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WOMEN DISPLAY A UNITED FRONT IN FIGHT AGAINST GBV



Wathinta abafazi - wathinta imbhokodo! Malibongwe igama lamakhosikazi! Malibongwe! These were the chants at Mpumuza as women in their themed "Swenka ngephinfu" attires gathered for the campaign to end the intensified Gender Based Violence (GBV).

The Municipality Speaker Cllr Majola collaborated with the Chieftess Mrs Zondi of Mpumuza in ward 1 along with multiple organizations aimed at inspiring, helping and rehabilitating victims of GBV. They hosted an event focused on informing, empowering and motivating women to stand against GBV. A movement towards self-improvement and the importance of independence in a male dominated world.

SAPS Warrant Officer Ngubane of Plessislaer station reported that the SAPS has taken extra precautions in handling GBV cases. He reported that within the first quarter (Jan - March) of 2024, the Plessislaer police station alone has arrested 9 perpetrators of GBV-, of which all were sadly men.

Speaker Cllr Majola touched on taking care of elderly women. She raised the issue of communities' lack of understanding of dementia, old age, and elderly sicknesses. She mentioned that some have lead attacks and victims accused of witchcraft when, in fact, they are suffering from age related illnesses.

"GBV comes in various forms. It is our responsibility to understand both men and women as they age and the implications that come with aging. Let us be the pioneers of change by being informed and understanding"

-Speaker Cllr Eunice Majola.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT MEC ZUMA LAUNCH LIVESTOCK INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

The Municipality together with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, launched the livestock infrastructure programme headed by MEC Hon. Super Zuma in kwaMpumuza.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Mkhize welcomed the MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development. The program commenced with the 3 grazing dip sites for cattle to observe and monitor the graze area if they are conducted accordingly as well as to assist these sites with resources.

The MEC handed over 2 live stock cattle as part of growing and sustaining agricultural development for small scale farmers within the region. He further emphasized the importance of agriculture farming and livestock which forms part of self sustaining and contribute in economic growth.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the MEC for his continuous work in growing agricultural work within rural areas through different initiatives within the department as food security in households is very vital. He further pleaded to the community to report any livestock theft which hinders the growth of small scale farmers.



MUNICIPALITY, TELKOM AND OTHER STAKEHOLERS HOST CAREER EXPO



The Municipality in collaboration with Telkom and multiple stakeholders hosted a Career Expo Exhibition in KwaMncane Hall (Vulindlela).

Cllr Zuma of ward 7 welcomed the learners and stakeholders that attended the career expo exhibition. The programme is aimed at providing tertiary and career related information to the learners.

"We are very happy with the turnout today, we can not stress enough the importance of education with the learners especially those in Grade 12" said Acting Municipal Manager Mr Hlela.

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS MEC NKOSI HANDOVER TITLE DEEDS

The KZN Department of Human Settlements MEC KK Nkosi joined by Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla, uMgungundlovu District Mayor Cllr Mzi Zuma, Sustainable Development Portfolio Committee Chairperson, Cllr Sokhela, traditional representative, local and provincial officials at City Hall to hand over title deeds to beneficiaries from Willow AA, Edendale DD, Northdale, Eastwood, and Sobantu.

Mayor Thebolla welcomed the beneficiaries to the program and congratulated them on receiving their title deeds. Beneficiaries had the opportunity to engage with the Department of Human Settlements and Public Works with a question and answer session on the process of title deeds registration as well as address any concerns they had. The engagement session was then followed by the handover of the title deeds to beneficiaries which will make them official owners of houses that the government has built.

MEC Nkosi stated that the department is prioritising Tuesdays whereby they will be visiting municipalities to handover title deeds to different communities. The government aims to restore people's dignity by providing secure and comfortable homes.

Building better communities for all!



DEPUTY MAYOR DISCUSS INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED ISSUES AHEAD OF COMRADES MARATHON



Above: The deputy mayor led a delegation to the Comrades House to engage on infrastructure related matters in preparation to host the Comrades Marathon 'up run' taking place on the 9th of June 2024. Nakanjani the City is gearing up to co-host the 97th edition of the ultimate human race.



Mayor Cllr Thebolla was joined by Deputy Mayor Cllr Mkhize and Cllr Buthelezi in Thornville, where the Municipality responded to the protest action that took place in the area.



Residents raised concerns over the lack of basic service delivery, such as electricity supply. The mayor confirmed that the municipality is engaging with Eskom to find a permanent solution that will ensure that households in Thornville have electricity. The Municipality looks to prevent further electricity blackouts in the area.

"It is our responsibility to oversee that communities receive basic service delivery. Our presence here today raised hope that challenges facing Thornville will be resolved. We will be returning to deliver a full progress report to the community on how the Municipality has addressed all the issues raised today", said the mayor.

Above: Mayor Thebolla accompanied by other municipal senior leadership engaged with Thornville residents following a community protest over lack of service delivery.

VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS ROLLED UP SLEEVES IMPLEMENTING MEANS TO BETTER CITY



In the heart of Msunduzi CBD, a remarkable collaborative effort spearheaded by Deputy Mayor Cllr Mxolisi Mkhize unfolded following a two-day stakeholder engagement that commenced on Tuesday. This unified operation brought together Msunduzi Traffic officers, personnel from SAPS, Migration Home Affairs, and Msunduzi Security, marking a determined stance against crime.

With each participating entity leveraging their specialized skills on the ground, the collective objective remained unwavering: to protect the well-being and tranquility of the city. The synergy of efforts yielded notable outcomes, including the issuance of 5 tickets and impoundment of goods for trading without permits.

Furthermore, the operation resulted in the apprehension of 31 foreign nationals, of which 6 were able to provide legal documentation while 26 were found to be residing in the country unlawfully. 26 cases have been earmarked for formal proceedings at the Loop Street Police Station.

Additionally, 5 shop owners found employing illegal immigrants were promptly issued fines, underscoring the municipality's commitment to upholding legal standards and fostering a secure environment for all residents.

The deputy mayor commends the dedicated efforts of all involved stakeholders and reaffirms its resolve to combat crime proactively, ensuring the safety and integrity of the city.



DEPUTY MAYOR PART OF OPENING OF SUNLIT GARDENS CHILDREN'S HOME



Deputy Mayor Cllr. Mxolisi Mkhize honored an invite to the opening of the renovated Sunlit Gardens Children's Home in Northdale.

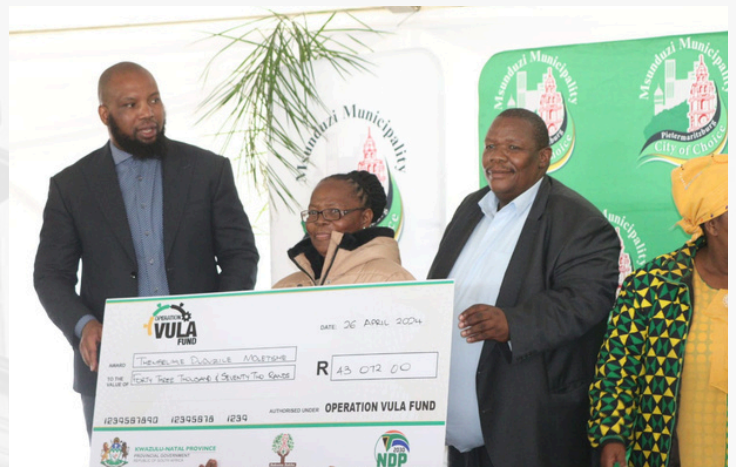
The home has seen a vast number of renovations thanks to various sponsors including the refurbishment of cottages and the newly unveiled Knowledge Hub.

Cllr. Mkhize delivered a message of support mainly to the children of the home, encouraging them to never let their circumstances hinder them from achieving their dreams no matter how big the dream as all is possible with hard work. Two plaques were also unveiled to commemorate the occasion. "These plaques represent a place that our children can thrive, flourish, and fulfill their potential", said Mkhize

ENTREPRENEURS BENEFIT FROM OPERATION VULA PROGRAM

Economic Development Tourism and Environmental Affairs MEC Mr S.Duma joined Msunduzi Municipality's Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla to hand over 100 cheques to beneficiaries through the operation Vula programme and 43 cheques also a variety of working equipment and a vehicle to beneficiaries through Municipal Employee Initiative project.

"This is done to support informal and micro business enterprises to expand local economic development and create job opportunities." Said Cllr Thebolla.



MUNICIPALITY JOINS SOUTH AFRICAN WEATHER SERVICE IN OUTREACH PROGRAM

South African Weather Service hosted Integrated Climate Driven Multi-Hazard Early Warning System Outreach Programme at the Msunduzi Municipality Thembalihle Community Hall in Ward 38.

Welcomed by Cllr N.G Dlamini the event proceeded with the purpose of educating the community and learners who attended the event to share knowledge of how South African Weather Services (SAWS) operates, how to get bursaries and what is needed to succeed in different career paths in the SAWS.



LIBRARY SERVICES HOSTS PROGRAM TO CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY



Msunduzi Municipality's Library services hosted an Interschool Poetry Recitation Competition at Imbali Unit 1, where local schools participated.

The Municipality's Cllr Ngwenya acknowledged the Library Services for such an initiative. "This competition will further assist in developing public speaking skills and language proficiency of these young girls and boys".

MUNICIPALITY ALONGSIDE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFULLY RUN CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN



The Deputy Minister of Transport, Hon. Mangcu, together with the Mayor Cllr Thebolla and Deputy Mayor Cllr Mkhize, conducted a walkabout at the taxi rank to raise awareness about three main objectives, which is to promote volunteerism to maintain cleanliness at city taxi ranks and public transport infrastructure facilities, encourage taxi drivers to prioritize their health, as many struggle to find time for health check-ups due to the nature of their work and to increase awareness of the new AARTO rollout aimed at addressing traffic fines and enforcing road traffic infringement sanctions.



The delegation then moved to eMatsheni and Imbali Taxi Rank to conduct a clean up as part of the Municipality's commitment to upholding its obligations in providing a safe and secure environment for the community.



SERVICE DELIVERY IN PICTURES

