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The Month of August was by far one of the most active months in the city! Many may question this but the answer is simple "WOMEN'S MONTH". The world has never been a better place and a safer place other than in the hands of a woman- This is a woman that gave life to every human being that has ever existed on this earth, the same woman that would make sacrifices that no other man could even begin to attempt when those dark days arrive. This is a special message from the Municipality recognising and acknowledging women from all walks of life, colour and creed. The municipality takes seriously the emancipation of women in all aspects. We are committed in engaging women's rights and addressing women's issues so that solutions in empowering these women can be established. The Mayoral office has devoted time and funds in coming up with programmes that have seen women getting empowered. The Special Programmes Unit which is a unit under the Mayoral office is a unit managed and facilitated by Mrs Sanelisiwe Ndlovu who has found pleasure in the emancipation of women from all ages and different backgrounds. In the month of August the Special Programmes Unit hosted Women with Disability Forum on the 16th of August 2017 where women looking to get into business as a way of empowering themselves attended. This initiative introduced to these women opportunities that are there for disabled individuals and encouraged them to use these to empower themselves and become stronger and better women not only for others but for themselves. On the 17th of August 2017 Women in Prayer came together and held a praying ceremony which took place at City Hall where different congregations gathered under one roof praying for all the women out there with different issues and facing different challenges. On the 23rd of September 2017 the training of Senior Citizen Provincial Games took place where the actual games will take place from the 12th to 14th September 2017 under Ugu District in Margate. The City is proud to announce that 90% of the participants are Msunduzi born and bred with more and more elderly women participating in these games we can all agree that the barrier between women and sports has been eliminated. Lastly, a boys' camp took place which aimed at educating young boys how to treat women from an early age. The camp was to groom these young boys into young men that say no women abuse and that aspire to become better individuals while protecting women and their rights.

The municipality does not only pride itself with women events that place in the month of August but there are a number of activities that seek to provide women with better opportunities. Izwi Labafelokazi is another initiative under the Special Programmes Unit in the Mayoral Office led by Mrs Ndlovu which is a group

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of widows that meet almost frequently to council one another on how to take on life after losing a husband. The group also tackles issues such as dealing with financial strains and looking at opportunities to get into business such as the establishment of Co-operatives to sustain themselves as single parents. Women are the backbone of the development of rural and national economies. Therefore it is of great importance that we see private and public sectors joining forces and creating more opportunities which will empower women. The month of August serves as a reminder of the strength and courage that women hold. It is a reminder that we as women need to unite and stand together for a better world. "Let us all unite as women to move South Africa forward – **"Wathint'abafazi wathint' Imbokodo"** We also urge all the Pietermaritzburg residences to:

#Save water

#Stop Illegal Electrical Connections

#Stop land invasion and

#Keep Msunduzi clean

MR KZN AMBASSADOR WINNER



To the Honourable Mr. Mayor of Pietermaritzburg

Thank you for the time to review what I consider to be an ambassadorial role as Mr. KZN ambassador 2017. The pageant will be taking place on the 27 August 2017 at the La Montangne in Balito and I am proud to inform you that I a finalist, and as such, will be representing the city of Pietermaritzburg

The purpose is of the competition is to find a representative for KZN that can assist in community based ser-

vices and projects. Basically giving back to the community .

Casa Bella home and decor Centre, in Hilton, is my official sponsor. Together we have already sponsored 2 cricket pitches to the one life church site in Mbali. We believe it will assist in taking orphans and disadvantaged children off the streets in that area during the day. Being in a church we felt that Christian morals will be there to support and teach these children. And perhaps it will be the humble beginnings of the next South African Cricket star!

My Sponsor has also donated 14 blinds towards my cause as they feel that enriching the community is important to uplift quality of life for all. I feel it worthy to note that their donations amount to well over R45 000 in donations in products. Throughout my journey I feel blessed with such a great sponsor. I work now full time with them as their sales consultant in the field of Interiors, specializing in upmarket laminated floors, blinds, rugs and other interior products

Here are pictures of myself wearing the Mr. KZN ambassador sashet, along with pictures of the donation of the cricket pitch.

I truly look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Lamlani Gwala

Sales Consultant



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE



Msunduzi municipality was at a Sweetwater's in Ward 1 with Cllr Speaker Jabu Ngubo, Cllr Sokhela and Mayor Themba Njilo, celebrating women's month and promoting women's rights and encouraging the community to stop violence against women and children, also remembering women's in 1956 that fought for freedom and for their rights.

The event was led by Speaker Cllr Jabu Ngubo and she emphasized that women should stand up against women abuse in the country. Different departments attended this event such as Economic Development with various NGOs such as WDB which assist women with small or medium-sized enterprises.

Simtho Myeni from Sustainable Development and the Women's Development Business Trust, encouraged Grandmothers and local mothers not to be afraid to come to their offices to seek support from their business, The Speaker Cllr Jabu Ngubo showed her appreciation to the grandparents and local mothers by handing over blankets.



3rd ANNUAL STREET STORE

Street Stores and the Msunduzi Municipality held a 3rd Annual Street Stores on the 19 of August 2017 at freedom Square, which took place at the Pietermaritzburg CBD. The vision is to create a vibrant city in which we can all live in, raise our families, learn, work, play and do business.

The Annual Pietermaritzburg street store is a pop up store for the homeless to shop for free and to also utilise the health facility which is to provide for them at the street store. The City has experienced an increase of homeless people which are also exposed to drugs and criminal activities which affects the economic hub of the city. The Msunduzi Municipality, street stores, Community and Various stakeholders saw the need to intervene to the challenges faced by the homeless people and their issues. All stakeholders, Community and the municipality implemented a program which will support and encourage the homeless by uplifting them, transforming their current living conditions. His Worship the Mayor Cllr Themba Njilo sees talent amongst the homeless and mentioned that they deserve a second chance in life. "If they are only willing to change their lives around, the municipality and other stakeholders are also willing to assist them to overcome their challenges" He added.







TACC THANKS GIVING



The Honourable Maypr Cllr Themba Njilo, The Honourable Mam ' T.E Maphumulo and MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo.

On Sunday, 13 August 2017 His Worship the Mayor Cllr Themba Njilo, The Honourable Mayor Cllr T.E Maphumulo and MEC For health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, attended the Umgungundlovu Region thanks giving Church services at FNB Wadley Stadium. The Church Service conducted a testifying session for junior and senior sisters as well as brothers.

The purpose of the thanks giving was to give thanks to God for the many blessings which should not be limited to only good times but also bad times thereby giving us the opportunity to demonstrate our faith in God and bringing the community together and build a relationship with god, as well as the community.



SAVAGES FOOTBALL CLUB

Savages celebrated its 135th anniversary. Soccer is not just a sport, but due to the times in which we live, it is a means to keep our future generation off the streets and away from drugs. His Worship the Mayor was a special guest at this prestigious event where he showed his support for the football club which also teaches our kids to mingle with other kids from all walks of life. The football club has embraced the changing face of the Msunduzi community as well as the country from being just a white club back in 1882. It's now a fully multiracial club. The Savages Football Club shares the same goals, vision and mission as the Msunduzi Municipality. The club firmly supports and promotes education, believes in youth upliftment and supports the communities by playing a role in changing lives. The Mayor congratulated the Savages Football club on their anniversary and the achievements of the club to date.



WOMEN WITH DISABILITY ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SYMPOSIUM

The above named event was held on the 16th August 2017 in Pmb City Hall. The event was a women's month event focusing on Women with Disabilities who are doing Craft and any other handwork. The aim of



the programmes was to ensure that Women with Disabilities are not left behind in the radical Economic Transformation as the Government initiative. The event was a partnership between Office of the Premier, Blind & Deaf Society, Department of Arts & Culture and other Local municipalities of the District. Women showcased their work which

was of a very high standard. The only challenge that was identified is that they do not have the market for the wonderful work they produce. Municipalities that participated were, Msunduzi, Impendle, Umkhambathini and Mpofana . The Dept of Arts & Culture sponsored the Exhibitors for R2 500 and it was one per local municipality. Arts and culture also paid for entertainment on the day.

There was Cebo Hlubi, a qualified Accountant , a Disabled male working at provincial treasury that gave good advice to all women present on how to advance their businesses . He even advised mothers/parents with disabled children on how to access education with government assistance. Thokozani Shabalala was another young man, who is wheelchair bound but was able to study Social Work Degree at Howard College after being disowned by his parents. He became disabled after meeting with a Bicycle accident that left him paralyzed. All the stories told on the day aimed at encouraging Women with Disabilities to soldier on in their financial struggle.



EDENDALE HOSPITAL VISIT

The Mandela family together with the MEC for Health in KwaZulu-Natal Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, MEC for Art



and Culture Mrs Bongiwe Sithole-Moloi, The Honourable Cllr T.E Maphumulo and our Msunduzi Mayor Cllr Themba Njilo visited the Edendale hospital when the Mandela family came to Pietermaritzburg for the Nelson Mandela Marathon.



MANDELA MARATHON PICTURES





USE WATER WISELY

TIPS ON HOW TO SAVE WATER



Attend to all water leaks and leaking toilets in your household

Lungisa zonke izindawo ezinamanzi avuzayo nezindlu zangasese ezivuzayo



Showers should not be longer than 5 minutes

Geza isikhathi esingaphansi kwemizuzu emihlanu kwishawa



Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and shaving

Vala umpompi ngesikhathi usaxubha noma ushefa



Always turn off the tap tightly after using

Qinisekisa ukuvala umpompi ngci emva kokuwusebenzisa



Boil the required amount – do not overfill the kettle

Bilisa amanzi alingene ukuthi uwasebenzise – gwema ukugcwalisa iketela



Don't let water run whilst you are doing washing

Ungadedeli amanzi axhaxhaze ngesikhathi uwasha

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STAFF COMPLIMENTS

Good morning

Just a heartfelt thank-you to the team from the Electricity Dept for restoring the lighting on Crawford Road – not sure if it was Mr Shange and his team who attended.

They were back on site yesterday, replacing the temporary ballasts/lighting installed last week.

I arrived home last night to an exceptionally well-lit street, from top to bottom – with the new, significantly brighter energy-saver lights installed – they are fantastic!

In the 16 years that I've lived here, this is the best that it's ever been...

The area is now almost as well-lit as Harry Gwala Stadium...

BIG, BIG UPS to the TEAM!

Greatly appreciated...