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## COUNCILLOR RECEIVES DIGNIFIED SEND-OFF

Members of council paid their last respect to fellow councillor, the late Cllr. E Mpulo, at Imbali Unit 18, led by Mayor Cllr Thebolla. Mpulo will be remembered for his passionate hard work in working for his people and ensuring that development was seen in his community of Ward 17.







## ONLY THE SKY WAS THE LIMIT AT THE FUZE PMB AIRSHOW

The Fuze Pietermaritzburg Airshow took place at Oribi Airport, with a fantastic turnout of local residents showing their support. In attendance was the sustainable development portfolio committee chairperson Cllr Sokhela including Cllr Nkabinde, Cllr Phahla and other municipal officials



## EVERY CHESS MASTER WAS ONCE A BEGINNER

The Library Special Project Organizing Committee (LSPOC), in collaboration with Next Level Youth Movement and other stakeholders, hosted the King's Chase Interschool Chess Tournament at the Bessie Head Library Auditorium Basement.

The program aims to nurture young minds by demonstrating that anyone can play chess and encouraging independent thinking and problem-solving. The event promotes unity and active participation in sports, highlighting how chess fosters strategic thinking, discipline, and patience.

The tournament consists of three sessions where participants, including scholars from various schools and out-of-school youth, compete together. Winners from each session advance to the next level, culminating in a final session to determine the overall winner. The goal is to progress through each session to reach the final and claim the title.

The tournament was a great success recognizing the top three from each grade with the medals and handing over trophies to the top one winners.





## THE BRIDGING THE DIVIDE EQUIPS YOUNG PEOPLE



The "Bridging the Divide" training workshop held at the Bessie Head Library successfully concluded its 3-day session.

The engaging workshop, which focused on e-learning within the tourism industry, provided valuable insights into digital advancements. Program culminated with the presentation of accredited certificates to attendees who completed the workshop.

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Young people and SMME's interested in tourism and hospitality are encouraged to register on <https://www.atingi.org/> and take the free training available to them. Should people not have data to go online and learn at home, the Internet Cafe at Bessie Head Library is an excellent facility for the community to access e-learning resources like this one.

## MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS WATER CRISIS IN KWADINDI AREA



Deputy Mayor Cllr Mkhize embarked on a site visit to the completed and upgraded infrastructure, reservoir and bulk pipeline within Ward 6 in KwaDindi area.

In attempts to address the water crisis that has plagued areas within Msunduzi's footprint, this is one of the projects that have been established in order to conduct sufficient service delivery that embraces basic human rights for access to water for all.

"To the residents of kwaDindi, I urge you to become the custodians of these tools that we see here today. The municipality may have installed them but in essence it belongs to the community. Past vandalism of this infrastructure has impeded on the ability to bring this service at an earlier time to the community", said DM Mkhize.



## WAR ON WATER LEAKS CONTINUES



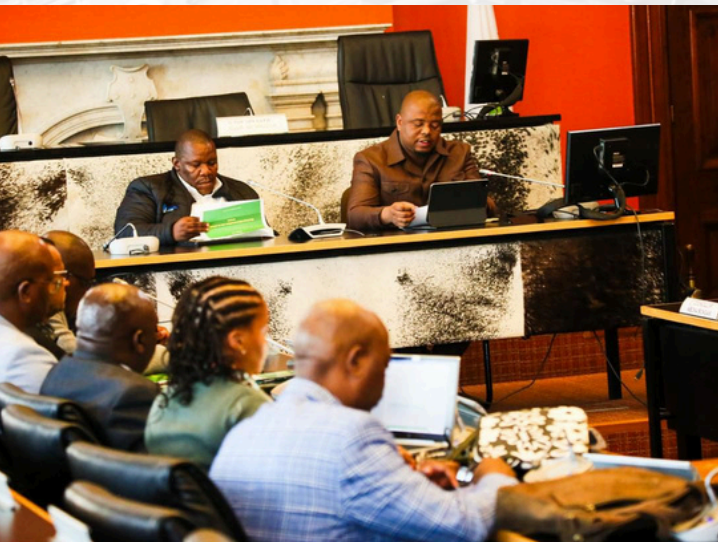
The Municipality's dedicated team was hard at work on First Road, Hanniville, repairing water leaks and helping to secure our water future.



## MEC HLOMUKA ENGAGES WITH MUNICIPALITY

The MEC of Education, Sihle Hlomuka, met with Msunduzi Municipality Mayor Mzimkhulu Thebolla to discuss arrangements for settling the overdue debt owed by the Department of Education. This agreement aims to ensure that the municipality can continue providing services to schools and reopen those that had been closed due to the debt.

The municipality's actions were in accordance with municipal bylaws and the Municipal Systems Act.





## MUNICIPALITY SUPPORTS BRILLIANT MINDS AND TALENT



*Above: Mayor Cllr Thebolla extended his well-wishes to the two learners from Piet Retief Primary School, represented KwaZulu-Natal at the ballroom and Latin American championships in Cape Town from August 8 to 10, 2024.*



*Above: Library Special Projects Organising Committee (LSPOC) and stakeholders hosted a Math's quiz interschool's competition at the Bessie Head Library in celebration of National Science Week.*

## CORPORATE WELLNESS PROGRAM



The Municipality Southern Library Services hosted a corporate wellness program for municipal employees at the Bessie Head Library.

This initiative aimed to enhance employees' physical, mental, and emotional well-being, which in turn is expected to boost productivity, job satisfaction, and overall quality of life. The program also benefits the municipality by potentially reducing absenteeism, turnover, and healthcare costs. It included guidance on various topics such as financial management, health, and pension plans, provided by different stakeholders.



## MILITARY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL LAUNCH



The Msunduzi Municipality launched a military veterans advisory council which will be working closely with the Mayor's office, to ensure their needs are catered for. One of the veterans praised the Mayor for launching the advisory council, adding that it had been long awaited with much expectation that it will benefit the military veterans, also marking the beginning of a positive relationship with Msunduzi Municipality.

"We want to celebrate your role in the fight for the country's liberation. Today we get to enjoy a democracy that each one of you fought for, we have been liberated from colonialism and all that oppressed our people", said Mayor Cllr Thebolla. Moving forward, the Msunduzi Municipality will continue to have engagements with military veterans where critical issues will be discussed. "Let's work together to make the city of Pietermaritzburg a lively place for all those who live in it", said the Mayor.

## OSS ENGAGED WITH NCWADI RESIDENTS



Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) held its Local Task Team (LTT) meeting chaired by Acting Municipality Manager Mr S Hlela. This meeting was joined by department units from Vulindlela Area Based Management, sustainable development and infrastructure services, as well as stakeholders, COGTA, Department of Health and Agriculture, at Ncwadi Ward 39.

The essence of the meeting was the development towards the community of Ncwadi aiming to create sustainable roads and housing infrastructure which will be underway for development in the near future.

Acting Municipal Manager emphasized the importance of the upcoming tower project for improving local infrastructure. This initiative is viewed as a crucial step towards fostering a stronger and more supportive community, with additional projects planned in the near future.





## MUNICIPALITY TO PROVIDE SHELTER TO THE HOMELESS



The deputy mayor in collaboration with the Pietermaritzburg Homeless Network, conducted a walkabout at the shelter to assess necessary repairs as preparations begin for the city's rehabilitation project.

The meeting's objective was to review the project's progress. Renovations are underway, with facilities installed. Teams specializing in electricity and plumbing are set to begin with more work, with the goal of having a fully functional rehabilitation center by September.

Donations from various stakeholders have been received and will be utilized once the center is operational. Members of the community are also encouraged to contribute to support efforts against homelessness. The homeless network wishes to invite and collaborate with more stakeholders to make this project a success.

## MUNICIPAL SENIOR OFFICIALS A CALL AWAY



The mayor and deputy mayor responded to two separate incidents that compromised the residents' livelihoods as well as businesses. The Mayor visited Manchester Mall, where several warehouses caught a blaze, and left business owners devastated. Meanwhile, Napierville residents were put at ease by the presence of the deputy mayor, who was on site to assess the extent of the damage caused by a burst sewage pipe.



## SENIOR CITIZENS WARM UP FOR SENIOR CITIZENS GOLDEN GAMES



*The deputy mayor was one of the municipality officials who joined in, on the fun of doing warm ups at the Harry Gwala Stadium, where the Senior Citizens Golden Games will be hosted. These games encourage the elderly to exercise and to choose healthy living.*

## INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN MSUNDUZI, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY



A benchmarking program between the Msunduzi Municipality and Ethekewini Municipality took place at the Ethekewini City Hall. This two-day initiative looked to facilitate knowledge transfer and foster collaborative growth between these two municipalities. Senior managers and managers from Msunduzi participated in the program, seeking to gain valuable insights and practices from their Ethekewini counterparts.

The day's agenda was meticulously structured to cover a range of critical topics. Presentations began with an overview of the city's operational framework, providing Msunduzi's delegation with a comprehensive understanding of Ethekewini's strategic vision. The discussions then progressed to development planning, highlighting Ethekewini's approach to sustainable urban growth. Environmental management, climate change mitigation strategies, and the efficient management of electricity infrastructure were thoroughly examined. Additionally, the program addressed strategic management and long-term development planning, as well as risk management implementation strategies, offering practical frameworks for enhancing municipal governance.

The Msunduzi delegation departed with enriched knowledge and a deeper understanding of effective municipal management practices. This benchmarking program not only strengthens inter-municipal relations but also sets a foundation for future collaborative efforts aimed at advancing local governance and community development.



## THE MAYOR ATTENDS POST-BUDGET ENGAGEMENT



Mayor Cllr Thebolla joined a key gathering of leadership and stakeholders at the Post-Budget engagement hosted by MEC for Transport and Human Settlements Siboniso Duma at the Golden Horse Casino. The event provided a platform for discussing crucial issues impacting our community.

Mayor Thebolla reassured attendees that the concerns raised about taxi ranks are being actively addressed. He acknowledged the significant improvements needed and emphasized ongoing collaboration with taxi associations to revamp the state of taxi ranks in Pietermaritzburg.



**The SPAR Women's Challenge Race 2024 brought together women, young and old, from all walks of life to take part in this annual race celebrating the strength of women. Participants were filled with positive energy as they took on the 5km and 10km race**





## STUDENTS TAKE A LEAF FROM CITY TOWN PLANNERS' BOOK

The Municipality's town planning unit, in partnership with the University of KwaZulu-Natal, conducted a site visit to Copesville.

This annual visit allows students to engage with the municipality's human settlements department and take on projects by evaluating designated sites for potential housing developments.

During the visit, students assess the site, identify constraints, and develop planning proposals. These plans are then presented to both their lecturers and the town planning department for review and feedback.

They are later given the opportunity to develop a model for the layouts that they have done indicating the kind of designs they have proposed and how they interact with the existing land users.



**Left: The Municipality's senior officials embarked on a site visit as part of Operation S'yahlola. This is done to assess the progress of ongoing projects within Msunduzi.**

## ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE MAYOR



Mayor Thebolla was joined by senior officials including employees from various departments in Northdale where the Municipality held its One-on-One with the Mayor program. This initiative allows the mayor to interact with residents about burning issues that require the Municipality's urgent attention. A number of residents were referred to relevant cubicles where they received assistance with queries and other issues.



## DEPUTY MAYOR GRACES THE ANNUAL SANDILE ZUMA CHARITY RUN



The deputy mayor joined athletes, business people, and local residents for the Annual Sandile Zuma Charity Run (19 Kilometres and 5 kilometres).

The 19 km race began at the Msunduzi Athletics Track Stadium and ended at Edendale Mall, while the 5 km race started around Edendale Mall finishing at Edendale Mall.

The deputy mayor expressed gratitude, with the phrase, "it is more blessed to give than to receive", while thanking all the athletes who embodied the true spirit of ubuntu by participating in the charity run. Special recognition was given to Sandile Zuma for initiating the event.

As part of this charity run, food items were donated to help more than 40 families in need, serving as a meaningful way to offer support and give back to the community.

## ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS RECEIVE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING



From 12 August 2024 to 16 August 2024, the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) in partnership with the Msunduzi Municipality hosted a transformative 5-day Business Management Training in Pietermaritzburg. The initiative aimed to equip 26 aspiring youth entrepreneurs with essential skills and knowledge to start and improve their businesses.

The training, held at the Msunduzi Municipality's Youth Development Training Centre, was a hands-on, intensive program that covered various aspects of business management.

Participants were taken through modules that included business planning, financial management, marketing strategies, and customer service excellence. The goal was to empower these young minds with the practical tools necessary to turn their entrepreneurial dreams into reality.

As the program concluded, the NYDA and the Municipality reaffirmed their commitment to supporting youth entrepreneurship in the region. The young entrepreneurs left the training with renewed determination, ready to take on the challenges of the business world and turn their innovative ideas into successful ventures.





## ABESIFAZANE BACIJWA NGOLWAZI

Ngenhloso yokubungaza abantu besifazane kwinyanga yabo; ingxenye yakwaMasipala i-Area Based Management (ABM), iNduna yakwaMpumzuza uSfiso Qwabe, umnyango WezeMpilo, inhlangothi engazuzi phecelezi NGO -iHome of Love, iTEACH, HSRC, noSASSA- bahlanganele eWard 2 eMpumzuza Hall kwizakhamuzi zaseSweetwater bethula uhlelo lokuziqeqesha ngolwazi kanye nezinsiza ezingenza impilo yomuntu ibe ngcono noma ibe lula.

iPAC Supervisor yaseVulindlela uNkk Ngubane ugqoguzele umphakathi kakhulukazi amantombazane asamasha ukuthi azibeke phambili.

"Thina bantu besifazane abaphila manje, kumele sidwebe umugqa. Umugqa wokuthi asifune kushaywa, asifuni ukuhlukumezeka ngomoya noma ngengqondo. Asiziqhelanise nezinto ezingasiyisi phambili."

-PAC Supervisor of Vulindlela Mrs Ngubane.



**Above: The Golden Games were a blast, our senior citizens unleashed their inner children and had a ton of fun. The day was a success, filled with smiles, competition, and pure joy. Until the provincial tournament the golden champs will continue their journey to health and wellness.**



## WOMEN'S SIP AND TALK SESSION



The Municipality together with uMngungundlovu District Municipality held a Women's Day Celebration as part of Socio-Economic Empowerment Seminar at the City Hall.

In her welcoming remarks Speaker Cllr Majola said "It's important for women to be independent in order for self sustenance and for them to utilize the opportunities available while supporting each other".

The programs entailed words of encouragement towards other women, and reminded women of their rights and the fight against Gender Based Violence (GBV).

As part of Socio- Economic Empowerment the women showcased their special products, products and services they provide in their organizations and knowledge sharing on other special programs offered in uMngungundlovu District Municipality and uMsunduzi Municipality.



## LEARNERS BATTLE IT OUT AT THE KZN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS GAMES

The Msunduzi Athletics Stadium hosted the KZN Christian Schools Games. Mayor Cllr. Mzimkhulu Thebolla was present for the official opening of the games.

The sporting event is an annual tradition bringing together 1012 athletes from 4 zones consisting of 34 Christian Schools around the province.

The Mayor welcomed all competing athletes and supporters to the City Of Choice. "We are delighted to host such a school sporting event because we know that participating in school sports can improve students' self-esteem and help them feel better about themselves", said Thebolla.





## SERVICE DELIVERY IN PICTURES

