

uMhlathuze News

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Milwaukee delegation visits City

Following the signing of the Sister City agreement with the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin earlier this year, a delegation of business representatives and Councillors from that City again visited the City of uMhlathuze last month.

The agreement was signed during a visit to Milwaukee by the Mayor of uMhlathuze, Zakhele Mnyayi and City Manager Dr Tonie Heyneke along with a number of business representatives in March this year.

The visits had been initiated by Trade and Industry KZN (TIKZN) to foster bilateral trade and investment between businesses and industry in the two cities.

Welcoming the US delegation, uMhlathuze Mayor Zakhele Mnyayi said that it was exciting to witness the partnership and working relationship developing between the Zululand Chamber of Commerce and Industry and

business leaders from the City of Milwaukee.

"This visit offers an opportunity for us to exchange ideas with businesses from Milwaukee and I hope that genuine interest will be garnered for investments and business relations to foster further economic relations of mutual interest to both countries and cities.

"The City of Milwaukee with its technology and highly skilled human resources can take advantage of uMhlathuze, as a leading investment hub in Southern Africa to set up partnerships."

He added that by developing existing infrastructure, opening new markets and expanding the tourist sector, the City of uMhlathuze would decrease its dependency on State resources. "The fact is we have huge development potential as a regional business location. We are among the cities in South Africa

with an Industrial Development Zone (IDZ), which is an export-processing zone. One other potential project we invite investors to look at is the Marina Development."

However, he said that there is a need to address unemployment and other social-economic issues within the region and that "government alone cannot handle it, it needs strategic partnerships with other structures; domestic and international; and therefore meetings such as this are steps in the right direction."

One-on-one meetings followed where various local business leaders met with their counterparts in similar business spheres from Milwaukee to discuss similarities in their respective fields of business and see if there are potential investment opportunities and or links that they could foster.



The Milwaukee delegation in Council Chambers at the City of uMhlathuze (back from left) Wes Sholes, Phiwo Thango (ZCCI president), Lanz Alexander, Eric Reineit, Michael Erato, David Tracy and Ebert Johnson with (front from left) Jackie Sholes, Leniwati Siker, uMhlathuze Mayor Zakhele Mnyayi, Alderman Joe Davis, Magugu Rapuleng (ZCBF CEO) and Linda Feilenz.

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Emergency Load Shedding Schedule

With the Eskom network still in a vulnerable state, a new load shedding schedule is now available to inform and hopefully, prepare industries as well as the public on how they will be effected in the case of emergency load shedding.

Deputy City Electrical Engineer, Dolf Marais says "This is not 'punitive' load shedding as we experienced earlier this year. Here we refer to 'Emergency' Load Shedding. The word 'emergency' emphasizes the fact that it will only be implemented if and when an emergency arises. Load Shedding will only be used to protect the network from a total 'collapse' or when there is a serious shortage of generation.

"Industries that have shown a 10% saving will unfortunately not be exempted from Emergency Load Shedding as an emergency dictates maximum measures. Keep in mind that a 10% saving from everyone could possibly prevent the occurrence of an emergency; thus no load shedding."


In general Eskom informed uMhlathuze that September and October will be critical months as some generation plant will be out of service for maintenance. Co-operation from all will play an important role in steering clear from load shedding.

To obtain the current status of Load Shedding dial 035 907 907 LOAD (5623). The new schedule is also available on Council's Website: www.richemp.org.za

Those who had been registered for SMS messages relating to Load Shedding need to re-register. To register for SMS messages relating to Load Shedding send your Block number to 083 380 0297 (for 'Block 1' SMS "B1"; 'Block 2' SMS "B2" etc).

Other areas including Ngwelezane, eNseleni, eSikaleni, Vulindlela and Felixton receive supply directly from Eskom should verify load shedding times on the Eskom website: www.eskom.co.za

uMHLATHUZE MUNICIPALITY : LOAD SHEDDING SCHEDULE (LAST UPDATED : 29 AUGUST 2008)

BLOCK		1	2	3	4	5	6	STATE KEY
SUBURB		Richards Bay CBD	Greenhill Meerensee Mzingazi Small Craft Tuzi Gazi	Aquadene Arboretum + extension Birdwood Brackenham CTC Kusasa Mandiazini Silvaceil Veldenvlei Wildenweide	Alton ZCBF Show grounds	Caredale Empangeni CBD Grentham Park Hillview Kildare Richem Sentraal	Bell Empangeni Braeburn Empangeni Rail Fairview Kuleka Lafarge Quarries Mill housing Noordsig Nyala Park Panorama SAR Empangeni Zidedele Village ZSM (old mill)	<p>Normal Load Shedding < 20 MW</p> <p>Emergency Load Shedding > 20 MW</p> <p>IMPORTANT NOTES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that the dates and time slots are not fixed and the Municipality has the right to change the schedule without any prior warning or notice. Load shedding may take place at any time, which means that depending on the time, the correct block as per schedule will be shed as per time slot. The suburbs of eSikaleni, Felixton, Ngwelezane, eNseleni and Vulindlela are directly load shed by Eskom and the Municipality has no control over the dates and times of load shedding for these suburbs. To determine the status on a specific day call 035-9075623 (LOAD) or visit our website at www.richemp.org.za. For load shedding enquiries, please go.gov phone the fire station. Please regard all electrical equipment as live during load shedding, so please switch off all appliances. <p>WE ARE POWERLESS WITHOUT YOU SHARING THE LOAD</p> 
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Award winning traffic section



Testament to the efforts undertaken by the City's Traffic and Licensing Section in ensuring the safety of its citizens, two awards have been bestowed on them in recognition of the service they provide.

In November last year the Licensing Section received an award from the Department of Transport for excellent service to the local community as well as for zero fraud and the best run office.

More recently the Traffic Section was again in the spotlight at the Business Against Crime Zululand awards gala dinner where Paul Oliver, Deputy Director: Traffic and Licensing received an award on behalf of all traffic officers in the City for their dedication towards a safer city.

Love them or not, we must applaud them for doing the job with which they have been tasked.

Left: The City of uMhlatuze Traffic Section was presented with an award for dedication towards a safer city at the Business Against Crime - Zululand Gala dinner hosted at the Richards Hotel in Richards Bay. Handing over the award to Paul Oliver, Deputy Director: Traffic and Licensing, were (left) MEC for Transport and Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Cele and BAC South Africa CEO Siphwe Nsimande.

City scoops top Chamber award



The City's trophy cabinet is filling fast with the addition of the sought after Zululand Chamber of Commerce and industry 'President's Award for Business Excellence'. Receiving the award from ZCCi President Phiwo Thango at the Gala Awards Dinner at the Richards Hotel in Richards Bay were Mayor Zakhele Mqayi and City Manager Dr Tonie Heyneke.

Top award for City official



The prestigious "Institute of Municipal Personnel Practitioners of South Africa (IMPSA) Member of the Year" award was presented to Annette Blackie from the Department Management Services for her professionalism and dedication. Mayor Zakhele Mqayi presented the award to Ms Blackie at a recent Executive Council Meeting. Also at the recent IMPSA conference hosted in Kempton Park Nick Puiien, Deputy Director Management Services was elected Vice President of IMPSA.

Opportunities well used on John Ross upgrade

Career options in construction and civil engineering were brought to life for school children during a Job Shadow Day hosted on the John Ross upgrade site.

In all 22 learners from two schools, Grantleigh and Homeleigh, attended the day where they watched a presentation video by the South African Institution for Civil Engineers on engineering, and career opportunities in civils in particular. On a site visit they were briefed by resident engineers on bridge and earthworks construction.

Further opportunities have opened as 17 emerging contractors work on various projects including the construction of culverts, bridges, drainage, pipe laying and earthworks.

Community members have also been included and are employed through the Expanded Public Works Programme, Vuk'uphile Learnership Programme. They have started on laying median drains that will ultimately be between the two carriageways. This project is expected to be completed by December this year.

Meanwhile construction on the three main bridges along the new eastern bound carriageway of the John Ross Highway (R34) between the N2 and Richards Bay is progressing well and is over half way to completion.

Reporting on the progress of the project at the Project Liaison Committee Meeting, Brian Henwood from Henwood & Nxumalo Consulting Engineers said there are three main contractors involved on bridge projects, two of which are in joint ventures with emerging contractors focusing on bridge construction while the third contractor is relocating water main pipes. The total contract value is R257-million and thus far R132,6-million has been spent.

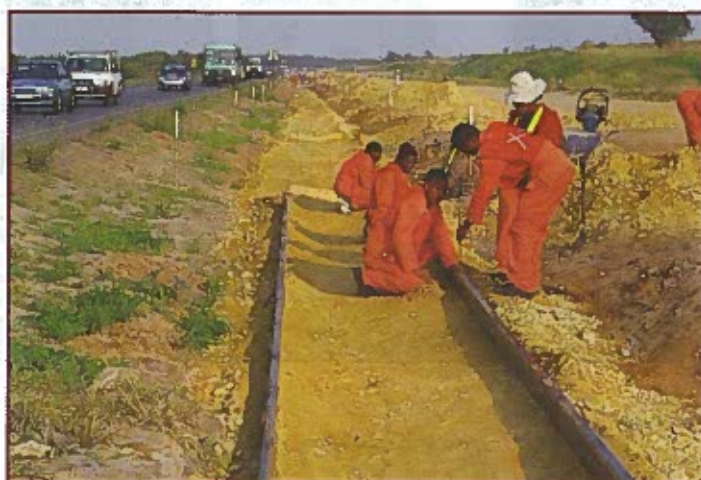
The Nsezi Bridge, which employs the use of prefabricated reinforced concrete beams and deck construction is progressing well while abutments for the link bridge at the eSikhaleni intersection are under construction. Construction on piers for the eNseleni bridge is still in progress while testing is being carried out between completed piers to assess settlement before shuttering is positioned for the deck between the piers. This deck is to be cast in situ.

Two other bridges, the John Ross and Smelter over rail bridges are further advanced. Total contract value for these bridges is R40,4-million of which 90 % of this budget (R36,4-million) has been spent. The deck and balustrades for the John Ross Bridge are in progress while the deck for the Smelter Bridge is complete.

City Engineer Frik Bosman raised his concern on the state of the existing road and asked how it was to be rehabilitated once the new road was complete.

Mr Henwood said that once the new road was complete they would divert half the traffic onto the new road and rehabilitate the existing road in half-widths.

While alien plants are being removed and replaced with indigenous plants, Environmental Management Officer, Barry Patrick said that on-going alien plant control would be required for a considerable time after completion of the contract. Construction work has been limited to alongside the road in certain areas to protect sensitive natural coastal forest. A total of 18 species of alien plants have been identified since the start of the contract.



Median drains under construction by community members as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme, Vuk'uphile Learnership Programme.

Learners are shown the finer points of bridge construction as part of the Job Shadow Day hosted on site.



Areas between the piers for the eNseleni Bridge are tested for settlement before structures are erected for shuttering onto which the concrete deck will be cast.

(Photos courtesy Henwood & Nxumalo Consulting Engineers)

Voter registration re-opens at Municipality

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has started voter registration in the City of uMhlathuze in preparation for next year's national and provincial elections. It will continue with the process until the proclamation date is announced next year.

To make the voter registration easier and more accessible to residents, uMhlathuze Municipality has trained several of its staff in order to provide this service, at venues across the City. Voters may register at the local IEC offices on the third floor of the Richards Bay Civic Centre in Richards Bay, weekdays from 07:30 to 16:00 or at the nearest municipal library.

Participating libraries will be open for voter registration at the following times:

Richards Bay.....Weekdays, 09:00 to 17:00
 Empangeni.....Weekdays, 09:00 to 17:00
 Brackenham.....Weekdays, 09:00 to 12:00
 Ngwelezane.....Weekdays, 09:00 to 17:00
 eSikhaleni.....Weekdays, 09:00 to 17:00
 eNseleni.....Weekdays, 09:00 to 17:00
 Felixton.....Will be opened officially after July 2008

In addition, the IEC has identified two weekends, one in November 2008 and another in February 2009, during which all voting stations will be opened on Saturday and Sunday for a major voter registration drive. Watch the media closer to the time for further details.

Registering as a voter in the uMhlathuze Municipality is important for several reasons:

- It enables you to vote in the national, provincial and local Government elections.
- It assists the Municipality to determine more accurately its population when applying for grants from Government.
- Councillors are able to use the voters' roll to confirm residency of those people who ask councillors for letters confirming that they reside in the City for various purposes, i.e. applying for social welfare grants, booking of learner's licence tests and when opening a bank account or other account.

For more information about voter registration please contact Makhosl on 035-907 5416.

Entertainment for all

Zululand Expo, scheduled to run from 25 - 27 September 2008 in Richards Bay, will be bringing another first for the region's premier exhibition and entertainment event as they team up with TT Events, known as Turbo-Tech, to bring an awesome Show and Shine car show competition to be held on the final day of Zululand Expo, Saturday, 27 September from 10am to 3:30pm in the main arena of the ZCBF Community Park Show Grounds.

Space is limited and therefore only 40 vehicles will be on show.



Just one of the many shining cars to be on display at the Zululand Expo.

A highlight on both the business and social calendar of the region, the event attracts around 27 000 visitors and over 200 exhibitors each year. The top quality entertainment programme includes many of South Africa's top artists and bands who will be performing each evening on the main stage.

Having grown from a typical country fair in the past Zululand Trade Fair era, it can now be quite fairly classified as one of the country's best promotional efforts in its class in this region. It offers a major showcasing opportunity for businesses both big and small in this, the economic hub of Zululand. This is evident by the fact that it has been supported by the major role players in the area. Main sponsors of the event Absa Bank, along with its other sponsors including the uMhlathuze Municipality which contributed R19 500, ensure that the Zululand Expo has become a red-letter day on the calendars of the people in this region.

Zululand Expo is recorded on the entertainment calendar for KZN and has become a fixture on the gig events lists of the singers, bands and idols of particularly the younger generation of South Africa.

It has been able to present its entertainment in a way to blend with the cultural mix of the people of Zululand. Organisers of the Expo are all volunteers and it is thanks to the many sponsors of the event that some of the country's top bands and artists have been able to be attracted to perform live on stage at this year's show.

Tickets cost R40 for adults per entry and R20 per child under the age of 13 years.

For further information please contact the Expo offices on 035 797 3188.

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ZULULAND EXPO



Logo to be registered

The Municipality's Logo has had minor modifications to a more modern and technically easier version.

To improve the aesthetics of the logo, the font has been adjusted to a more modern font, which gives a bit of space under the eagle's wings to create 'breathing space' which draws the eye to the strap line - 'Vision into Action' - and the colours have been standardised to a lighter shade of blue with burgundy and black.

Director: Communication Facilitation and Marketing Pieter Odendaal says that the logo is to be registered in terms of copyright to stop the use of the logo without the necessary consent of the municipality.



Gematigde styging in plaaslike Ekonomie

Volgens 'n Plaaslike Ekonomiese en Besigheidsverslag rakende die streekseksonomie, het die opwaartse neiging in die plaaslike ekonomie sy piek bereik gedurende 2007 en begin afneem in die eerste kwartaal van 2008. Hierdie studie is gedoen deur Clive Coetzee van die Universiteit van KwaZulu-Natal.

Die onstabiliteit van elektrisiteitsvoorsiening is uitgelig as 'n bydraende faktor in hierdie afname aangesien dit gelei het tot 'n verlies aan produksie. Die plaaslike ekonomie is hoofsaaklik geleë in die vervaardigingsbedryf. Hierdie bedryf is tradisioneel nie so sensitief vir rentekoers verhogings nie en word meer beïnvloed deur internasionale faktore soos wisselkoers bewegings en internasionale kompetisie. Die lang-termyn invloed van 'n onsekere elektrisiteitsvoorsiening op die ekonomie is nog nie bepaal nie, maar daar kan aanvaar word dat dit negatief sal wees.

Soos in vorige jare word 95% van die uThungulu Streek se loonrekening nog steeds binne die Stad van uMhlatuze gegeneer. Dit verklaar waarom 95% van besighede se omset, gesien op streeksvlak, binne uMhlatuze geskied.

Volgens die verslag is dit bemoedigend om te sien dat die groeiende neiging van die lonerekening van besighede volgehou is gedurende 2006 en die eerste twee kwartale van 2007, met die gemiddelde lonerekening wat gegroei het vanaf R4,5-miljard in 2003 tot R5,76-miljard in 2007.

Dit verteenwoordig 'n gemiddelde jaarlikse verhoging van 6.34% van Januarie 2003 tot Desember 2007. Die gemiddelde inflasiekoers vir dieselfde periode was 4.6%, wat beteken dat die lonerekening in die plaaslike ekonomie in reële terme gegroei het met net minder as 2% gedurende hierdie periode. Dit is 'n aanduiding dat besighede óf meer mense gewerf het óf hoër salarisse betaal het, óf 'n kombinasie van hierdie twee,

Die verslag toon ook dat die aantal besighede in die verbruikersektor gegroei het. Hierdie is 'n sektor wat tradisioneel onderontwikkel in die plaaslike ekonomie is en daarby die meeste baat kan vind by die gunstige makro-ekonomiese klimaat sedert 2003.

Volgens die verslag is gevind dat dit bemoedigend is dat die algehele hoeveelheid verandering van persone met geen skoolopleiding, gesien as 'n persentasie van die totale getal mense ouer as 20, merkwaardig verminder het tussen 1996 en 2007. Daarby is daar 'n groot verhoging in die aantal mense met 'n Graad 12 kwalifikasie. Dit beteken dat die kennisbasis in die streek vergroot het.

Terselfdertyd is daar 'n merkbare afname in die aantal mense met 'n onderrig vlak hoër as Graad 12, wat aandui dat die mense wie die streek verlaat het hoofsaaklik diegene met hoër kwalifikasies was.

E: *According to a Local Economic and Business Report on the region's economy, completed by Clive Coetzee of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the upward trend in the local economy peaked in 2007 and started decreasing in the first quarter of 2008.*

Public participation vital to future planning

Civil society is afforded the opportunity, through public participation meetings, to give input and to make comment on the City's Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

Integrated Development Planning is the key tool for local government to cope with its new role and function in terms of the South African Constitution, Act 108 of 1996. In contrast to the role planning played in the past, integrated development planning is now a function of municipal management as part of an integrated system of planning and delivery. The IDP process is meant to arrive at decisions on issues such as municipal budgets, land management, social and economic development and institutional transformation in a consultative, systematic and strategic manner.

The IDP process has to provide a forum for identifying, discussing and resolving issues specifically aimed at upliftment and improvement of conditions in the under-developed parts of the municipal areas. In order to ensure that certain minimum quality standards of the IDP, as well as proper co-ordination between and within spheres of government, the preparation of the Process Plan has been regulated in the Municipal Systems Act (2000).

The preparation of the Process Plan, which is in essence the IDP process set out in writing, requires the adoption by Council.

Public participation meetings focus on creating an understanding of the IDP and its process as well as affording the community the opportunity of participating in the formulation of the overall needs assessment, objectives and strategies, Spatial Development Framework and Implementation Plan.

The community has been clustered so that all areas will be reached with 15 public meetings held as part of the formulation of the IDP for the uMhlatuze Municipality.

Remaining meetings for public participation in the IDP are:

- Wards 18,19,20 on 27 September at 2pm in the Hlanganai Hall eSikheleni;
- Wards 27, 28, 29 on 28 September at 10am in the Ngwelezane Community Hall;
- Wards 24; 25 on 28 September at 2pm in the KwaMadlebe Tribal Court (tent);
- Task Team meeting date, time and venue are to be announced;
- Stakeholder Forum meeting on 8 October at 6pm in Council Chambers, Richards Bay Civic Centre.

Young talent on show

The Empangeni Museum provided the platform for young artists from primary schools within the City of uMhlatuze to exhibit their artistic talent.

As part of the Mondi Eisteddfod, learners from Grade R to Grade 7 in schools around the City of uMhlatuze participate in six categories, namely Speech and Drama, Dance, Instrument, Vocal, Visual Arts and Public Speaking.

Artworks by learners submitted in the Visual Arts Category are on display at the Museum until the end of September.



Appreciating the efforts of the young artists are Di Richardson and her daughters Kirsty and Lauren.



Bright colours are a favourite among the younger learners as is evident in these works by learners from Grades R, 1 and 2.



Keegan and his mom Leanne Kleiner together with Karel-Louls (a First Place prize winner himself) and Karen Smit admire Keegan's artwork among the others from his classmates at Grantleigh Preparatory.



Grantham Park Primary School Grade 2 learners used their imaginations in producing interesting sculptures from various waste items.

Below: Grantleigh Preparatory's Grade 5 learners had fun creating some really 'funky birds'.



Right: Outer space was the theme of the pictures produced by Grade 3 learners from Heuwelands Primary School.



While each individual art work is judged and merited, an overall prize is awarded to the school judged to have the best artwork. This year's Overall winners are Grade R learners from Richards Bay Primary School.



A special award was presented to the Grade 5 learners from Kingfisher Park Community School in Ngwelezane for their unique entry of this Totem pole depicting work by different learners.

Imisebenzi Yokunciphisa Ubuphofu

Njengxenye yokuThuthukiswa koMnotho weNdawo, uMkhandlu-Dolobha usaqale uHlelo lokweSekela ezoLimo okulindeleke kuba lunciphise ubuphofu ezindaweni zasemakhaya zeDolobha.

Izinjongo zaloluhlelo zibandakanya ukusungulwa kwamathuba okuqashwa kwabantu kwezolimo eMhlathuze kube kutholakala isiqiniseko sokudla ngokunjalo kube nokusimama kwamabhezini ezolimo.

Imiphakathi yezigceme eziningana eDolobheni sezamukelisiwe impahla yokulima yokusebenza. USihlalo walowo nalowo msebenzi uyilunga leNhlango yokweSekela ezoLimo kanti umeluleki ophuma eMnyangeni wezoLimo kanye nesiphathimandla sezokuThuthukiswa koMnotho weNdawo bazohambela lemisebenzi ngankathi bezobheka inqubekelaphambili nokunika izaluleko lapho kudingeka khona.

Kuthe ekupheleni kuka-Agasti nasekuqaleni kukaSeptemba kwakhishwa impahla yezolimo neyokusebenza kweminye imisebenzi yemiphakathi okwenza ukuba imisebenzi yemiphakathi okwenza ukuba imisebenzi yaloluhlelo ifinyelele kwengama47. Kulindeleke ukuba lemisebenzi idlondlobale ifinyelele ezingeni lamabhezini ezolimo azimele.

Ekhuluma kweminye imicimbi yokunikezelwa kwalemisebenzi uSekela-Meya, uCeliwe Madlopha wathi impahla ekhishwelwe lemisebenzi yomphakathi akuyona eyomuntu oyedwa kepha ingeyomphakathi kanti lowomphakathi kumele uyiqaphelisise ngoba iyobuzwa kuwo.

Waqhuba wathi ezolimo aziwona umsebenzi komasipala kepha kuwumsebenzi kamasipala ukunciphisa ubuphofu, yingakho nje umasipala eqale loluhlelo.

Ekunikezelweni komsebenzi esiGcemeni 23 kwakukhona noKhansela Johan van der Westhuizen owancoma leyomiphakathi eyayisungule izivande zemifino. Nokho wezwakalisa ukukhathazeka kwakhe ngenani labesifazane abathwala imigqomo yamanzi esindayo beyonisela lezizivande ngakho wethembisa ukunikela ngoR1000 ukuze kuqokelelwe ukuthenga ithange lamanzi esivande esiseduze nejele iQalabusha.

“Uma unika abantu imbewu yokutshala nokukhulisa imifino, akondleki imindeni yabo kuphela kepha bayakwazi ukuthengisa imikhiqizo yabo bathole imali” kuqhuba yena uKhansela van der Westhuizen.

E: *As part of Local Economic Development, the Council embarked on an Agricultural Support Plan which is expected to ultimately alleviate poverty within the rural areas of the City. Objectives of the plan include the creation of agricultural-based employment opportunities within uMhlathuze while creating food security and sustainability of agri-businesses. There are now 47 community vegetable garden projects participating in the Agricultural Support Plan. It is envisaged that these projects will develop into self-sustaining agri-businesses.*



Ekunikezelweni kwempahla yezolimo neyokusebenza emphakathi wesiGceme 23 eHholo likaMasipala eMpangeni, kwakukhona uSekela-Meya, uCellwe Madlopha, uKhansela Johan van der Westhuizen, neziphathimandla zoMnyango wokuHlela neNtuthuko: zeHhovisi lokuThuthukiswa koMnotho weNdawo oCharity Godlimpi Zakithi Zulu.



Ababehambele umcimbi wokunikezelwa kwempahla yezolimo neyokusebenza emphakathini wesiGceme 15 kwakuwusSekela -Meya uCellwe Madlopha, uKhansela S. H. Hlophe, iNduna M. P. Ngcobo kanye neziphathimandla zoMnyango wokuHlela neNtuthuko: zeHhovisi lokuThuthukiswa koMnotho weNdawo oCharity Godlimpi no Zakithi Zulu.

Sale of industrial land in Alton

Council has approved the sale, by public tender, of 16 industrial erven in Alton, Richards Bay which would realize an income of just under R30-million.

Tenders for these erven, which vary in size from 3 000m² to 4 623m², were advertised in the local and provincial media on 1 February, 2008. Closing date for tenders was 3 April, 2008. Individual prices for the various properties ranged from R1,58-million to R2,651-million.

The portions of land in Hydrogen Line and Ferrogang are to be sold to the five successful tenderes. Logambal Shadrack (one property), Joanna Mustahan (three properties), 81 Ceramic Property (Pty) Ltd (one property), Tarryn Chloe Pillay (eight properties) and Jackson Motors (two properties).

Officer appointed to deal with City's air quality

The Council of uMhlathuze has appointed Mr Fred Phillips as Special Advisor on Air Pollution and Air Pollution Control to assist it in moving closer to its goal of ISO certification.

Mr Phillips served the erstwhile Richards Bay Municipality and subsequently the uMhlathuze Municipality as the Director of Community Services and Health for a number of years.

Council had been unable to find a suitable candidate to deal with the important issue of air pollution and the control thereof, and in view of Mr Philip's qualifications relating to chemical engineering it was mutually agreed that he would be transferred to head the section dealing with air pollution from 1 September, 2007.

In this regard Mr Phillips will ensure that the day-to-day activities of the municipality as it relates to clean air and attend to the limitation of air pollutants in our atmosphere. He would also build and expand this function to ensure that the Council moves nearer to its goal of ISO certification.

Business and industry operating within the City of uMhlathuze area are requested to give Mr Phillips their full co-operation as sustainable development in the City is dependant on the proper control of the atmospheric pollutants affecting the people of the area.

Deputy Director: Community Services and Health Ziphi Dladla will be acting in the position of Director: Community Services and Health until such time as the position is filled.



Special Advisor on Air Pollution and Air Pollution Control Mr Fred Phillips.

Rates rollout progressing well

The implementation on 1 July of the new rates structure is progressing well in the sense that all accounts have been rendered and has been received positively by ratepayers which is evident in terms of the payment of accounts.

Deputy Director: Corporate Services Property Administration, Marcus Nel said that with regard to the 1 800 objections received, more than 800 have already been considered by the Council's Valuer and a response to these has been relayed to the relevant objectors. "The balance of the objections are to be dealt with speedily and all objectors will be informed of the outcome of their objections in due course."

Mr Nel added that the next procedure is that objectors, who still feel aggrieved about their property valuations, have the right to submit appeals which will be heard by the Valuations Appeals Board to make a final ruling on the matter.

"A Valuations Appeals Board has been appointed by the Provincial Department of Local Government and it is foreseen that this Board will commence with hearings before the end of the year," said Mr Nel.

He added that his department still receives queries on a daily basis and would like ratepayers to know that the present valuation of their properties will stand for the next four years when all properties will again be valued.

Supplementary Valuation Rolls will be published from time to time to deal with new developments and additions as well as to update the City's Valuation Roll.

Over 30 000 properties were valued during the valuation process.

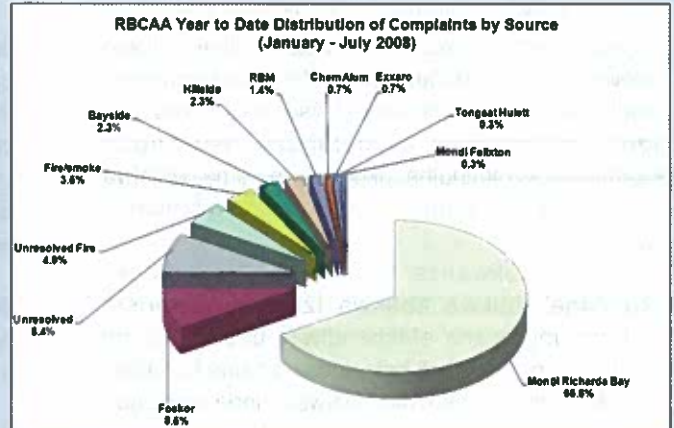
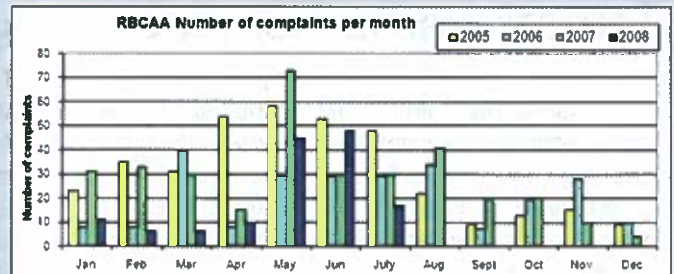
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SO₂ Guideline Exceedances

There were one measured exceedance of the DEAT SO₂ Daily National Standard.

Air Quality Complaints

A total of 17 air quality complaints were received for the month of July 2008.



For more information contact:

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Complaints can be logged at: complaints@rbcaa.co.za

Website: www.rbcaa.co.za

Ukunakekelwa Kwempilo Kusiwa Kubantu



Abasebenzi boMtholampilo kaMasipala eRichards Bay kanye namalunga omphakathi waseMzingazi ngosuku lokuqwashisa ngesifo soshukela nomfutho wegazi ophezulu.

Ukuqwashisa ngokubaluleka kokudla okunomsoco kanye nezingozi zesifo soshukela nesomfutho wegazi ophezulu, abasebenzi bezempilo boMtholampilo kaMasipala eRichards Bay bachitha usuku eHholo loMphakathi eMzingazi behlola amalunga omphakathi ngezinkinga okungaba ngezoshukela nomfutho wegazi.

Kwakuthi esalindele ukuhlolwa, amalunga omphakathi alalele izethulo ezazenziwa ngabahlengikazi ngezinsizakalo zokudla okunempilo, izimpawu zomfutho wegazi ophezulu nesifo soshukela kanye nezinyathelo ezingalandelwa ukunqanda lezizifo. Kwabuye kwaxoxwa nongokuqwashiselwa ingculazi nanokubaluleka kokuba umuntu azi ngesimo sakhe ukuze umuntu ahlale ephilile.

E Nursing staff from the Richards Bay Municipal Clinic hosted a sugar diabetes and hypertension awareness day at the Mzingazi Community Hall. Talks on the importance of good nutrition were presented while community members were tested for blood sugar levels and blood pressure.



Abahlengikazi boMtholampilo kaMasipala eRichards Bay bahlola amalunga omphakathi ngamazinga oshukela egazini ukubheka isifo soshukela nomfutho wegazi.

Kuzobalwa Amalunga Emindeni Ezindaweni Zomaziphathe Bomdabu

UMasipala waseMhlathuze njengengxenywe yokuqiniseka ngenhloso yokuthuthukisa izinga lempilo yemiphakathi engaphansi kwakhe uzokwenza ucwaningo lwenhlalampilo koMaziphathe boMdabu abane abangaphansi kwemingcele yakhe. Lezindawo ziyizindawo zesizwe sakwaDube, Khoza, Madlebe nakwaMkhwanazi.

Ngaphandle kokubalwa, kuzoqoqwa nolwazi mayelana nezinga lokulethwa kwezinsizakalo kulowo nalowomuzi okubandakanya ukufakelwa kwamanzi, izindlu zangasese, imigwaqo, imisebenzi yezempilo, ugesi, ukuthuthwa kwemfucuza, ezezindlu, ezemfundo, ezokuthutha, ukuqashwa nemali etholwa umndeni, ezokuzithokozisa kanye nokubaluleka kwezidingo.

Ithenda lokwenza lomsebenzi "wokubalwa okuncane" linikwe abakwa Izifiso Enterprise.

Kwavunyelwana eMkhandlwini ukuthi kuzoba nomhlangano nabaholi balezindawo ezine kubazisa ngalokhukubalwa okuzokwenziwa ezindaweni zabo nanokuchaza ngenhloso yalomsebenzi.

E: The uMhlathuze Municipality is to embark on a socio-economic survey in the four Traditional Authority areas within its boundaries.

Outdoor advertising opens opportunities for outlying suburbs

The uMhlathuze Municipality's Outdoor Advertising Section has recently approved four new Banner Advertising Points for outlying suburbs in the City.

These structures afford non-profit organizations the opportunity to advertise their events involving the community.

The existing points had been confined to Richards Bay and Empangeni but will now include eSikhaleni, Ngwelezane, Nseleni and Vulindlela.

These Banner Advertising Points will be erected at prominent points at the entrance to the respective suburbs. The public is advised to contact the Outdoor Advertising Section for approval to erect banners for any events taking place in the uMhlathuze area.

The cost of banner advertising at these points is R107,00 (including VAT) per banner and on approval you will receive an uMhlathuze sticker which is to be displayed on the banner.

For further information or to apply to make use of any of the Banner Advertising Points around the City of uMhlathuze, please contact the Outdoor SAdvertising Officer, Shernon Murray on 035 907 5401.



A Banner Point where non-profit making organisations can advertise their upcoming events to the community in which they occur.

Eating out at the beach

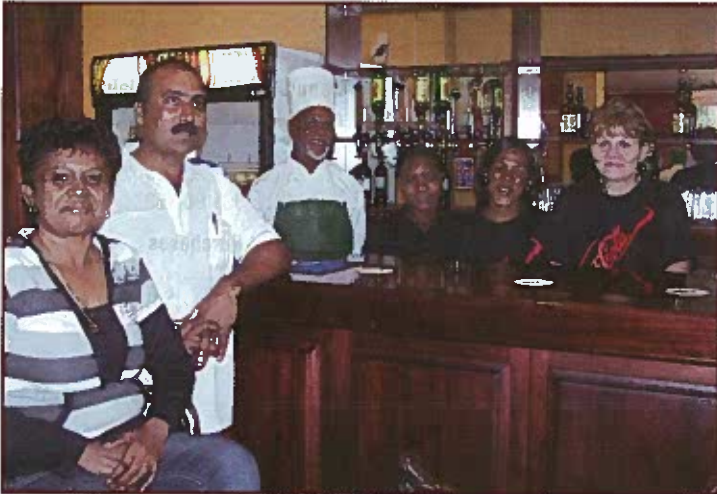
Adding value to a visit to the beach at Alkantstrand, uMhlathuze Council has signed a nine year lease with Ronnie Naidoo of FB's Restaurant and Pub to operate a restaurant in the council owned premises at the beach.

Having opened at the beginning of August, Ronnie and his wife Sandy invested a considerable amount in renovations to the property, replacing the ceiling, tiling out the dining hall and fitting equipment in the kitchen. An upstairs area has been earmarked for a pub, which is to open once a liquor licence has been granted, offering superb views of both the harbour, ocean and beach area.

The views from the restaurant are fantastic and an ideal setting to enjoy the bill of fare while looking out over the ocean and harbour entrance. Access to the facility is wheelchair friendly with ample parking in the vicinity.

The menu offers a wide variety including quick tasted sandwiches and burgers to steaks, curries, a selection of seafoods and desserts.

This is sure to become a haven for the many tourists and locals visiting the beach and craft stalls where one can enjoy a leisurely meal while watching ships arriving and leaving the Port.



The team at FB's Restaurant and Pub at Alkantstrand (back from left) Chef Wilson Ngobese, Assistant Chef Mpume Msimango, Waitresses Nokuthula Mthiyane and Karin Bredenhann with (front) owners Sandy and Ronnie Naidoo.



The upstairs pub area is waiting for liquor licence approval before patrons can enjoy the wide vista from its elevated position.

Dates to diarise

SEPTEMBER

- 24 September - Richards Bay WI monthly meeting at 09:00 at the Richards Bay Library Hall. Contact Diane on 035-7891682.
- 25 to 27 September - Zululand Expo at the Richards Bay Showgrounds. Contact Virna McMaster on 035-7973188.
- 26 September - Free rabies clinic at the Veldenvlei Hall in Richards Bay from 08:00 to 14:00.
- 29 September to 3 October - Science/Reef South African Bodyboarding Championships presented by Zululand Fever at Alkantstrand, Richards Bay. Contact John Cawood on 072 245 3996.

OCTOBER

- 1 October - Mzingazi WI meets at 17:00 at the Richards Bay Library Hall. Contact Pat on 0833013515.
- 1 October - Cancer Support Group meets at 18:30 at the Bay Hospital Boardroom. Contact Theresa on 035-7806123 or Zonke on 035-78924723
- 2 October - Richard Bay Floral Art Club meets at 14:00 in the Richards Bay Library Hall. Contact Bev on 0824525744.
- 7 October - uMhlathuze Executive Committee meeting at 14:00 in Council Chambers, Richards Bay Civic Centre.
- 7 October - uMhlathuze Council meeting at 17:00 in Council Chambers, Richards Bay Civic Centre.
- 8 October - Interdenominational Prayer Meeting at the SAPS Empangeni Inner Garden from 07:45 to 08:15. Contact Janine Stone on 035-7725083.
- 13 October - Empangeni WI monthly meeting at Leisure Gardens at 14:30. Contact Shelly King on 035-7924939 or 0839896278
- 14 October - Monthly meeting of the Richards Bay division of the Zululand Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 12:45 at the Pelican Hall, ZCBF. Contact 035-7971858.
- 15 October - Richards Bay Garden Club meeting at 9:30. Contact Gerda on 035-7532312 or 0827209064.
- 16 October - Monthly meeting of Zululand Chamber of Commerce and Industry Empangeni Division at 12:45 at the Empangeni Country Club. Contact 035-7971858.
- 21 October - uMhlathuze Executive Committee meeting at 14:00 in Council Chambers, Richards Bay Civic Centre.

Buzz Hours for the Business Women's Association are held every Thursday at 10:00 at the Empangeni Country Club and every Tuesday at 10:00 at Myra's Kitchen, Richards Bay. Contact Sunette on 035-7973498.

Talking about Drugs, a support group for rehabilitated drug users, meets in Brackenham at Bay Primary School on Fridays from 19:00 to 20:00 and at Arboretum at the AGS Church on Saturdays from 19:00 to 20:00. Contact Ps Christo on 0836458772 or Matthew on 0744384980.

To advertise your event in uMhlathuze News and on the Municipality's website www.richemp.org, contact Mandy Nel on 035 907 5403.

Richards Bay hosts South African Bodyboarding Championships

The Northern KwaZulu-Natal Bodyboarding Association (NKZN) is proud to be hosting the 22nd Annual Science / Reef South African Bodyboarding Championships 2008 presented by Zululand Fever. The event will take place from 29 September to 3 October at Alkantstrand Beach, Richards Bay.

The event is sure to boost income for the food, accommodation and retail establishments in the City as well as further improving the image of the City of uMhlathuze as a popular venue for Sports tourism.

This prestigious event will bring the country's top bodyboarders in 8 teams along with their supporters and support staff to Richards Bay for five days of competition over the end of 3rd Term School Holidays. National titles will be competed for and fierce competition will determine the top provincial team.

Team NKZN (formerly Zululand) will be hoping to make its best appearance at SA Champs yet with the advantage of home ground knowledge and some very capable riders.

Competitors and spectators alike can expect to enjoy some great bodyboarding action on the shallow banks off Alkantstrand. The harbour dredging operations that created the "Super Bank" are ongoing and make conditions ideal for high performance bodyboarding. The organisers are hoping that the howling North East winds that plague the KZN coast during this season do not make their appearance. Some of the more seasoned competitors at this years event will remember the awesome conditions the last time Richards Bay hosted the SA Championships in 2000. Keep an eye on all the action at www.surfalliance.co.za



Important uMhlathuze Municipality telephone numbers

In case of uncertainty, the main switchboard in Richards Bay can be reached by dialling 035-9075000

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Office hours:035 907 5434
.....035 907 5409
.....035 907 5410
- **Water & Sewer**
Office hours:035 907 5454
.....035 907 5244
.....035 907 5212
After hours:.....035 797 3313/4/5
.....083 661 9911
- **Roads & Storm Water**
Office hours:035 907 5208
- **Refuse Removal**
Office hours:035 907 5789
.....035 907 5790
- **Housing**
Office hours:035 907 5402
.....035 907 5335
- **Power Failure and Streetlight Complaints**
Office hours:035 907 5352
.....035 907 5354
After hours:.....035 797 3313/4/5
Electricity Complaints: ...035 907 5371/5385/5346
- **Electricity Pre-payment Purchases**
After Hours:035 907 5767
(Mon to Fri 5pm to 11pm and Sat, Sun and public holidays 12.30pm to 6.30pm)
- **Tourism**
Office hours:035 907 5018
Empangeni info/
Greyhound Agency.....035 792 1283
- **Waste Management**
Office hours (Emp):035 907 5670
.....035 907 5671
Office hours (R/Bay):035 907 5789
.....035 907 5790
- **Traffic**
R/Bay Motor Licencing035 907 5268/5461
Emp Motor Licencing.....035 907 5650/5652
Drivers Licences035 787 1464
Traffic Section035 907 5633
Control Room035 772 5503
Learners Licences035 907 5030
- **Fire**
Office hours035 797 3314
All hours035 797 3911
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Emergency083 661 9911

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