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Human Right's Day is a national day that is commemorated annually on 21 March to remind South Africans about the sacrifices that accompanied the struggle for the attainment of democracy in South Africa.

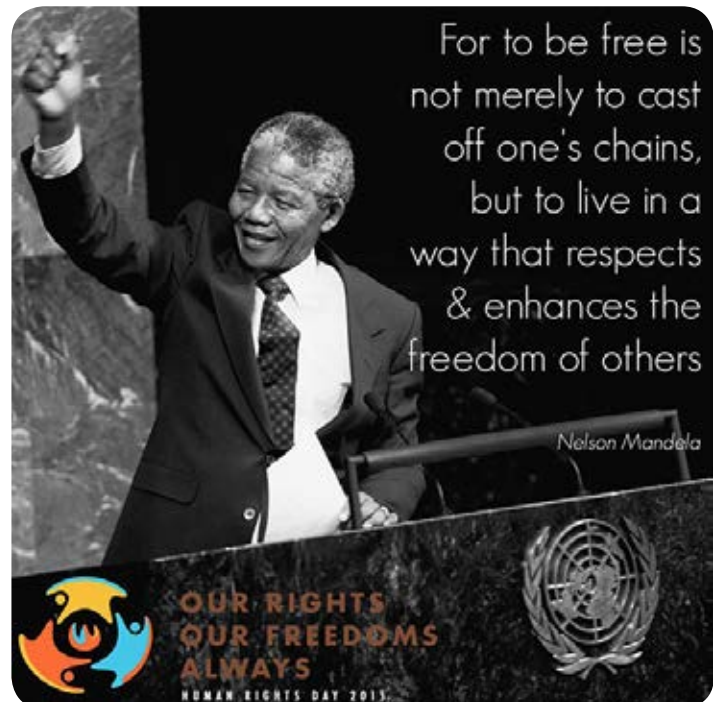
This years' Human Rights Day is celebrated with the theme "The Year of OR Tambo: Unity in Action in Advancing Human Rights". Therefore I would like to see all the Msunduzi residence uniting in working together and living in piece. Respect others the way you want them to respect you.

We all know that democracy and human rights are closely linked, the more democratic a country is, the better human rights are respected and protected.

Human rights come with responsibility and we all owe to be responsible not to do anything that interfere with someone else's right to life. When the fundamental principles of human rights are not protected, the centre of our institution no longer holds. It is they that promote development that is sustainable; peace that is secure; and lives of dignity Msunduzi Municipality

celebrated human Rights day at Wood lands Stadium on the 21 March where it held a colourful event with many government departments and members of the community. A right delayed is a right denied Wishing all the Municipality workers who had their birthdays in March a warm and happy birthday and last but not least let us:

- #Save water
- #Stop Illegal Electrical Connections
- #Stop land invasion and
- #Keep Msunduzi clean.



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# MSUNDUZI YOUTH CENTRE

## BUSINESS BENEFICIARY

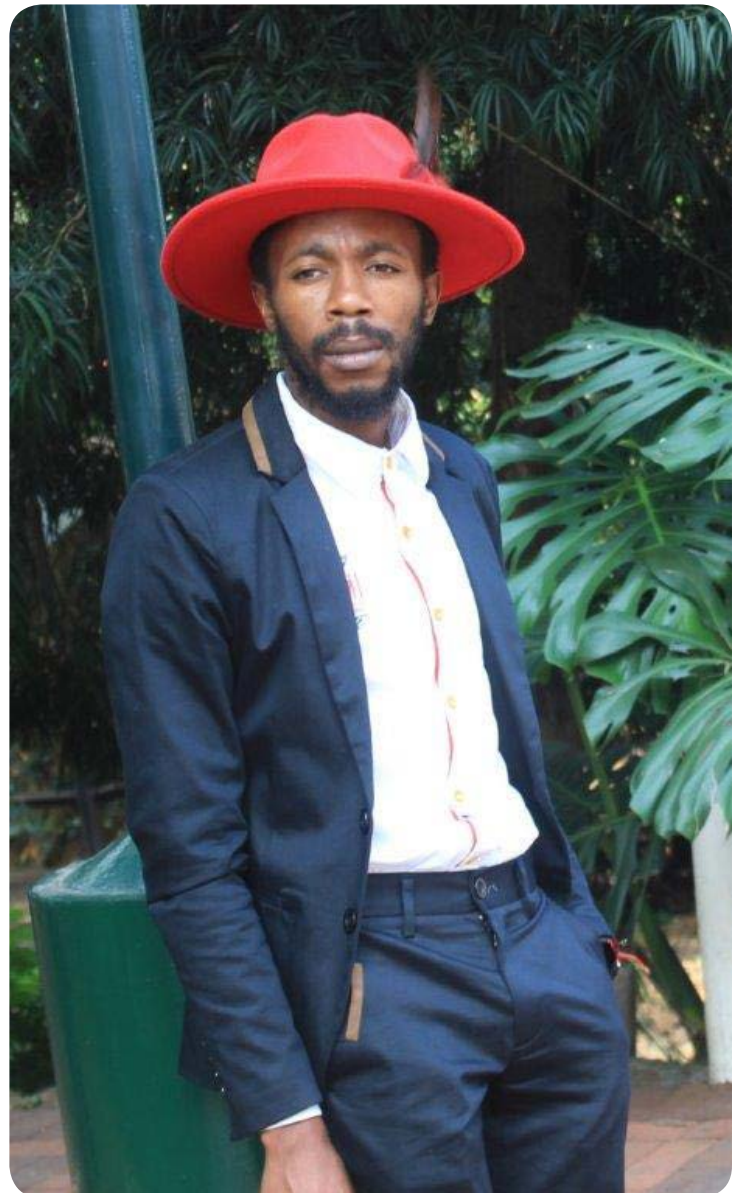
Pietermaritzburg Youth in business Senzo Mkhize the owner of khaya Bo Khize Entertainment is the one of NYDA beneficiary in Msunduzi Municipality to receive Grant funding to start his business. The Funding was awarded to SMME's that perform exceptionally well through their business ideas, and who come from under privilege communities background.

Mkhize, who completed his business training with Msunduzi Youth Centre ( NYDA), Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Small enterprise Start-Up Course over a year ago.

"The Msunduzi Youth Centre has helped my business a lot with their business program, through business training using the facilities for free and to get connection with other SME's around uMgungundlovu to grow my business" Senzo said after receiving funding from NYDA an amount R32 000 to buy the Office Equipment and Photographs studio equipment, we were able to open our offices in Machibisa Natshi Road in Ward 22.

- We were able to work with schools around like Mthethomusha LP School, we put ourselves on the map by registering on all database around Msunduzi and uMgungundlovu at large.
- We received our first job with the uMgungundlovu Municipality to shoot Mandela Day Marathon and supplying Sound System for Imbizo.
- We are a small and growing business that specialized in Event Management, Photography, Video, Security and cleaning Services and we have managed to have 3 permanent staff and have 14 free-lancers who worked through Project basis.
- At the moment we are busy with Xolisizwe Trading Enterprise, SABC, Supersport, Indayi to mention the few companies and a small project with the Department of health, partnering with VMMC to create job opportunities for youth around Msunduzi. At the moment we busy renovating our new offices and studio for a photo shoot situated in Machibisa at Natshi Road,

My motto is to create job opportunities for other disadvantaged youth through their skills. That will help other unemployed graduates through different media studies, hospitality, entertainment and security.



# MAYOR'S WARD FOUR VISIT



Our Msunduzi Mayor Cllr Themba Njilo paid a visit to Ward four accompanied by Ward four Cllr Mlungisi Zondi. The purpose for the visit was to evaluate the on going projects that the Municipality is busy with within the ward.



# VAGRANT VISIT



December 2016 has been a total chaos as the Ematsheni building was demolished and hundreds of vagrants who were sleeping inside the building were left homeless. Pietermaritzburg citizens were left wondering what will happen to them as some of these vagrants are criminals. The Msunduzi Municipality is working towards helping the street kids reunite with their families. The Mayor Cllr Themba Njilo together with Msunduzi councillors and other officials paid a visit to the vagrants in Berg street downtown. The municipality has held meetings with different stakeholders in order to get assistance on how they can go about helping the vagrants to get off the street. The municipality is working with the Department of Social Development in order to help those who have a drug addiction problem. The municipality handed over food parcels and blankets.

# HEALTH MEC JOINS AEROBICS

KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo joined the mayoral aerobics programme that have kicked started this year in January. He participated in the exercise programme that was held in the Carbineers Gardens. The Mayor Cllr Themba Njilo was very honoured to have the MEC present for the afternoon exercise.



# WARD ONE COMMUNITY BASED PLANNING



Ward one held a community based planning workshop, where different ward stakeholders met to discuss strategies as to how to address triple challenges which is poverty, unemployment and inequality that has engulfed their ward. The workshop was attended by Cogta, DSD, Community CareGivers, Vulindlela Development Agency, ABM and different Non Government Organization. This gathering was also attended by his Worship the Mayor of Msunduzi Municipality Cllr Themba Njilo and the ward Councillor who is also the speaker of Msunduzi Cllr Jabu Ngubo.

The meeting alluded on many issues that has historical prevented development in ward one which covers Shayamoya, Phayiphini, Mpumuza and Sweetwater. It emerged that the seven days war that was between IFP and ANC caused the development to be very low.



The meeting also resolved that infrastructure development, economic development and youth development must be at the helm in terms of service delivery. This strategic planning also propose items to be included on the Integrated Development Planning which is building an Multipurpose Youth Centre, Sport Complex, Library, Tar roads, re-gravelling of access roads, Installing High master Lights and strengthening community partnership in fighting the scourge of crime.

When the Mayor was addressing the gathering he highlighted that, there is much that needs to be done in order to bring services closer to the people. “There is a big gap between the poor and the rich especially in rural areas, before we came here we visited Phayiphini area where I was very touched by the fact that our people still leave in unfavorably conditions. We cannot allow a situation where our people are marginalized as if it still the times of colonialism”.



# SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH PROGRAMME



His Worship, The Mayor Cllr Njilo was hosted by Emzamweni High School to launch the Msunduzi School's Development Outreach Programme. This programme is driven by the social ills which are hindering learners from staying in school such as; being affected or infected with HIV/AIDS, teenage pregnancy, bullying, poor pass rates and substance and drug-abuse.

On this day, Principal Ngubane of Emzamweni High School proudly welcomed all his visitors from various organizations such as Msunduzi Municipality leadership and the KZN MEC for Education Mr Mthandeni Dlungwana and the KZN department of Sports and Recreation among others. In his welcome, he highlighted the many achievements of his learners who, despite many unfavourable circumstances, maintain a 100% matric pass rate. The Mayor further addressed the learners and teachers to maintain their dedication towards learning and excelling in their studies, paying no mind to peer pressure of sexual activity at a young age and using drugs.



Over the next two years, various schools in Edendale, Elandskop, Imbali, the CBD and Sweetwaters, will be beneficiaries of brand new school uniforms, clean water and sanitation services and career guidance programmes to bring back the stature of education in Pietermaritzburg.





# 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*



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# STAFF COMPLIMENTS



## Thanks to Mayor's Assistant

I wish to thank Fezeka Mthembu, the mayor's personal assistant, for the support and help she provided, and for her dedication and prompt response to my requests.

Fezeka, thank you for taking your time to listening attentively to my complaint about the daily smoke nuisance we were experiencing in our neighbourhood in Northdale. Your humble nature and understanding are appreciated. Thank you to the mayor's office for assistance in eradicating the problem. Fezeka, you reassured that the mayor is dedicated to the people of Pietermaritzburg and he is a people person.

In my opinion, the mayor of Pietermaritzburg does his best to resolve all issues concerning our city that he is made aware of. - **Michelle Naidoo**

# GEVDI

GREATER EDENDALE VULINDLELA DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

## RE-INTRODUCTION

### GEVDI SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE

We as GEVDI's Communications unit have written the following article in order to re-introduce the GEVDI to our colleagues, from those of us who are new or to those not fully acquainted with the machinations that encompass the Greater Edendale Vulindlela Initiative:

As the year 2017 ushers in new beginnings so does GEVDI itself stand at the frontier of a new evolution.

GEVDI has evolved many times since its' inception in order to clearly realize its core mandate: *"To support a developmental local government tasked with attacking the blight of poverty, exclusion and deprivation"*, through which GEVDI is specifically tasked with the development and transformation of the Edendale Vulindlela areas by means of the development of infrastructure, provision of human settlement, land tenure rectification and an overall view towards economic empowerment. Moreover, the advent of democracy in South Africa in 1994 ushered in a period of numerous policy and legislative changes, which has had a profound impact on the working practice of development institutions. As such, the adoption of a holistic and integrated approach to development has become an immensely important motivation.

GEVDI stands for the Greater Edendale Vulindlela Initiative, It consists of a town planning team, and newly formed communications unit and two community facilitation specialists, it's offices being situated in Imbali. It was created as a special purpose vehicle to focus on the needs of areas which had historically been cast aside. These areas were systematically planned for in a way that would provide little infrastructure, opportunity for investment or quality and standard of living.

# GEVDI

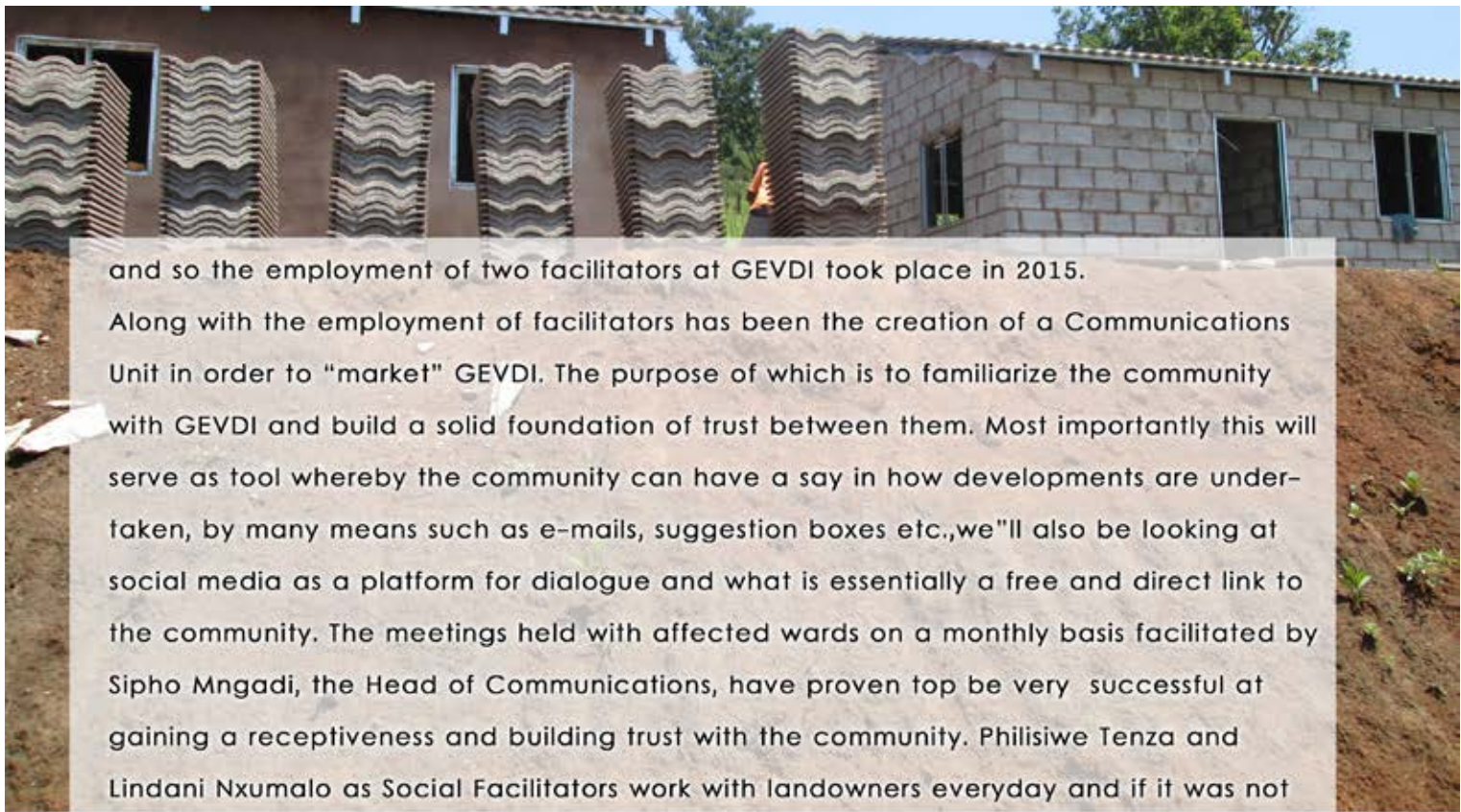
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In order to reach its goals GEVDI had to begin from the ground up, literally, and the primary focus was on land tenure rectification and the acquisition of land in order to provide human settlement and this remains the core focus of this unit. This being said, as GEVDI has evolved it has adopted a broader more dynamic, multi-pronged approach in order to achieve a vision rather than that of a purely objective agenda. A vision that takes its lead from Msunduzi's I.D.P. (among other such strategies) in which it is stated that: *"By 2030 Msunduzi will be a safe, vibrant city in which to live learn, raise a family, work, play and do business"*.

To this extent GEVDI has, through experiences recognized the "before" and "after" of land acquisition, tenure rectification and the readdressing of basic rights.

The land which is to be acquired is on one hand often riddled with encroaching dwellings which tenants have erected with no permission from the landowners, the landowners are simply refused payment and said landowners end up paying rates for huge pieces of land which have been overtaken and cannot be used. On the other side is the very important fact that the people that own this land are very protective of it. Their ownership usually runs generations back, and this fact, that it used to be some of the only black-owned land at a time when apartheid was rife, is enough to make owners not want to sell it on principle alone. This attests as to how markedly unique and sensitive these cases are. Owners are understandably very skeptical of a stranger knocking at their door in an attempt to explain all that GEVDI is and what the Municipality is striving towards. So before one can acquire land, an understanding of the people and the unique history of the area is vital along with a certain finesse and respect when negotiating with owners is more than necessary.

Upon this fact lie the many other factors which all together make land acquisition a unique and uphill challenge.



and so the employment of two facilitators at GEVDI took place in 2015. Along with the employment of facilitators has been the creation of a Communications Unit in order to "market" GEVDI. The purpose of which is to familiarize the community with GEVDI and build a solid foundation of trust between them. Most importantly this will serve as tool whereby the community can have a say in how developments are undertaken, by many means such as e-mails, suggestion boxes etc.,we'll also be looking at social media as a platform for dialogue and what is essentially a free and direct link to the community. The meetings held with affected wards on a monthly basis facilitated by Siphso Mngadi, the Head of Communications, have proven to be very successful at gaining a receptiveness and building trust with the community. Philisiwe Tenza and Lindani Nxumalo as Social Facilitators work with landowners everyday and if it was not for their hardwork and understanding of their culture in order to approach the owners with the respect which is due to them, this programme would have locked at a standstill. Thembelihle Dlomo is our Communications Liaison and she deals with all the foot traffic entering GEVDI, she advises them of the best person to go to based on their inquiry and also assists with G.I.S. inquiries from the public and has proven to be an excellent Communications Liaison. Once familiarity and receptiveness is cultivated, only then can the objective of acquiring land be realized and the "after" which speaks to a broad dynamic vision, truly be undertaken.



GEVDI was recently recognized as its own business unit which equips it to provide support for a smart safe city, including the development of green recreational areas, ease of access, pedestrian mobility, safe, organised, cost effective transport, the development of business and investment potential, state of the art shopping malls, to list some of the many potentials existing in Edendale and Vulindlela.

As these areas evolve, so GEVDI will evolve and morph to the specialized needs of area, community and integrated communication, and as we grow, we look forward to a vision

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