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MANDELA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Following the late Nelson Mandela's footsteps of loving and caring for the next person, Msunduzi Municipality's senior officials alongside Sunfresh Bakery visited Grey's Hospital where they interacted with patients and offered them hot beverages and sandwiches while they queued for consultations.

This was done in honour of the international Nelson Mandela Day, 18 July, which calls out for people to dedicate 67 minutes to doing acts of humanity.

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead." Nelson Mandela.



The Office of the Mayor joined Honchos in a food distribution that took place at the Carbineer Garden on the 18th of July 2022. This special event which touched the hearts of Miss SA finalists Ayanda Thabethe and Luyanda Zuma, who hail from Pietermaritzburg, prompted the two beauties to join in feeding the hundreds of Msunduzi residents who received lunch on Nelson Mandela Day. The Office of the Mayor with the Zikalala foundation also handed over two electronic wheelchairs to beneficiaries to symbolise giving back to the community which is inspired by Nelson Mandela Day.

VULINDLELA AREA RECEIVES JOJO TANKS



The area of Vulindlela in Pietermaritzburg was affected by the devastation of the recent floods in KZN. The result was the erosion of the bulk infrastructure that serves with water infrastructure affected greatly. Through joint efforts from the Church Of Christ humanitarian efforts, The office of the Minister for Social Development, and Msunduzi Municipality 5 Jojo tanks were donated to Wards 4, 7, 9, 14, and 18 to ease access to water where the Municipality will deliver the water with tanks. Msunduzi Speaker Cllr Eunice Majola was on site to receive the tanks as well as councillors representing the benefiting wards. This program is ongoing as other wards have previously benefitted.



MSUNDUZI EMPLOYEES AWARDED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Msunduzi Municipality's senior officials accepted a gold certificate of appreciation from the Community Chest on the 15th July 2022.

Acting Municipal Manager Nelisiwe Ngcobo , Mosa Molapo (GM Corporate Services), Ngangenkosi Mpisi (Acting GM Electricity) and Madeleine Jackson (Senior Manager Office of MM) and the respective shop stewards represented the municipality at this prestigious event which aimed to show appreciation to the municipal staff for its continuous donations to the Community Chest.

Msunduzi staff has donated R242 298 in the last financial year and the Chest wanted to recognise the municipality

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The Deputy Mayor Mxolisi Mkhize joined the Local Drug Action Committee at the Tatham Art Gallery Auditorium for the resuscitation of the committee. The committee was established in 2020 in order to address the growing issue of drug abuse in the city. It aims to be seen on the ground working to towards this challenge and to bring change in the Pietermaritzburg.

DM Mkhize admitted that this is not going to be an easy task but they will not give up.

The Local Drug Committee have Drug Master Plan established for the year 2019-2024 that is yet to be implemented.



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MSUNDUZI UNVEILS TOW TRUCK

Msunduzi Municipality unveils the first tow truck in an effort to tackle lawlessness and restore law and order in the City. The truck has been procured with an intention to provide a more responsive law enforcement service and improve reliability in the level of services provided to the residents of Msunduzi by dealing with bylaw infringement. In the quest to restore law and order in the city, Mayor Mzimkhulu Thebolla said that the municipality seeks to improve on how it deals with road users who disregard the law.

“Our traffic officers are more visible on the ground, they are issuing fines and checking if the motorists have any warrant of arrest. The municipality did not have a tow truck but now we can confidently say that we will not tolerate anyone who does not follow the rules of our roads” said Mayor, Thebolla.

Mayor Thebolla is warning motorists and public transport operators to obey the rules of the road; adding that once a vehicle has been towed, there will be charges for towing and storage of the vehicle; and also the vehicles. The Traffic law enforcement operations have been intensified to ensure the safety of the community of Msunduzi.



NOT TOO OLD TO PLAY, AS SENIOR CITIZENS RECEIVE EQUIPMENT



The Msunduzi Municipality's Mayoral Special Programmes hosted a handover of equipment by the Department of Social Development for the Golden Games for our Senior Citizens.

The equipment handed over will be used for the upcoming games that all clubs will have access to use on the given day. The Local selections start on the 28th of July, August is scheduled for District selections, and provincial selections are in September.

Chairperson of the Senior citizens, Mrs. Mammie Zondi thanked the Department of Social Development for the equipment and is excited for the games to begin. "We're going all the way to Cape Town" said the chairperson.



KINDERGARTEN HAS NEVER BEEN SO FUN



The little boys and girls could not have asked for a better way to celebrate the Nelson Mandela Day. The KZN Office of The Premier joined by Msunduzi Municipality's Office of the Mayor hosted the Early Childhood Development Development (ECD) Mandela Day at Nyanda Primary School where children attended took part in different sporting games.

The event was attended by officials from the Department of Education , those from the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture and Cllr SC Makhaye.. The Premier's Office recently adopted the ECD Programs from the Department of Social Development and has since been rolling out various programs that cater for children. The Department of Sports, Arts and Culture donates sporting equipment to schools that participate in these programs saying that this will help teach the young ones about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and exercising.

