

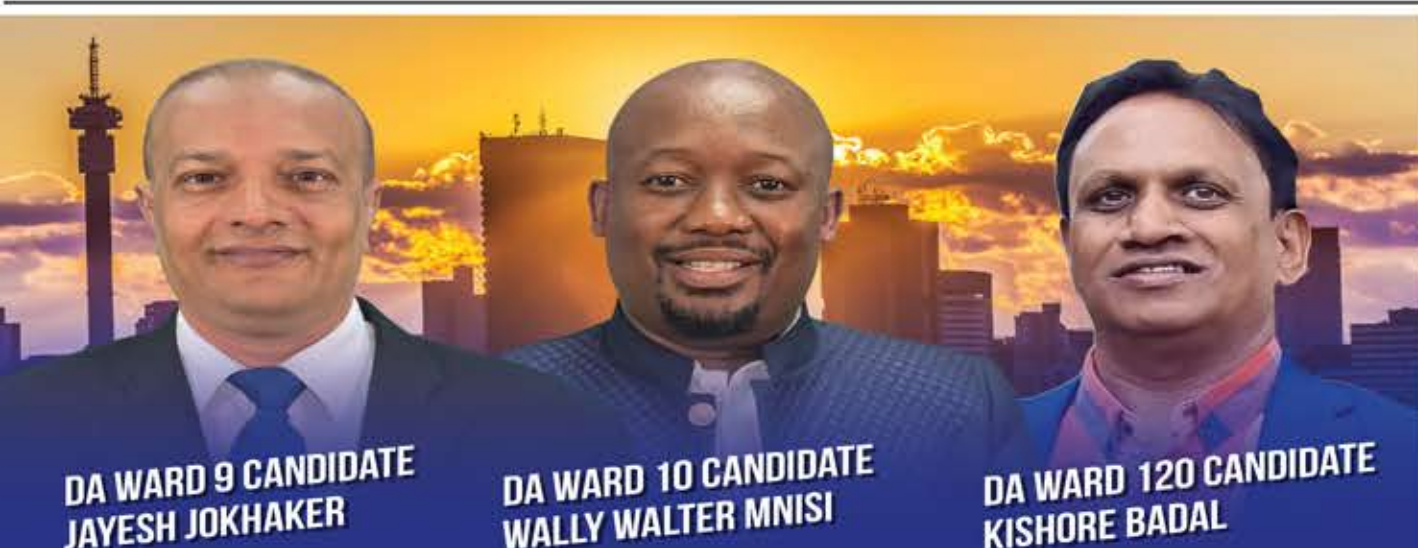
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Lenasia South Ext 1 residents unite in a tree planting initiative at Hampton Park

The initiative saw 50 trees supplied by City Parks planted at the park, with some residents dedicating trees to loved ones who had passed away. Residents encouraged others to get involved in keeping the park clean, protecting community spaces and continuing to contribute towards the upliftment of Lenasia South Ext 1.



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Crime figures show mixed results for Ennerdale and Lenasia South



Lieutenant General Tommy Mthombeni during Gauteng Crime Stats briefing

New crime statistics show different trends across Ennerdale and Lenasia South, with some serious offences declining while kidnappings and robberies increased in several categories.

South African Police Service (SAPS) figures for April to June 2026 show contact crime across Gauteng declined by 3%, from 38,296 to 37,161 reported cases. Johannesburg District recorded 14,594 contact crimes during the quarter. Ennerdale recorded a 5.1% increase in contact crime, rising from 414 to 435 cases. Kidnapping cases increased from 32 to 37, while residential robberies went from 17 to 18. Robberies at non-residential premises increased from 10 to 11 cases, and truck hijackings rose from one to two. At the same time, Ennerdale recorded declines in several serious offences. Murder dropped from 24 to 20 cases, carjacking fell from 34 to 27, and reported rape cases decreased from 22 to 19.

Lenasia South also recorded increases in robberies. Residential robbery cases rose from 19 to 22, an increase of 15.8%. The biggest percentage increase was recorded in robberies at non-residential premises, where cases rose from six to 11, an 83.3% increase.

Murder in Lenasia South remained unchanged at 21 cases during the quarter. The figures show that three areas are experiencing different crime patterns. While some categories have improved, increases in kidnapping and robberies remain a concern in parts of the Deep South. Provincially, Gauteng recorded declines in several serious crime categories. Murder decreased by 10.7%, from 1,429 to 1,276 cases. Reported rape declined by 8%, from 1,810 to 1,666, while carjackings dropped by 14.6%, from 2,583 to 2,207. The station-level figures highlight the importance of looking at crime trends within individual communities rather than relying only on provincial figures.

Purattasi 2026 marks a month of faith and devotion



Judy Poonsamy Broader Hindu Community Network NPO

Hindu families are observing the sacred month of Purattasi from 18 September to 17 October, a period traditionally associated with Lord Vishnu and Sri Venkateswara Swamy.

Purattasi is the sixth month of the Tamil calendar and is observed by many devotees through prayer, temple worship, vegetarian meals, fasting, bhajans, charity and acts of service.

The five Saturdays this year fall on 19 September, 26 September, 3 October, 10 October and 17 October. These days hold particular significance for devotees of Lord Venkateswara, also known as

Venkatachalapathy, Srinivasa, Balaji and Perumal. Families may mark Saturdays by visiting temples, lighting lamps, reciting prayers, chanting the names of the Lord, following dietary restrictions or taking part in devotional activities.

"However, Purattasi is not only about fasting or food. It is also a time for reflection, discipline, gratitude and compassion. We encourage families to connect their spiritual practices with seva, or selfless service," Judy Poonsamy said.

This can include donating food or groceries, visiting an elderly person, helping a family in need, supporting a community organisation or showing

kindness to someone who may be struggling. Poonsamy added: "Purattasi is also an opportunity for families to pass traditions on to younger generations. Parents and grandparents can explain the meaning behind the observances, take children to temple, teach them prayers or bhajans and involve them in preparing offerings or performing acts of service."

Purattasi 2026 offers devotees an opportunity to strengthen their faith while putting the values of compassion, gratitude and seva into practice.

GLOBE POST wishes all a blessed Purattasi.



Tigers Football Club – under 10 sponsorship call

Young players are in need of essential equipment to support their training and development. Sponsorship support is sought for red, black and white kits, size 4 soccer balls, training bibs, water bottles and a carrier. Businesses and community members interested in helping, can contact 072 246 5194.

Nishtar 36th AGM next month

You are invited on Saturday, 10 October, from 10am to 12:30pm for this AGM. Author, Mpumelelo Phakathi, will be the guest speaker. The AGM covers annual reports, financial statements, board elections, organisational matters. RSVP: 065 558 5439 / 011 854 5988 or events@sancanishtar.co.za

Miss Teen Kokotela 2026

Young girls are invited to enter the Miss Teen Kokotela 2026 pageant, with categories for Pre-Teen (8–12 years) and Teen (13–19 years). The event will take place on Saturday, 26 September, at 10am, with a R250 joining fee. For information, contact 078 220 5100.

2nd Annual Taste of a Festival

The Levelbox Bar will host the 2nd Annual Taste of a festival on 26 September in Finetown from 11:30am. The event will feature art, dance and a variety of cultural experiences. For more information, contact 073 549 6970.

Face of Finetown 2026

This event will take place on 10 October at Finetown Multipurpose Hall, 2112 Phillips Ave, Finetown, from 11am to 6pm. The pageant is open to young participants aged 8–26 and will include dance, music, food and entertainment. For more information, contact 063 656 0498.

Diwali Festival in October

The Hindu Co-ordinating Council hosts its annual Diwali Festival on 31 October. The

celebration will include stalls, entertainment and family-friendly activities, with further details to be announced. For more information, call Avish Kalicharan at 083 633 7550.

Cancer Awareness Fun Walk

Ennerdale Combined Emergency Services (ECES) will host a Cancer Awareness Pink Attire Fun Walk on 3 October at Hyperland, Ennerdale Ext3, from 8am to 6pm. The fun walk costs R10 per person. For more info, contact 083 790 1313.

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South Africa's struggling municipals are putting renewed focus on whether incoming councillors are adequately prepared to oversee public funds and hold municipal administrations accountable. The Auditor-General's 2024/25 report found that only 39 of the country's 257 municipalities achieved clean audits, while municipalities and their entities incurred R40.14 billion in irregular expenditure during the financial year. A further 116 municipalities adopted unfunded budgets, while 174 did not have enough cash to pay their creditors at year-end. Despite councillors overseeing budgets, spending and service delivery, there is currently no national minimum educational or competency requirement for candidates. SALGA said councillors receive training after being elected, covering areas such as municipal finance, governance, ethics, legislation and oversight. Corruption Watch's Janine Erasmus said political parties should strengthen their vetting processes by examining candidates' track records, conduct and potential conflicts of interest. Experts also stressed that qualifications alone do not guarantee effective leadership. Professor Busani Ngcaweni of the University of Johannesburg said councillors need practical knowledge of municipal legislation, budgets, procurement and oversight. With the local government elections approaching, attention is now turning to whether parties are preparing candidates capable of protecting public resources and effectively representing communities. Meanwhile, a record 136,790 candidates are in the running to contest the Local Government Elections on 4 November. **GLOBE POST** encourages readers who are unable to get to the polls, to please register for special votes by 12 October. Official IEC candidate lists were published on Thursday, 16 September. A record 136,790 candidates have qualified to contest council seats across the country. **The full list of certified candidates and contesting political parties can be viewed on the IEC website at bit.ly/4cPvHaC or at all local IEC offices.**

Khomanani Disability Forum launches in Region G



Khomanani Disability Forum with community members at the launch in Ennerdale

A new platform focused on strengthening advocacy and representation for people living with disabilities was launched in Ennerdale on 14 September. It brought together organisations working to advance the rights and interests of people with disabilities in Johannesburg's Region G. The launch was supported by the Gauteng MEC for Social Development and City of Johannesburg's Regional Director, Mickey Padiachee. Forum chairperson, Regina Mary Ndlovu, said the organisation would

work towards stronger representation across the region. "We are committed to ensuring that every ward in Region G has an opportunity to be represented," Ndlovu told **GLOBE POST**. The Forum thanked DB Cash and Carry, Clifford Bakery, Gift of the Givers, Shoprite Soup Kitchen and the Finetown Respond Team for supporting the launch. She added that the Forum would continue working towards an inclusive structure where the voices of people with disabilities are heard.

What municipalities CAN'T do



- Run public schools
- Manage public hospitals
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Residents who notice unusual changes in their municipal accounts are being urged to check their water consumption, inspect meters and look for possible leaks.

The City of Johannesburg says unexpectedly high water bills can have different causes, but monitoring usage can help identify problems early. A sudden increase may point to a leak, higher consumption or another issue that needs investigation. Residents can check for possible leaks by turning off all taps, appliances and other water outlets on their properties and then checking the water meter. If it continues recording consumption while no water is being used, there may be a leak on the property. Leaks within a property boundary are generally the responsibility of the property owner. Residents should arrange for a qualified plumber to investigate and repair suspected

internal leaks as soon as possible. Water lost through such a leak can still pass through the meter and be recorded, resulting in a higher account. Leaks on municipal water meter or infrastructure outside a property boundary should be reported to the City for investigation and repair. Prompt reporting can help reduce water losses and allow technical teams to attend to the problem. Residents are also encouraged to compare current readings with previous months and investigate significant increases. Region G Customer Service Centres: Ennerdale, Ext9 Civic and the Lenasia South Civic. These are service points for account-related matters, billing queries and other municipal customer service enquiries. Customers can also use the relevant Region G customer service email channel to raise concerns and follow up on municipal billing matters.

Lenasia South Liverpool bloc pipeline work resumes



Workers continue with construction

The R24-million pipeline project in Lenasia South extension 1 is now about 60% complete, with teams carrying out horizontal drilling at road crossings and installing pipes along Liverpool and Newton streets. Tilbit Construction anticipates completing the project by 30 October.

Delays had affected the project, including concerns over unpaid wages. TILBIT's site agent, Balfour Tshifaro, told **GLOBE POST** all outstanding payments to general workers were settled on 30 July. Residents

on Newton and Liverpool Streets have also reported temporary water and disruptions affecting parts of the block, including electricity interruptions.

"Disruptions can happen during drilling and it understands the impact on residents and will work to minimise disruptions while construction continues," Tshifaro said. The project includes new HDPE pipes, replacement of ageing valves and fire hydrants, trenchless construction methods and reinstatement of just before the project ends.

City of Johannesburg warns property owners on municipal scams

Residents and property owners are being urged to verify any demand for money linked to municipal services after criminals were reported to be posing as officials and authorised contractors.

The City of Johannesburg says scammers are using fake emails, SMS, telephone calls and door-to-door visits to target municipal account holders. In some cases, individuals have visited private properties with forged job cards and claimed services would be disconnected unless immediate payment was made.

According to the City, people with fully paid and up-to-date accounts have also been targeted. Reported financial losses range from R3 500 to R120 000, after victims were pressured into transferring money into fraudulent bank accounts.

Criminals have also used false contact details to make their messages and demands appear genuine. The City identified 076 237 2438 as one number reportedly linked to the scams and warned about fake email addresses using domains such as "@joburgcity.co.za".

Residents were reminded that the City's official email domain is "@joburg.org.za".

The City said: "Municipal officials, technicians and authorised contractors are not permitted to collect payment directly from residents at their properties in exchange for preventing a service disconnection." Residents should therefore not hand over cash or transfer money to anyone making such a demand. Property owners approached by people claiming to represent the City should ask for official identification and independently check their account status. This can be done through the secure e-Joburg portal or at an official customer service centre. Suspicious visits, attempted extortion and fraudulent communications should be reported to the City's Anti-Fraud/Corruption Hotline, 0800 002 587. Residents should keep suspicious letters, SMSes, emails, telephone numbers, banking details, photographs, job cards and other information that may assist investigators.

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Method

1. Cut the paneer into bite-sized cubes. For extra flavour and a firmer texture, lightly pan-fry the paneer in a little oil until golden, then set aside.

2. Heat the cooking oil in a medium pot or large pan over medium heat.

3. Add the chopped onion and cook for

5–7 minutes, or until soft and translucent.

4. Add the garlic and ginger and cook for about 1 minute until fragrant.

5. Stir in the chilli powder, turmeric, cumin and ground coriander.

Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring continuously to release the flavours of the spices.

6. Add the chopped tomatoes and water. Stir well and bring to a gentle simmer.

7. Reduce the heat, cover and cook for 10–15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the sauce has thickened slightly.

8. Add the paneer cubes and season with salt to taste. Gently stir and simmer for another 5 minutes so the paneer absorbs the flavours of the sauce.

9. Remove from the heat and stir through the fresh coriander.

10. Serve hot with roti or rice.

Prep & Cook Time: 35 minutes

Serves: 4

Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients

- 250g paneer, cut into bite-sized cubes
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
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SARS and Customs tackles Lenasia South business over 'cigarette' compliance



Local shop temporarily closed during raid

A compliance operation by SARS and Customs led to the temporary closure of a local business over alleged non-compliance with laws governing the sale of cigarettes. SARS officials inspected the premises as nearby shops, temporarily closed while the enforcement action continued. Law enforcement officers spoke to **GLOBE POST** briefly, referring us to official spokespersons for details around the operation. However, they confirmed it was tobacco related. According to the SARS website, shops selling cigarettes must ensure tobacco products are legally manufactured or imported, comply with packaging and health-warning requirements, and meet applicable SARS requirements. The affected business has since re-opened.



Image: Mohau Mofokeng

Yeezy Makazana turns real-life experiences into music

Mohau Mofokeng, better known as Yeezy Makazana, is building his name in hip-hop rooted in ambition and the realities of everyday life.

Based in Phumlamqashi, the rapper blends hip-hop and melodic rap, using his music to explore themes of love, struggles and personal growth.

Makazana told **GLOBE POST** that his sound is shaped by what he has been through and what he sees happening around him.

"My music is about my life, the things I have experienced and what people around me go through. I want people to listen and feel that they can relate because it comes from a real place," he said. For Makazana, music is more than entertainment.

It is a way of turning difficult experiences and emotions into something meaningful while building genuine connection with listeners and giving people a new wave of sound within Hip-hop. His current focus is on releasing new music, creating visual content and securing more performance opportunities.

He is also working on his upcoming project, Street Kid, which he hopes will give listeners a deeper look into his journey and identity.

Makazana's goal is to develop a distinctive sound and leave a lasting mark on the South African hip-hop scene.

As he continues to work on new material, he is focused on creating music that reflects where he comes from and where he wants to go.



Image: Zonkezinhle

Ennerdale's Zonkezinhle finds his voice through Afro-pop

After spending several years experimenting with Amapiano, Ennerdale singer-songwriter Zonkezinhle Sihle Nkadiemeng is taking his music in a new direction by placing Afro-pop at the centre of his sound.

Known as Zonkezinhle Nkadi, the independent artist told **GLOBE POST** that the genre gives him more room to focus on vocals, melody and emotion.

His interest in music began at a young age, but singing and songwriting gradually became more than a casual passion as he

started shaping his own artistic identity.

For Zonkezinhle, the move towards Afro-pop is not about abandoning what he has done before, but about finding a style that allows him to express himself more fully.

He told **GLOBE POST** that he wants his music to feel personal and honest.

"I have explored different sounds, but Afro-pop allows me to show another side of myself.

I want people to hear my songs and connect with the stories because music is about

expressing what you feel and what you go through," he said.

Working independently means he is responsible for much of his own growth and direction, but he sees that as part of the journey.

His focus now is on refining his sound, reaching new listeners and creating music that reflects who he is becoming as an artist. Zonkezinhle hopes his journey will also encourage other young creatives in Ennerdale to keep developing their talents and trust their own path.

3G's Can Drive nets 329 tins



Volunteers during the Can Drive Food collection at NTN Centre

A community food collection in Lenasia South has brought residents together to support households facing financial hardship.

3G's Can Drive was held at the NTN Centre on 22 and 29 August, with people encouraged to donate tins of food under the message "Bring a can, if you can."

The campaign accepted donations of any size, allowing people to contribute according to what they could afford. The initiative collected 329 tins by end of the campaign. A total of 157 tins were donated directly at the NTN Centre, while another 172 came through 3G's network of family and friends.

Founder, Vasie Pillay, said: "The response showed how small contributions can make a

bigger difference when people work together. The donated food will be distributed to families in need across Lenasia South, offering some relief to households struggling to keep food on their tables."

Pillay thanked everyone who supported the campaign and said every donation played a role in reaching the final total.

With collection now complete, 3G's will focus on distributing the food to families who need it most.

The organisation said the effort was about more than reaching a number, as it also encouraged people to look out for others in difficult circumstances.

To get involved, please contact Vasie Pillay on 083 367 0845.

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5K Run4Love brings community together to support children needing cleft surgery



5K Run4Love participants show their support

Community members gathered at Daxina Primary School on Saturday, 12 September, for the 5K Run4Love Run & Walk, raising awareness and funds for children born with cleft lip and palate.

Hosted by Daxina Striders in partnership with Love Without Reason South Africa, the event brought together runners, walkers and families in support of providing life-changing cleft surgeries to children who

may not otherwise have access to treatment. Participant, Rea Sibeko, told **GLOBE POST** she joined because of the event's charitable purpose and the difference it could make in children's lives. Funds raised will support Love Without Reason South Africa's work in providing free cleft lip and palate surgeries. The initiative formed part of the organisation's wider #UntilTheWorldIsCleftFree campaign at Lenmed in December.

Deep South LFA season gets off to a strong start



Players compete during the tournament in September

The Deep South Local Football Association (DSLFA) senior season got underway with an opening tournament played over the weekends of 12-13 and 19-20 September.

The tournament brought together 16 teams, with clubs using the opening fixtures to test their squads and get their campaigns underway ahead of the official league start on 26 September. Newcomers Pres Eleven FC made an impressive introduction to the competition, beating defending champions Ennerdalians 5-1. The result was one of the biggest wins of the opening fixtures. La Fabrica also had a strong outing, beating Pro Gumbi FC 4-1, while Emendi Big 13 defeated Junior Stars 3-0. Other results saw Rainbow Stars beat Dream Team 2-0, X-Perience 11 defeat Busy Bee 3-1 and Selecticao edge Mthizo FC 2-1. Sao Paulo recorded a 2-0 win over Torino Spurs, while La Parasia beat Selecticao Money Heist 2-1.

The opening tournament has given teams an early look at the competition ahead of the new season. With the official league starting on 26 September, clubs will now turn their attention to building on their opening performances. The DSLFA season will feature a two-round competition, with teams competing for points and honours throughout the campaign.



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