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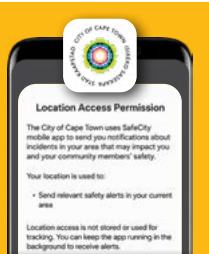
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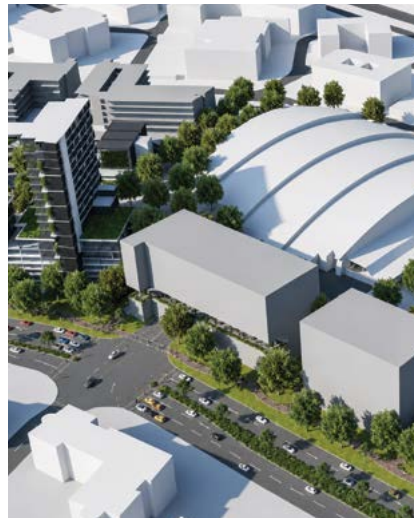
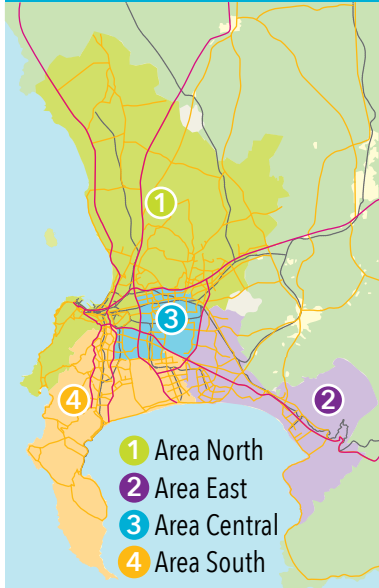
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No kicks or tries, just strengthening ties: In April, the City welcomed representatives from the Western Province's rugby clubs to the first in a series of seminars aimed at the sporting fraternity. Among others, club representatives were informed of the City's annual maintenance plans for sporting facilities across town, facilities development initiatives, lease and management agreements, and even event permitting processes. This forms part of efforts to strengthen the City's relationship with the sporting community.



Gaming SA-style: Hundreds of young people gathered at Voorbrug sports field in Delft for one of the four area events that will culminate in the popular Cape Town Games later this year. Under-14s and under-16s took part in tag rugby, morabaraba (the strategy board game shown in the picture), Fast5 netball, five-a-side soccer, dominoes, dodgeball, Puca (played with pebbles or marbles), Drie Blikkies (an action-packed game involving two teams, three empty tin cans, and a tennis ball) and table tennis. Pickleball was also introduced through a demonstration and coaching clinic.

Budget 2026/27 shows City cares

Knowing that times are tough, the City is casting its social safety net even wider with its 2026/27 budget, offering vulnerable Capetonians a stronger helping hand than ever before.

The City's 2026/27 budget includes rates and services relief to the tune of R8,3 billion for qualifying residents. Moreover, around 60% of homes will see their property rates either decrease or stay unchanged, despite strong property value growth in Cape Town.

Raising relief thresholds

Measures through which rates and services relief will be offered include a proposed raising of the thresholds for indigent relief. Properties valued up to R620 000 (up from R500 000) will receive a 100% rebate for water and sanitation, while those valued up to R580 000 (up from R450 000) will get a 100% rebate for refuse collection.

More pensioners and social grant recipients also stand to benefit from City aid: Rates rebates and Lifeline electricity will be available to those with a monthly household income of up to R27 000, regardless of property value (up from R22 000, and officially South Africa's



highest threshold). Because the new valuation roll has taken effect, pensioners and social grant recipients are reminded to reapply for their benefits (see box below).

Friendlier formula

Special measures to help on the property rates front include a proposed 10,2% lowering in the property rates formula (or the 'rate-in-rand'). The first R500 000 of property values will also be rates-free (up from R450 000), which will apply to all homes up to R8 million (up from R7 million).

* Visit <https://bit.ly/3PTgvAu> for more on rates and tariffs relief as well as the average tariffs proposed for 2026/27.

Where to apply for help

- For indigent applications: indigent.relief@capetown.gov.za
- For rates rebate applications by pensioners and social grant recipients: rates.rebate@capetown.gov.za

Goodwood office closed permanently

The customer interaction centre in McDonald Steet, Goodwood, permanently closed at the end of May. Residents are encouraged to make use of other nearby offices, including the Parow office, which is just 1,5 km away, and the City's convenient online booking and payment options. If in doubt, phone ahead to check whether an office is open. Staff will be redeployed to other offices to assist customers.

For other offices: <https://www.capetown.gov.za/Family%20and%20home/See-all-City-facilities/Our-service-facilities/Walk-in%20centres>.

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KORTLIKS

Honderde jongmense het by Voorbrug-sportterrein in Delft byeengekom vir een van vier streeksuitdunne wat sal uitloop op die gewilde Kaapstadsepele later vanjaar. Onder-14's en onder-16's het deelgeneem aan sport en speletjies soos merkrugby (tag), morabaraba ('n strategieboardspeletjie), Fast5-netbal, vyfspelersokker, domino's, bok in die hok (dodgeball), Puca (wat met klippies of albasters gespeel word), Drie Blikkies en tafeltennis.

Die Stad se begroting vir 2026/27 maak voorsiening vir sowat R8,3 miljard se belasting- en diensgeldverligting vir kwalifiserende inwoners. Boonop sal die belasting op ongeveer 60% van eiendomme

hetsy daal of onveranderd bly, ondanks sterk groei in eiendomswaardes in Kaapstad.

Die Stad se kliëntediensentrum in McDonaldstraat, Goodwood, het aan die einde van Mei permanent gesluit. Inwoners word aangemoedig om van ander kantore in die omgewing gebruik te maak, waaronder die Parow-kantoor, wat net 1,5 km weg is, sowel as die Stad se gerieflike aanlyn besprekings- en betaaloopsies.

Verteenwoordigers van die Westelike Provinsie se rugbyklubs het in April met die Stad vergader vir die eerste in 'n reeks ontmoetings om bande met die sportgemeenskap te versterk.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Izimvo zomyili webala lembaleki eliphuculweyo laseBellville kunye nendawo yomdyarho webhayisekile kwakunye nendawo eziyinqongileyo emva kokuba umphuhlisi enze lonke uphuculo kunye nomsebenzi oqulethwe kwisivumelwano ngoku esilindele isiphumezo sokugqibela yeBhunga.

Amakhulu abantu abatsha ahlangeisene kwibala lezemidlalo laseVoorbrug eDelft komnye weminyhadala yengingqi emine eza kuqunjelwa kwimidlalo edumileyo yaseKapa ekupheleni kwalo nyaka.

Uhlahlo lwabiwomali lweSixeko luka2026/27 lubandakanya iirhafu kunye nezophulelo kwiinkonzo ezixabisa iR8,3 yeebhiliyoni kubahlali abafanelekileyo. Ukongeza koko, amalunga ne60% amakhaya aza kubona iireyithi zepropati

zisehla okanye zihlale zingatshintshi, nangona kukho ukukhula ngamandla kwexabiso lepropati eKapa.

Iziko lokusebenzisana nabathengi laseGoodwood eMcDonald Street, eGoodwood, livalwe ngokusisigxina ekupheleni kwekaCanzibe (Meyi) 2026. Abahlali bayakhuthazwa ukuba basebenzise ezinye ii-ofisi ezikufutshane, kuquka ne-ofisi yaseParow ekumgama nje oyi1,5 km ukusuka apho, kunye neendlela zeSixeko ezifanelekileyo zokubhukisha kunye nokwenza iintlawulo kwi-intanethi.

KwekaTshaziimpuzi (Epreli), iSixeko samkele abameli abaphuma kwiiklabhu zombhoxo zePhondo leNtshona Koloni kwisemina yokuqala kuthotho lweesemina ezijoliswe kumaqela ezemidlalo.

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In-app reporting of safety incidents now live

The City's mobile app now allows residents to log certain categories of by-law transgressions and policing incidents in a click or two.

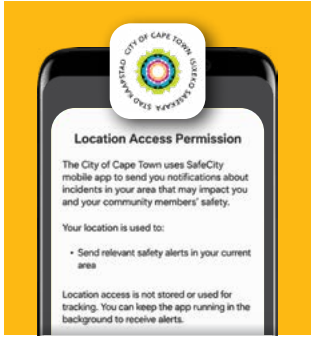
For now, reports can be made in 17 categories (including metal theft, public drinking, abandoned or broken-down vehicles, problem buildings, and poaching), with more to be phased in over time. If an incident type is not yet available for in-app reporting, you will be redirected to the Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700.

Benefits of being on the app

The app is data-light, and the City hopes to make it free-use in the future. All reports are automatically geolocated and routed to the relevant City department. As users tend to provide more accurate details via the app, including pictures, this enables a faster, more effective response.

Reports can be submitted discreetly, without drawing attention to those logging incidents in public spaces. Based on incidents logged with the City, registered app users also receive alerts, helping to improve awareness of incidents in surrounding areas.

* Get the app in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.



Click for a safer Cape Town: The City's app has been further enhanced, creating a zippier way to notify the municipality of incidents that require a policing response.

Investing in libraries, investing in opportunity

Of the many investments we make in the City's public facilities – sports grounds, swimming pools, parks, community halls and more – one that means a lot to me is the money we spend on our public libraries.

We have 102 libraries across the metro, and they are among the most important public facilities we manage. These are far more than simply places to take out a book: Our libraries are where people get free access to the internet; where they research and apply for jobs; where children can study and make use of learning support programmes.

Our libraries are well used in every single community, and library membership across Cape Town continues to grow. Last year, City libraries received more than seven million visits!

What really excites me is the money we are spending to upgrade libraries in Cape Town's lower-income communities. Every rand spent makes a huge difference in people's lives by offering access to learning and



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

work opportunities.

We are busy with a large upgrade to the Lwandle library – also known as the Hector Peterson memorial library – that will see the facility double in size by the end of 2026. In Brown's Farm, we are refurbishing our library that suffered

severe damage back in 2023. The refurbished Khayelitsha library officially reopened in June, as did the nearby Nazeema Isaacs library, where we did extensive work to the roof and ceilings, restrooms, paving and library halls. We also recently refurbished our libraries in Woodstock, Tafelsig and Langa.

We encourage Capetonians to join their local libraries. While you do not have to be a member to visit a library, membership does unlock a number of benefits, from borrowing reading material to accessing digital resources. At the end of last year, our total library membership stood at just over 253 000. Signing up is quick and easy – you just need your ID and proof of address.

I invite you to make good use of these wonderful facilities. Be assured that we will never stop investing in stocking City libraries with books and equipment, and keeping them in tip-top shape.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor



The City means business: In April, the owners of 35 small businesses registered as vendors on the City's database attended the municipality's supplier development workshop. The workshop equipped them to become suppliers of choice in their industries and grow their ventures. Topics covered included supply chain integration, customer and market positioning, financial growth, and performance management. Participants were selected and vetted via the City's Business Hub. For more about the City's enterprise development programmes, contact the Business Hub on business.support@capetown.gov.za or 021 417 4043. To register for free Business Hub courses, go to <https://www.investcapetown.com/news-events/business-events-in-cape-town/>.

Substantial increase in dam levels as electricity use remains low

Following the heavy May storms, Cape Town's dam levels have risen to 72,8%.

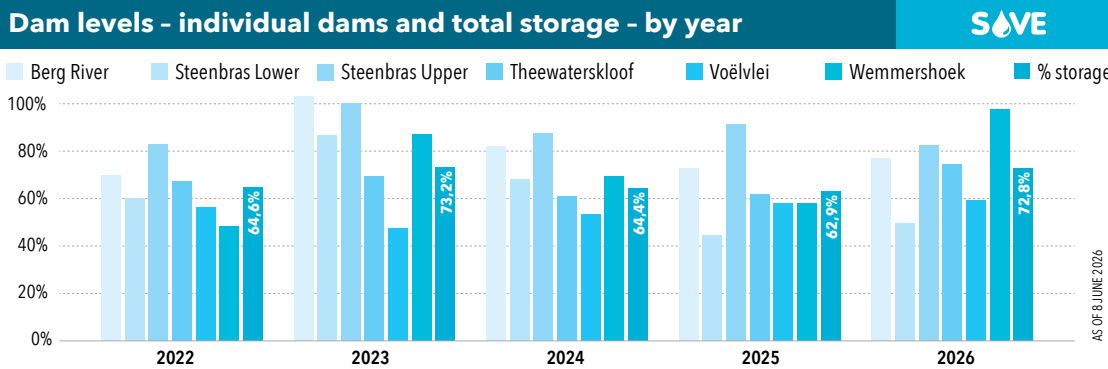
The City continues to aim for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

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.



Meter replacements ticking along nicely

The City's water meter replacement drive started in August 2025. By the end of June 2026, the teams will have replaced some 62 000 meters. The brass meters are often targeted for their scrap metal value, while their accuracy also declines over time.

As part of the replacement project, water meters are also being moved to more accessible locations outside private properties for easier reading

and maintenance. Additionally, new water connections are being installed for individual land buyers planning development.

Wary? Not to worry – we'll confirm

City-appointed contractor Gunning Construction and Civils is performing the work. You will receive an official letter notifying you of your meter replacement.

If no one is home when the contractor visits, a note with details of the next scheduled visit will be left.

To confirm whether the work is legitimate, use your account number to check via WhatsApp (060 018 1505), SMS (31373, ≤160 characters) or email (water@capetown.gov.za). Alternatively, verify online (www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests) or with the City's call

centre (0860 103 089).

Smart's separate

These meter replacements are separate from the City's transition to smart water metering technology, also known as 'advanced metering infrastructure' (AMI). These meters are being rolled out in phases in selected pilot areas, with some 83 000 going in by February 2029.

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KORTLIKS

Die Stad se mobiele toepassing laat inwoners nou toe om sekere soorte oortredings en voorvalle wat polisiëring vereis met die druk van 'n knoppie aan te meld. Dié oortredings sluit in metaaldiefstal, drankgebruik in die openbaar, voertuie wat agtergelaat word, probleemgeboue en stropery. Verdere aanmeldingskategorieë sal mettertyd beskikbaar kom.

Die miljoene rande wat die Stad in sy biblioteke belê, ontsluit 'n magdom moontlikhede vir inwoners. 'n Stadsbiblioteek is veel meer as 'n plek om 'n boek uit te neem: Dit is waar mense gratis internettoegang kry, waar hulle na werksgeleenthede kan soek en daarvoor aansoek doen, waar kinders aan skooltake kan werk en leerondersteuning kan ontvang, en vele meer. Die Stad het 102 biblioteke deur die hele metro, en

lidmaatskap is gratis.

Die eienaars van 35 kleinsake wat as verskaffers op die Stad se databasis geregistreer is, het in April die munisipaliteit se werksessie vir verskaffersontwikkeling bygewoon. Die sessie het hulle toegerus om voorkeursverskaffers op hulle gebied te word en hulle ondernemings te laat groei.

Die Stad se projek om verouderde watermeters te vervang het in Augustus 2025 begin. Teen die einde van Junie is sowat 62 000 meters reeds vervang. Terselfdertyd word meters na toegankliker plekke buite privaat eiendomme verskuif sodat dit makliker gelees en in stand gehou kan word.

Swaar reën in Mei het Kaapstad se damvlakke tot 72,8% opgestoot, wat heelwat meer is as die 62,9% wat op die ooreenstemmende tydperk verlede jaar aangeteken is.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

I-app yefowni yeSixeko ngoku ivumela abahlali ukuba babhale iindidi ezithile zokwaphulwa komthetho kamasipala kunye neziganeko zamapolisa ngokucufa nje kanye okanye kabini. Iingxelo zinokwenziwa kwiindidi eziyi17 (kuquka ubusela bentsimbi zemethali, ukusela esidlangalaleni, izithuthi ezilahlileyo okanye ezonakeleyo, izakhiwo eziyingxaki, nokuzingela ngokungekho mthethweni), nokunye okuninzi okuza kulandela.

Kutyalomali oluninzi esilwenza kumaziko oluntu eSixeko, olunye oluthetha lukhulu yimali esiyichitha kumathala eencwadi oluntu. Sinamathala eencwadi ayi102 kuwo wonke umasipala ombaxa, kwaye aphakathi kwezona ndawo zibalulekileyo zoluntu esizilawulayo. Ezi zindawo ezingaphezulu lee kuneendawo nje zokukhupha incwadi – kulapho abantu banokufumana khona ukufikelela simahla kwi-intanethi, benze uphando baze bafake izicelo zemisebenzi, apho abantwana banokufunda khona kwaye basebenzise iinkqubo zenkxaso yokufunda,

nokunye okuninzi.

KwekaTshaziimpuzi (Epreli), abanini bamashishini amancinci angama35 abhaliswe njengabathengisi kuvimba weenkukacha weSixeko baye bazimasa iwekhshophu kamasipala engophuhliso lwababoneleli ngeenkonzo. Le wekhshophu yaye yabaxhobisa ukuba babe ngababoneleli abakhethekileyo kumashishini abo kwaye bakhulise amalinge abo.

Iphulo leSixeko lokutshintsha imitha zamanzi liqale kweyeThupha (Agasti) 2025. Ekupheleni kweyeSilimela (Juni) 2026, siza kube sitshintshe malunga neemitha eziyi62 000. Iimitha zikwafuduselwa kwiindawo ezifikeleleka ngakumbi ngaphandle kweepropati zabucala ukuze zifundeke lula kwaye zilungiswe.

Iimvula ezinkulu kwekaCanzibe (Meyi) zonyuse umthamo wamanzi kumadama aseKapa waya kutsho kwi72,8%, ngaphezu kwe62,9% eyarekhodwa kwangeli xesha linye kunyaka ophelileyo.

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LET'S STAND TOGETHER

Elsies River infill in progress

After its sod-turning ceremony in March, the Elsie's River infill housing project is on the go. Located across six sites, the project will provide state-subsidised Breaking New Ground (BNG) housing for 724 beneficiaries and their families. In phase 1, a total of 44 top structure units will be delivered in Florida, Ravensmead, with the remaining 680 following in phase 2 in Eureka, Connaught and Adriaanse.

Sadly, the civil services portion of the project has been affected by constant gang battles in the Adriaanse area. While not directed at the contractor, the violence creates an unsafe working environment for the project team. The contractor is providing its own security on site, and the City has also deployed officers and vehicles to the area.

Protect your projects
Do not allow criminals to delay projects and take housing opportunities from those who need them most. Report suspicious behaviour to the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700. You may remain anonymous.



Square and fair: Outlines for construction work on one of the sites for the Elsie's River infill housing project. The project will eventually be home to over 700 qualifying beneficiaries, all selected and assessed fairly according to the City's established procedure.

No queue-jumping
Qualifying beneficiaries for all City housing projects are objectively assessed in terms of the Housing Needs Register and the City's Housing Allocation Policy as part of a fair and independent process.

New lease of life for Bellville icon

Velodrome venue set to become a major sporting, events and economic hub

A major private-sector upgrade to the Bellville athletics track and velodrome venue is coming. As recommended by the Mayoral Committee and now awaiting final Council approval, the facility and its precinct will be developed by the bidder who won the tender back in 2009. The aim is to transform the 11,47 ha site into a premier sporting and economic hub.

Whole precinct to prosper
The City will enter into a long-term lease for the athletics track and velodrome venue with the developer, who will be responsible for upgrading the facilities and continuing their operation as event venues. The developer will also purchase identified vacant erven in the surrounding precinct for mixed-use development.

Residents can look forward to a multipurpose indoor arena seating up



to 18 000 spectators, a competition-compliant athletics surface, spectator facilities, and support for schools, clubs and community athletics programmes.

The lease will be for an initial 50 years, with a conditional option to renew for a further 10 years. The transaction conditions include continued public access and public ownership of the track and velodrome.

Cycling rehomed
Retaining the existing cycling track as part of the redevelopment is not sustainable. However, recognising the historical importance of the facility for the cycling community, the City is prioritising the upgrade of Vygieskraal stadium as a central hub for cycling. This follows a citywide feasibility study to assess demand for cycling facilities and determine how to meet this demand in a sustainable way.

'Higher learning' for Area Central youth

To mark the International Day for Biological Diversity in May, the City supported the Class in the Clouds education programme of the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway Company (TMACC). As a result, primary school learners from Langa, Bonteheuwel and Athlone got to see the top of Table Mountain and learn about the world-renowned biodiversity of our city.

The City sponsored MyCiTi buses to transport the learners to the mountain, and also provided lunch packs for each. TMACC, in turn,

covered the cost of the cable car experience as well as the education programme. The participating primary schools included Mokone and Moshesh in Langa, Mimosa in Bonteheuwel, Garlandale in Athlone, and Cypress in Bridgetown.

The wonder on our doorstep
The Table Mountain national park is part of the Cape Floral Kingdom, a UNESCO world heritage site and global biodiversity hotspot that hosts 8 200 plant species, many of them endemic to Cape Town.



Coollest classroom ever: Deputy Mayor and Mayoral Committee member for Spatial Planning and Environment Ald Eddie Andrews (pictured above) welcomed learners from Mokone Primary to the cable car station before they headed up Table Mountain for a 'Class in the Clouds'.



Elsies River youth learn about ICT jobs

A highlight of the City's Jobs Connect platform in April was the hosting of an International Girls in ICT Day event for 50 Grade 11 and 12 girls from Elsie's River High. The youth skills development initiative was held in partnership with tech skills development organisations Go Fourth International, Cisco Networking Academy as well as the I-CAN Centre. The girls received valuable guidance on careers in the information and communication technology (ICT) space, which many regard as one of the top five job fields of the future.

assessments, as well as work visa and relocation support. The platform immediately proceeded to advertise further opportunities for those willing to relocate to Germany, this time aimed at qualified mechatronics technicians or engineers. Applications closed on 1 June.

Real help, real outcomes
Between July 2023 and April 2026, Jobs Connect helped 12 914 people secure employment and 2 376 access education opportunities. Over 900 Cape Town-based opportunities are currently advertised on the platform, spanning various industries and experience levels. Registration, assessment and job applications are free of charge, and data costs associated with the platform are zero for MTN and Vodacom customers. Candidates selected for interviews are notified via SMS or WhatsApp.

Jobs Connect goes global
Jobs Connect also successfully completed its first international recruitment drive, helping ten Capetonians secure jobs as bus drivers in Germany. The selected candidates received thorough training and



A world of possibilities: Ald James Vos, Mayco member for Economic Growth, addresses Grade 11 and 12 girls from Elsie's River at a special Jobs Connect event that introduced them to the vast employment potential in the ICT industry.

Get connected
To start your job hunt on Jobs Connect, register at jobsconnect.leelyn.co.za and complete a literacy and numeracy assessment. If you're a businessowner looking for talent, register as such with Jobs Connect administrator Leelyn Management at info@leelyn.co.za or 021 558 1552.

KORTLIKS

Ná die soospitseremonie van die Elsie'srivier-tussen-bouprojek in Maart is werk nou goed aan die gang. Die projek is op ses verskillende terreine geleë en sal staatsgesubsidieerde behuising voorsien aan 724 begunstigdes en hulle gesinne. In fase 1 sal 44 topstruktureenhede gelewer word.

'n Groot privaatsektoropknapping van die atletiek- en fietsstadion in Bellville is aan die kom. Die burgemeesterskomitee het aanbeveel dat die fasiliteit en die omliggende gebied ontwikkel word deur die tenderaar aan wie die tender in 2009 toegeken is. Die aanbeveling wag nou op finale goedkeuring van die Raad. Die doel is om die terrein van 11,47 ha in 'n toonaangewende sport- en ekonomiese sentrum te omskep.

Om die Internasionale Dag vir Biologiese Diversiteit in Mei te vier, het die Stad die Tafelberg-kabelspoormaatskappy se opvoedkundige program Class in the Clouds ondersteun. Laerskoolleerders van Langa, Bonteheuwel en Athlone is teen die berg op om meer oor die wêreldbekende biodiversiteit van ons stad te leer.

'n Hoogtepunt van die Stad se Jobs Connect-platform in April was 'n inligtingsessie oor loopbane op die terrein van inligting- en kommunikasietegnologie (IKT) vir 50 dogters in graad 11 en 12 van Hoërskool Elsie'srivier. Die leerders het waardevolle advies ontvang oor die verskillende werksmoontlikhede op dié gebied.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Emva komsitho wokuphethulwa kwesoyi kweyoKwindla (Matshi), iprojekthi yokongezelelwa kwezindlu e-Elsies River isendleleni. Ibekwe kwiziza ezithandathu, le projekthi iza kubonelela ngezindlu ezixhaswa ngemali ngurhulumente zeBreaking New Ground (BNG) kubaxhamli abayi724 kunye neentsapho zabo. Kwinqanaba loku1, kuya kunikezelwa ngeeyunithi eziyi44 eziphezulu zezindlu.

Uphuculo olukhulu lwecandelo labucala kwiibala leembaleki laseBellville kunye nendawo yomzila womdyarho webhayisekile luyenza. Nanjengoko kwenziwe isiphakamiso yiKomiti yeSigqeba sikaSodolophu kwaye ngoku silinde imvume yokugqibela yeBhunga, eli bala kunye nendawo zayo liya kuphuhlisa ngumnikimabaxiso owafumana ithenda ngo2009. Injongo kukuguqula isiza esiziihektare eziyi11,47 sibe yindawo enkulu yezemidlalo noqoqosho.

Ukuphawula usuku lehlabathi leBiological Diversity ngoMeyi, iSixeko sixhase kwinkqubo yemfundo yeClass in the Clouds yeTable Mountain Aerial Cableway Company (TMACC). Abafundi bezikolo zamabanga aphantsi abasuka kwaLanga, eBonteheuwel naseAthlone baye babona incopho yeNtaba yeTafale kwaye bafunda malunga neentlobontlobo zezityalo nezilwanyana ezaziwayo kwiilabathi zesixeko sethu.

Eyona nto eyathi yabalasela kwinqonga leSixeko leJobs Connect kwekTshaziimpuzi (Epreli) yaba kukusindlekwa komsitho wosuku lwehlabathi weGirls in ICT kumantombazana ayi50 enza uGreyidi 11 no12 asuka e-Elsies River High. La mantombazana afumana isikhokelo ngokumalunga nekhondo lemisebenzi kwi-Information and Communication Technology (ICT).



Special shows for our smallest citizens: In April, the City's Library and Information Services partnered with Cape Town Opera to host eight interactive theatre experiences for preschoolers, their parents and caregivers. The events at Gugulethu, Bellville, Milnerton, Retreat and Sea Point libraries attracted more than 360 people.

Locals to help manage risk in Langa

At the end of May, 70 locals from Langa completed an eight-week training programme as part of 'Langa Together', a community disaster risk reduction pilot spearheaded by NGO Community Risk Management (CRM) and the City's Disaster Risk Management Centre. The training equipped the group with critical skills such as emergency first aid, early warning systems, disaster risk assessment, fire prevention and safety, and disaster preparedness. They will now be deployed as community risk management marshals in high-risk informal settlements in the area, focusing on Zone 31, Zone 32, Joe Slovo, Intersite, Siyahlala, Special Quarters, and New Look.

Logic behind Langa
Langa was selected for the pilot because of its fire and flood risk profile, its existing community structures such as the Langa Advice Forum, and previous collaborations with the Disaster Risk Management Centre. The marshals are all volunteers identified by community leaders and CRM. To qualify, candidates had to be Langa residents, be 18 or older, and have a clean criminal record.

Bellville boasts first smart meters
AMIs set to up system efficiency and billing accuracy

Installation of the City's first smart water meters kicked off in April, with Bellville being one of the first areas to benefit. The meters, also called 'advanced metering infrastructure' (AMI), will support early leak detection, billing accuracy and overall system efficiency. Some R1,1 billion is earmarked for this first phase of the AMI roll-out, which will see over 80 000 mechanical meters replaced. The long-term project aims eventually to upgrade 680 000 meters across town.



Pleased to 'meter' you: Introducing the new smart water meter (left), pictured here alongside the old-school, mechanical meter that is bowing out.

Called 'smart' for a reason
The digital meters automatically record and transmit water usage data, eliminating the need for manual readings and reducing the risk of human error. Customers will have access to detailed

daily consumption data and will receive alerts about water leaks or unusual usage patterns via the City's app. Vandals and thieves will be disappointed to hear that the meters include anti-tampering features, contain no materials with scrap value, and can detect and issue warnings about movement or interference. The devices are designed to last up to 15 years.

Keeping Bishop Lavis's lights on

The City spent over R2,2 million on high-mast light maintenance in Bishop Lavis in 2025/26. This complex infrastructure, which comprises 40 m mast poles and heavy ring assemblies with at least six LED fittings, requires specialised equipment such as cranes for repairs and maintenance. As the area is supplied by Eskom, coordination on certain service connections is required, which can affect response times. To discourage theft and vandalism, which remains rife, the City is getting rid of copper, and is installing equipment with low to no street value instead. Anti-vandalism tech is also being considered for roll-out in the area. Moreover, the City maintains a safety and security presence in the area.

Protect your power
Although the police remains the lead authority in crime prevention, you can help protect power installations

in your area by reporting suspicious behaviour to the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700. Report illegal scrapyards to the Metal Theft Unit on 0800 222 771 (toll free, 24/7). Report streetlight and electricity faults to the City's call centre on 0860 103 089, by SMS to 31220, or WhatsApp to 060 018 1505.



Keep calm and weld: The City remains committed to maintaining and repairing electricity infrastructure in Bishop Lavis and other vandalism-prone areas.

How the roll-out works
If your meter is scheduled for replacement, you will be notified in advance via email and SMS, assuming that the City has your updated contact details on record. Emails will be sent to the address used for municipal billing. The City covers all installation costs. Authorised representatives from the appointed contractor, PPD Engineering, will carry ID cards and have clearly marked vehicles. Expect brief, intermittent water supply interruptions during installation. To verify the legitimacy of contractor and City staff, contact the City's call centre on 0860 103 089. You may also request the service order number to cross-check. * For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/47fIK3n> or view an AMI video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwyAMrnIGB0>.

Athlone library restarts after break-ins

Athlone library is operational again following two consecutive burglaries that temporarily disrupted services. The burglars caused significant damage to the roof and stole network and electrical cables as well as waterpipes. While repairs were being carried out, the City used the opportunity also to install stronger Wi-Fi to improve the user experience for SmartCape users. SmartCape computers are now available in both the children's and adult areas.

Bringing them to book
The City strongly condemns acts of burglary and vandalism targeting public facilities. Anyone with information is urged to call the tip-off line on 0800 110077, anonymously if you prefer. Credible information will be acted on to ensure that those who not only damage infrastructure, but disrupt residents' access to essential services are caught.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad het in April sy eerste slim watermeters begin installeer, onder andere in Bellville. Die meters, wat ook as 'gevoerde meter-infrastruktuur' (AMI) bekend is, sal lekkasies vroeër kan opspoor, meer akkurate rekeninge verseker, en algehele stelseldoeltreffendheid verhoog. Sowat R1,1 miljard is vir hierdie eerste fase opsygesit, waartydens meer as 80 000 meganiese meters vervang sal word. Die Stad se biblioteek- en inligtingsdienste het in April met Kaapstad Opera saamgewerk om agt interaktiewe teaterervarings vir voorskoolse kinders, hulle ouers en versorgers aan te bied. Meer as 360 mense het die vertonings by die biblioteke in Gugulethu, Bellville, Milnerton, Retreat en Seepunt bygewoon.

Sewentig inwoners van Langa het aan die einde van Mei 'n agt weke lange opleidingsprogram voltooi as deel van 'Langa Together', 'n eksperimentele rampriskoverminderingsprojek op gemeenskapsvlak. Hulle is onder andere in noodhulp, vroeëwaarskuwingstelsels, rampriskobeoordeling, brandvoorkoming en -veiligheid sowel as rampgereedheid opgelei. Die Stad het R2,2 miljoen bestee aan die instandhouding van hoëmasligte in Bishop Lavis. Hierdie infrastruktuur, wat 40 m hoog staan, vereis gespesialiseerde toerusting vir herstel- en instandhoudingswerk. Athlone-biblioteek is weer oop nadat twee inbrake ná mekaar aansienlike skade aangerig en dienste onderbreek het.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

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