

“WE WANT WATER!” - Phumlamqashi shuts down Golden Highway



Burning tyres block off motorists at Golden Highway and Wimbledon corner

On Wednesday, 18 March, frustrated Phumlamqashi Informal Settlement residents staged a protest on the corners of Wimbledon Road and Golden Highway R553 in Lenasia South demanding urgent intervention from Joburg Water (JW) and local authorities after more than five days without water.

To get their voices heard, they took action by barricading the Golden Highway with large rocks and burning tyres effectively blocking traffic in both directions and forcing motorists to seek alternate routes.

Organiser and Phumlamqashi's chairperson, Jeffrey Mphohoni, told **GLOBE POST**: "We are extremely frustrated because the tankers are not supplying us with water. Each time we try to raise our concerns with JW, we are

told that the service provider did not receive payment last month. They have also failed to provide us with temporary solutions, like Jojo tanks, to ease the situation. Meanwhile, we are left to cope with the consequences. Seven days without water is unbearable!" Another resident, Bonkosi Mthabela, said: "We don't have water. What are our children using to bath? What about the elders who need water to take their medicine?"

LATEST: JW's Nondumiso Mabuza addressed the community's concerns on Thursday, 19 March. She confirmed that they (JW) failed to pay the water tanker companies: "We will return on 7 April for a community meeting at New Generation Combined School to address this issue."

Lenasia South, Ennerdale and surrounding residents march for water as crisis worsens...

Ward 120, 122, 7 and 6 councillors and residents embarked on a peaceful water march led by the South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO) on 13 March.

The march began at the BP on Sheffield Road and proceeded to the Joburg Water (JW) depot in Ennerdale, where residents gathered to demand urgent action over the ongoing water outages affecting their communities. Ward 120's Cllr Puseletso Nzimande told

GLOBE POST: "We are here because SANCO has heard the cries of the community about the ongoing water outage. We are facing an issue of throttling."

Addressing residents upon arrival at JW, Nzimande, added: "In our region we have a

problem of influx, which is part of the reason for water shortages that have been more noticeable over the past few weeks, with many households experiencing no water on Sundays and Mondays."

"We spoke with the region, and they said that workers stop work on Fridays, which implies that there are no teams managing the water system on Saturdays and Sundays," Nzimande explained.

She warned that the community could escalate action if their concerns are not addressed: "For now it is a peaceful march, but if they do not respond to our cries we will wake up at 3am and block the Golden Highway."



Residents arrive at Joburg Water Ennerdale depot

ED COMMENT: Water challenges to persist until at least 2028!

Years after the 30 June 2022 'grand' opening of the newly built Lenasia 15ML high level reservoir meant to supplement the existing 6ML and increase storage capacity to 21ML, residents in Lenasia South, Vlakfontein, Hospital Hills, 525 and surroundings continue to face water cut-offs attributed to increasing demand which exceeds current supply.

Joburg Water's Spokesperson, Nolwazi Dhlamini told **GLOBE POST**: "Growth in water demand in the greater Lenasia area has resulted in the existing bulk pipeline not

being able to deliver the required volumes of water. Therefore, a project was initiated to design and construct parallel to Lenasia bulk supply line and Cosmos Pump station. The project scope involves the construction of approximately 10 km of 1300/ 1000/ 800 mm diameter pipe to Cosmos and Hospital Hill reservoirs and upgrading the Cosmos pump station." The project, initiated on 13 June 2022, is still in the preliminary design stage and is expected to be completed in the next five years with 22 May 2028 set as the completion date. Until then, residents

can expect intermittent supply as the current pipeline cannot meet usage volumes.

"A contractor is yet to be appointed and the tender has not been advertised as Johannesburg Water is still busy with the designs," added Dhlamini.

Speaking on the sidelines of a community meeting held at the Lenasia South Civic Centre on 7 March 2023, Ward 120's Cllr Puseletso Nzimande said: "I called this meeting so that residents can come and hear from Joburg Water what is going on. When all the reservoirs were built, they only

catered for the small capacity at that time, and now, the number of people in the ward has exponentially increased that's why we're experiencing challenges with water supply." Hospital Hills Community Forum's Tendani Muofhe said they don't expect to see any changes in the next decade or so even after completion of the big water project which residents don't see its purpose.

He said: "The newly built 15ML reservoir was built for nothing considering that its water pipe infrastructure is inadequate to properly cater for all residents."

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Letter to the Editor

We, the residents living around Madiba Primary School, kindly request urgent assistance regarding a serious concern affecting our area.
The school has a skip bin placed next to the

fence directly in front of our homes. For some time, this bin has been overflowing with rotten food waste, plastic and other litter. This has resulted in strong unpleasant odours and a significant increase in flies, especially during the recent hot weather. The contents of the bin have also been set on fire, creating an even worse and unbearable smell. The smoke and fumes are so strong that residents are struggling to breathe and cannot eat in their homes without feeling ill. We recently visited the school last week and spoke to the principal about the issue. When we followed up again, she informed us that

there is nothing further she can do, as she has already contacted Pikitup but they have not come to collect the waste. We respectfully request urgent intervention in this matter as the situation has become a serious health hazard for the residents living nearby. We implore responsible authorities to visit the area to get a clear understanding of the urgency and severity of the problem. Prompt assistance in resolving this matter would be greatly appreciated.
--Residents of Gladioli Lane, Madiba Primary School area

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lenasia South Boxing Club
The club invites the public to attend the Johannesburg Boxing Championships between 10 and 12 April at the Lenasia South Civic Centre. The event will feature exciting bouts, rising local talent and non-stop boxing action. **Daily proceedings begin at 12pm. For info, contact Coach Nazeem on 082 760 9110.**

World TB Awareness
The Lenasia South Civic Centre Clinic invites the community to a World TB Awareness Day event on 26 March at Golden Highway Shoprite from 9am to 1pm. The outreach aims to raise awareness about tuberculosis (TB). A range of free health services will be provided on the day, including TB screening and testing, HIV testing, prostate testing, family planning (Implanon), pap smear screenings, immunization and substance abuse support. **For info, contact V. Struis on 064 825 6462 or C. Ngese on 073 788 0980.**

LGE registration weekend
Residents are encouraged to participate in the upcoming voter registration weekend for the

2026/27 Local Government Elections, taking place on 20–21 June. This is an important opportunity to register to vote or update your registration details to ensure you are ready to take part in the democratic process. Visit your nearest registration station and make your voice count. **Online registrations are open.**

Golf Day
Love Without Reason South Africa invites the community to attend the 3rd Annual Golf Day on 14 May at Glenvista Country Club, Johannesburg South. The event aims to raise funds to support children born with cleft lips and palates, helping give them a brighter future. Registration starts at 9am, with tee-off at 10am. Entry is R4 000 per four-ball, which includes carts, halfway house, dinner, and prize giving. **For info, contact Joshua on 076 205 1278 or Sharon on 082 551 4260.**

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Legacy Within Foundation invites the public to the launch of Becoming The Legacy book on Saturday, 28 March at Soul Tsotetsi, Zone 14, Sebokeng. The event will run from 11am to 3pm and promises an inspiring afternoon focused on personal growth and empowerment. Entrance is R150, which

includes light meals and drinks, or R350 for a package that includes the book, meals and drinks. **For info, contact 067 944 7486 or 067 015 7575, or email info@legacywithinfoundation@gmail.com.**

Men's Leadership and Development
The Gauteng Legislature invites members of the community to attend the Young Men's Leadership and Development Group session, led by Honourable Dulton Adams, on Saturday, 28 March from 10am to 1pm at Saint George Street, Ext 5, Ennerdale (Ward 7). This engagement forms part of the Legislature's "Your View - Our Vision" programme and aims to empower young men through dialogue, leadership development, and community participation. **For info visit www.gpl.gov.za**

Sip & Paint
SandyArt invites the public for a relaxing and creative Acrylic Painting Sip & Paint session on Saturday, 28 March, from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Housewives Relaxation Restaurant, Cnr. Protea & Flamingo Ave, Ext 3, Lenasia. The cost is R290 per person, which includes one drink voucher. Seats are limited. **For info, contact Sandy on 083 228 3830.**

First Aid Training
The public is invited to attend a First Aid Training session on Saturday, 28 March at 9am, taking place at 12116 Turquoise Street, Extension 13, Lenasia. This empowering session, conducted by Gugu Manana, will equip attendees with essential life-saving skills, including basic first aid principles, CPR techniques, and emergency response steps. Certificates will be issued to all participants upon completion. **For info, contact 063 622 3925.**

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Finetown and Lenasia learners supplement school lunches with leftover cooking oil from fast-food outlets



Lalaza, oil containing fried food residue

Learners at high schools around Finetown and Lenasia are using leftover cooking oil to add flavour to their school nutrition programme lunch. Some children have been eating this residue for more than five years in school and at home.

The oil, containing fried-food residue, is drained from frying pans and machines at fast-food outlets. Instead of safely discarding it, staff at some of these outlets sell it to learners and street vendors. Health-e News spoke to a manager at one of the local fast-food outlets who says they were not aware that the residue was being sold to the community, as the

store prohibits this. A learner says the residue, known as 'lalaza', is also sold in their communities. "There are households that sell these crumbs for survival. People like us are just taking chances by selling in school where business is fast, and there are more customers." Last month, learners at Sebokeng experienced hallucinations, sleepiness and diarrhoea, allegedly after eating lalaza. Parents reported it to the police. In a statement released to Health-e News, Sergeant Mokhachane, communications officer at Sebokeng police station, said that SAPS has launched an investigation to verify the ingredients in lalaza.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN WARD 120 CLLR PUSELETSO NZIMANDE



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1. Roads upgraded and constructed - inaugurated by the "Executive Mayor".
2. MEC of Education visited Vlakfontein School - recognized outstanding performance and achievements.

HOSPITAL HILLS

1. Title deeds process underway for housing beneficiaries.
2. Area now officially proclaimed.
3. MMC Mgcina (Planning) is to visit soon to present layout plan to residents.

LENASIA SOUTH

1. Executive Mayor delivered high-impact services on 13 December 2025.
2. Residents expressed high satisfaction - Mayor acknowledged appreciation during Council meeting.



3. Road markings renewed, streetlights repaired, sewer lines fixed, stormwater drains unblocked, potholes and grass cutting.
4. Community visibly appreciates improved service delivery.

PHUMLAMQSHI

- UISP Consultant appointed. Key achievements:

 1. Borehole installation underway - water samples sent for testing.
 2. 4 Contractors actively constructing toilets.
 3. Town Planner in inception phase - consultant to present layout plan soon.
 4. 3-year infrastructure consultant appointed - focusing on bulk infrastructure rollout.

SOLAR MASSES INITIATIVE

- Ward Governance secured sponsorship for 20 solar masses:

 1. 18 in progress Phumlamqshahi
 2. 2 in progress in Lenasia South

CHALLENGES FACED

1. Water Issues:
 - Budget allocated for resolution in for year 2027.
2. Hospital Hills:
 - Ongoing sewer burst incidents require urgent repair.
3. Infrastructure Development:
 - Roads & stormwater drainage construction
4. Crime in ward and unemployment remains a challenge

CRIME

- We tried to contain through activism via patrollers and security companies.
- Assist with the process of formalizing boom gate in ward 120.
- Department of transport is on board
- Ward progressing slowly monitoring closely

SCHOOL VISITS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Visited 4 schools - handed over school supplies & support materials.



2. Participated in Letsema clean-up drive at Daxina Primary with youth league.



UNEMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

- When projects arise, we:

 1. Use Fuduwa platform
 2. Post opportunities on social media
 3. Community reports high satisfaction with transparency & access to jobs.

 - Partners supporting job absorption:

 1. Roots Organisation
 2. Local Bus Company (hired bus conductors from community)

PUBLIC MEETINGS & ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Councillor regularly calls public meetings for transparency and feedback.



OVERALL STATUS

Service delivery is improving steadily. Community feedback indicates growing trust and satisfaction with governance efforts.

NEXT STEPS:

- * Follow up on Hospital Hills sewer repairs
- * Monitor UISP implementation milestones
- * Push for faster water infrastructure rollout
- * Continue youth & employment linkage



Police recover three AK-47 rifles and arrest two suspects in Lawley



Firearms seized during SAPS operation

Two suspects have been arrested after police recovered several high-powered firearms and ammunition during an intelligence-driven operation in Lawley Ext 2.

Members of the SAPS Organised Crime Unit conducted an operation on 12 March as part of ongoing efforts to curb the proliferation of illegal firearms in communities. During the operation, officers followed up on intelligence that led them to a property in the area, where two foreign nationals were found in possession

of multiple firearms. Police recovered three AK-47 rifles, one 9mm pistol and a large quantity of ammunition at the premises. Gauteng SAPS spokesperson Colonel Dimakatso Nevhuhulwi said: "The recovered firearms will be subjected to ballistic testing to determine whether they may have been used in the commission of any crimes."

The two suspects were arrested at the scene and are facing charges of possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition.

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 2 bay leaves
 10 curry leaves
 1 tsp corn flour
 ¼ cup cold water

- Fish**
 1 x 600 g box Sea Harvest Cape Whiting
 Portions

Method
Pickle Mix
 Set a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the olive oil then add the onions and fry for 10 minutes until softened. Add the ginger, garlic and chilli and fry for a minute until fragrant. Add the curry powder, turmeric, garam masala, coriander seeds and cumin and fry for 2 minutes to cook the spices. Add the sugar, vinegar, water and bay and curry leaves and simmer for 20 minutes. Mix the cornflour and the water together to form a slurry and then stir this into the pickle mix. Simmer for 5 more minutes to thicken.



Fish
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 Serve cold with buttered hot cross buns or rice.

Easter: A time of renewal, faith and hope

As Easter approaches, communities across South Africa and around the world prepare to mark one of the most significant events on the Christian calendar.

Beyond the long weekend and festive gatherings, Easter carries a deep message of renewal, sacrifice, and hope. Rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Easter symbolizes victory over hardship and the promise of new beginnings. For many believers, it is a time of spiritual reflection, prayer, and attending church services, on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. These sacred days remind Christians of the power of faith, forgiveness, and redemption. In homes and communities, Easter is also celebrated through shared meals, family gatherings, and acts of kindness. Children eagerly take part in Easter egg hunts,

while adults use the occasion to reconnect with loved ones. In a country as diverse as South Africa, Easter blends religious observance with cultural traditions that bring people together. At a time when many face personal and societal challenges, the message of Easter feels especially relevant. It encourages individuals to embrace resilience, extend compassion, and look forward with renewed optimism. **GLOBE POST** wishes all readers a peaceful and joyful Easter - may it be a season filled with hope, unity, and fresh beginnings.



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Hanuman Rasik Utsav celebrates a decade of faith, unity and seva



A vibrant celebration of culture, devotion and community engagement-where music, dance and shared traditions bring generations together

The Hanuman Rasik Utsav was a deeply spiritual and uplifting celebration, bringing together devotees, community leaders, and artists in a powerful expression of faith, unity, and selfless. Hosted as part of the 10-year milestone of SA Hindus, the event reflected a journey rooted in devotion to Hanuman Baba and a commitment to community upliftment. The programme was expertly guided by renowned TV personality Mahendra Raghunath, whose presence added warmth and professionalism to the occasion. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed officials from the Office of the Premier of Gauteng, as well as representatives from the Consulate General

of India, for honouring the event with their presence and support. Their attendance underscored the significance of cultural and spiritual unity within our diverse society. The audience was treated to a rich tapestry of performances by talented artists including KK & Kiash, Bhushan Dass, Kishani Lalaram, Rakhee Devchand, Deepak Patel, Maza Academy of Dance, and the Hari Narayana Bhajanai Mandiram, whose Ram bhajans elevated the spiritual atmosphere. Special thanks to JYM for providing exceptional sound, ensuring that every prayer and performance resonated clearly. A highlight of the celebration was the ceremonial cutting of the Hanuman Cake by Lucy Sigaban, Fakir Hassen, Prof Rajesh

Mahabeer, Anju Kala, Niran and Nisha from Shereno Printers, and Shirley Govender from Globe Post, a symbolic moment marking a decade of service. A particularly meaningful milestone was the release of the SA Hindus Anthem, "Jai Hanuman", by Gaura. Created in honour of his mother, Lucy Sigaban (Executive Director of SA Hindus), the anthem reflects a journey of resilience, faith, and purpose. Inspired by the teachings of the Hanuman Chalisa, the song embodies the spirit of seva, courage, and unity - values that have guided SA Hindus from humble beginnings to a thriving community movement. The event concluded with a breathtaking spiritual finale, the lighting of 108 ghee diyas during the aarthi

for Hanuman Baba, beautifully rendered by Bhushan Dass. This sacred moment brought a sense of peace, devotion, and collective reverence to all present. We also extend sincere appreciation to Wonder Flooring for generously donating Islamic prayer mats. Our deepest thanks go to all volunteers, whose tireless dedication and selfless service remain the heartbeat of every SA Hindus initiative. In closing, the Hanuman Rasik Utsav was not merely an event, but a reflection of a living legacy - one built on faith, strengthened by challenges, and sustained through unity. As echoed in the anthem: "Jai Hanuman! We rise as one!" a message that continues to inspire and guide the community forward.

Sector 3 safety meeting highlights rising crime



Residents of Sector 3 gathered at BP Starling on Tuesday, 10 March, for an interactive community outreach programme aimed at addressing growing safety concerns in the area.

The session was led by CPF Chairperson Raksha Soni and SAPS Sector Manager Sgt Takalani Malisha, who engaged community members on a range of issues affecting local safety and security. Central to the discussions was the alarming rise in home invasions and other crime trends impacting the sector. Residents who attended were encouraged to remain vigilant and to strengthen cooperation with local safety structures, including the Community Policing Forum (CPF), SAPS, and private security companies. "The safety of our community depends on all of us working together," said Soni. Community leaders emphasised that ongoing engagement between residents and law enforcement remains key to tackling crime and building a safer Sector 3.

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THE MEANING OF YOUR NAME



By Ps Radha Moodley
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Most parents from almost every religion are mindful when choosing their baby's name. They are mindful of the meaning of the name, that it must not be associated with anything that is evil or carnal. As much as you are identified by your name, it can also have many connections. God Almighty Himself is identified by many names. For example, He is identified by the name, Elohim, which means and is connected to the God of all Power and Sovereignty. He is also identified by the name Jehovah Rophe which means and is connected to the God who is our Healer. In the Bible, Hebrew names are synonymous with the character of the person. The meaning of Moses is "to draw out." Moses, as a baby was drawn/rescued out of the River Nile by Pharaoh's daughter and it so turned out that Moses himself led the Hebrew people, rescuing them

through the Red Sea. What character is your name synonymous with? Have you ever thought about that? Nabal, a husband to Abigail, was a very rich, harsh, cruel and unappreciative man. His name means 'foolish, senseless, stupid. While in the wilderness, his shepherds and livestock were protected by David and his men against the raiding outlaws. Being in the harsh wilderness, hunger finally set in and David instructed his men to go to Nabal on a particular feast day where sheep were being sheared and requested that they be favoured and provisions be made for them. Nabal was angry and insulted David's men. He also insulted David, pretending not to recognize him even though he was well known in all of Israel. He foolishly refused to help but chose to repay evil for good. Anger was aroused in David, who determined

harm to Nabal but Abigail intervened and referred to her husband as a 'foolish scoundrel' (1Samuel 25:1-25). Nabal's character embodied the meaning of his name. You might be thinking, "O no, I gave my son/daughter such and such a name and I didn't pay attention to its' meaning. No need to fear or stress. If you read 1Chronicles 4:9-10, you will notice that, as Jabez was growing up, he found out that his name meant 'pain.' His mother gave him that name because she experienced difficulty and extreme pain during her labour. Surely, as Jabez was growing up, his friends ridiculed him. Surely, Jabez felt uncomfortable about it. But he decided to do something about it. Jabez prayed and asked God to help him not to bring about pain to anyone but to bless him and God granted him what he requested. You can do the same. Enjoy your name!

Family pleads for urgent help amid mounting medical bills

A young Lenasia South couple is appealing to the public for financial assistance as their baby girl remains hospitalised following a series of critical medical complications.

Kirsti Dixon (27) and her husband, Kershwin Dixon (31), have endured an emotional and financially draining few months as their daughter underwent urgent brain surgery and continues to require specialised medical care. Speaking to **GLOBE POST** Kirsti said: "I gave birth on 22 April 2025 and since then she had difficulties. On 18 June 2025, she was diagnosed with Costello Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder caused by HRAS gene mutations, resulting in multi-organ abnormalities, including developmental delays, distinctive coarse facial features, loose skin, and heart problems."

The ongoing hospital admissions, surgeries, specialist consultations, ICU stays, and home medical care have placed immense emotional and financial strain on the Dixon family.

With mounting medical bills and the need for continuous specialised support, they



Kirsti Dixon with baby Eliora at the hospital during visitation

are now turning to the public for help. Kirsti urges community members who wish to assist to contribute via their **BackaBuddy campaign titled Eliora Medical Bills.** "Every donation will go toward covering hospital expenses, specialist care, and ongoing medical needs," she concluded.



Officers led bullying presentation at Lotus School of Excellence

Lotus School of Excellence raises awareness in partnership with SAPS and SANCA

Lotus School of Excellence hosted an informative and impactful educational presentation for its learners earlier this month, led by SAPS Lenasia and SANCA Nishtara.

Learners were urged to treat each other with respect and report any incidents of bullying to their teachers immediately. The presentations highlighted different forms of bullying and the

potential consequences for both victims and perpetrators. "SANCA addressed the issue of vaping, and smoking while enlightening the learners on what secondary smoking is and the effects of this.

They were encouraged to speak to their families and friends about secondary smoking and how it can affect non-smokers," said Lotus' School Principal, Bangs Naidoo.

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“We will not tolerate land invasion,” says JMPD as it removes shacks in Ennerdale



Officials demolish shacks

On 16 March, the City of Johannesburg intensified efforts to curb illegal land invasions following a multidisciplinary operation in Ennerdale Ext 11. The operation, led by the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD), targeted informal structures erected without legal approval on municipal land. In a social media post on X, JMPD reiterated its stance on land invasions. “We will not tolerate land invasion or the unlawful occupation of land. We remain committed to upholding the rule of law and protecting municipal land from unauthorised occupation,” the department said. Officials also urged residents to respect municipal by-laws and refrain from occupying land without authorisation. However, tensions between residents and authorities have surfaced in recent days. Last week, community members resisted similar enforcement efforts in the area. Mfanafuthi Khambule, a resident told **GLOBE POST** that many people living in the informal settlement believe the land allocation process has been handled through local structures. “This is not land grabbing. There is an office that allocates spaces for people to build their shacks here. There are many shacks in this area - about 300 in total,” he said. According to Khambule, several structures were demolished during the operation, including occupied homes. “Today my child will sleep in a half structure,” he said.



From left: Laaiqah Ebrahim, Arwaa Ismail, Hamzah Ganchi, Hozaifa Abd Eldayeem, Rayyan Siyoum Ergano, Hanifa Laina Musa, Amani Abrahams, Armani Vassen, Sufiyaan Mia and Aaradhya Jugdow

Learners at Wasalaam Nursery and Pre-School excel in showcasing competition at Cluster Level

Wasalaam Nursery and Pre-School's Grade R and Pre-R learners excelled at a roleplay showcasing hosted by the Gauteng Department of Education in Ennerdale securing first place in the Grade R category. Their performance of *The Green Dress* impressed judges. The school is now preparing for the district phase on 19 March 2026. Supported by a strong reading programme and active management, Wasalaam has implemented an intensive reading program in Grade R which will enable all learners to read fluently and with comprehension.

After years of waiting, 68 houses finally completed in Vlakfontein



From left: Ward 120's Cllr Puseletso Nzimande, Gauteng MEC for Human Settlements -Tasneem Motara and MMC for Human Settlements - Mlungisi Mabaso

The Gauteng MEC for Human Settlements Tasneem Motara and the City of Johannesburg's MMC for Human Settlements, Mlungisi Mabaso, recently conducted an oversight visit to Vlakfontein Ext 1, 2 & 3 to assess progress on a housing project aimed at completing 128 units for qualifying beneficiaries. The development forms part of ongoing efforts to unblock previously stalled housing projects and accelerate delivery of homes to residents with 68 houses already complete while a total budget of R9,433,600 has been allocated towards the development of the remaining expected to be finalised by the end of the 2026/27 financial year. MEC Motara said: “The project stalled after the City of Johannesburg did not extend the contracts of its appointed service providers. The department has since intervened by appointing new service providers to complete the outstanding units. At this stage, there are no plans to expand housing development beyond the current 128 units in Vlakfontein,” concluded the department.”

JDA launches R20-million project at Ennerdale Landfill Site



Steel formwork structures set up at the Ennerdale Landfill Site as groundwork preparations continue

The Johannesburg Development Agency has commenced a R20 million infrastructure upgrade, aimed at strengthening security and improving operational control at the facility. Speaking to **GLOBE POST**, JDA's Elias Nkabinde said the upgrade is intended to significantly reduce illegal access, curb vandalism and support more effective waste management operations. He said: “This project is about improving security and ensuring better operational control at the landfill facility.” The total budget involves covering demolition works, materials, labour, plant and equipment, supervision and all associated finishing works.

“The contract has been awarded to Ximambana Trading Enterprise, which is responsible for carrying out the work in accordance with approved engineering designs, technical specifications and safety and environmental compliance standards,” Nkabinde added. Beyond infrastructure improvements, the project is also contributing to local economic development. To date, 23 local labourers have been appointed on site. “We are committed to ensuring that surrounding communities benefit directly through employment opportunities and skills exposure during the construction period,” Nkabinde concluded.

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SPORTS

Seven young fighters shine at Soweto Karate Tournament



Athletes from Lenasia South Karate and Zakariya Park Academy brought home multiple top positions across divisions through dedication and discipline

Young karatekas from the Lenasia South Karate Academy and Zakariya Park Karate Academy delivered an impressive performance at the IKOK Sonoda South Africa National Tournament held at Orlando Communal Hall in Soweto. The two clubs, led by Sensei Mabati Makwela were represented by four male and three female fighters competing across

various weight divisions. The athletes achieved multiple podium finishes, showcasing their dedication and growing talent. Among the standout performers was 9-year-old Asakhanya Msedese, from Hospital Hills, who secured first place in the girls' under 30kg category. Matome Makwela, aged 7, also claimed gold in the boys' under 25kg division.

Sihle Lehauhau (18) earned second place in the women's under 55kg category, while Fezeka Selimandlela took third place in the girls' open juniors under 60kg division. Other notable results included Tebogo Nkaelang (12) who finished third in the boys' under 45kg juniors, Khwezi Shezi (11) who placed third in the under 50kg division, and Katleho Lehauhau (12) who secured

fourth place in the under 45kg category. Speaking after the tournament, Sensei Makwela praised the dedication of the young athletes and extended gratitude to supporters and called on potential sponsors and donors to assist the clubs, which offer free karate lessons as part of community outreach programmes. To support, call 073 441 3353.

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