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**DELIVERING SERVICES WITH PRIDE**

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## 11 ARRESTED AFTER CITY'S RAID ON HIJACKED PROPERTIES

11 people were arrested yesterday afternoon after the City conducted a crime prevention operation in two hijacked and bad buildings in Hillbrow and Berea. The operation was led by the City's Group Forensic and Investigation Services Department in conjunction with the South African Police Service (SAPS), Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD), Emergency Management Services (EMS) and the City's Environmental Health, Citizen Relationship and Urban Management and Social Development departments.

The properties which were targeted during the operation include Vannin Court in Hillbrow and Killibility Court in Berea. A total of 5 undocumented immigrants were arrested during the operation and detained at the Hillbrow Police Station.

Immigration officers from the Department of Home Affairs will now process those who were arrested to ascertain relevant information. In addition, 6 suspects, wanted for various crimes, were also arrested during the operation. 20 cases of alcohol were also confiscated. Compliance notices were issued by EMS.

Hijacked buildings are one of the major challenges we face in the City, however, I am pleased with the strides we are making to address this challenge.

In the past three weeks we arrested 3 property hijackers. I am pleased that a husband and his wife who were arrested early this month for hijacking a property in Kenilworth are still in custody.

The couple appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday and were denied bail.

Criminals must know that they might run but there is no place for them to hide in Johannesburg. The City has conducted an audit of some 500 bad buildings, about 134 of which are confirmed as hijacked. 24 of the 500 bad buildings belong to the City.

It is essential that we bring back the rule of law in our City and take it back from the criminal elements such as landlords who take advantage of desperate people and house them under deplorable conditions.

I would like to thank all the role players involved in yesterday's successful operation, especially the SAPS for their continued support.







## **Property Management**

### *a. Marlboro Gardens*

A 50 000m<sup>2</sup> low-income social housing project in region E is taking shape. The development that is positioned on ERF 710 (corner of Pretoria Main and 8th Avenue in Marlboro) started in October 2016 and will be completed in 2018. More than 100 units will be built for people who do not qualify for a bond but earn a salary less than R3 000, such properties are known as FLISPS. The units will vary in size, however these will comprise two to three bedrooms, parking, security and a playground. This project has created more than 300 jobs to date.

### *b. Parktown North Car Park*

The Parktown North Residents Association requested assistance with the use of a JPC managed facility - The Parktown North Car Park. This was to raise awareness on the security issues and was great fun for all involved. Property Management will continue to work with all interested communities who apply for JPC managed facilities in a timeous manner. The event took place on the 21st of October, 2017.

## **Facilities Management**

### *a. Newtown*

Renovations valued at approximately R2 million is underway at the Newtown Building, located at 2 President Street. The corporate building is home to Arts & Culture, EMS, Sports & Recreation, private companies as well as public conveniences. Work started on Monday, 30 October 2017 and the completion date is not yet finalised. The parking area will be restored while plumbing, painting, carpeting, lighting and air-conditioning will be repaired and upgraded. All services will continue as work will not cause any disruptions.

### *b. Clinics Refurbished for CoJ Health*

The City is refurbishing a number of Health Care facilities around the City. The Facilities Management team attended a few site visits with members of the department on Monday 30th of October 2017. The projects under consideration are located in A, D and G. More information will follow next week.

### **Inner City Mixed Use Development Tender for Thirteen Properties**

Developers are showing huge interest in refurbishing derelict inner city buildings. On Friday 27th October, the first briefing session for the 13 properties that are being released for redevelopment into mixed income housing attracted over 50 potential buyers. The non-compulsory briefing is part of the Inner City Revitalisation Programme. The JPC has expressed satisfaction with the turnout at the non-compulsory briefing session. There were approximately fifty developers in attendance which shows that there is an appetite for these kind of properties in the market. The next briefing session (also non-compulsory) will take place on 12 January 2018 also at the Old Council Chambers at the Metro Centre. The closing date for the bid is on 31 January 2018 at 10.30am, South African time. The thirteen properties are in Johannesburg, Farm Doornfontein, Fairview, 80 Wolhuter, Newtown and Yeoville. Each property's tender document is available at R1000 from the JPC. A prospectus containing details of all the properties is available.

### **AG Tour**

The JPC audit is currently underway, three representatives from the Office of the Auditor-General South Africa were taken on a Projects Tour on 25 October 2017. The tour was to enable the auditors to verify work undertaken. The tour comprised walkabouts and briefings at the Rissik Street Post Office, Alex Mall and the Sandton Public Transport Interchange. These tours were led by the Property Development team and are consistent with tours undertaken in previous years.





## ILLEGAL FELLING OF SIDEWALK TREES IN THE CITY

Since the beginning of spring, Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ) has worked tirelessly to address the City of Johannesburg's greening and beautification initiatives by planting established trees on sidewalks, trees that have a financial value and add beauty to the City. In 2017 JCPZ won an award for being the greenest city. However, JCPZ has noted with grave concern reports of illegal felling of sidewalk trees around the City.

Furthermore, trees are vital for the protection of our environment and for the beauty they add to our city. Additionally they reduce the effects of climate change by acting as a coolant, providing a vital food source, absorbing air pollutants and sustaining the natural habitat.

Street trees are the property of the City of Joburg and are protected by the City's by-laws. City Parks is usually inundated with reports of illegal tree felling during winter and autumn as residents battle with leaves that fall from the trees.

I appeal to all residents of our beautiful, green, and vibrant city to desist from this illegal act. The illegal felling of trees carries a fine of R2 000, and the offender is liable to pay a replacement value of the tree. The replacement value varies depending on the size, species, and location, but it ranges from R10 000 to R20 000.

I would also like to encourage the law abiding citizens of our city to report any illegal felling of trees to the following numbers 072 241 0981 or (011) 375 5911. Alternatively, they can send an email to [trees@jhbcityparks.com](mailto:trees@jhbcityparks.com).



## **The City Hosts Ward Aerobics in Region E**

The current administration is serious about inculcating a culture of an active and inclusive lifestyle through, among other initiatives, sports and recreation. This has seen communities in different wards using their recreational facilities and open public spaces in pursuit of a healthy and active lifestyle. The ward aerobics concept in Region E is one of these fitness initiatives. The ward aerobics are the brain child of the City of Joburg: Region E and the Provincial Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Department. The initiative started on 27 May 2017, and represents a collaboration between different sectors of society, including local aerobics clubs such as BBG Fit Agency at No. 3 Square Sports Centre, amongst others. The aerobics has grown to unprecedented levels over a short period of time, indicating the excitement felt by the residents of this previously forgotten community. The participants are predominantly women who take their exercise seriously by showing and demonstrating deep commitment to their fitness through the aerobics. To ensure access to a greater number of participants in the ward, sessions take only two hours on Saturday mornings and public holidays when most residents are not at work. Where there are no facilities, a street is barricaded to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the participants. I am so encouraged and humbled by the support this initiative has received from the local community of Alexandra. I encourage more wards to emulate this example and get working on their summer bodies.

## **Response to untrue comments made about MMC Sifumba at IDP meeting**

The MMC for Community Development, Cllr Nonhlanhla Sifumba notes with grave concern the article featured in the Soweto Urban Diepkloof on 16th November 2017. In the article, Ward Councillor, Cllr Peter Ndou is quoted as stating:

“It is strange that the promised MMC is not even here to account to the people who have raised their issues”.

MMC Sifumba finds the message conveyed by the article and the Cllr unfortunate and misleading to the people of Joburg, as they seem to imply that Cllr Sifumba chose not to attend the IDP Feedback session in Diepkloof.

In that vein then, Cllr Sifumba would like to articulate the following:

- I am a proud Regional Head of Soweto. I care about all the people of Soweto, and I remain a servant of the people of my region, and the whole City of Joburg.
- The IDP feedback sessions were planned, and plans communicated to all the residents of Region D.

- The current administration in the City of Joburg in general, and myself in particular, take the residents of the City seriously. Equally, we take the communication and feedback sessions seriously, and will never deny the residents of Joburg the opportunity to engage with the administration.
- The IDP feedback sessions were scheduled over a period of 7 days with all the wards grouped into clusters. A lot of organization and stakeholders were involved in confirming these dates and making all the necessary arrangements.
- The first IDP feedback took place on Saturday, 4th November 2017 at Phefeni Recreation Centre. I attended this session and engaged with the people of Phefeni as was expected of me.
- The second session was on Monday, 6th of November 2017 in Naledi. Despite feeling ill, I attended that IDP session with all the intention to address the community. However, I could not even start with this session due to illness. The councilors that were there could attest to this.
- My ill health was communicated at all the sessions in appreciation of my acknowledgement that I was supposed to be in those IDP sessions. I know for a fact that this was also communicated in the same IDP session in Diepkloof to which Councillor Ndou refers in the article.
- As a City, we still stand by our decision to continue with the IDP sessions despite my ill health as this demonstrates a progressive City that cares for its residents. We came to the resolution that the imperative for the people of those areas to be heard was greater, hence we could not postpone these sessions until I was well. This is how seriously the current administration takes the people of the City of Joburg. We could not allow a situation where the ill health of one person delays the opportunity of the whole community to be given feedback and to be heard by their representatives.
- Additionally, as stated earlier, there are more stakeholders and processes involved in organising the IDP sessions. Postponing them would have caused a lot of inconvenience, which was undesirable.

The current administration wanted to engage with the community as early as possible to allow for more time to rectify instances where the community's views had not been attended to.

In addition, the fact that the IDP sessions continued without my presence should be encouraging to all of us. It should clearly demonstrate that this administration has put in place contingency processes for business continuity. In my mind, this should be celebrated. The community of Soweto was heard, and all their issues were noted by officials from different departments and entities within the City for consideration. Lastly, I would like to reassure all the residents of my region that when I took office as the Member of the Mayoral Committee, I vowed to serve with dignity and pride. This is a vow I take seriously, and will always ensure to the best of my ability that I do not deny the people of our beautiful City anything less than the best services. I thank all the councilors and officials who made sure that the IDP sessions continue despite my ill health. They showed that the City does have people in power and in the administration that do not back down from challenges.



## COJ CREATES EMPLOYMENT FOR PWD'S

The City of Joburg continues to create and prioritise employment for persons with disabilities (PWDs) as part of its mission to build an inclusive and equal opportunity society.

Through the Social Development Department led by Dr Mpho Phalatse, seven unemployed PWDs have been employed and placed in various regions of the department to facilitate disability-related programmes. This undertaking was motivated by the sub-unit's mandate to ensure socio-economic empowerment of PWDs, and to serve as an example to other City Departments to fulfill the City's pro-poor agenda.

One of the city's priorities is that services and programmes provided to the most vulnerable in the city should strive to achieve the target of 5% economic growth. Thus the Department of Social Development, and especially the PWD Sub-Unit, must advocate on behalf of PWDs to ensure that they participate in the city's economic development, since the Employment Equity Act no 55 of 1998 advocates for full and equal participation of PWDs on matters pertaining to work and employment, as a way of driving inclusivity amongst marginalised PWD communities.

Phalatse said it was important that employment opportunities were open to all, and that PWD's were not excluded from the city's programmes. "I am proud of our PWD unit for going the extra mile and ensuring that we bring our PWDs into our spaces of work. It is important that we give all an equal opportunity to realise their dreams, however, we need to make conscious decisions to recognise and support our PWDs and take concrete steps to change their living conditions through direct empowerment.



It is also quite important to mention that PWD candidates are as competent as everyone else to complete the specific tasks in their roles in their various work stations. In the short period that they have been employed in the city, they have notably shown professionalism and great understanding of the people they are mandated to serve.”

The newly appointed PWDs are placed in various regions within the Department of Social Development to facilitate disability-related programmes. This supports the disability sector slogan that states that “Nothing About Us Without Us”.

Following are some of the daily activities that they perform:

1. establishment and facilitation of Regional Disability Forums (PWD Self- representation);
2. facilitation of prevention and awareness programmes (to curb stigma and social exclusion related to disabilities);
3. assessment and referral to relevant stakeholders (advocacy and promotion of access to services);  
and
4. identification of PWDs and home visits for support.



## **CALL ON MANAGERS TO TIGHTEN CONTROL ON EMPLOYEES' LEAVE AND ATTENDANCE**

How we conduct our business in the City of Johannesburg administration has a major bearing on all the nine priorities set out by our Executive Mayor, Clr Herman Mashaba. For all of us in the City of Johannesburg time management remains key for us to achieve our targeted 5% economic growth, while delivering services to the residents with pride.

In line with these objectives, I call on all managers to tighten up the current time, attendance, and leave, management controls following numerous adverse audit findings by the Auditor-General (AG) and Group Risk Assurance Services (GRAS).

The manual nature of “leave, time, and attendance management processes” within the City Core, and the increase in audit findings, require greater control measures by all stakeholders, including employees, line management, heads of department, Group Human Capital Management (GHCM), and GRAS. These stakeholders are responsible for executing, monitoring, controlling, and evaluating the processes effectively.

The primary reason for the increase in audit findings stems from the manual nature of the current processes, which poses a high risk to the City. Poor leave, time, and attendance management compromise the City’s annual financial statements, which will result in Qualified Audit opinions by the AG. In addition, the City is exposed to the following risks:

- reputational risk;
- possible credit rating downgrade;
- potential loss of investors;
- hike in interest rate on existing of future investment capital and;
- consequential risk to infrastructure projects.

In our quest to implement a professional public service through the introduction of an EDMS, I wish to announce that the EDMS has been successfully rolled out in the committees system for the following committees, and went live on the 06th November 2017:

- Economic Growth Technical Cluster
- Sustainable Services Sub Technical Cluster
- Governance Technical Cluster
- Human and Social Development Technical Cluster

Preparations for the below committees are now in progress.

- Visible Service Delivery Committee
- Insourcing- Political Committee
- Insourcing- Technical Committee
- Inner City Technical Committee
- Inner City Sub Mayoral Committee
- Municipal Courts Committee

## **Abuse of Antibiotics**

Antibiotics can save lives, but they must not be abused. The City of Johannesburg's Occupational Health Unit Clinic is faced with regular requests for antibiotics from employees and councillors, and they cannot cope with the demands. It is common cause that antibiotics can only be prescribed by a health worker, based on diagnosis. I would like to plead with all employees and councillors to desist from requesting antibiotics without a prescription.

The overuse of antibiotics can cause a person to develop resistance to the extent that may be exposed to bacteria that resists antibiotics. Those who receive antibiotics must also finish the course to avoid developing a resistant bacteria that is more difficult to cure and more costly to treat. Resistant infections usually need more costly drugs, further medical care, or longer hospital stays.





## **GRACE TRINITY FIRLS HAVE A FUN SAFETY EDUCATION DAY WITH CITY'S EMS**

The Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Service Unit received a visit from the Grace Trinity School at their fire station in Kibler Park South of Johannesburg on Friday 10 November 2017. The purpose of the visit was for the Grade R learners to enjoy an exciting tour of the fire station and to learn about water and fire safety in the home and at school.

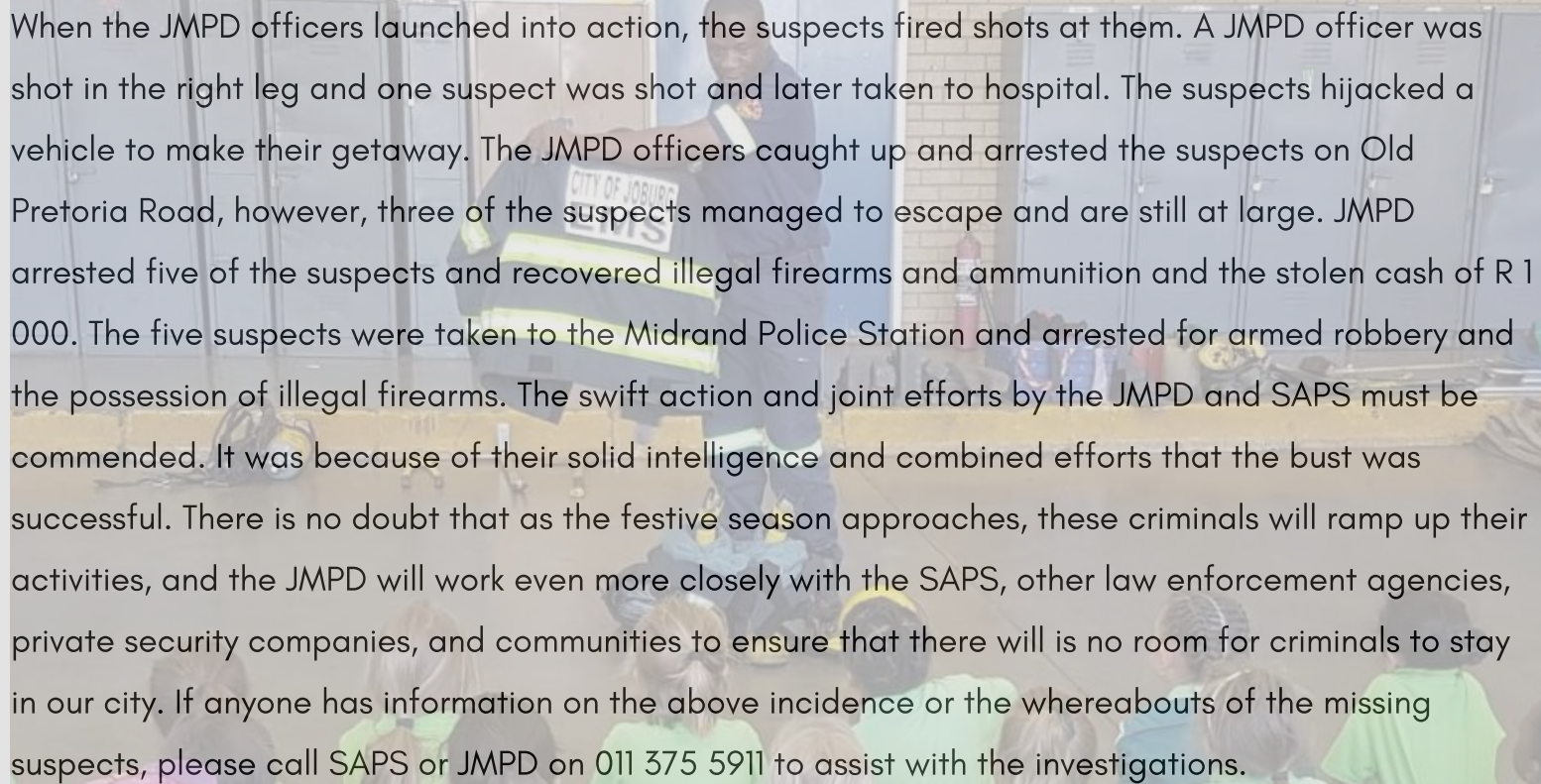
After the tour where the learners got to dress up as fire fighters and ride the fire engine, the learners were taken in to the BE SAFE centre, which is a mock house in which the learners were taken through the different rooms of the mock house and taught how to identify potentially hazardous domestic situations. The learners were also taught what numbers to phone in cases of emergency situations.

The EMS department has BE SAFE centres across their fire stations in the city and learners are encouraged to visit the fire stations so that they can learn whilst having fun.

These centres are a great learning environment especially for primary school learners as it is interactive, fun and educational. Schools can make reservations by contacting 011 758 5050.

### **The Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department Apprehends Business Robbery Suspects**

The JMPD received information from SAPS that a business robbery was to take place at the Carlswald Mall in Midrand on 9 November 2017. Acting on this tip-off, JMPD non-uniformed officers staked out the targeted shop and witnessed eight armed suspects approach the outlet and rob the shop after forcing the staff members into a back room.



When the JMPD officers launched into action, the suspects fired shots at them. A JMPD officer was shot in the right leg and one suspect was shot and later taken to hospital. The suspects hijacked a vehicle to make their getaway. The JMPD officers caught up and arrested the suspects on Old Pretoria Road, however, three of the suspects managed to escape and are still at large. JMPD arrested five of the suspects and recovered illegal firearms and ammunition and the stolen cash of R 1 000. The five suspects were taken to the Midrand Police Station and arrested for armed robbery and the possession of illegal firearms. The swift action and joint efforts by the JMPD and SAPS must be commended. It was because of their solid intelligence and combined efforts that the bust was successful. There is no doubt that as the festive season approaches, these criminals will ramp up their activities, and the JMPD will work even more closely with the SAPS, other law enforcement agencies, private security companies, and communities to ensure that there will be no room for criminals to stay in our city. If anyone has information on the above incidence or the whereabouts of the missing suspects, please call SAPS or JMPD on 011 375 5911 to assist with the investigations.

### **Mob Attacks JMPD Officer**

The city strongly condemns the attack on a JMPD officer and a driver of a JMPD tow truck shortly before midday on Sunday, 12 November 2017. The attack took place when the two officials attempted to tow an illegally parked car that belonged to a Claim Street church member in Hillbrow, since it caused traffic congestion. From preliminary investigations, it is alleged that the JMPD officer drew his firearm and fired into the air to stop the rioting congregants from advancing toward them, but the crowd did not heed the warning and proceeded to attack the officer. The mob overpowered and disarmed the officer, who was beaten and left unconscious, and had to be rushed to the Milpark Hospital. The assailants handed in the firearm at Johannesburg Central Police Station. Upon arrival at the station, one member of the congregation was detained by the SAPS for illegally being in possession of a JMPD firearm. Another suspect involved in the assault of the JMPD officer was also arrested and his application for bail was denied in court on the 14 November. Public Safety MMC Michael Sun strongly condemns mob attacks on the metro police, especially when officers are doing their job and executing City's By-laws. "We will not allow this attack on our Metro Police go unprosecuted, the culprits will have to face the full might of the law", said MMC Sun. He also called upon the Revelation Church of God in Hillbrow and its leadership to assist with the criminal investigation and to identify involved suspects. This incident will be investigated and the culprits will be face prosecution. The Department wishes the officer, who has since been discharged from hospital, a speedy recovery.





## **SWIFT ACTION BY JRA INSPECTOR NABS 10 CABLE THEFT SUSPECTS**

Swift Action by JRA Inspector Nabs 10 Cable Theft Suspects

The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) together with Johannesburg Metro Police Department (JMPD) have arrested 10 suspects for illegally excavating and removing a seven meter copper cable in Morningside, on 08 November 2017. JRA Inspector, Steven Mamma was conducting proactive inspections in Morningside when he came across the illegal excavation on Rivonia Road, between Outspan and Centre Roads. When he approached the group of men, he requested a wayleave permit for the excavation, however, they failed to produce any authorisation documents. Mamma subsequently informed the JRA Wayleave Department, which handles authorising excavations across the City, and JMPD were then requested to act immediately on the matter. JRA's Acting Managing Director, Goodwill Mbatha said: *"We are pleased that the proactive measures put in place to address the spate of infrastructure theft and vandalism is bearing fruit. These acts of criminality are a direct sabotage of the City's efforts and services. We are grateful to Inspector Mamma for his efforts and quick thinking which led to the arrests. The suspects were taken to Morningside Police Station and the matter is pending further investigation by South African Police Services. We are appealing to the public to report criminal activity and we advise community members to request a valid wayleave permit from labourers working on state infrastructure. Failure to produce one, indicates the activity is illegal."* JRA will continue to work closely with JMPD as part of the City's infrastructure protection initiatives to combat crime. Scrap yard owners and community members have been cautioned not to purchase stolen road assets.



## Public Meeting for the Review of the Security Access Restriction Policy, 2014

On 28 September 2017, the City of Johannesburg's Municipal Council approved the 'Draft Security Access Restriction Policy' for public comment.

On 7 November 2017, the Transport Department and the JRA hosted a public information session of the proposed amendments to the Security Access Restrictions Policy, 2014.

The public information session was attended by 79 representatives from the Security Access Restriction community, with a number of the Security Access Restriction community tendering their apologies for not being able to attend the information session.

The public information session gave details on the following:

- a summary of the current CoJ's Security Access Restrictions Process;
- why the policy is being revised;
- the proposed changes to the existing policy;
- the proposed changes to the administration of the policy; and
- the process of review.

Comments from the public, in relation to the presentation and other security access restrictions matters, were captured and responded to by the JRA, the Transport Department, and the legal representative from Moodie and Robertson.

The public were given details on how to relay their comments to the City for consideration in the policy review and advised that the closing date is 20 January 2018.



## **JOHANNESBURG DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

On behalf of the Department of Development Planning, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA) for winning yet another award for one of their projects. The JDA was recently chosen as a winner for the Category 1: Civil Engineering Contractors' projects for the construction of the Bus Rapid Transit Cable Stay Bridge over the M1 Highway. The multi-million rand Sandton BRT Bridge is one of two new bridges being built over the M1 motorway between Alexandra and Sandton, as part of the Rea Vaya network extension programme. The other bridge, about 1.5km south of the Sandton BRT Bridge, is a cycling-pedestrian bridge that will run alongside the Grayston Drive Bridge. The Sandton BRT Bridge, and related construction, will allow for faster travel and relieve traffic in this area.

The iconic Cable Stay Bridge is 250m long, extending from Gautrain Station in Sandton across the M1 Motorway. It comprises five sections, and its length requires 15.77 mm diameter and low relaxation, parallel, wire strand stay cables to create an anchor over one of the busiest urban motorways in South Africa. From ramp entry to ramp exit, the BRT flyover will extend approximately 255 metres, including the 60 to 70 metres spanned by the cable-stayed bridge itself. It will be between eight and 13 metres wide, while the two double-braced main pylons supporting the cables will stand about 52 metres high. The ascending/descending ramp connections will be supported by a series of giant reinforced concrete bases on either side of the highway.

On the approach from the Sandton CBD, Rea Vaya's buses will move along Katherine Street in a traffic-bypassing BRT lane all the way from West Street, until about one kilometre past Grayston Drive, where they will peel off onto the western ramp leading onto the cable-stayed BRT bridge over the M1.



On the other side of the highway, Rea Vaya's buses will descend via the eastern ramp onto Lees Street, close to where it intersects with Pretoria Main Road, then take a right into the BRT-only lane, headed first to Alex and then on via Louis Botha Avenue to Hillbrow and Parktown. Well done to Portfolio C for their excellent team work on this major engineering and construction project.

### **Corporate Geo-Informatics Systems**

On Wednesday, 15 November 2017, the Corporate Geo-Informatics Systems (CGIS) directorate hosted the City of Johannesburg's 14th Annual Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day. International GIS Day provides a global platform for users of GIS technology to demonstrate real-world applications that make a difference in our society. The first formal International GIS Day took place in 1999. Credit has been given to American consumer advocate, lawyer and author, Ralph Nader, as the inspiration behind the creation of GIS Day, which is open to participation for all, and is held on the third Wednesday of November each year, during Geography Awareness Week.

GIS is a mapping technology that allows users to create and interact with a variety of maps and data sources. It integrates databases with geo-referenced spatial data (maps tied to specific known locations). The benefits of GIS for local government include improved efficiency and decision making, citizen engagement, and service delivery, which are priorities for this administration. This year's theme was GIS for a City that works. The City's open day event highlighted, inter alia:

- GIS support of the nine priority areas of the City's 10-point plan;
- GIS improves residents' experience of the City;
- GIS and revenue collection;
- mobile GIS; and
- exhibitions and map displays;

Well done to Director Marcelle Hattingh and the CGIS team for pulling off yet another successful GIS Day.

### **Inner City Rejuvenation**

According to the United Nations' (UN) Global Compact, all organisations should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges and undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility, both economically and socially.

**For queries related to Development Planning, please contact Jacqui Alexander on 011 407 7314 / [jacquia@joburg.org.za](mailto:jacquia@joburg.org.za).**





## **ANONYMOUS SPONSORSHIP BOOST A RE SEBETSENG CAMPAIGN**

The City of Johannesburg's volunteer clean-up campaign A Re Sebetseng received a major financial boost recently after a food outlet company pledged to support the campaign financially. Although the company elected to remain anonymous, the financial boost has led to the creation of 21 temporary job positions, and daily clean-up efforts in Johannesburg's Central Business District for four months. Pikitup's Education and Awareness Manager Mr Smith Kelomo said a waste management co-operative has been charged with the project of ensuring that certain troublesome spots in the city are kept clean. These illegal dumping hot spots include areas such as Yeoville, Braamfontein, Doornfontein, Prichard Street, Ghandi Square, Jeppe, and Small Street. The work that the 21 employees will undertake goes far beyond the requirements of A Re Sebetseng, which takes place on the last Saturday of each month. The voluntary clean-up campaign is a replica of the Umuganda clean-up campaign that is undertaken in Rwanda on a monthly basis. Today, Rwanda is considered to be the cleanest country in Africa. The concept was introduced in the City to rally Johannesburg residents to clean-up their neighbourhoods on a monthly basis, and to date, A Re Sebetseng is gaining traction as more and more residents and businesses in the City support the initiative. Kelomo said the workers will clean the city from Monday to Friday, and will also be responsible for educating people about the negative effects of illegal dumping, littering and benefits of recycling. According to Pikitup's strategy for curbing illegal dumping and littering, the City spends 85 million a year removing and properly disposing of illegally dumped materials. It is anticipated that the efforts of the new recruits will assist in reducing the amount of litter that is illegally disposed of in the City.

Kelomo said apart from cleaning the city, the newly employed people will also be responsible for implementing the entity's Separation at Source Programme, which encourages residents to separate waste at source to avoid disposing of waste in landfill sites.

### **City Calls on Residents to Reduce Water Consumption**

Due to summer's increased temperature, water consumption throughout the City has intensified. However, the City has not yet received sufficient rain to sustain the current trend of increased water use. Residents across the city are requested to reduce their water usage; with particular caution requested from the greater Midrand area, as water consumption has increased at an alarming rate in the region. Should usage not improve drastically, Joburg Water will have no choice but to throttle supply to areas that do not use water sparingly. When the National Department of Water and Sanitation lifted the water restrictions in early March 2017, it was agreed that the City of Joburg would retain some level of water restrictions. Thus, residents are reminded that Level 1 water restrictions are still in place.

With Level 1 restrictions, watering of gardens is not allowed between 6am and 6pm in summer months (1 Sept to 31 March). Furthermore, washing paved areas and driveways using hose pipes is not allowed. Residents are also urged to continue to report all burst pipes, leaking water meters, open hydrants and leaks to:

- 011 375 5555/ 0860 562 974
- SMS 082 653 2143 or visit
- [www.johannesburgwater.co.za](http://www.johannesburgwater.co.za)

Residents can also implement the following water saving tips:

- do not leave taps dripping;
- wash your car on the grass, as this will water your lawn at the same time;
- use a watering-can instead of a hose pipe;
- shorten your showering time;
- use a glass of water to rinse when brushing your teeth;
- take shallow baths and avoid filling your bath to a depth greater than 100mm; and
- re-use water to water your garden or pot plants.

Water is a scarce commodity and sustainability of supply requires that all residents work together to save this precious resource. Level 1 water restrictions will be enforced by fines to consumers who contravene the Water Services bylaws. Consumers are urged to report non-compliance by phoning the JMPD 24/7 hotline on 011 758 9650.

## Three People Arrested for Cable Theft

Following a tip-off, City Power working together with the SAPS Organized Crime Unit conducted an operation, which recovered a truck filled with stolen cables and equipment from a Johannesburg property. The breakthrough follows soon after Group Forensic Investigations and Services (GFIS) dealt a heavy blow to unscrupulous City Power contractors by recovering R80m worth of City Power network infrastructure. The value of the recovered cable and equipment is worth over R400 000, and three people have been arrested in connection with the theft incident, and will appear in court for a bail application.

Further investigations are still being conducted in regard to the same incident, which could yield more arrests. City Power has suffered about 2 000 incidents of cable theft and vandalism in the last financial year. It is estimated that 45% of power outages in Johannesburg are caused by cable theft and vandalism. City Power is continuing to roll out aerial bundle conductor (ABC) cable to replace bare overhead cables. It also uses other intervention methods in order to minimise the impact of cable theft in Johannesburg. ABC cable is made of aluminium and has little scrap value, and is therefore ignored by cable thieves.

The public is urged to report cable theft incidents by contacting City Power 24hours at the following numbers:

011 490 7911

011 490 7900

011 490 7504

011 490 7553







## JUBILATION AS KLIPTOWN FAMILIES MOVE INTO NEW HOMES

On the 15 November, the Housing Department handed over 78 fully subsidised freehold housing units (RDP) houses in Kliptown Extension 11, Soweto, to residents who had been relocated from the Charter Square, Chris Hani, Angola, and Racecourse informal settlements.

Another group of 58 beneficiaries will take occupancy of their houses over the next few weeks, and almost 200 other units are nearing completion. Margaret May, aged 65, was in tears as she was handed keys to her new home. She was born in Kliptown and been a tenant in the area for the past 45 years. *"God has answered my prayers. I can't believe that I finally have my own house. I'm overjoyed and grateful to the City of Johannesburg for this house,"* she said.

Another delighted new home owner, Albert Hlongwane struggled to contain his excitement. *"I want to thank the government for finally hearing our cries, and giving us a home. My grandchildren can finally have a place they can call home. We will be celebrating this coming weekend,"* he said.

The allocations are part of the Greater Kliptown Development Project, an ongoing urban renewal initiative aimed at clearing the area of the 14 informal settlements and providing residents with formal housing units. The city is prioritising special cases of the elderly, physically disabled and child-headed households. Through this project the Housing Department is continuing to push and to tackle the waiting list. The Department is committed to reacting to the needs of its most vulnerable members of society, the elderly, by moving them from informal settlements into new and permanent homes.





# SPECIAL FEATURE: SERVICE WITH PRIDE: TUMELO KOMAPE

## Service with Pride

Mayor Mashaba applauds Tumelo for exemplary service



I went to COJ offices in Joburg to open my account in July, following the acquisition of an apartment in the CBD.

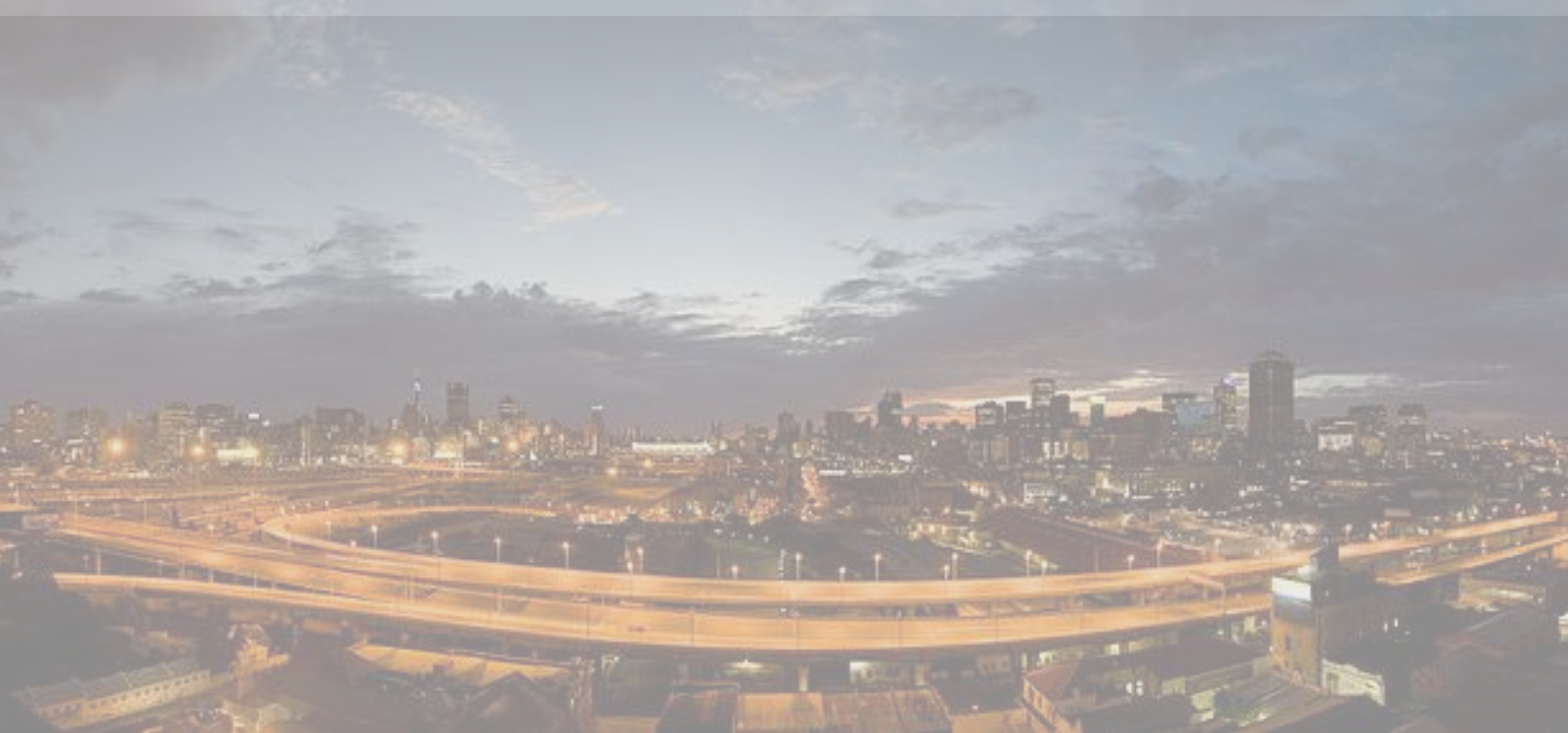
After waiting a whole morning, I eventually met with a teller who took all my documents, came back with a reference number and told me that someone would call me in a month to update me on my account.

Shout out to Tumelo for actually delivering; first person from COJ delivering in now close to 4 months. Tumelo deserves a bonus for doing the work that the whole rest of the office did not do over the past months; getting back to me so that I could eventually start paying my taxes.

*thank you!*



“This is what Service with Pride is all about.”  
Executive Mayor, Cllr Herman Mashaba.







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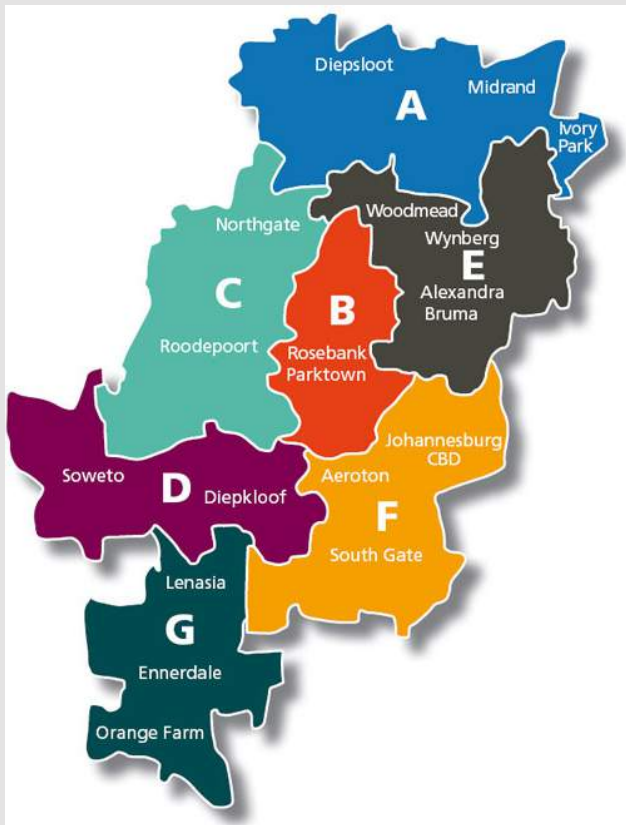
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