of gender-based violence receive immediate assistance. The donation included priority supplies such as baby diapers and wipes, toiletries and hygiene products, toys and comfort items, and refreshments to help provide dignity and care to those arriving in crisis. A key highlight of the initiative was the donation of new school shoes to Tafelsig Primary School learners from vulnerable households. With many families under financial pressure, the school shoes offer practical relief while helping children attend school with confidence and dignity.

"Boxer is thankful for the support our Cape Town communities show us every day, and we are committed to continuing our efforts to be the community champion in each area we serve, especially to those vulnerable members of society who need us most."

GEMEENSKAP BRING VREUGDE VIR DA NOVA-KINDERS MET FEESTELIKE PARTYTJIE

Intatheli: Christopher Jacobs



KRAAIFONTEIN

Bloekombos-gemeenskapsleier Christopher Jacobs, saam met Hilary Evans, Thank Afrika Burn en Ubuntu Projects, het 'n vrolike en onvergeetlike Kerspartytjie vir die kinders van Da Nova en die plaaslike kleuterskool gereël.

Die kleuterskool kinders het die dag afgeskop met 'n sprankelende konsert wat groot glimlagte op die gesigte van ouers en besoekers gelos het. Vreugde en trots het die saal gevul terwyl die kleinspan hul talent voluit gewys het.

Ná die optrede het almal saam heerlike kos, versnaperinge en koeldrank geniet. Die kinders het ook geskenke ontvang, wat vir groot opgewondenheid gesorg het. Speletjies en vrolike aktiwiteite het die dag op 'n hoë noot afgesluit.

Die organiseerders bedank elkeen wat bygedra het om hierdie geleentheid 'n spesiale dag vir die kinders te maak. Kersfees-seëninge en 'n veilige vakansie word aan die hele gemeenskap toegewens.

METRO POLICE CLAMP DOWN ON STOLEN PHONE TRADE IN BELLVILLE

BELLVILLE

The City's enforcement agencies made significant strides against crime this past week, confiscating illegal firearms, issuing more than 45 000 fines, and arresting 223 suspects across Cape Town. Among the arrests were two men, aged 31 and 36, who were caught selling stolen cell-phones from a vehicle in the Bellville CBD on Thursday, 4 December. Metro Police officers acted on a tip-off and found nine phones in the suspects' possession. They were detained at Bellville SAPS on charges of possessing stolen property. In other operations, officers recovered multiple firearms. In Hanover Park, a .22 revolver and ammunition were seized following a tip-off about an earlier shooting, resulting in four arrests. CCTV operators in Bonteheuwel also helped track a suspect who was later found with a stolen 9mm firearm and 11 rounds of ammunition. These incidents contributed to the Metro Police Department's 93 arrests and 1 852 notices issued during the week. Alderman JP Smith, Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, thanked residents for their vigilance. "Community members continue to play a crucial role. If you see something, report it. Your information can save lives," he said. Law Enforcement officers made 104 additional arrests, issued over 2 100 fines, and confiscated at least five firearms. LEAP officers also assisted SAPS in Gugulethu with the arrest of five suspects linked to extortion and a stolen vehicle. Traffic Services recorded 41 916 offences, impounded 221 public transport vehicles, executed 1 417 warrants of arrest, and arrested 26 suspects for various road-related crimes. The City's emergency call centre handled 1 704 calls, including 104 assault cases and 53 accidents. Residents are urged to report any suspicious activity to the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700.

MAJOR ROAD SAFETY PLAN DEPLOYS HUNDREDS OF OFFICERS AND VEHICLES ACROSS THE WESTERN CAPE



WESTERN CAPE

The Western Cape Government has launched one of its largest festive-season road safety operations, deploying more than 600 provincial officers and over 300 vehicles across the province. The initiative aims to ensure that residents and visitors travel safely as traffic volumes increase significantly during the holidays. The plan was unveiled on Saturday, 6 December, during the Western Cape Mobility Department's 2025 Festive Season Road Safety launch in Beaufort West — a crucial travel corridor for holidaymakers. The province says the campaign reflects its commitment to protecting every road user during the busy season. "Our roads connect people coming together to celebrate, rest and spend time with loved ones. We will be working day and night to make sure they can do so safely," said Western Cape Mobility Minister Isaac Sileku.

Sileku emphasised that this year's strategy focuses on preventing fatalities and ensuring that every person reaches their destination. "One life lost is one too many. We have a comprehensive, well-coordinated plan, but we cannot do this alone. Road safety is up to all of us," he said, urging motorists to obey the rules of the

road and take regular breaks.

The Minister added that the festive season is about reuniting families and friends. "We want sons and daughters returning home safely, brothers meeting after months apart, and friends enjoying coastal holidays together."

Key elements of the safety operation include:

- 665 traffic officers on 24/7 deployment
- More than 300 traffic vehicles
- Fully operational Evidentiary Breath Alcohol Testing (EBAT) centres and mobile alcohol-enforcement units
- Mobile Vehicle Testing Units focusing on public transport and freight safety
- High-visibility patrols to curb speeding, distraction and reckless driving
- Fatigue-management stops along major routes such as the N1, N2 and N7
- Targeted pedestrian safety interventions in high-risk areas

The province will also work closely with SAPS, EMS, municipal traffic services and other partners to ensure quick response to incidents. Preparedness for severe weather and disaster-related risks forms part of the integrated approach.

Throughout the festive period, a province-wide awareness campaign will run, focusing on fatigue, pedestrian visibility, alcohol abuse, speeding and vehicle fitness.

"Enforcement alone cannot change behaviour. Every motorist, passenger and pedestrian has a role to play," said Maxine Bezuidenhout, Chief Director of Traffic Management. "Check your vehicle, rest often, be patient, be vigilant, and never drink and drive."

Minister Sileku also extended gratitude to officers and emergency personnel working through the festive period. "Your dedication does not go unnoticed. You are the backbone of our road safety response."

The Western Cape Government urges all road users to prioritise safety by resting between long trips, ensuring vehicles are roadworthy, obeying traffic laws and staying alert. Pedestrians are encouraged to use designated crossings and wear visible clothing, especially at night.

"Together, let us ensure that every journey ends safely," Sileku said. "Let us all return home safely this festive season."

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Intatheli: Yonela Mpaka

BAPHIWE IZIPHO ABASE WISILE ENGCOBO



Indawo yolonwabo egcweleyo, apho iindwendwe zazirhabula kwaye zizonwabisa ngelixa bonwabele umgca.

CLACKBERRY

Amawisile esekethe yase Bhojane kwisithili saseClackburry phantsi kwedolophu yase Ngcobo athe ndlelantle ku Rev Sonamzi kwakunye nowakwakhe. URev Sonamzi sele eneminyaka ekwicala lase Ngcobo enikela ngamandla wakhe kwicawa yamawisile. Ibingu Mbo noMxesibe kwitheko lika Mfundisi uSonamzi. Amawisile afike ephethe izipho kuquka izizalwane kwakunye nabo basenyongweni kuye. USodolophu womasipala iDr AB Xuma u Siyabulela

Zangqa ungomnye wabo babekekileyo ebezizimase oku. URev Sonamzi uthi kuyamonwabisa ukubona abantu abangaka bemxhasa bevuyisana naye, oko uthi kubonakalisa ukuba umsebenzi wakhe uyabonakala, uthi uyakuhlala ebakhumbula abantu becawe abebemphethe kakuhle, bemhlonipha ngamaxesha onke, ushiye umyalezo kwabo basashiyeke kwisikhokhelo esithi babambisane bangajiki kwindlela yabo yokudumisa. Indwendwe uZangqa nongu Sodolophu umchaze loka

Sonamzi njengomntu ebevuselela kakhulu kwicala lenkonzo ekhuthaza kanye nabo bathi boyiswe besendleleni yokukhonza, umnqwenelele okuhle. Icawe lena ibisele inazo nenqubo zokunikela ngempahla kumakhaya angathathintweni phantsi kwesikhokhelo sika Rev Sonamzi. Olilungu lenkonzo umama uNomava Gajana uthi umsebenzi uMfundisi uwugqibile makayophumla. "Siyabulela ulikhulisile kakhulu ibandla, enceda kwabasweleyo, umsebenzi wakhe awunakulibaleka, uthuthuzele kwabo bantliziyo zityumkileyo," utshilo umama u Nomava Gajana wamawisile. Ulutsha nalo beluyinxalenye yalo msitho.

UMPROFETHI UBALEKE NEMALI YOMKHONZI YOMHLALAPHANTSI.



MQANDULI

Yimali efikelela kuma-R185 000 kaMnu Madondile Gwazela onama-68 eminyaka wakuGogozayo eMqanduli ebaleke nomprophethi nekuhloleka ukuba ngummi wangaphandle. Yimali yomhlalaphantsi kaMnu Gwazela le agqejwe elingophiyo lona iduma ngayo. IbinguMkhokeli wakhe lo enkonzweni kwaye ezinikele ngaye wonke ukumthemba nangona nje ibhayibhile igxinisisa kwelokuba, "amathemba wethu masiwabeke kuYe kuphela Lowo onguMqali noMgqibelelisi wobomi bethu".

BAZAKULIMA NANGONA BEPHILA NOKHUBAZEKO

COFIMVABA

Banikezwe nge wheelchair kwakunye nezixhobo zokuncedisa ukulima abo baphila nokhubazeko kumasipala iNtsikayethu kwidolophu yaseCofimvaba. Oku kwenziwe phantsi kokuncedisana nabo abanye babo asele begugelwe zizitulo zabo zokuhamba, bekwancediswa ukuba bakwazi ukuyozenzela izitiya ukuze bakwazi ukulala betyile. Uvuyo ebelugcwele kwabo banikezwe ezizixhobo nabavakalise ukuba urhulumente xa enomana ukuthi gqolo ukubajonga izinto zingalula kakhulu. Ophila nokhubazeko nongumntu osemntsha u Lwando Mayeko uthi bayabulela kakhulu kumasipala kuba esakhe isitulo besele sigugile, ngoku uzokwazi ukuya kwindawo afuna ukuya kuzo. Umasipala akaqali ukuncedisa abo baphila nokhubazeko kwanabo bathanda ukulima. Usodolophu womasipala u Khanyisa Mdleleni uthi babone mababaxhase ababantu kuba abanye babo abasenazo ezizitulo, abanye babo kufuneka de baqhutywe ukuze baye ezindaweni. "Sithi ke baziphathe kakuhle ezizinto sibanike zona, sakumana ukuvela kubo sijonga nokuba bayazisebenzisa ezizixhobo sibanika zona kuba sikhuthaza abantu abayalimayo, nabazokwazi ukubeka ukutya etafileni," utshilo u Mdleleni. Abahlali baliqhwebabe izandla eliphulo lenziwe ngumasipala kuba bayazana indlela abaphila ngayo kwindawo zabo.

Intatheli: Yonela Mpaka



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SONKE CAUTIOUSLY WELCOMES THE CLASSIFICATION OF GBV AS A NATIONAL DISASTER

JOHANNESBURG

At the closing of the G20 Social Summit in Johannesburg last month, President Cyril Ramaphosa declared Gender-Based Violence and Femicide a National Disaster under the Disaster Management Act, 2002, signalling a coordinated national response to the scourge. The decision government says, is after evaluations of life-safety risks posed by ongoing acts of violence, as well as reassessment of previous reports and updated submissions from various organs of state and civil society organisations. Sonke's Co-Executive Director Bafana Khumalo says much of this pronouncement depends on the specific details "As civil society we are cautiously optimistic about this classification and will be engaging with government to examine what this declaration truly means and whether it reflects what we have been calling for, particularly in relation to what will be gazetted in the regulations". The classification calls on all organs of state to strengthen support for existing GBVF response structures, put contingency plans into action, and ensure that all necessary mechanisms are in place so the National Executive can respond to this disaster effectively. As the globe marks the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children, Sonke calls for comprehensive legal provisions that ensure perpetrators of gender-based violence are held accountable, while also ensuring that survivors receive the necessary support. We also call for continued vigilance in enhancing preventive measures in the quest to turn the tide against GBVF.

Inani lempatho gadalala lonyuke ngamandla. Report any GBV at your nearest police station. 0800 150 150



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AMAQELA AMANCINCI ALUNGISELELA IMQANDULI LEAGUE 2026

Intatheli: Anele Raziya

MQANDULI

Umbutho webhola ekhatywayo eMqanduli, iMqanduli league Football Association uhlabe ikhwelo koosomashishini kunye nabo bangakwazi uncedisana nawo ukuwuxhasa ngeezixhobo zokudlala ezifana neebhola, ikiti, indebe, kunye nezinye izinto. Kunyaka u2023 umbutho webhola waseMqanduli waye wasungula ileague ngenjongo zokususa ulutsha kwiziyobisi, etywaleni kunye nakwizenzo zolwaphulomthetho ekuhlaleni. Eli nyathelo labalihle kakhulu njengoko lombutho webhola waqala ngodlalisa amaqela abaneminyaka engaphantsi kweshumi elinethoba (U19) kwileague kwaye nolutsha layithakazelela imidlalo.

Ekuhambeni kwexesha kunyaka olandelayo kuye kogezelelwa ngamaqela abaneminyaka engaphantsi kweshumi elinesixhenxe (U17).

Ukuqhuba kwale league eMqanduli kuye kwancedisa ngokugcina ulutsha emidlalweni kodwa nangona kunjalo umbutho webhola eMqanduli uyakhala ngenkxaso eshokoxekileyo esuka ngakusoomashishini okanye inkampani. Usihlalo wombutho, uMhlekezi uSibusiso Gecwa, encokola neliphephandaba uthe nangona ileague yabo iqhuba kakuhle ekuncediseni kuphuhliso lomdlalo webhola ekhatywayo eMqanduli kodwa bayayidinga inkxaso ingakumbi kwicala lokuthengelwa izixhobo zokusebenza ebholeni.

"I-League yethu iqhuba kakuhle kodwa ndingatsho ndithi siyayidinga inkxaso kwicala lezixhobo zokudlala kunye namabhaso ulungiselela xa kuphela isizini," kutsho uMhlekezi Gecwa.

Uthe oko basungula ileague yabo zange banabo abaxhasa abancedisayo ukuthenga izinto ezifana neebhola, kiti, ibhola nangona



Amanye wamaqela amancinci alindeleke ukuba adlale kwiMqanduli League Football Association kunyaka ozayo.



kudala benkqonkqoza koosomashishini nakwinkampani bekhangele inkxaso.

Uqhube wathi beyiMqanduli League Football Association basaqhubeka becela inkxaso ebantwini kuba abananto kwaye nakwisizini yalo nyaka bekunzima kwicala lamabhaso ukuwonga amaqela aye aqhuba kakuhle kwileague. Kangangokuba unabe wathi kunyaka ozayo bacwagcisele ukudlalisa amaqela wabantwana abaneminyaka engaphantsi kweshumi elinesihlanu (U15) nabo baneminyaka engaphantsi kweshumi

elinesithathu (U13). Kodwa uye wathi ukuze yonke lonto ibeyimpumelelo ngase bafumane inkxaso ulungiselela amabhaso wabantwana ekupheleni kwesizini kunye neezixhobo zokudlala. UGecwa uthe uyacela nabani onokwazi ukubancedisa ngenkxaso athethe naye kule nobholo ithi 083 210 3096 okanye kule ithi 063 9927 563. Kwezinye zenjongo zokuphuhlisa ibhola, umbutho webhola eMqanduli ubuye wabamba izifundo zoqeqesho lwabaqeqeshi kwizifundo zeCAF D licence coaching course uqala kwiveki ephelileyo uzokutsho kulena.

Local Sport



As local soccer clubs, we want encourage all our fellow teams, players and supporters to stay safe this festive season.

Let's celebrate responsibly, look after one another, and avoid drugs and harmful substances that threaten our futures and the sport we love.

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