Beachfront promenade extension gains momentum

CHARMEL PAYET

Construction of the much anticipated R275 million beachfront promenade extension is progressing well since work started in March this year. The extension is expected to be completed in time for the festive season in 2019.

The project is a catalyst to the R35 billion Point Waterfront development to be undertaken in three phases over the next five to 10 years. The new section of the promenade will feature facilities such as abutment places, club facilities, lifeguard towers, and change rooms and will unlock phase one of the Point Waterfront which will include a hotel, shopping centre, offices as well as a residential component.

EThekwini Mayor Zandile Gumede said: “This project is one of the Municipality’s pride and joy. It will surely be a tourist attraction. It will surely put Durban on the map.”

Manager Afika Ndima said: “The promenade is one of the Municipality’s most cherished assets. It is not only a place for leisure but also a place of pride and joy. It will surely open up new opportunities as well as providing a means to deliver services.”

He said seven of the 10 level one (floor slabs) concrete zones have been completed with levels one, two and 10 to be cast in the New Year. “Concrete works are at 70 percent completion. The level two slab, which is the promenade, also has seven complete zones with three still to be cast in January 2019,” said Ndima. He said the promenade level slab topping will commence in February next year and will continue for five months to give the promenade visual aesthetics and finishing. Regarding the lower section, Ndima said brickworks are 50 percent complete and will separate the different facilities and amenities. This will allow for the fixtures and fittings of the different facilities and amenities to commence in March.

“The bulk services are 40 percent complete and are expected to be finished by April 2019. Steel balustrade works will commence in February and will be completed in July giving the first finished look of the promenade. The promenade will be complete and opened by October or November 2019 ahead of the festive season,” he concluded.

The extension will follow the same pattern of the rest of the promenade that the public is familiar with. The development starts from uShaka (Mero Pier) and is a continuous elevated structure spanning 750 metres and is 30 metres wide, reaching the Northern Breakwaters (harbour entrance channel).

EThekwini receives two prestigious accolades at Municipal Excellence Awards

VUYO NDLOVU

EThekwini Municipality added yet another feather to its cap when it bagged two prestigious awards at the Municipal Excellence Awards hosted by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs at Greyville Racecourse on 29 November.

Awards collected by Mayor Zandile Gumede on behalf of the Municipality include the Best Implemented Integrated Development Plan (IDP) by a Medium to Large Municipality and remaining amongst the Top 15 Achievers in the Province for Consecutive Years. The annual awards celebrate excellence within municipalities which through innovation and creativity find ways to deliver services to communities, sometimes under challenging circumstances.

MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Nomusa Dube-Ncubé congratulated all the winners. MEC Dube-Ncubé said over the past few years, hard-work and dedication from municipal officials had seen 67 percent of communities enjoy access to water. She said a further 86 percent of people have electricity and there had been an improvement in the quality of governance in all 54 municipalities in KwaZulu-Natal. “In addition to everyday service delivery challenges, our municipalities have excelled in their management of the drought, which is one of the worst in recent years. Our municipalities also fast-tracked disaster relief to affected communities as well as devising long-term solutions to address the effects of climate change,” said MEC Dube-Ncubé. Mayor Gumede thanked the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs for hosting the awards in Durban. “We have won many awards that demonstrate that we are working hard. The best recognition is received from our people whenever we meet them. Their appreciation encourages us to continue empowering and improving their lives,” she said.

Ethekwini Mayor Zandile Gumede received two awards on behalf of eThekwini Municipality at the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Municipal Excellence Awards. Picture: VUYO NDLOVU
Mayor despondent about an increase in sexual assault cases

ETHKEWINI Mayor Zandile Gumede, MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Nomusa Dube-Ncube and Councillor Zama Sakhobase at the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign at Sankontshe Sport ground. Picture: ZAMANTUNGWA GUMEDE

City approves display of election and registration posters

Mariam Kamogelo

The City’s Full Council has approved the display of election and registration posters for next year’s elections. Picture: SUPPLIED

The three highways in the City which are open to outdoor advertising before the elections only include the Ruth First Highway (M4 North Bound), Inkosi Albert Luthuli (Southern) Freeway and the Higginson Highway. Advertising here will take place during the election period and third party advertising is not permitted. The message will be constant and will not contribute to cause any accident, the report states. The backboard is also open to outdoor advertising only three weeks before elections with only flying banners allowed. The report notes that the area is mainly used by pedestrians who may by pedestrians who may with only flying banners allowed. The report notes that the area is mainly used by pedestrians who may be removed within 14 days of the date of government elections. The report notes that all political parties must undertake to remove posters within 30 days of the date of government elections.

HIV/Aids awareness walk

Ethekwini residents participated in the 37km third Annual Ward 20 AIDS Day Walk to raise awareness of HIV/Aids. The launch of a school shoe collection drive was held at the finish point of the walk. Picture: SIPHESIHLE SONI

SIPHESIHLE SONI

A NUMBER OF ethekwini residents put on their walking shoes and trekked over 37 kilometres in the blazing sun on 7 December to participate in the third Annual Ward 20 AIDS Day Walk.

The walk started at the Gagu Dlamini Park at the Workshop Shopping Centre in the Durban Central Business District ending at the KK Rasselas Kranskloof Hostel Hall, Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) Co-ordinator Sipho Mthethwa said the walk is in preparation for the bigger 40th Walk for Mandela in preparation for the bigger 40th Walk for Mandela.

The event was also to encourage people to donate," said Mthethwa. • The collection point for the shoes is Delta Towers, 363 Phele KaSempe (formerly West Street), OSS Offices on the 5th Floor. The building is opposite the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign at Sankontshe Sport ground. Picture: ZAMANTUNGWA GUMEDE

CHARMEL PAYET

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Ethekwini Mayor Zandile Gumede and a team of volunteers rolled up their sleeves and during an integrated clean-up campaign on 7 December at the city centre.

SIMPHEWE DLAMINI

**Umlazi new access road**

NONDUDUZO NGCONGO

In an effort to advance the delivery and maintenance of roads and stormwater infrastructure, employees from the Roads and Stormwater uMlazi East Depot officially launched a new 400 metre access road with sidewalks on 7 December. The road was constructed over two months by employees from the depot, saving the Municipality over R2 million.

A Superman within the Depot, explained the need for the road. He said they are expected to attend to urgent situations such as unblocking stormwater drains caused by flooding or repairing roads causing traffic congestion. “The initiative resulted after employees couldn’t be where they needed to be on time due to congestion as over 40 trucks from the East and West Depot utilise one access road,” said a Superintendent from the Road and Stormwater Department.

Speaking about the new road, Cele said they used about R400 000 for material which greatly saved the Municipality. “We did everything by the book as per the roads bylaws, from the plan to how steep the road must be and the traffic signs required,” he said.

Charmed by the brilliant idea of turning an unterminated road into an access road, he didn’t think twice and offered his full support. “What is even more impressive is that this project didn’t affect the employees daily way of life since they utilised their lunch time and after hours to perform this task,” he said.

**Operation Fiela food blitz in uThongathi**

CHARMEL PAYET

A SUCCESSFUL food blitz was held in the uThongathi Central Business District on 6 December where teams assessed the premises operations to ensure that every day practices are conducted in a safe and hygiene manner. This blitz follows a similar operation conducted in Isipingo on 15 November. Operation Fiela is a national call to action by the Department of Health to ensure health standards are adhered to.

The blitz saw 54 inspections conducted of which 22 premises were found to be satisfactory and 32 were unsatisfactory. Also, 20 premises had a Certificate of Acceptability while 16 premises were issued with prosecution notices with fines totalling R24 000. Over four kilograms of foodstuff was seized. The blitz was also used to educate the public with 43 health awareness programmes conducted reaching 273 people.

Vasive Pillay Manager of Environmental Health said the Fire Department followed with their four fire safety orders while Business Licensing issued four fines totalling R1 000. Metro Police, she said, issued 21 fines totalling R1 600 with one arrest made.

Pillay said Environmental Health Services is operating in co-ordination with the Department of Health to ensure food safety and related matters. “To minimise the risk of foodborne illness, the Environmental Health Department conducts regular inspections of all formal and informal food premises including supermarkets, convenience stores, coffee shops, street vendors and informal food outlets, markets, food processing plants, food warehouses, restaurants, take-aways, taverns and informal food traders,” said Pillay.
Deputy Mayor applauds new manufacturing institute

ETHEKWINI Deputy Mayor Fawzia Peer has applauded the opening of the Toyota Wessels Institute for Manufacturing Studies in Kloof, which is set to boost the growth of the local automotive industry.

Meghan King, Project Manager at the DAC said: “We had 60 businesses apply to participate in the programme and we shortlisted 24. Twelve of these companies presented cases on innovation, communication and strategic outlook criteria. We further shortlisted to seven and chose the three that best displayed all elements of the criteria,” said King.

First place went to Emakheni, who walked away with R50 000. DNT won R10 000. The rest of the prize money of R25 000 was the first runner-up with National Adhesives and the second runner-up with National Adhesives, who also received Rs 10 000.

The workshop, facilitated by the City’s Agribusiness Development Department, aimed to assist small poultry farmers gain knowledge on financial management, marketing, poultry processing, infrastructure, technical support and access to markets to small-scale farmers, he explained. “Through this workshop, the aim is to grow and develop poultry production skills and management among the small scale poultry farmers. The overall objective of the City is to set up poultry hubs across eThekwini. These will be incubators that will provide infrastructure, technical support and access to markets to small-scale farmers,” he explained.

A total of 22 local poultry small-scale farmers attended the Poultry Farmers Capacitation Workshop to gain business knowledge.

Local chemicals businesses empowered

THREE local business owners received much needed cash prizes at the Durban Chemicals Cluster’s (DCC) Business Accelerator Programme (BAP), held at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli National Convention Centre on 4 and 5 December. The DCC is a public-private partnership between the City and the chemicals industry in Durban and surrounding areas. It aims to support the development of the local chemicals industry and to assist emerging businesses with challenges they face. The BAP is funded by the DCC and chemical companies NCS Resins and Ferro Coating Resins.

ROMITA HANUMAN-PILLAY

The institution aims to become the hub of manufacturing and automotive industry.

“The opening of this institute is a powerful response from the automotive sector in growing and developing our manufacturing sector,” he said.

Poultry farming prioritised

Department Acting Deputy Head Vuyo Jayia said small scale poultry farmers have previously faced the challenge of not having the required knowledge and support because of the lack of skills.

“Through this workshop, the aim is to grow and develop poultry production skills and management among the small scale poultry farmers. The overall objective of the City is to set up poultry hubs across eThekwini. These will be incubators that will provide infrastructure, technical support and access to markets to small-scale farmers,” he explained.

Agriculture and food processing are seen as a key potential sector that is able to provide employment, poverty eradication and interventions to revive the poultry industry.

Black-owned automotive suppliers attended the Emerging Black-owned Supplier Matching Forum to assist in fast-tracking transformation in the automotive value chain.

SILINDILE MALULEKA

TO FAST-TRACK transformation in the automotive value chain for local Black-owned suppliers, the Durban Automotive Cluster (DAC) in partnership with eThekwini Municipality hosted an Emerging Black-owned Supplier Matchmaking Forum on 3 December at the Riverside Hotel.

Members of the DAC and role players in the automotive industry were invited to participate in one-on-one presentations by shortlisted Black-owned suppliers. Economic Development and Investment Promotion Unit Automotive Sector Programme Manager Raveshia Govender said the DAC is committed to the development of Black-owned suppliers, the transformation of the automotive value chain and the deepening of local content levels. About 30 percent of the country’s vehicles are manufactured in eThekwini, which is home to the largest light vehicle manufacturer, Toyota.

Executive Director at OSC Africa Zamo Gwala, business owner Portia Dlamini who won R50 000, Ravesha Govender from the Economic Development Unit and Meghan King from the Durban Chemicals Cluster.

SILINDILE MALULEKA

TO ERADICATE poverty and promote job creation through the agriculture and food processing sector, eThekwini Municipality successfully held a Poultry Farmers Capacitation Workshop at Umgum’s Lion Match Office Park between 26 and 28 November. The workshop, facilitated by the City’s Agribusiness Department, aimed to assist small poultry farmers gain knowledge on financial management, marketing, poultry processing, challenges within the poultry sector and funding models available. The workshop, which has been identified as one of the key interventions to revitalize the poultry industry, will also assist farmers become role players in the agriculture economy.
City commemorates World Aids Day

NOMDUDUZO NGCONGO AND ROMITA HANUMAN-IMGAYA

NUMEROUS programmes were held across the City to commemorate World Aids Day on 1 December. Kick-starting the proceedings was the provision of health services at the Siripat Sports Field in Reservoir Hills where the Municipality, the provincial government and various non-governmental organisations provided services on site. The day was themed “Cheka Impilo: Know Your Status” and saw health services offered including HIV testing, medical male circumcision and widespread distribution of condoms. Tuberculosis, hypertension and diabetes screenings were also done as well as pap smears.

EThekwini Mayor Zandile Gumede led by example and did an HIV test on the day. She said it is very important to know your status in order to make informed decisions. “HIV is no longer a curse because it is manageable. There are more than 4.2 million South Africans using antiretrovirals and living a productive life.” She revealed that according to Statistics South Africa the mid-year population estimates report for 2018 shows that significant progress has been made regarding HIV. The number of Aids-related deaths declined consistently since 2007 from 276 921 to 116 167 in 2018. The numbers also disclosed that HIV prevalence among the youth aged between 15 and 24 has declined from 6.7 percent in 2002 to 5.5 percent in 2018. Furthermore, the infant mortality rate has declined from an estimated 53.2 infant deaths per 1 000 live births in 2002 to 38.4 infant deaths per 1 000 live births in 2018. Similarly, the under-five mortality rate declined from 80.1 child deaths per 1 000 live births to 45.0 child deaths per 1 000 live births between 2002 and 2018. Mayor Gumede said these notable strides should be celebrated adding that the City’s Health Unit is working hard to drive the “Cheka Impilo” campaign across the wards most affected by HIV/Aids within the region. Meanwhile, the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre held a World Aids Day commemoration on 29 November. Staff were also educated on the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence campaign and World Disability Day, both of which are observed in November.

Management and staff signed pledges committing themselves to these causes, also lighting a candle to pay tribute to those affected and infected with HIV.

CEO Lindwe Rakharebe said: “We need that stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV makes it a challenge for people to get tested and for those infected to seek treatment. So let us put an end to marginalisation and discrimination of those infected with HIV by raising social consciousness about the epidemic in the work place and in our communities.”

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Free concert for senior residents

SIPHESIHLE SONI

ABOUT 1000 EThekwini senior residents had the opportunity to unwind and display impressive dance moves when they were treated to serenading music by the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra on 4 December at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (ICC). The free concert, which was organised by EThekwini Municipality and the ICC, was part of a festive season drive aimed at bringing smiles to the elderly.

Chairperson of the Community Services Committee Councillor Zama Sokhabase said: “Thank you for attending this wonderful concert. I can see that you thoroughly enjoyed yourselves. As EThekwini Municipality, we aim to make all our residents happy, including the young and old.”

Councillor Sokhabase implored senior residents to pray for the country’s safety ahead of the December holidays, “I wish you all a happy and joyful festive season. Please keep us in your prayers as we embark on different journeys during this busy time of the year,” she said.

ICC Chief Executive Officer Lindwe Rakharebe said: “Today we celebrate our senior citizens and we thank them for their love, wisdom and guidance.”

Gogo Mbizive from uMhlanga thanked the orchestra for the soothing music she was hearing. “Christmas came early for me this year, thanks to the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra and the Municipality,” she said.

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Emerging contractors graduate

CARLY VAN DER WESTHUIZEN AND MBALENLHI SITHEBE

ABOUT 24 emerging contractors from Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu (INK) area successfully graduated on 6 December at Coastlands Hotel after completing a three year construction programme. Six candidates also received special awards. The Constructor Development Programme is a partnership between the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) Construction Incubator and the Municipality, to assist contractors with technical and business skills. This enables them to sustain the construction sector, create employment opportunities and contribute to the economy.

Economic Development and Planning Committee Whip Councillor Busi Ndlovu said: “We pride ourselves on the commitment and dedication of the contractors.”

Councillor Ndlovu added that the programme has already supported about 269 emerging contractors, who have generated a turnover of R300 million and created 1033 permanent and 89 informal jobs respectively.

Nhlanipho Nhlangane of Mgazi Tribe said: “This programme helped me understand business.”

Emerging contractors graduating from the INK area graduated after completing a construction programme. Picture: PUMULA KHWELA

Communities to be at the forefront of crime prevention

SIMPHWE DLMANI

TRANSPORT, Community Safety and Liaison MEC Mxolisi Kaunda has urged communities, businesses, the religious sector and traditional leaders to be at the forefront of crime prevention efforts.

Speaking at the Provincial Crime Summit that was held at the Archie Gumede Conference Centre in Mayville on 4 December, MEC Kaunda said fighting crime cannot be the sole responsibility of the police and other law enforcement agencies. “In order to fight crime, the police need a strong intelligence network among communities. This cannot be achieved by the police alone,” he said.

Mxolisi Kaunda has urged communities, businesses, the religious sector and traditional leaders to be at the forefront of crime prevention efforts.

The summit provided an opportunity to engage with the youth and other stakeholders and other law enforcement agencies.

EThekwini Deputy Mayor Fawzia Peer and MEC Mxolisi Kaunda during the Provincial Crime Summit that was held in Mayville.

Picture: SIMPHWE DLMANI

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Picture: MPUMELELO MAKHAYE

Ecstatic emerging contractors from the INK area graduated after completing a construction programme. Picture: PUMULA KHWELA

ALL PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE NEDBANK ACCOUNT AS STATED IN YOUR MONTHLY BILL.
Further planning to ensure continued success of the Reed Dance

CHARMEL PAYET

While there were some challenges experienced at the Umkhosi Womhlanga (Reed Dance) held in September, the event was a resounding success. There was over 4,000 maidens and matrons happy with the continued support from eThekwini Municipality.

This was outlined in a report tabled at an Executive Committee meeting held on 4 December. The Reed Dance took place at the Nyokeni Royal Palace in Nomzima between 6 and 9 September. From the likes report aimed to appraise the Executive Committee of some of the challenges faced at the event as well as future plans to ensure maidens were adequately cared for.

The City provided 60 buses for the maidens and one for maidens with disabilities while the Department of Arts and Culture provided 18 buses. Over 5,000 maidens attended the event.

One of the challenges listed in the report included the number of maidens who attended exceeding the expected number as some maidens who were not given accreditation came to the event using their own transport. Other issues included rain experienced over the weekend resulting in the marquees flooding, poor control as well as insufficient accommodation and sleep sponges to accommodate all the maidens and issues with catering. The report recommended that a review and evaluation meeting to assist in planning the way forward be held urgently as well as the Department of Arts and Culture involving councillors and City officials in their planning meetings. The feasibility of eThekwini Municipality securing their own additional sleeping marquees was also recommended as well as stricter and tighter control by the Department of Arts and Culture. The report concludes that the Royal Reed Dance 2018, despite the challenges, was a huge success adding that the maidens and ma trons were very happy and expressed their appreciation to the Municipality for their continued support. The report also noted that there has been a great improvement in working relationships between all stakeholders.

A report tabled at an Executive Committee meeting states that the annual Reed Dance was a success with local maidens happy with the continued support from eThekwini Municipality.

Structural repairs to be undertaken at four Municipal buildings

CHARMEL PAYET

Immediate as well as long-term interventions required at four Municipal buildings are recommended in a report tabled at an Executive Committee meeting on 27 November. The report updated the Executive Committee on the foremost needed for assessments undertaken of four buildings namely City Hall, 75 Dr Langalibalele Street, Rennie House and the Metro Police Headquarters.

Regarding the Metro Police Headquarters, the report stated that the operational functions inside the building is compromised by the current condition of the facility. It recommended that urgent and long term enhancement projects be undertaken. Immediate interventions include the telecommunications tower, which in its current condition, is resulting in a long term impairment to the structural integrity of the building. The report recommends that urgent repairs be repaired. Also, the HVAC systems uses a refrigerant called R-22 which is subject to a government ban which will result in the equipment being obsolete. It recommended that urgent repairs be carried out on the building. The report noted that immediate repair works be carried out on the building. In terms of City Hall, immediate interventions include electrical rectification and installation. The structural engineer has also identified the fact that the timber sections of the roof be evaluated to determine its structural integrity adding that it is likely that the entire roof structure is compromised by the presence of wood eating insects. And finally, Rennie House, according to the report, is considered to be in a reasonable state and will be further improved when the current construction projects are completed by the end of 2018. The report updated the Executive Committee on the foremost needed for assessments undertaken of four buildings namely City Hall, 75 Dr Langalibalele Street, Rennie House and the Metro Police Headquarters.

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Ward 21 artist nominated for song of the year

SIPHESILE SONI

An emerging artist from Durban is excited that his song "Atuza" has been nominated for uKhozi FM’s 2018 song of the year. Mngisi Buthelezi, who is popularly known as Manqonqo, was born and raised in Adams Mission’s Zwelisha Area in ward 21. He is a singer and producer of Cajem music and signed to Ujuu Records. Buthelezi has been in the music industry for over four years and draws inspiration from the likes of DJ Tira and DJ Cleo. Councillor Makhosi Mbhele said they are extremely proud of Buthelezi’s success. “We’re very excited about the success of his music. We urge all eThekwini residents to support him for other opportunities that he has been nominated for," he said. Speaking on his nomination Buthelezi said, “I am very excited to receive this rare opportunity, to be named among the best performers of 2018. I would like to express words of gratitude to everyone who has supported me and encourage them to continue supporting me because this is the tip of the iceberg. I still have a lot more to offer.” He got his lucky break into the industry when he released his song about a popular hangout spot in uMazi called Eyidini Lounge. The song has been well received by fans from all over the country, topping multiple charts at different radio stations and has been an anthem on dance floors. Buthelezi is set to release an EP titled “Naoke Leonto” this month. He also had some advice for the public urging them to be safe and drink responsibly during this festive season. “In order to reduce accidents on our roads I would like to encourage people not to drink and drive. Drinking reduces a driver’s abilities and increases the chances of accidents,” he said.

Senior residents win dance competition

CARLY VAN DER WESTHUIZEN

About 10 senior eThekwini residents dazzled the crowd with their impressive dance moves at the 2018 South African Open Dance Championships held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre between 30 November and 2 December. Sponsored by eThekwini Municipality, the elderly residents aged between 65 and 76 years old were flown to Cape Town to compete in the dance competition. The Old Timers Dance Club was formed in October 2018 by qualified ballroom dancer, Big boy Zungu who has taught about 18 senior residents the different types of ballroom dancing. Stepping into the limelight, the ladies entered the dance championships and won trophies from three categories, namely Solo, Pensioners and Beginners. In a short period of only two months, Zungu said he has taught the ladies; the waltz, quick step, cha cha and the jive. “It has been an absolute pleasure teaching these ladies, I hope that this group can expand,” he said.

Ward 21 residents Mngisi “Manqonqo” Buthelezi has been nominated for the song of the year.

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Members of the Old Timers Dance Group and the group’s founder Big boy Zungu.
Every day, a team of committed officials take to the streets of Durban enforcing bylaws, fixing infrastructure and ensuring that the City is clean and safe. Led by the Inner City Area Based Management Unit (ITRUMP), they quietly and efficiently demonstrate their commitment to creating a central business district (CBD) that is conducive to working, and living by tackling illegal trading, illegal businesses, illegal dumping and other contraventions. Sohana Singh reports about this intensified joint enforcement operation which is part of an effort to regenerate and renew the CBD area as a key economic hub.

MONTHS of combined operations and enforcement to rejuvenate the CBD areas is beginning to take shape with dedicated teams out on the streets every day, committed to creating a City that residents can be proud of.

More than 1000 fines were issued for various offences between July and October. Communicating via a WhatsApp group, faults and areas of concern are raised and addressed immediately by the relevant department. This approach has seen problems being addressed speedily and efficiently.

Head of the Development Planning, Environment and Management Unit Musa Mbhele said: “The Inner City regeneration programme offers eThekwini Municipality an exciting yet challenging opportunity for regeneration of its main economic hubs. This follows an extended period of urban decline caused by processes of decentralisation, further intensified by crime, grime, congestion, and unregulated trading. Consequentially, urban decay manifests among others in bad buildings, illegal conversions, over-crowding, and poorly serviced, maintained and managed public spaces.”

He added: “In line with the City’s vision to create the most liveable and caring City by 2030, multi-disciplinary teams conduct massive clean-ups and enforcement of Municipal by-laws. A special focus on bad buildings has also commenced with officials targeting poorly maintained and dilapidated buildings in the hope of encouraging property owners to fix up their buildings or face court action. As a long term regeneration strategy, the Municipality will deal with issues of security, crime and grime and will address bad buildings which is causing the key economic nodes to appear dilapidated and unsafe.”

PROBLEM BUILDING SUCCESS
Hooman Moolla, Senior Manager for ITRUMP said the Municipality has over the past year managed to ensure the rehabilitation of six dilapidated buildings in the inner city. “Through serving notices and changing the rates code of the property, we were able to apply pressure property owners to rehabilitate their buildings. While most prevented court action, the City is not shy to turn to the justice system to shut problem buildings down and ensure that owners take responsibility for their properties,” he said.

The joint operations on bad buildings have enjoyed other successes too. Seventy six undocumented foreigners were arrested and deported through the Home Affairs Immigration Department and 76 other arrests were made for various offences, including possession of drugs. While the City will continue to conduct intensified operations to deter illegal activity in the effort to clean up the CBD area, reclaim public spaces and bring law and order to the public realm, it calls on communities to play their part in ensuring that we live in a clean and safe environment.

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Expanded Public Works Programme employees conduct a clean-up as part of the inner city regeneration programme.

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Metro Police Officers issuing fines to store owners in the Central Business District for contravening Municipal by-laws.

A City official issuing a fine to a store owner during a raid for selling counterfeit goods.
Ward 9 widows receive skills

CARLY VAN DER WESTHUIZEN AND SIFIESHLE SONI

ABOUT 500 widows from Ward 9 were overjoyed when they received much-needed food parcels ahead of Christmas during the Widows Indaba held at the Kwadlakahle Community Hall on 23 November. 

Partnering with Myezena Organisation, Ward Councillor Patrick Mncube organised the programme which was aimed at equipping widows with money generating skills. “I have noticed the hardships that the widows in our community go through, with Christmas approaching, I needed to offer them support as well as furnish them with knowledge on how to survive,” he said. 

Nokuthula Maphumulo founded the Myezena Organisation in 2010. Her personal experience after the death of her spouse encouraged her to offer extended help to widows in her community. She subsequently launched the programme which offers information about farming, knitting and vending.

Multi-million bridge rehabilitation project in wards 98 and 109

NONDUDUZO NGCONGO

AN ANNOUNCEMENT made by Councillor Bheki Thabethe during a community meeting held at NKwali Hall, Illuvo on 2 December that continued talks to restore a bridge will commence in January brought smiles to the faces of residents of wards 98 and 109. 

Councillor Thabethe said it is all systems go for the R6.7 million project which is a partnership between eThekwini Municipality and the provincial Department of Transport. The bridge is expected to be completed in six months and will be operational in June 2019. 

Addressing the community, Councillor Thabethe said the contractor has been appointed as well as eight project liaison committee officers of which four come from the two wards. He said the bridge, mainly used by vehicles as well as pedestrians, has been shut down for almost two years following numerous complaints from commuters and drivers who felt uneasy and unsafe using the bridge. “The safety of the bridge was then assessed by municipal and private engineers. Due to the findings of the assessment, which indicated the danger of using the bridge, a shutdown was suggested until a major overhaul was done.”

During the meeting, community members conveyed their relief at the announcement as the bridge being closed has been a major inconvenience.

Uniforms donated to needy learners

SIFIESHLE SONI AND CARY VAN DER WESTHUIZEN

EXCITEMENT was palpable on the faces of young learners from Ward 1 as they received school uniform donations on 11 December. About 1600 school uniforms were donated to 23 schools as part of an annual outreach programme. 

Ward Councillor Bongumusa Mkhize said the programme aims to assist learners with basic school needs.

“The initiative, which has been in existence for six years, is the brainchild of Councillor Mkhize. The programme, he said, started after he arranged a corporate social investment agreement with mining company, Assmang Manganes Caro Ridge Works Ltd. “This partnership is aimed at providing necessary resources to a variety of schools or community projects all in the name of supporting social economic upliftment in rural areas,” he said. 

Councillor Mkhize described the initiative as one of his biggest achievements, saying it has always been his dream to help underprivileged learners in his ward.

Ward 95 residents received food parcels as part of a community outreach programme.

SILINDILE MALULEKA

RESIDENTS of Ward 95 in Folweni area, situated south of Durban, were elated during the Integrated Community Reach Out Programme which aims to take government services to the people. Held on 4 December at the Learning Centre in Folweni, Ward Councillor Tokozani Xulu said this programme was started to address challenges identified during Operation Sukuma Sakhe war room which is a provincial programme that was founded on the premises of taking government to the people in a coordinated manner.

Councillor Xulu said once a challenge has been identified from the war room meeting, a solution is sought and implemented. 

“Through such facilities, we encourage youth to participate in sports so that they do not fall through the cracks of social ills. Also, there was a demand to rehabilitate the sports field because the community was inconvenienced when they needed to use the sports facility,” she said.

The rehabilitation programme is expected to be completed by end of January 2019.
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Happy holidays to our residents and visitors

CHRISTMAS is the most important day in our calendar. It makes available to many of us a rare opportunity of being at home with our families. During this period, after a busy year, we retreat and reflect on numerous events that happened in our lives during the course of the year. It is the time where we accumulate strength and recommit ourselves to face new challenges the following year may have in store for us. At the same time while enjoying being with our loved ones, we must always remember that in certain parts of our City, some have no reason to celebrate these holidays because of being permanently condemned to grinding poverty. It is therefore important that we embrace the spirit of Christmas we share with fellow brothers and show compassion, during this period, to all of you to respect our by-laws, to welcome them and we appeal to all of you to respect our by-laws. We vow to make your stay in Durban memorable.

I would also like to ensure throngs of our visitors that we are ready to continue saving water.

Residents who have had their water meters installed with water flow restrictors will feel some welcome relief as the City recently begun removing some 400 000 restrictors.

Residents that are being charged R750 while we wait for better infrastructure to continue saving water.

The Water and Sanitation Unit of the eThekwini Municipality for the emptied of the toilets, but the allegations will be investigated. Those found providing this service at a cost under the name of the City will be dealt with accordingly.

Residents can visit the following link loadshedding.eskom.co.za/ loadsheddingFAQ to learn more. Please note that claims made on the City is handling this matter?

The case was reported to law enforcement and the matter is currently being investigated. The City hopes to bring the perpetrators to book. We are consulting with our legal team in order to determine a way forward that is as fair as possible. This will be communicated as soon as there is an outcome. All documents and information in our possession will be safeguarded to our best ability.

Send your letters to: The Editor, PO Box 5588, Durban, 4000; email: mycity@durban.gov.za or write to us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/eThekwiniM. We reserve the right to edit and shorten letters.
CLASSIFIED vacancies

The place for eThekwini jobs, calls for proposals, tenders & notices

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the vacancies advertised here.

Applications who have not been contacted within three months from the closing date should consider themselves unsuccessful. An employee may be deployed to any of the Municipalities within or outside the region at the discretion of the HR Systems Branch head. On 031 322 6500. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants, please visit www.durban.gov.za and follow the e-Careers Link. Please note that Municipality vacancies are NOT FOR SALE!

eThekwini Municipality is guided by the principles of Employment Equity. Women and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

THE ADVERTISED VACANCIES OF THIS PAPER, SUBMISSION ONLY START FROM MONDAY
MANAGER (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH)

REF NO: 41003074

Total Remuneration Package
R 786 040.96 / R 999 843.00 pa

Grade 15

Job Purpose: To oversee and manage the implementation of health and safety policies and procedures and control measures within the Sub districts.

Essential Requirements:

•Bachelors in Environmental Health equivalent to a Grade 12 or equivalent. •3 Years relevant experience.

SENIOR MANAGER (WATER PLANNING)

REF NO: 34006678

Total Remuneration Package
R 936 225.00 / R 1 273 209.00 pa

Grade 18

Job Purpose: To manage and coordinate all the strategic and operational aspects of water planning in the region.

Essential Requirements:

•Registered as a Professional Engineer with a relevant University qualification in Civil Engineering. •Valid motor vehicle driver's license (Code B). •5 years relevant experience in a civil engineering environment.

To apply go to www.durban.gov.za and click on e-careers – closing date is Friday, 2019-01-11.

MANAGER (CONTROL CENTRE)

REF NO: 34009356

Total Remuneration Package
R 786 040.96 / R 999 843.00 pa

Grade 15

Job Purpose: To manage and monitor the overall operations of water and sanitation supply systems.

Essential Requirements:

•Relevant 3 year tertiary qualification, i.e. Diploma or Degree. •Valid motor vehicle driver's license (Code B). •3 years relevant experience.

Special Conditions:

Subject to call outs.

To apply go to www.durban.gov.za and click on e-careers link – closing date is Friday, 2019-01-11.

SENIOR TECHNICIAN (CIVIL)

REF NO: 34009718

Total Remuneration Package
R544 023.00 / R899 602.00 pa

Grade 12

Job Purpose: To undertake investigatory and design work, to prepare contractual documentation and supervise construction work and to provide sound technical expertise within the Wastewater Network Branch.

Essential Requirements:

•National Diploma for Civil Engineer equivalent with registration as an Engineer with the Engineering Council of South Africa as a Professional Engineer. •3 years relevant experience in sewerage or municipal engineering environment, which must include relevant design and contract supervision experience. 

To apply via the web address www.durban.gov.za or Applications must reach Human Resources – Centre of Excellence, 21 Archie Gumede Street, Durban, 4001, not later than Friday 2019-01-11 at 12:00 (Midday).

CO-ORDINATOR (JOBD VALUATION)

REF NO: 61000119

R230 600.16 / R161 160.84 pa

Grade 08

Job Purpose: To co-ordinate and provide administrative support of the Compensation Management Branch in the areas of Job Evaluation and Compensation related matters.

Essential Requirements:

•Relevant 3 year tertiary qualification, i.e. Diploma or Degree in Human Sciences field or Administration. •Certified as a Job Evaluator or to obtain such certification within 6 months from date of appointment. •Valid motor vehicle driver's license (Code B). •3 years relevant experience.

To apply go to www.durban.gov.za and click on e-careers link – closing date is Friday, 2019-01-11.

DRIVER MESSENGER

REF NO: 61007686

R 102 707.76 / R 130 192.44 pa

Grade 04

Job Purpose: Provides a messenger service to support the unit.

To apply go to www.durban.gov.za and click on e-careers - closing date is Friday, 2019-01-11.

PLEASE NOTE:
The posts of Deputy City Manager: Community Services and Deputy City Manager: Security & Emergency Services which appeared in the publication of 02 December 2018 have been amended as follows:

1. This post is a Section 56 position reporting directly to the City Manager.

2. Reference Number to read: Deputy City Manager: Community Services (Post ID/Reference No.: 40000000) and Deputy City Manager: Security & Emergency Services (Post ID/Reference No.: 80000000) instead of Post ID 40000052.

3. Job Purpose (Deputy City Manager: Community Services): To provide strategic leadership and direction for the Cluster in the following respective functional areas; Health services, Parks, Recreation and Culture, Agro-Ecology, all Stadiums and other related community service.

4. Candidates will undergo a compulsory Competency Assessment as per COCTA regulations.

5. Annual Total Remuneration Package will be in line with the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 2000, Gazette No. 40118 (Act No.32 of 2000) applicable to a Category 10 Municipality in terms of upper limits of total remuneration packages payable to Senior Managers directly accountable to Municipal Manager.

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APLICATIONS REMAINS 14-12-2018
Sealed tenders, addressed to the City Manager, c/o Ground Floor, Municipal Buildings, 166 K.E. Masinga Road (formerly Old Fort Road), Durban 4001, will be received at any time prior to but not later than 11:00 on the closing dates specified for the requirements indicated, when tenders will be opened publicly. Specifications and tender forms are obtainable from the service unit or consultants indicated.

**ETHEKWINI ELECTRICITY**

Tender documents (available in English) are obtainable from Room 23, PRASA Building, Suite 215, Main Concourse, Durban Station, Masabula Vengu Avenue, Durban

(Cashier times are from 08:00 to 15:00, Mondays to Fridays. Closed on public holidays)

**RE-ADVERTISEMENT:**

E9646 Provision of a functional and technical support service for Ellipse and associated bespoke systems implemented at eThekwini Electricity

(R1800 non-refundable Tender Charge - Bank Cheques where the Drawer is the Bank OR cash only)

Closing date: 15 February 2019

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**ENGINEERING UNIT**

**RE-ADVERTISEMENT:**

F12-PSC-1 to 10 Expression of Interest for Professional Services Framework (F12): Provision of various Built Environment Professional Services for a period of 3 years

Closing date: 25 January 2019

* The submission document for this Expression of Interest is only available via downloading from the internet: http://www.durban.gov.za/Resource_Centre/Tenders/Pages/default.aspx

* Any addenda issued up to and including 3 working days prior to the closing date will be available for download from the internet address as stated above. Respondents are to ensure that any issued addenda are retrieved from the internet prior to making a submission.

* A non-compulsory clarification meeting was held at 10:30, on 20th Nov 2018, at Moses Mabhida Stadium, Durban.

* Enquiries: Tel. No: 031-311 7493 (D. Baytopp) or email: dave.baytopp@durban.gov.za

SC Nzuza
City Manager

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CALL FOR LOCAL SUPPLIERS TO REGISTER ON UNITED KINGDOM PROSPERITY FUND E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL**

In 2015 the UK Government launched the £1.2 billion Prosperity Fund with the aim of promoting economic reform and development. As part of this, the £80m United Kingdom Prosperity Fund: Global Future Cities Programme will carry out targeted interventions in 19 selected cities across ten countries to encourage sustainable development, increase prosperity, whilst alleviating high levels of city poverty. The programme will work jointly with partner Governments to implement interventions in the areas of transportation, urban planning and resilience, supported by two cross-cutting themes: smart technology/data and project financing, and act as a catalyst for further investment within the selected cities and beyond. Support from the Programme will be in the form of technical expertise for cities.

The eThekwini Municipality is currently exploring an opportunity to partner with the United Kingdom Prosperity Fund: Global Future Cities Programme around two interventions: (1) Data integration, collection and analysis (with an initial focus on informal settlements); and (2) Enhanced institutional and governance coordination for supporting alignment of stakeholder plans working on transit-oriented development (with a focus on urban regeneration and transport corridor development particularly the C1, C2, C3 and C9 corridors Phase 1 of the GO! Durban Integrated Public Transport Network) in order to access relevant technical expertise.

Local suppliers working in the information and data management and transport planning sectors that are interested in possible subcontracting opportunities associated with the Global Future Cities Programme will need to register through the United Kingdom Prosperity Fund E-procurement portal on [https://fco.brasovolution.co.uk](https://fco.brasovolution.co.uk) by searching for ‘project_1687 - Prosperity Fund Framework Supply Market Information Portal’ to receive updates about Prosperity Fund programme procurement processes.

For more information visit [https://fco.brasovolution.co.uk](https://fco.brasovolution.co.uk)

SC Nzuza
City Manager

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**DURBAN HAS MORE FUN & SUN THIS FESTIVE SEASON**

Take a splash at the beautiful beaches but remember to co-operate with our lifeguards. They are here for your safety and protection.

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**ARTISAN LEARNERSHIP PROGRAMME**

**JOBS NOT FOR SALE!**
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CONTRACT NO: 7N-284:

DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF THE DURBAN FILMMART MARKETING MATERIAL 2019

EThekwini Municipality's Economic Development and Investment Promotion Unit invites proficient and experienced service providers/consultants registered on the Municipality database to submit quoted proposal for the following:


Interested service providers can collect the Terms of Reference documents which outline the requirements for this proposal from the Economic Development & Investment Promotion Unit offices DURBAN FILM OFFICE (DFO) on the 11th Floor, Rennie House 41 Margaret Mncadi Avenue (Victoria Embankment), during work days between 8:00 and 15:30.

Sealed proposals (including all required documentation) are to be hand delivered at DURBAN FILM OFFICE on the 11th Floor, Rennie House 41 Margaret Mncadi Avenue (Victoria Embankment). All envelopes must be clearly marked "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DURBAN FILMMART MARKETING MATERIAL 2019".

A compulsory briefing meeting will be held for all interested and qualifying service providers at the Durban Film Office, 41 Margaret Mncadi Avenue, 11th Floor Rennies House on 16 January 2019, from 10:00 to 11:00.

Please note that only service providers that attend the meeting can submit proposals for consideration.

The closing date for submission of proposals is Monday, 28 January 2019, at 11:00. NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

For further enquiries contact Thobeka Mncwango on 031 311 4243 or email: thobeka.mncwango@durban.gov.za

EThekwini Municipality reserves the right not to appoint to this project.

SC Nzuza
City Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT RATES POLICY 2019/2020

The Municipality's Draft Rates Policy 2019/2020 is open for public comment. Copies of the policy are available for viewing at Sizakala Centres, Libraries, and City Hall and on www.durban.gov.za

The Policy will be open for comment until 31 January 2019.

All comments may be sent to Sanelisiwe Gumede: by e-mail: sanelisiwe.gumede@durban.gov.za or hand delivered to the 2nd Floor, Florence Mkhize Building, or posted to PO BOX 828, Durban, 4000.

SC Nzuza
City Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

GRANT-IN-AID CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Community Based Organisations are invited to attend one of the six regional Grant-in-Aid Capacity building workshops that will be conducted during February and March 2019.

The purpose of these workshops is to impart knowledge and skills to organisations so that they are able to access Grant-in-Aid and other sources of funding without encountering difficulty.

The workshops will cover the following topics:

• GIA application presentation and compliance
• Steps to take in order to register as non-profit organisation (NPO) and Compliance
• How to develop a good business plan
• How to develop a modern constitution
• Budgeting and Financial Statements
• How to apply for GIA Funding

Although the targeted audience is Community Based Organisations (CBOs/ NPOs) who are registered NPOs, we encourage individuals and groups who may be interested in forming an organisation and getting registered as a NPO to register to attend these workshops. RSVP is essential.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Sandile Ngwane on 031 311 6195, email sandile.ngwane@durban.gov.za or Zami Nene on 031 311 6171 and email zami.nene@durban.gov.za

SC Nzuza
City Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO LAND USE MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR BRIDGE CITY

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Municipality to amend the provisions of the Durban Town Planning Scheme Regulations as it relates to existing Special Zone 44 Bridge City by renaming it and replacing the related Development Facilitation Table.

The comment period is open for a period of 60 days - starting 14 December 2018 and will close at midnight, 13 March 2019.

All comments must be lodged in writing for attention: Mrs M Allopi (Project Executive: Development Planning) The Platform, Lion Match Factory, 892 Umgeni Road or via email to: Lekha.Allopi@durban.gov.za

The proposed document maybe inspected at: The Platform, Lion Match Factory, 892 Umgeni Road; or an electronic copy maybe requested by emailing: Lekha.Allopi@durban.gov.za

For more information contact Lekha Allopi on 031 311 7994

S.C. Nzuza
City Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

C3 CORRIDOR:
LAND USE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Municipality to amend the provisions of the Durban Town Planning Scheme Regulations, Outer West Planning Scheme and Inner West Planning Scheme by correcting spatial anomalies identified in the already adopted Land Use Management Strategy dated December 2017.

The comment period is open for a period of 60 days - starting 14 December 2018 and will close at midnight, 13 March 2019.

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1. The Platform, Lion Match Factory, 892 Umgeni Road;
2. Sizakala Centre: 44 Kings Road, Pinetown and
3. 22 Delamore Road, Hillcrest OR

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For more information contact Lekha Allopi on 031 311 7994

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

BUSINESS STARTUP TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ACCESS TO TRADING SPACE

The Business Support, Tourism and Markets Unit is inviting applications from Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMMEs) from Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu (INK) and Umhlazi areas, that require business startup training and the possible opportunity for access to trading space. Interested businesses should meet the following requirements:

• Registered Business
• Business in existence for 2 years and older
• Valid SARS Tax Clearance and BBBEE Certificate
• Two (2) pages Company profile with two contact numbers
• Age must be 18 - 35 years old
• Proof of residence for INK area or Umhlazi area

The above mentioned requirements should be submitted at: Business Support, Tourism and Markets Unit; 7th Floor Embassy Building; 199 Anton Lembede (/former Smith) Street, Durban from Monday, 17 December 2018 between 9h00 to 15h00 (Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays).

The closing date for submission of the above mentioned requirements is Friday, 28 December 2018.

Incomplete documents will be disqualified. Documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

Training details will be communicated with the successful applicants.

For more information contact Nomusa Nxumalo on 031 311 4500 or email: nomusa.nxumalo@durban.gov.za

SC Nzuza
City Manager

ARTISAN LEARNERSHIP PROGRAMME

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR SMMES TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION ON UESC INCUBATION PROGRAMME

UMkhumbane Entrepreneurial Support Centre (UESC) is an incubator that provides working space and business support services to Manufacturing SMMEs in Durban over a three year Programme.

Eligibility criteria

The applicant MUST be:

- Able to commit to the incubator programme in full (3 years)
- A South African citizen
- A registered legal entity in South Africa in terms of the companies Act, 1973 (as amended) or the Companies Act, 2008 (as amended) or Companies Act 3 of 2011
- The Close corporations Act 1984 (as amended) or the Co-operatives Act, 1984 (as amended)
- It must be a Manufacturing business that has been operating not less than 24 months.
- Business owner must be working full time in the business
- Business must have an acceptable financial record
- Business must have an acceptable financial record

NB: FIRST PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO BUSINESSES WITHIN UMKHUMBANE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- Durban, Business Support, Tourism and Markets Unit at Embassy Building, 7th Floor, 199 Anton Lembede Street, Durban
- UMkhumbane Entrepreneurial Support Centre at 31 Harry Gwala Road, Durban
- Or alternatively download application from the website: https://bit.ly/2E6XW4X

Application forms must include ALL of the following:

- Completed application form
- Motivation letter outlining why would your business benefit from the program
- A letter of reference
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copy of your South African Identity Document
- Certified Copy of Members Identity Document(s)
- Copy of valid B-BBEE Certificate
- Certified Copy of company Registration Certificates
- Company Profile
- Business plan
- 3 months bank statements of the business
- Proof of registration with relevant industry bodies (if applicable)
- Income statement
- Portfolio of product - on disk or DVD or hard copies

NB: THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY APPLIED ARE EXEMPTED FROM RE-APPLYING.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT Makhosazana Sibuya on 031 311 4500 or email at makhosazana.sibuya@durban.gov.za

EMAIL ADDRESS: makhosazana.sibuya@durban.gov.za

Closing date: Monday, 21 January 2019

14 December 2018 - 24 January 2019
EThekwini wins 15 gold medals at Salga Games

THEMBA KHMALO

ETHEKWINI Municipality has once again emerged as the overall winners of the 2018 South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Games with 272 points after they bagged fifteen gold medals. The team also won five silver medals and a bronze during the games which were hosted by uMgungundlovu District Municipality between 7 and 9 December.

One of the success stories of the tournament for eThekwini is the male soccer team which scored a victory.

Team eThekwini was once again victorious at this year’s Salga Games, walking away with 15 gold and five silver medals respectively.

City to increase financial support for gospel competition

PRINCESS NKABANE

FOLLOWING the resounding success of the City’s Gospel Icon Discovery Competition, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Unit will plough an additional R250 000 into the annual singing competition. Speaking during the competition’s grand finale held at the Ohlange Sports ground on 4 December, the Head Thembinkosi Ngcobo said he was impressed with the amount of talent showcased.

“Judging from the amazing talent we have seen, we have decided that the competition should be expanded to a greater scale,” he said.

Ngcobo said the City would also seek sponsorship from various stakeholders. The coveted first prize package was R20 000 and an album recording deal. Second place winners took home R15 000 while third place received R10 000.

The night’s winners included Sifiso Diya in the soloist category, uMlazi Levites in the groups’ category and Nokudubonga Duma in the ‘dvwinkie dwinkie’ category.

Isiphingo youth football tournament

NONDUDUZO NGCONGO

BUDGING football players displayed their skilful moves during a youth football competition in isiphingo which was attended by national scouts. Held in partnership with eThekwini Municipality, the South African Football Association (SAFA) and Isipingo Local Football Association (LFA), the competition was held on 2 December at Isiphingo Sports Grounds.

Isipingo LFA Chairman Philip Mthembu said the tournament started in November featuring junior and senior teams as well as legends clubs who are over 45 years. Mthembu said the games are hosted annually until the local league ends in October as an off-season football. The tournament aims to keep players fit, healthy and busy during the festive season so they steer clear of social ills.

“Sport is a sustainable career choice, hence we provide resources and support to develop raw talent of football within our association. In total, we have 42 teams but we are still looking for more talent to nurture,” said Mthembu.

The football competition which was attended by SAFA representatives was also used as a scouting platform. “Who knows maybe the next Bafana Bafana star will come from Isiphingo,” he said.

The one month tournament officially ended with an awards ceremony where outstanding teams were presented with trophies, medals and soccer kits.

SAFA eThekwini Chairperson Mariel Mkhize congratulated all the players for their determination throughout the year.

Emerging authors showcase their writing capabilities

CARLY VAN DER WESTHUIZEN

ASPIRING writers were empowered with literature advice during the Provincial Literature Exhibition held at the Durban Exhibition Centre on 4 December.

Held in partnership between eThekwini Municipality’s Language Services Department and the Provincial Department of Arts and Culture, the exhibition gave emerging writers a rare opportunity to engage with established national authors.

About 16 publishers also attended the programme, creating a platform for them to showcase their published work and network with writers.

Themed “Revisiting Foundations: Year of Mandela and Sisulu”, the exhibition kick-started with an African-themed tribute to the late Albertina Sisulu. Councillor Bridget Ntshangase said the Municipality supports this initiative as it seeks to promote a culture of reading.

“Institutions of learning are the drivers of knowledge and knowledge itself is recognised as a key resource for achieving economic growth and social development,” she said.

Publications from the write- ers, Councillor Ntshangase said: “As eThekwini Municipality, we are committed in working with the Department of Arts and Culture and other stakeholders to establish writers’ groups and many writers associations across the City.”

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