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MUNICIPALITY SENIOR OFFICIALS HONOR LATE FORMER MAYOR ZONDI



The Municipality Full Council conveyed a special message of condolences to the family and friends of the late former Mayor Zondi, who served the Municipality from the year 2000 to 2006. Former Mayor Zondi was afforded a Civic funeral as per resolution of the full council.

The Municipality spoke highly of the late former Mayor, and his role in a number of programs and or projects he was involved in when he was still with the municipality.



The late Municipality former Mayor Zondi, was a true hero who made a big difference in the lives of many people in the community. This was evident from the presence of government officials and former leaders at his funeral, as well as the touching speeches given in his honor.

Throughout the funeral service, speakers repeatedly highlighted Mr. Zondi's role as the first democratically elected mayor of Msunduzi. They emphasized how much he had contributed to the city and its people.





COMRADE MARATHON RUNNERS RECEIVE WARM WELCOME FROM CITY OFFICIALS



Municipal officials gave a warm welcome to this year's comrades marathon runners in a brief gathering that took place at the Athletics Park Stadium. Speaker Cllr Majola, assured the athletes that the City had ensured the security and safety of all athletes, organizers including stakeholders. Major preparations had been done to receive a large number of people who were going to be making way to Pietermaritzburg to be part of this prestigious event.



Above: Mayor Cllr Thebolla was present at the Golden Horse, where he congratulated the Deputy Mayor Mkhize, who crossed the finish line at 09:47:04, including other employees of the Municipality who were part of the ultimate human race.



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THANK YOU MESSAGES FROM CITY OFFICIALS



Mayor Mzimkhulu Thebolla congratulates all the athletes for the remarkable milestone of achieving the 49th UPRUN of the 97th Comrades Marathon. The City of Pietermaritzburg welcomed over 20000 athletes and witnessed an extraordinary performance with exceptional dedication and unwavering spirit of each and every athlete who took over the City's streets with much endurance and resilience to cross the finish line.

It was an honour for Msunduzi Municipality to host this prestigious event which always gives the City an opportunity to showcase its rich and diverse cultural heritage and attract tourists while growing the tourism sector and the City's economy. #Nakanjani

Message from the Deputy Mayor of Msunduzi Municipality



I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Cllr MM Thebolla, His Worship, The Mayor for his support and presence during the Comrades Marathon, which took place on Sunday, 09 June 2024. His commitment to fostering a healthy and active community truly shines through.

Dear friends, family, colleagues, team members and supporters I am deeply grateful for your unwavering dedication and encouragement during the Comrades Marathon. Your sacrifices, waking up early to cheer me on, meant the world to me. Your energy propelled me forward, and I couldn't have done it without you. Your enthusiasm and backing have been a tremendous source of motivation for all of us participating in this prestigious event. A heartfelt thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your support truly made a difference.

Additionally, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated officials who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the event. From coordinating the route infrastructure to meticulously managing the grass cutting along the way, their efforts did not go unnoticed. Their attention to detail and professionalism were instrumental in creating a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

A special thank you to the Communications Department for their outstanding work in promoting our participation and rallying community support. Your efforts have truly united us and highlighted the spirit of our wonderful city. We are proud to represent Pietermaritzburg in this prestigious event, and your efforts have made a significant difference. Let's continue to show our #MsunduziPride and cheer on all the runners as we strive for excellence together!

As we reflect on the camaraderie and spirit of unity that permeated the marathon, I am reminded of the strength of our community and the power of collaboration. Together, we have showcased our city's commitment to promoting health, wellness, and inclusivity. Once again, thank you for your steadfast support, and please extend my gratitude to all those involved in making the Comrades Marathon a resounding success. I look forward to continuing our efforts to build a brighter and healthier future for our city.

CLLR MXOLISI MKHIZE

MAYORAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS REACHES OUT TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

The Msunduzi Mayoral Special Programs together with various stakeholders hosted a Career and Business workshop for people living with disabilities at KwaPoyinandi Hall in Ward 22

In commemoration of youth month, this programme aimed to assist those living with disabilities in assisting them with pursuing higher education and developing their skills to enhance their quality of life.



MAYORAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS, YOUTH OFFICE HOST BOYS TO MEN AND DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS PROGRAM



The Msunduzi Youth Office along with the Mayoral Special Programmes Office hosted a Boys to Men and Drug Abuse Awareness Program together with other stakeholders including the South African Police Services (SAPS), Correctional Services, Social Development Department, #KeReady and Inkunzi Isematholeni in Ward 10 KwaPata.

The purpose of the program was to groom boys into becoming responsible men, and to educate them about the importance of playing a role to better their communities.



Speakers touched on different topics, emphasising that boys must not feel ashamed to be vulnerable when faced with challenges. A guide on how they can cope with adolescence stage was also provided, emphasising that young boys need not to lean on substance abuse as a coping mechanism. Ward 10 Councillor Themba Ngubane was also in attendance, and appreciated the community attendance of young men to the programme



RABIES AND STERILISATION PROGRAM

The Msunduzi Animal Pound unit, in collaboration with the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Pietermaritzburg SPCA, is currently implementing a Rabies Vaccination and Sterilisation Program aimed at reducing future incidents of rabies outbreaks.

Keeping your pet vaccinated is a crucial part of being a responsible pet owner. Not only does it shield your pet from various illnesses and diseases, but it also helps to maintain the overall health of the pet population by reducing the transmission of contagious diseases.

"Allergies primarily result in itchy and inflamed skin. Your pet's hair may fall out (or be chewed out) resulting in patches of alopecia and their coat can become scabby, oily, scaly, dry or flaky", said a representative from SPCA

For more information on prevention and treatment visits the SPCA website on www.nspca.co.za



MUNICIPALITY LOOKS TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO FIGHT CRIME IN THE CITY

The Public Safety Crime Prevention Stakeholders Engagement held its follow up review of its intensive efforts to curb criminal activity in the City.

The enforcement delegation led by the Deputy Mayor Cllr Mxolisi Mkhize met to discuss and report on the operations planned towards resolving the issues of unregulated taxi ranks, illegal traders and liquor outlets, vagrants as well as undocumented foreigners operating businesses without any licensing and proper verification.

All stakeholders are committed to the implementation of the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Enforcement. Recognizing the need to stop working in silos and start working in unison. Units such as Town Planning, Home Affairs and the Msunduzi Water Department have also been reeled in.

Deputy Mayor expressed his gratitude towards the stakeholders for forming part of the collaboration that discusses the law of crime fighting in the city, emphasising the need to fight the enemy that is leading towards urban decay.





MUNICIPALITY LOCAL AIDS COUNCILS, OTHER ORGANISATION SEEKS WAYS TO FIGHT HIV/AIDS



The Local Aids Council (LAC) joined by Cllr Reddy of Ward 33, Government departments, NGOs, and other organisations that are involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS convened in a meeting at AF Wood Hall through the Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) programme.

Stakeholders were given the opportunity to report on issues and plans they have to continue the fight against HIV/AIDS within the communities.

The LAC is determined to continue to fight and minimise the number of people who are living with HIV/ AIDS as well as educate and encourage people to know their status, continue to take their medication regularly and visit the nearest healthcare clinics that are provided to them.





MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HOST SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARENESS PROGRAM



His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Mzimkhulu Thebolla, and Madam Speaker, Cllr. Eunice Majola, welcomed the South African U15 girls' national team to celebrate the remarkable achievements of these young athletes during their trophy parade in the city.

"We are very proud of our team and deeply grateful for the support from the parents and Edendale Technical High School, who encourage their children to participate in sports, a key focus in public schools," said the Mayor.

The Mayor continued by extending gratitude to the South African Football Association (SAFA), the Department of Education, and all involved stakeholders for their unwavering support in developing the team's skills, which they continue to build on. This was not merely a celebration of victory but also a recognition of the dedication, hard work, and perseverance exhibited by the young players throughout their journey to the top. As the reigning champions of the CAF African Schools Football Championship, the team's accomplishment symbolizes the potential and talent present within South Africa's youth sports community.



Above: The Municipality in collaboration with multiple stakeholders hosted a men's wellness therapy program at the Msunduzi Museum. Municipal Manager Hlela welcomed the guests of the day and stakeholders. He addressed the purpose of the program which was to establish the unity within men to talk about physical and mental health, financial grooming, and business funding.



Above: Mayor Cllr Thebolla and Madam Speaker Cllr Majola attended the first sitting of the 7th Democratic Kwa-Zulu Natal Legislature.



Acting MM Mr Hlela convened a meeting with the representatives of the Msunduzi waste management department to address recent concerns raised by employees, which have resulted in protests affecting departmental operations.

The Municipal Manager emphasized his commitment to resolving these issues swiftly and fairly, ensuring minimal disruption to the essential services provided by the waste management department. He expressed appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the department's employees and reiterated the municipality's dedication to fostering a supportive and responsive working environment.

CITY IMPLEMENTS STRATEGIES TO COLLECT REVENUE



Following a successful joint operation on Pietermaritz, where electricity and water disconnections were conducted, officials from water, electricity and the environmental health unit including the municipal transport department convened a brief meeting chaired by Sandile Zondi, where the teams discussed resolutions on challenges that were encountered during the operation.

The Msunduzi Municipality plans to continue with the raids within the City to ensure that businesses that do not adhere to bylaws are brought to book.

Zondi invited all parties to determine the way forward which will send a stern message to business owners, that the City will not be lenient on those who refuse to comply with municipality bylaws.



#OPERATIONQQQAMAMILLION ON THE MOVE

Msunduzi Municipality departments, including Electricity, Environmental Health, Water, and Traffic are conducting a joint operation on Pietermaritz Street to conduct electricity and water disconnections.

The Municipality aims to shut down all the operating businesses that fail to adhere to municipal bylaws. So far the teams are investigating whether there has not been unlawful reconnection of water and electricity meters after yesterday's raid.



MUNICIPALITY WELCOMES NEW RECRUITS

The Msunduzi Athletics Track is played host to a 3 day Induction Ceremony of new employees to the Municipality. Various departments including Batho Pele, Communications have given presentations to guide new employees on how to conduct themselves within the organisation in providing service delivery

Msunduzi Municipality extended a warm welcome to the new employees





MUNICIPALITY PROVIDES FINANCIAL RELIEF TO RESIDENTS



The Municipality continues to successfully handover Debt Rebate letters to less financially privileged households within its region.

The municipality annually allocates a social package comprising of rebates and free essential services to indigent residents and pensioners. This initiative aligns with the city's Organisational Development and Transformation Plan, aiming to create an environment where the most vulnerable residents receive accommodation and support.

Reflecting on his tenure, Mayor Thebolla stated, "Since my election, our focus has been on ensuring residents attain indigent status through continuous policy development and review. As a municipality, we are dedicated to serving the residents of Msunduzi."

The municipality continues to provide financial relief to vulnerable residents through its indigent grants, encouraging all eligible residents citywide to apply for the Indigent Status by filling in forms available on the municipal website: www.msunduzi.gov.za; 333 Church Street, Ground Floor, AS Chetty Building; or they can be requested from indigent@msunduzi.gov.za.



TATHAM ART GALLERY SHARES INSIGHT ON TOURISM SECTOR



The Municipality's Tatham Art Gallery held an art enables workshop which was to facilitate skilled young people. The workshop consisted of an in-depth informative session on how broad the tourism sector operates and what it is about, this program also benefited the attendees with accredited certificates.



BESSIE HEAD LIBRARY HOSTS WRITERS WORKSHOP

The Municipality's Bessie Head Library hosted a writers workshop at Sobantu Hall.

This workshop was attended by professional authors who shared knowledge with young and old aspiring writers. Getting exposed to different types of literature, and reading are some of the main points that received much emphasis from speakers, who further encouraged not only focusing on a specific style of writing, but instead discovering new ideas, vocabulary advancement and for writers to not limit themselves but be willing to get out of their comfort zone by trying out new styles of writing.



MSUNDUZI MUNICIPALITY, OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ENCOURAGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP



The Municipality's Mayoral programme office welcomed uMgungundlovu District Municipality together with the other stakeholders for a youth programme.

The program aimed to educate and advise the youth on how to get started with business funding and providing mentorship to future entrepreneurs. The event proceeded to the stakeholders presenting their services and breaking down all the requirements to be a successful business owner and to benefit from the funding they offer.

Dr X.E Muthwa, the Acting Municipality Manager of uMgungundlovu District Municipality extended the vote of thanks to the Youth for availing themselves and also emphasizing that young people should not limit themselves in achieving their goals.

CITY LOOKS TO ENGAGE WITH LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

The LGBTQIA Pride Walk took place in Pietermaritzburg which commenced at Langalibalele Street to the City Hall to deliver their Memorandum of Grievances faced by the LGBTQIA community.

The memorandum was received by the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Mxolisi Mkhize on behalf of the Municipality. It's important that the LGBTQIA community has such programs of being able to express themselves freely and openly. The Deputy Mayor proposed for future purposes a sit down Indaba and engagement in an open dialogue where the LGBTQIA community can express any concerns and as to how the Municipality can continue be of assistance.





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