

MCDONALD'S FINED FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING

THE Metro Police has issued a R5 000 fine to the McDonalds food franchise on KE Masinga Road for illegal dumping.

The fine is in line with the City's Nuisances and Behaviour in Public Places By-law which clearly states that illegal dumping is an offence and is prohibited in areas that fall within the eThekweni Municipal boundaries.

Metro Police Spokesperson Colonel Boysie Zungu said they received numerous complaints regarding refuse bags that would "pop-up" on the pavement near the establishment.

"We investigated and found that the packaging inside the bags was from the McDonald's establishment. The culprit was caught red-handed after we received a tip-off that the establishment was illegally dumping refuse bags on the side of the road," he said.

The swift action by Metro Police officers led to the



The Metro Police acted swiftly to fine the manager at McDonalds on KE Masinga Road for illegal dumping.

fining of the establishment's manager.

Zungu said he hoped that this recent enforcement action will send a strong message to other businesses that the City showed no fear or favour when it comes to fining illegal

dumpers.

This is just one example of a number of fines that the City has issued to businesses and popular establishments since intensifying its fight against illegal dumping.

Littering and illegal dumping

does not only hamper the City's efforts at improving cleanliness in the City, but it also has devastating impacts on the environment because the trash clogs up stormwater drains and gets washed into rivers and oceans which poses serious danger to marine life. Clogged stormwater drains also lead to localised flooding, endangering the lives of residents and visitors.

Residents, businesses, and visitors are urged to join the fight against illegal dumping by reporting it to the Cleansing and Solid Waste Unit on 031 311 8804.

The Metro Police's functions fall under eThekweni Deputy Mayor Councillor Zandile Myeni, who is also the Chairperson of the Emergency Services Committee.



Deputy Mayor and Chairperson: Emergency Services Committee
Cllr Zandile Myeni

BUSINESS PARK ON THE CARDS FOR GIBA GORGE

DEVELOPMENT in eThekweni's Outer West region is continuing with the new Giba Gorge Business Park which will be launched later this week. This catalytic project covers 20 ha of industrial land and has the potential to create approximately 492 jobs in the construction phase and 4 661 permanent

jobs post construction.

The total capital investment of the project could temporarily contribute R328.3M in additional sales and will contribute an additional R137.9M to KwaZulu-Natal's GDP.

According to the socio-economic study for the Giba

Gorge prepared by Demacon, the direct benefits for eThekweni Municipality through rates revenue will be more than R23M per annum for the first year of commissioning, increasing to R46M in the second year and could rise to R69M in the third year.

This development falls under

Chairperson of the Economic Development and Planning Committee Councillor Thembo Ntuli.



Chairperson: Economic Development and Planning Committee
Cllr Thembo Ntuli

JUBILATION AS R603 MBUMBULU ROAD REOPENS

THE reopening of the R603, known as Mbumbulu Road, was welcomed as it will revive the local economy and restore public transport mobility.

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Sipho Hlomuka presided over the road reopening in Adams Mission together with eThekweni Mayor Councillor Mxolisi Kaunda on 14 August.

The R603 collapsed during the December 2021 floods resulting in one section being closed completely.

This road is strategic in linking the areas of Amanzimtoti, Illovo, Adams Mission, Mbumbulu, Mid-Illovo and Pietermaritzburg. The project cost was R25 million.

The road is also an alternative to the N3 which regularly experiences heavy congestion due to the upgrades and construction work currently taking place.

The re-construction of the damaged section of the R603 was among the first projects that MEC Hlomuka attended



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to during his first few days in the Department of Transport, Community Safety and Liaison.

MEC Hlomuka said the road will assist local communities.

“Today is a good day for the people of Adams Mission and the greater Mbumbulu. This road will restore the local economy and movement of public transport. We came

here a year ago to introduce the contractor and now we are happy to see the project complete. Government is serious about delivering services,” he said.

EMPOWERING THE ETHEKWINI BUSINESS COMMUNITY

THE Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC), in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism, and Environmental Affairs and eThekweni Municipality will host a business seminar on 29 August at the Durban Exhibition Centre. The seminar aims to empower emerging and disadvantaged businesses by providing them with valuable information on

funding opportunities.

The different spheres of government will be joined by DTIC agencies and other government business entities to engage with local businesses.

The seminar will facilitate knowledge sharing between state entities and local businesses, allowing business owners to leverage funding support packages for their identified projects.

In addition, the seminar

intends to establish connections and foster relationships between local businesses and state entities, promoting collaboration and economic growth.

DTIC Deputy Minister Nomalungelo Gina will lead the seminar discussions and outline the support her department provides to businesses.

Business owners interested in elevating their businesses are invited to attend

the seminar to engage with various government departments and entities on the support they can provide them.

RSVP by Friday, 25 August 2023 to MMoropene@thedtic.gov.za or zamani.shezi@durban.gov.za

For more information, contact Morobi Moropene on 071 625 2326 / 012 394 1531 or Zamani Shezi on 031 311 4500.



NEW SHONGWENI RESERVOIR ENSURES STEADY WATER SUPPLY

THE newly constructed Shongweni Reservoir has been commissioned and intermittent water supply is now a thing of the past in the area. The new reservoir holds a total of six megalitres of water and is built adjacent to an existing reservoir which stores 0.8 megalitres of water.

Ward 7, which covers Ntshongweni, Councillor Luthando Jali said residents are now enjoying an uninterrupted water supply. "The area has expanded, this resulted in the old reservoir not being able to supply the growing community. We previously relied on water tankers as we did not always have water flowing from our taps. However, that is now a thing of the past, government has delivered to the community," said Councillor Jali.

Communities who benefit from the new reservoir include Shongweni, Salem, Ofudu, Clifton, and Zwelibomvu.

The construction of the reservoir created job opportunities for locals while others were upskilled through SETA accredited training on various skills.

Deputy Head of the Water



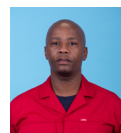
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INSERT: Ward 7 Councillor Luthando Jali (middle) with ward committee members Zamo Sishi (left) and Mbuso Jali (right) celebrated the completion of the new Shongweni Reservoir.

and Sanitation Unit Bhavna Soni said the City has several reservoirs that are under construction, while others are being upgraded to meet the current demand.

Due to the high theft and vandalism rate at reservoir sites despite security on site, the team for the Shongweni Reservoir opted for the inclusion of ultrasonic inline flow meters. These are buried, making it impossible to vandalise. This meter does not need to be open as it transmits the signals electronically through the

Modbus Telemetry System. Flow rates can be monitored remotely. The construction company who worked on the reservoir, Naidu Consulting was nominated in the SAICE Awards for the most Outstanding Civil Project in the category of community-based projects. This project falls under Chairperson of the Human Settlements and



Chairperson: Human Settlements and Infrastructure Committee
Cllr Themba Mvubu

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY PROGRESS

ETHEKWINI Municipality is steadily achieving its Employment Equity (EE) targets with the latest figures for the 2022/2023 financial year showing that the City has almost achieved its set targets for top 3 levels of female management. The latest report from the City's EE Office shows that the target for top 3 females in management for the 2022/2023 financial year is 709. The City's current figure is 646. Deputy City Manager of the Corporate and Human Capital Cluster Kim Makhathini said the City is committed to workplace transformation.

Chair of the Governance and Human Capital Committee Councillor Nkosenhle Madlala said: "The EE Office is responsible for the championing and co-ordination of EE on behalf of the City Manager and works to ensure that the work environment is diverse and inclusive as prescribed by the EE Act and EE Plan. We are working on improving and achieving our People with Disabilities (PWD) targets."



Chairperson: Governance & Human Capital Committee
Cllr Nkosenhle Madlala

CITY JOINS PRASA FOR CLEAN-UP

SEVERAL units from the City have partnered with the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa for a railway clean-up.

This includes ITRUMP Area Based Management, the Cleansing and Solid Waste Unit, and the Metro Police. Working together, teams have removed mounds of waste that were illegally dumped by residents and businesses.



The PRASA railway clean-up is ongoing.

The City is working with PRASA to clean the railway lines.

The City urges businesses and residents to play their part

to keep eThekweni clean.

They can do this by following proper waste management practices which includes taking out their refuse on scheduled collection days and avoiding illegal dumping.

Keeping the environment clean is a collective responsibility. The City has adopted a tough stance on those caught illegally dumping.



10TH ANNUAL IMPUCUZEKO MASKANDI FESTIVAL BRINGS ECONOMIC BOOST

ALMOST 26 000 people from all over the country descended on Durban for the 10th annual Impucuzeko Maskandi Festival which was hosted by eThekweni Municipality on 12 August at the Moses Mabhida Stadium. The festival is part of a three-year partnership between the event organiser and the Municipality to promote maskandi music talent from the developmental stage to the professional level as a way to promote social cohesion and celebrate African heritage.

Municipal Spokesperson Gugu Sisilana said the



The 10th annual Impucuzeko Maskandi Festival hosted in eThekweni recently was a resounding success.

City was proud to host the festival as it did not only

create temporary jobs for small, medium, and micro

enterprises including local service providers, and food and beverage vendors, but it also boosted the City's tourism sector.

"The event was sold out and attracted 25 800 people. The event was a major boost for the local hospitality sector. Only local services were procured, from security, marquees, and technical support," she said.



Chairperson:
Community Services Committee
Cllr Zama Sokhabase

ONDLUNKULU WORKSHOP HELD

COMMUNITY Services Committee Chairperson Councillor Zama Sokhabase encouraged Ondlunkulu (Queens) to play an active role in developing the youth.

"Ondlunkulu have a very important role to play within communities. We will continue to engage with them and will work to establish a proactive union that will see our vision materialise," said Councillor Sokhabase.

A workshop was organised through the Community Participation and Action Support Unit at the Pinetown Civic Hall where Councillor Sokhabase was speaking on this issue.

"We plan on growing this foundation and ensuring we recognise our Queens and clearly detail their role within this Municipality," she added.

The Community Services



Chairperson of the Community Services Committee Councillor Zama Sokhabase highlighted the importance of ensuring Ondlunkulu play a positive role in communities.

Committee together with the Community Participation and Action Support Unit will continue to collaborate to initiate programmes that will unite, educate, and raise awareness against social ills to rebuild communities.

CITY'S RECRUITMENT PLAN TO ASSIST THE UNEMPLOYED

A JOB Creation Skills Revolution War Room was convened at the Moses Mabhida Stadium by eThekweni Mayor Councillor Mxolisi Kaunda on 11 August to discuss ways to unlock job opportunities for residents. The meeting also looked at strengthening the collaboration between the private sector and the City to create a conducive environment for young graduates to access employment opportunities.

Mayor Kaunda said the Municipality needs to intensify its drive to increase the intake of young people and graduates to improve capacity in various departments. "For instance, we should recruit young people to clean their neighbourhoods so that we can expand our cleansing and waste management footprint to all corners of the City."

He said it was important

for unemployed youth to not only look for jobs, but also investigate where they can create jobs.

"We need jobs where the youth and others can be trained to deal with and provide support during disasters, these need to be underpinned by good training and skills development." Head of the Human Capital Unit Sihle Mkhize presented a report on the City's Recruitment Plan. He outlined all the vacant funded posts in the process of being filled, indicating which stage of the recruitment process they were at and how long he believed it would take to make the final appointments. Mkhize said some of the mitigating factors included updating job descriptions to align with Municipal staff regulations, work study, and recruitment and institutional review processes.

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