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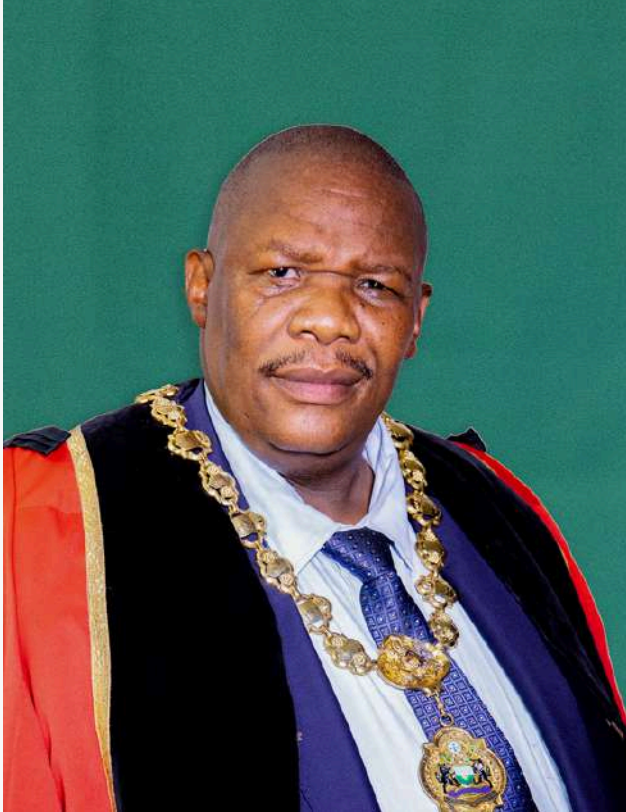
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MAYOR SOUNDS THE ALARM ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, A MESSAGE



As we observe the the 16 Days of Acivitism Against Gender-Based Violence, from November 25 to December 10, I want to reaffirm our municipality's commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all. This period is a time to reflect, raise awareness, and take action against violence that continues to affect women, children and marginalised groups.

Gender based violence (GBV) is not only a violation of human rights but also a barrier to the well-being of our communities. It takes many forms - physical, sexual, emotional and economic neglect and leaves lasting harm on victims and society. We must all unite to denounce GBV and work together to create a safer, more equitable environment.

Let us use these 16 days as a call to action. Together, we can create a future where everyone can live free from violence and fear. I urge every resident of Msunduzi to stand up against GBV in all its forms. Let's speak out, support survivors , and work towards a community where violence has no place.



MEC BUTHELEZI IMPRESSED WITH CITY SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENT



Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu welcomed MEC Dr. Rev Thulasizwe Buthelezi and his delegation to the council chamber for a water curtailment oversight program. He expressed gratitude for the MEC's support and collaboration in their efforts to improve the lives of the community. The MEC for CoGTA Rev. Buthelezi recognized the presentation from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and suggested suspending water curtailment for three to four months. This pause would facilitate educational campaigns aimed at promoting water conservation and improving revenue collection. MEC Buthelezi emphasized the need for DWS, Umngeni-Uthukela Water, and other affected municipalities to enhance efforts in educating communities about both water saving and timely bill payments.

The Municipality presented a program of action focused on saving water, emphasizing the importance of education alongside addressing technical challenges. Mr. Hlela, the DMM for Infrastructure, mentioned an ongoing campaign to combat water leaks. Acting Municipal Manager Mrs. Ngcobo also added that revenue collection serves as an educational tool for residents regarding their water usage and the municipality will continue to ensure that residents are paying. MEC for Cogta, Rev. Buthelezi, praised the presentation and requested the suspension of water curtailment to allow the municipality to implement its proposals, underscoring the need for public education. The meeting concluded with plans for Cogta and Msunduzi to submit the proposal at a higher level.



The Mayor further led the delegation including the MEC to the AS Chetty building, home to the customer center, where he engaged with customers and employees to evaluate service standards and address any concerns. They then proceeded to the reservoirs to assess their capacity.

This initiative highlighted the benefits of collaboration, and the MEC Buthelezi expressed his gratitude to the mayor and his team for their efforts in maintaining the city's cleanliness and implementing effective revenue collection strategies. He also encouraged the municipality to continue disconnecting government departments that fail to pay for services, emphasizing that the municipality's operations depend on collected revenue.



MZIMKHULU MUNICIPALITY BENEFITS FROM MSUNDUZI'S VAST KNOWLEDGE



The Deputy Mayor, Acting Municipal Manager Ngcobo, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee of Community Services Cllr Msimang, and other municipal officials engaged with Mzimkhulu Municipality Municipal Manager Dr. A.C. Nqoyiye and his team at the Disaster Management Centre boardroom. The meeting addressed a request to place six officials at the Emergency Control Centre (ECC) for five days for experiential learning purposes.

The delegation toured the emergency control centre to observe how Msunduzi and Safe City manage urban navigation and city control. This walk provided insights into their strategies for enhancing safety and efficiency within the municipality.



DM Mkhize encouraged the officials participating in the benchmarking from the ECC, "I wish you the best of luck and hope that whatever you learn, you will apply when you return home. Let us work together to build better communities and improve our turnaround time," said the deputy mayor.

HOMELESS SHELTER STATE OF READINESS ASSESSMENT



The deputy mayor, along with Community Services Portfolio Committee Chairperson Cllr Msimang and other municipal officials, visited the homeless shelter to evaluate its progress. The team conducted a walkabout to assess the shelter's state of readiness.



MUNICIPALITY ACTS SWIFTLY TO ADDRESS STORM DAMAGE



The Mayor was accompanied by CFO Ngcobo and other municipal officials to conduct a storm damage assessment. The Gift of the Givers, Sassa, SA Red Cross were amongst organisations that took part in this assessment. At least 13 wards were visited, with residents affected by storms receiving temporary assistance from the Municipality including all parties that were involved.

The Mayor thank the municipality's disaster management team who worked tirelessly around the clock in areas affected by the storm, further urging residents to continue looking out for weather warnings in-order to take required safety precautions.

THE MINISTERIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMME TO CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY



The Mayor warmly welcomed Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Mr. K. Morolong, MEC for Education, Mr. S. Hlomuka, and District Mayor, Cllr Mzi Zuma, to the Msunduzi Council Chamber. This visit by Deputy Minister Morolong is part of the Ministerial Outreach Programme, marking and celebrating 30 years of democracy in South Africa.



The Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Mr Kenny Morolong along with the uMgungundlovu District political delegation - assisted by counselors and ward committee members to identify certain households, have visited indigent households that have benefitted from the Digital Migration rollout in the Sobantu location. The households received a decoder and setbox, some where the television was not up to standard in terms of vision and network- were provided with new TV sets which were one hundred (100) percent subsidized by the government along with the decoder and setbox.



The Ministerial Outreach delegation also visited two (2) of our local radio stations- Radio Alansaar and uMgungundlovu FM. There was heartfelt gratitude from the stations; the Mgungundlovu FM managers praised the relationship the station has with Msunduzi Municipality and uMgungundlovu District. They described the support they have received from the municipality and MDDA (Media Development and Diversity Agency) and how it has impacted the growth of the station along with its listeners.

"This is an indication of what government can do working together with our communities. It's vital that our communities have a platform where they can have a voice and where they can engage with each other in their own languages. We hope we will continue to make use of these community radio stations." - Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Mr Morolong.



The Mayor, accompanied by Deputy Mayor and Speaker Cllr Majola, joined Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Mr Morolong, and other dignitaries, including the Mayor of uMgungundlovu District Municipality, Cllr Zuma, and Deputy Mayor Mabaso, for a walkabout at the historic Pietermaritzburg Old Prison. During the visit, the group was taken through the rich history of the prison, which once held prominent South African heroes and heroines, highlighting the struggles and sacrifices of those who were incarcerated there.



The Deputy Minister in the Presidency Mr Morolong began to convey a message that painted a picture of a journey that taken by those who died in the struggle for the county's liberation.

"The 30 years of democracy means, a government that creates jobs for our people, a government that puts our people first, a government that addresses all issues, and walking in the footsteps of those who lived before us and ensured our liberation", said Morolong.

Honourable Mayor Cllr Thebolla spoke on how the Ministerial Outreach Program has afforded the city an opportunity to learn about the country's rich history. "As we celebrate 30 years of democracy, we are still working on bringing change by addressing challenges faced our people, we understand that nation building and social cohesion can only be achieved if we continue to work together"_ Mayor Thebolla

The Deputy Minister in the Presidency concluded his visit to the Msunduzi Municipality at the Pietermaritzburg Station, where he paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi by laying flowers at his monument in remembrance of the iconic struggle leader. This marked the final stop before heading to the Nelson Mandela Capture Site.

"Pietermaritzburg should take pride in its rich history," said the Deputy Minister. "The city has produced individuals of great dignity who have played pivotal roles in politics and contributed to the freedoms we enjoy today." He further emphasized that all those who benefit from the freedom Gandhi fought for remain indebted to his legacy and must continue to uphold his teachings.



The event celebrating 30 years of democracy, hosted by the Deputy Minister in the Presidency, concluded at the Nelson Mandela Capture Site. Mayor Cllr Thebolla joined Deputy Minister Mr. Morolong, Umgungundlovu District Mayor Cllr Zuma, uMngeni Mayor Cllr Pappas, along with other dignitaries, guests, and representatives from various organizations.

Several speakers addressed critical topics related to the country's post-colonial landscape, including media freedom and the marginalization of youth, which hinders their ability to reach their full potential.



A Democracy Bus took off at the City Hall, where community members were taken on a tour of historic sites around the city. This was part of the #30YearsOfFreedom celebration. The tour began at the Hero Ache and Manaye Hall in Imbali, before progressing to World View, and concluding at the Nelson Mandela Capture Site. Throughout the tour, participants were provided with insightful information on the historical significance of these landmarks, enriching their understanding of the region's heritage.



THE MUNICIPALITY DISPLAYS ENDLESS SUPPORT TO STORM VICTIMS



The Msunduzi Disaster Management Centre, in collaboration with CityHope and ward Councillors, visited wards 12, 13, 16, and 41 following a strong wind and rain incident on November 9th. The storm caused significant damage, affecting numerous areas with a total of 368 homes partially damaged and 57 completely destroyed. Working together, the team provided critical assistance and support to those affected by the disaster.

THE ANNUAL BOOK BEHIND AWARDS HAILS AUTHORS, STORYTELLERS



The Annual Book Behind Awards 2024 were held at Shuku's Greenleaf. The deputy mayor, along with Sustainable Development Portfolio Chairperson Cllr. Msimang, were in attendance including other Msunduzi officials.

This awards ceremony honoured and celebrated authors, literature, and the power of storytelling.

Cllr. Mkhize expressed great gratitude to Nelly Shozana, the founder of The Book Behind Awards ceremonies, for hosting these awards as they are a celebration of all the writers, authors and storytellers who were nominated. He also expressed sincere gratitude to the Municipal Bessie Head Library and the Department of Sport, Arts, and Culture for their ongoing efforts to encourage and nurture local authors. He encouraged the writers to continue their hard work and emphasized the importance of their contributions in preserving memories and stories for future generations.

The Deputy Mayor also highlighted the significance of this year's awards as a celebration of the authors' dedication and a moment of recognition for their work, acknowledging the Book Behind Awards as a key event in honouring the literary achievements of 2024.





MUNICIPALITY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS REACH OUT TO VICTIMS OF HEAVY RAINS DAMAGE

The Msunduzi's Disaster Management Centre continued its efforts to assist those affected by the heavy rains and strong winds that struck the area on the 6th of November. In collaboration with the Red Cross, Ward Councillors and the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, they have conducted assessments and are committed to offering relief in affected areas, including wards 6, 17, 22 and other wards, in response to the storm.

A total of 368 incidents have been reported so far, with 21 wards impacted. Among the affected homes, 57 were completely damaged, while 311 sustained partial damage. The municipality, together with its partners, is working tirelessly to provide relief and support to those who have been affected by the extreme weather.



Above: The Municipality's Disaster Management Centre alongside local Councillors, Cogta, Red Cross, Gift of the Givers continued to conduct heavy rains damage assessments in Ward 4. The Municipality with its partners worked tirelessly to provide relief to affected residents.



MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES AUTHOR MLOTSHWA'S MILESTONE



The literary community gathered at the Bessie Head Library for the much-anticipated launch of S.R. Mlotshwa's books *Ingane-ke* and *Ibalazwe*. The event was a resounding success, drawing a diverse crowd of readers, writers, and literary enthusiasts eager to witness the unveiling of Mlotshwa's work. There were several distinguished guests and officials who enriched the event with their insights and perspectives.

The author's rich narrative voice and engaging prose were highlighted as he discussed his books and the inspiration behind them. The launch also included a dialogue session, where attendees took the opportunity to engage with the author, asking thought-provoking questions and discussing the themes of the books.

Those who attended left with a renewed appreciation for the power of literature to spark conversations and bring people together. The launch of *Ingane-ke* and *Ibalazwe* was a testament to the enduring appeal of African literature, and we look forward to seeing the continued success of Mr S.R. Mlotshwa's work in the literary world.

"Let us celebrate the power of books, the potential of every reader, and the promise of a literate future. Together, we can transform our community into one that not only values literacy but also thrives because of it. Congratulations Mr. Mlotshwa and all the best," said Mayor Cllr Thebolla.



Below: The Municipality's Asset and Liabilities Department hosted a public auction, offering great deals on scrap furniture, computers, equipment, and decommissioned vehicles. The auction provided an opportunity for businesses and individuals to purchase these items at discounted prices.



PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE UP SPACES



The Deputy Mayor, Cllr B.E. Zuma, various foundations supporting individuals with disabilities, NGOs, Ikhwezi Radio Station, and KZN COGTA were in attendance at the Visibility of People with Disabilities Dialogue event at Mafunze Hall in Ward 7. This impactful gathering brought together key stakeholders to promote inclusivity, awareness, and empowerment for people with disabilities.

The event aimed to encourage equal access to education, employment, healthcare, and social services by creating a culture of understanding, acceptance, and support while preventing stigma and misconceptions surrounding disability. It also promoted equal access to education, employment, healthcare, and social services by encouraging open discussion and engaging discrimination and biases about disability.

Individuals with disabilities, family members, caregivers, community leaders, stakeholders, and government representatives gathered to discuss their experiences, problems, and accomplishments. Participants addressed barriers to access and developed solutions for accessible and equal opportunities through keynote speeches and personal stories.

The Deputy Mayor emphasized that individuals with disabilities should seize opportunities and advocate for their rights, recognizing their potential for a bright future in leadership positions. Msunduzi municipality pledges support, encouraging projects to collaborate with and hire companies owned by people with disabilities, fostering inclusivity.



The Deputy Mayor, Speaker Cllr Majola, the Deputy Mayor of uMgungundlovu Cllr Dlamini and Msunduzi officials visited Ward 2 to assess service delivery backlogs. Their first stop was the home of an elderly woman in need of shelter, where delays had occurred due to access issues caused by the previous council. The municipality is now working to complete the necessary repairs and services.



Speaker Cllr Majola continued leading the delegation in Ward 2 to address a pressing issue regarding trees that are impacting electricity connections in the area. The delegation conducted a thorough assessment of the situation, speaking with local residents and municipal staff to understand the extent of the problem.

The municipality made a firm commitment to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. This will involve coordinated efforts to trim or remove trees that are obstructing power lines, as well as implementing measures to prevent future incidents.



MADAM SPEAKER WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL INDIAN ORGANISATION TO THE CITY

Madam Speaker welcomed visitors who had attended the international Global Indian Organisation (GIO) in Durban into the capital city. The delegation comprised of delegates from 15 countries around the world coming together to celebrate Indian heritage, honour the legacy of community leaders, and foster cultural and social bonds within the Indian Diaspora. The delegation were taken on a tour of the City Hall, the Gandhi statue in Church Street, and the Railway Station which is rich in Gandhi history.





MUNICIPALITY LOOKS TO IMPROVE STATE OF POST OFFICE BUILDING

The Deputy Mayor, who also serves as the Chairperson of the Infrastructure Portfolio Committee, along with municipal officials, conducted a site visit to assess the deteriorating condition of the Post Office building.

The visit, in collaboration with the Post Office team, was aimed at addressing challenges related to the building's decay, including issues with cleanliness and vandalism.

The team examined the situation to find practical solutions to ensure that the building remains functional for public use. "Now that the municipality has stepped up to hear these concerns, we are going to make it a priority to ensure the Post Office remains operational, as it offers essential services to our community," said the Deputy Mayor.



The high rate of HIV infections and the absence of services from the Department of Social Department has been counted as one of the major issues affecting the community of Cllr Nkabini's Ward 24. These issues were discussed at a local task team engagement that took place at Grange Hall, involving officials from the Municipality, the Health Department, the South African Police Services including all other interested parties.

These monthly meetings discuss issues affecting local communities, and further provide reports on the efforts done by war-rooms to address all social ills. Issues of alcohol and substance abuse, crime, HIV/AIDS will be included in a report that will be taken to the district LTT team as a means of finding resolutions to better affected communities.





MADAM SPEAKERS VOWS TO FAST TRACK SERVICE DELIVERY



The Deputy Mayor alongside Madam Speaker, visited the home of two elderly residents in Ward 2 to address the issue of exposed pipes. The municipality assured residents that a dedicated team will be assigned to investigate and resolve the issue promptly.

MUNICIPALITY PARTNERS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

The Men from different backgrounds gathered at the City Hall to attend a program to recognise the International Men's Day. The event organized by the Department of Social Development in collaboration with Msunduzi and uMgungundlovu Municipality, TB/HIV Care, Inkunzi Isematholeni, FAMSA including all other government departments and civil organisations, invited men of all ages to take part in this program where dialogues concerning male issues took centre stage.

Mental and sexual health, the role of a man in communities and in their families, understanding the importance of upholding tradition and culture, finding companionship, creating spaces where men feel comfortable being vulnerable, were amongst many important topics that members of the panel engaged in with the guests. The floor was then open for questions, and experts in different fields provided insights on pressing issues that affect men.





PIETERMARITZBURG CELEBRATED THROUGH FILM



The Municipality welcomed the film crew from Mrs. Plum Productions, who were shooting a period film set in the 1950s in Pietermaritzburg. The film is an adaptation of a short story by Es'kia Mphahlele, originally written in 1963 and published in 1967.

This production offers an important opportunity to explore and preserve an important moment in the history of both the city and the country. By being aired on M-Net/DSTV, the film will shine a spotlight on the rich cultural heritage of Pietermaritzburg's city hall, ensuring that this crucial part of the city's history is remembered and shared with a wider audience.

MADAM SPEAKER LEADS ENGAGEMENT ON GBV

As the country prepares for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Madam Speaker Cllr Majola joined Mountain Rise SAPS, community safety and liaison, Lifeline, private security companies, and Men Fighting Against Domestic Abuse (M.F.A.D.A) for the Provincial Crime Awareness Imbizo hosted at Eastwood Hall Ward 34 & 35.

The event aimed to foster a healthy relationship between the community and law enforcement, while also educating citizens about the severity of gender-based violence and strategies to prevent crime. This initiative comes amid a recent surge in crime in the Eastwood community, as well as concerns about detaining unlawful foreigners and immigration processes.

During the event, community members had the opportunity to engage in a question-and-answer session, allowing them to express their grievances.

The Speaker emphasized the importance of collaboration between the community and law enforcement, acknowledging the South African Police Service's efforts to





MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP TO FORM TIES WITH TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR BETTER GOVERNANCE

The Mayor Cllr Thebolla, Deputy Mayor Cllr Mkhize, Speaker Cllr Majola, the Chief Whip Cllr Zondi were joined by other municipal senior officials in a special visit to KwaMpumuza to engage with iNkosi Zondi .

This engagement was to form ties between the Municipality and the traditional leadership. "Our role as traditional leadership is to represent our communities in government structures, and to be a link between the public and government", said iNkosi Zondi.

The Mayor spoke on the municipality's desire to work closely with the traditional leadership moving forward. "We seek to recognise and involve traditional leadership in all our activities as the Municipality, this relationship will allow us to further partner with Amakhosi in programs organised by the Office of the Mayor and that of the Speaker Cllr Majola".



MUNICIPALITY, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS BRING ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE



The Ward Councillor Zuma, joined South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Social Development, South Africa Police Services and various financial institutions, on a vital meeting and assistance session at Snathingi Hall in Ward 11.



This program focused on providing essential Grant-in-Aid support to vulnerable community members while also addressing pressing health-related issues and Social Issues . This collaborative initiative aimed to improve access to crucial services, promote health awareness, and enhance the overall well-being of local residents. By bringing together key partners, the event sought to ensure that the community's needs were met, fostering long-term improvements in both social security and healthcare



RESIDENTS, TOURISTS TO ENJOY HOLIDAY SEASON AS CITY BEEFS UP SECURITY

The Municipality officially launched its Festive Season Safety Campaign at the Market Square, with a strong focus on enhancing road safety and maintaining law and order throughout the city during the holiday season. The event was led by His Worship The Mayor, Cllr Thebolla, joined by municipal officials, the municipality's traffic department, and private security companies who are partnering in this campaign.

One of the first major actions of the campaign took place this morning with a successful roadblock held at Chota Mtila/Willowton, outside Firret Hill Primary School. The roadblock was a significant success and demonstrated the municipality's commitment to enforcing road safety and curbing criminal activities. In addition to traffic regulation enforcement, increased security measures have been deployed across the City, ensuring that both residents and visitors will have a safe and secure experience during this festive season.

The Festive Season Safety Campaign will continue to run throughout the holiday period, with additional roadblocks, patrols, and coordinated efforts between law enforcement agencies to maintain safety and peace in Msunduzi.





#MENINHEELS WALK TO SUPPORT FEMALE VICTIMS OF GBV



The Deputy Mayor participated in the launch of the 16 Days of Activism campaign, a global initiative focused on ending gender-based violence.

In a striking and symbolic gesture, men marched in heels from UNISA's PMB City Campus to the Carbineers Garden, raising awareness about the urgent need to address violence against women and children.

This event highlighted the ongoing fight to end abuse, commemorating 30 years of collective action towards building a society that values respect, safety, and equality for all. During his address, Cllr Mkhize emphasized the role of men in protecting women and children, stating, "Real men go out of their way to protect and defend women and children. Let's find a way to decrease the number of rapes across the entire world."

MSUNDUZI TO START NEW HOUSING PROJECT IN INCWADI



His Worship, the Mayor alongside Inkosi yaseMaqandini, ward councillor, and the Msunduzi Human Settlement department, held a community meeting in iNcwadi, Ward 39, to provide an update on the upcoming housing project in the area.

The meeting aimed to discuss the new housing development, which will be implemented on land owned by Inkosi yaseMaqandini.

Inkosi yaseMaqandini has granted the municipality permission to proceed with the project, which is expected to begin in May next year, bringing significant benefits to the local community.

This project is aimed at improving local communities by giving shelters that are safe to live in. "I'd like to thank inkosi yasemaqandini for allowing us to proceed with this project that will be change to our people" said Thebolla



HO! HO! HO! MAYOR WISHES CITIZENS AND CITY VISITORS A SAFE AND MERRY FESTIVE SEASON



The Mayor of the City of Choice, on behalf of all the councilors, extended warm and heartfelt wishes to all residents for a joyous and peaceful festive season.

The lighting of the annual Christmas tree serves as a special invitation to all residents to come together and celebrate this wonderful season with us. The Mayor encouraged everyone to join in the festive, enjoy the warm of the season, and take pride in the city's celebrations. He also reminds residents to stay safe, drive carefully, and be mindful during their travels.

The much-anticipated Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony took at the Art Gallery, marking the official start of the festive season in the City of Choice. This event is the beginning of a series of exciting celebrations under the Summer Festival and the Msunduzi Art Festival, both of which will bring the city to life with vibrant performances, art, and festivities throughout the season.

The Mayor looks forward to seeing residents enjoy the festivities and wishes everyone a safe and merry holiday season.



Above: Makhosi Khoza launched his books at the Msunduzi Bessie Head Library, an event that celebrated not only his work but also the broader importance of reading and writing. The gathering honored Khoza's contributions to literature, while also emphasizing the value of books in society.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GBV AND WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION CONTINUES



The uMgungundlovu District Municipality, in collaboration with various stakeholders including Msunduzi Municipality, TB HIV Care, and Community Safety & Liason, Inkunz'Isematholeni Foundation, and Department of Social Development Mountain Rise SAPS (Women's Network) hosted a joint event to commemorate 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and World AIDS Day.

The event, which took place in Copesville, featured the official opening of a new hall in Ward 29, in which the event took place. Ward 29 Cllr. S Madlala welcomed everyone and expressed his heartfelt joy at the occasion.

Umgungundlovu District Mayor Cllr. M Zuma emphasized the importance of protecting women, children, and families from gender-based violence. He urged men to take an active role in preventing GBV and promoting a culture of respect and equality. The Mayor also stressed the need to create a safe and nurturing environment for children to grow up in, free from abuse and bullying.

Furthermore, Mayor Zuma highlighted the devastating consequences of emotional abuse on children and appealed to parents to be mindful of their actions. The event aimed to raise awareness about GBV and World AIDS Day, particularly in light of the high rates of GBV cases and HIV infections in the area.

The Copesville community showed remarkable unity and support, with attendees from all age groups participating in the event. The program included educational sessions, entertainment, and a call to action to report GBV cases and promote a culture of zero tolerance for abuse.



TEAM MSUNDUZI ON A WINNING STREAK HAVING WON MOST MATCHES AT THE SALGA KZN & DSAC SELECTION GAMES 2024

The Richmond Municipality hosted the uMgungundlovu 2024 District Selections Games. The teams from Msunduzi, Mkhambathini, Mshwati and Mpendle Municipalities had players put their best foot forward as they aimed to qualify and represent uMgungundlovu in the KZN SALGA games 2024, to be hosted on the 5th – 8th December 2024 by eThekweni Municipality.

The SALGA KZN DSAC Games started 15 years ago, with the aim of promoting sound inter-governmental relations between municipalities in KwaZulu-Natal. These games have gained popularity amongst the youth as over 4000 youngsters; male and female participate in these games, which have 16 sports codes.

As teams made their way into the Richmond Sport Complex, players in different colour jerseys gathered in groups for brief pre-match meetings. With tensions running high, all teams were neck and neck making it difficult to predict the overall winner of the district selection games. Msunduzi Municipality almost achieved a clean sweep in these games as it claimed a victory in females' basketball, rugby and soccer matches and it is the main municipality that produces over 65% of uMgungundlovu players.

As the last whistle was blown in all matches, those who successfully qualified to represent uMgungundlovu in the KZN SALGA Games 2024, have a huge task ahead of bringing the championship title home.





Above: Blood and sweat was the order of the day as athletes battled it out at the Richmond Sport Complex, in the uMgungundlovu 2024 District Selections Games.