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CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IMBIZO



Mayor Cllr Thebolla attended the Unpacking of the Criminal Justice System Imbizo at Edendale Lay Ecumenical Centre. This event which was attended by officials from government departments, non-profit organisations, members of the media including other stakeholders was meant to get stakeholders and the community in one space so that they can have a dialogue about the issues that residents face, justice services, to encourage residents to report cases of abuse including sharing of information about resources available to locals as far as the justice system is concerned.

In his speech Thebolla said, the abuse of women and children remains one of major social ills facing communities. The laws designated to protect women and children fail the victims of abuse especially in the rural areas. "We are grateful to the transport department for hosting such events that seek to bring us together so that we can address these issues. One of the police stations in the area has over the years constantly recorded high number of crimes, including that of women and children abuse, now we ask ourselves what can we do to minimise these numbers so that our residents live safely in our communities. We also acknowledge the Domestic Violence Act, but there is a lot that needs to be done to make sure that the law is applicable to all citizens regardless of class".

The Deputy Minister of the Department of Transport Sindi Chikunga spoke on the opening of the Vulindlela service centre saying it will bring services to the door step of residents. "The opening of the centre is of great significance as we are acknowledging the 16 days of activism for no violence against women and children"





INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE VISITS NHLAZATSHE

Deputy Mayor and Chairperson of Infrastructure Services Portfolio Committee Mxolisi Mkhize joined by local wards is c visited the Nhlazatshe area and engaged with the community on issues of service delivery. The community in Nhlazatshe has been without water and the access roads were greatly affected and washed away by the recent floods.

DM Mkhize presented plans in place to address the water challenge and appealed to the community to not vandalize the infrastructure and illegally connect from the reservoir. The Municipality will be repairing the reservoir and replacing the stolen valves in order for it to fill up to capacity and supply the entire community with clean water.

Mkhize encouraged Councillors to convene community meetings and ensure that the community are updated on progress and challenges relating to service delivery. He introduced a Contractor who will upgrade 1000m access road at Nhlazatshe.

"We commit to work with the Councillor and community of Ward 11 and we will deliver a road that will last the community 3 years" said Warren (Contractor). The access roads in Ward 11 and other wards within Msunduzi. The Municipality remains committed to building better neighborhoods and improving accessibility for communities.



2022 CAPITAL FESTIVE DRIVE AND EVENTS CALENDER





SAPS SAFER FESTIVE LAUNCH

DM Mxolisi Mkhize spoke at Mountain Rise Primary School, to support the safer festive launch with the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the community policing forum. The discussions on the measures that the police station has put in place to ensure the safety of the community was held.

The police station also recently received new vehicles.





LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The Municipality held its second quarter Local Economic Development Forum (LED) meeting at the City Hall. It established the forum as a platform where both the public and private sector can discuss various topics related to economic development.

This platform has been created to ensure that the business sector is covered in terms of conducting business. Various organisations gave presentations outlining the services they provide, and questions and answers were shared.



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM FOR NO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The Municipality joined the Office of the Deputy Minister Transport Sindi Chikunga, government departments, non-government organisations and other stakeholders in the Vulindlela Gender Based Violence Event. This event falls within the 16 Days of Activism for no violence against women and children.

The community of Vulindlela took part in a march from Mzongwane to Gezubuso/ Vulindlela South Hall. Different speakers took to the podium to share information about organisations and structures based in communities that cater for victims of abuse.

Chikunga in her message said that it is pleasing and gives hope to witness communities coming together to engage on topics of Gender Based Violence. "Government has realised that GBV is a fight that government cannot fight alone, we want to continue to work with community leaders, the public itself, the private sector including many other parties that we believe if we join hands, we will win this fight".



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EAP WELLNESS DAY

The Occupational Health, Safety and Employee Assistance Program (EAP) held Wellness Day for the City Engineer employees on the 2nd December 2022.

The EAP joined by multiple stakeholders including Lifeline:16 days of activism, Debt Management Counselling, Akeso Psychiatric Hospital (PMB) Absa, iThala, Nedbank, FNB, Standard Bank:Save /invest money Campaign. Old Mutual, Assupol, Nedbank, Royal hospital, Nasal tool, Oromex, Metropolitan and The Unlimited.

The Wellness day event was associated with the theme "Equalize and Integrate to End Aids of World Aids Days". The Occupational Health offered Care services such as, HIV & AIDS testing, Diabetes screening, Pep smear, prostate cancer screening, TB screening among others for employees to visit and check up on their well-being. The programme ended with a candle lighting in memory of all HIV and Covid related deaths.



FAREWELL GOOD SERVENT

Speaker Cllr Eunice Majola and the Municipality was at Poyinandi Hall, at Edendale ward 22 for Senior Traffic Officer Mr S Sikhakhane's farewell ceremony. He has served the municipality for 25 years and was celebrated for being a dedicated member of the organisation.

We wish him all the best in his future endeavors!



ELANDSKOP BESS PROJECT SOD-TURNING WITH ESKOM

Sustainable Development and City Entities Portfolio Committee conducted a site visit to Safe City to get an insight into how they conduct themselves on a daily basis.

Safe City aims to serve the community in partnership with Municipal Traffic and security from the South African Police Service, National Prosecution Authority, and Business Fighting Crime.

Control room procedures are ISO 9001:2015 certified an achievement obtained through hard work and dedicated staff. Safe City's primary function, with a number of CCTV cameras located in Pietermaritzburg to monitor the city as a whole, is to ensure that residents are in an environment that is safe. Safe City plans on expanding its work and installing more CCTV cameras around areas that are not yet covered





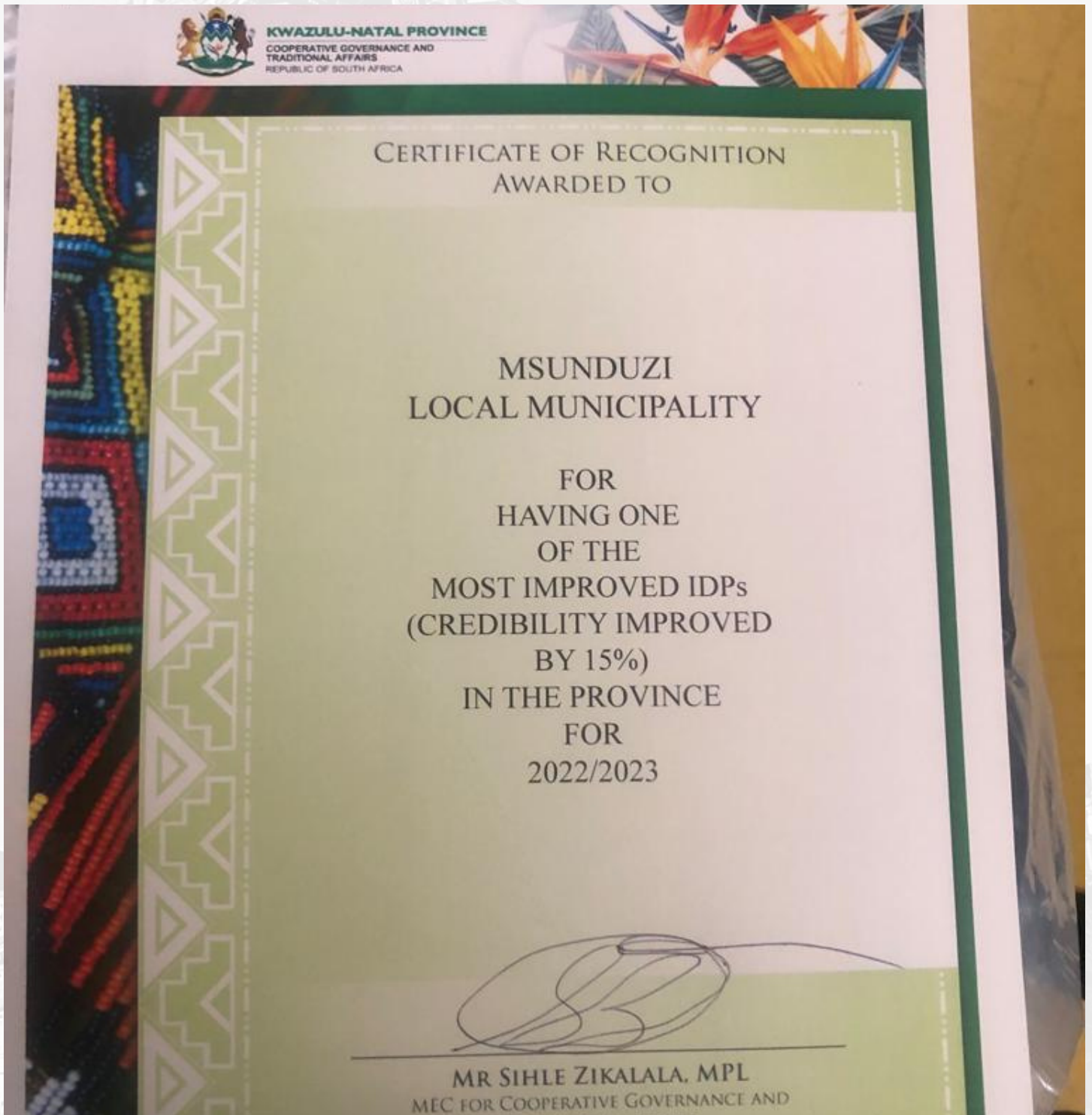
FIRST WALK AWAY 5KM RACE

Office of the Premier, Nehawu branch together with Harry Gwala Region, Department of Sports, Arts and Culture and Msunduzi Municipality held their First Walk Away 5km race.

The race started at Alexander Park which ended at the entrance of Harry Gwala Stadium. Most winners were residents of Msunduzi. This race was aimed at raising awareness on challenges faced by workers, women and children. The race accommodated runners from different age groups and the LGBTQI+ community came in numbers to support and enjoy the race.

Top 10 runners were awarded with gold medals and our top 3 scooped trophies.





CERTIFICATE FOR BEST IDP

The Municipality received a certificate from COGTA on the 2022-2027 IDP which was submitted to council in May 2022. COGTA has done an assessment on the IDP and the quality of the document. The Municipality was awarded this certificate for the best compiled IDP.



Mayor Thebolla, Ward 28 Caretaker DM Mkhize and Chief Whip Sandile Dlamini joined City Manager Lulamile Mapholoba and Senior Management in an engagement with the community of Ward 28. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the relocation of flood victims who are currently housed at Truro Hall following the devastating floods that left them homeless.

The community of Ward 28 raised their concerns about the identified land parcel for temporary residential units citing a number of reasons including their safety and the devaluation of their properties within that area. Thebolla urged the community to allow the TRU construction to continue, adding that it would not be beneficial to human nature to have people staying in the hall with their families. "The Municipality is doing everything it can to provide human settlement services to the community. We urge residents to unite to restore dignity for those living at Truro Hall. By working together, we can make South Africa and especially Msunduzi a better place for everyone", said Thebolla.

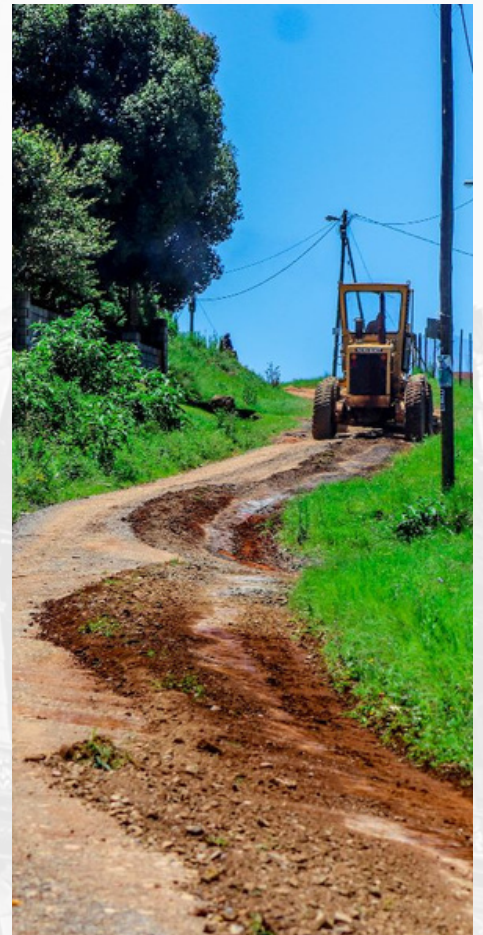


WARD 2 ROAD MAINTANANCE UNDERWAY

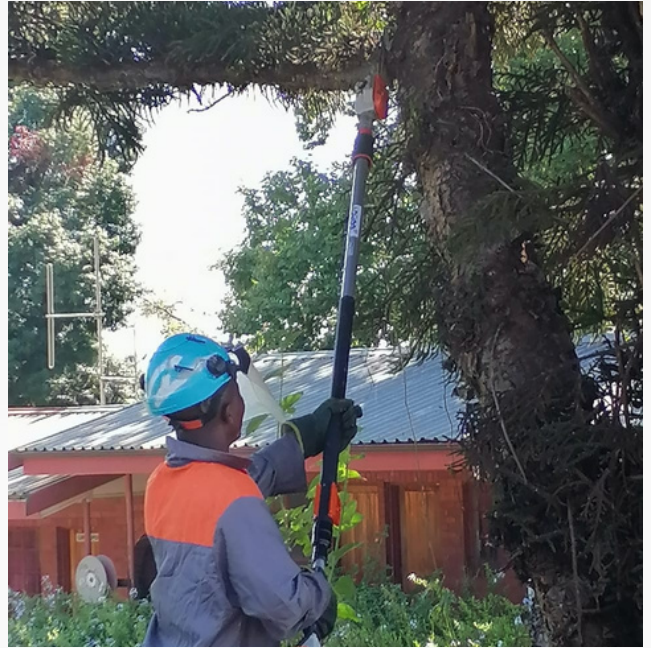
Speaker Cllr Eunice Majola embarked on a site visit to Ward 2 where the municipality's road and maintenance unit is conducting road construction.

Majola who is also the caretaker of ward 2 has convened several meetings with ward 2 committee members and resolved to prioritise a number of roads that need urgent attention.

"We have a lists of issues raised by the community in terms of service delivery hence we are here to start fixing the roads, it is nearly end of the year, so other projects will only commence next year", said Majola



SEERVICE DELIVERY IN PICTURES



MSUNDUZI, MARITZBURG UNITED ENGAGE IN CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN



The Municipality in partnership with Maritzburg United, Edendale Mall, Umgeni Water and Rise Up Group led a successful clean up campaign, starting from Chapel Street to Chief Albert Luthuli Street.

The purpose of this clean up campaign was to aid in keeping the city clean and encourage residents to do the same. A giveaway was held after the clean up and tickets to a soccer match where Maritzburg United goes head to head with TS Galaxy F.C on the 30th of December 2022 were handed out as a token of appreciation to those who participated.

This campaign is part of the Municipality's ongoing efforts to clean up the City and educate on proper disposal of waste.





CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH DEPUTY MAYOR

DM Cllr. Mxolisi Mkhize today hosted a Christmas lunch for the elderly residents of Mbabane Ward 7.

Working together with Nonkosi Foundation, 100 food parcels were also distributed to families that were identified as being in need of assistance to be able to have a good Christmas. Mkhize hopes to grow the initiative next year as he aims to assist 1000 families with the aid of other organisations who will wish to assist.

