

Community Development News

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Aluva Nova Festival



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From the Editorial Pot



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Winter is upon us. Electricity usage is at its highest. From the load shedding we are already experiencing, one shudders to think what is to become of us and the services that we are expected to render to the community.

This edition is to showcase the activities that took place within Community Development. Noteworthy moments include the much spoken about Arts Alive festival (Arnold Classic Africa Sports Festival) the South African Library Week event, school holiday programmes, Arts, Culture and Heritage.. preserving our heritage event and many more.

Lest I forget, Business Management Support has a new director. Ms Jennely Möller joined this unit from the 1st of March. On page 05 she opens up about her life, milestones and lessons learnt along the way. We have constantly seen our MMC Councillor Lubabalo Magwentshu facilitating our events. On page 03 he shares insight into his journey. Check this out!

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HIS BUZZWORD IS "DEDICATION".

Getting to grips with the MMC: Community Development Councillor Lubabalo Magwentshu

Full Name: Lubabalo Cecil Magwentshu

Designation/ Portfolio : Councillor (MMC Community Development + Former S79 Chairperson of HSD)

Short Bio: Lubabalo Magwentshu, Councillor of the African Transformation Movement in the City of Johannesburg.

He is the second born of Mrs Nomava Magwentshu and Mr Mokota Myolwa. He is married to Mrs Nolubabalo Philiswa Magwentshu and they are blessed with 5 boys and 1 girl.

Years of Service: Magwentshu joined the City in November 2021

Highest qualification: Magwentshu holds a Bachelors Degree in Commerce from Rhodes University

Hobby: He plays soccer in his spare time.

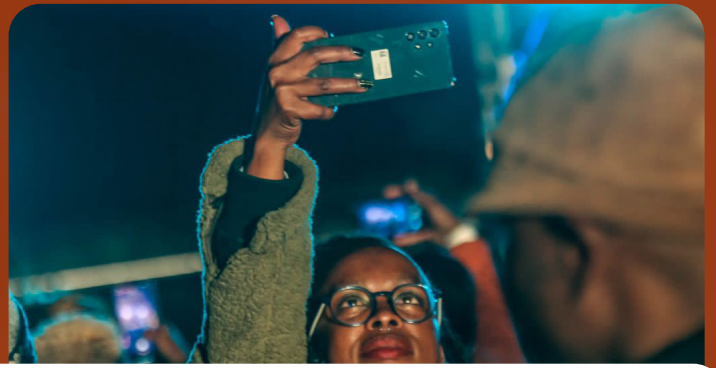
PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE:

S79 Chairperson (Health and Social Development)	2022 Feb – Nov 2022
MMC Community Development	2022 October resumed again February 2023
Professional officer/ Trainee Key account Manager	2001-2005
Assistant Manager	2005-2007
Corridor Manager	2007-2009
Lecturer	2010-2012
Rail & port Operations Manager (OSHO SA COAL)	2012-2013
General Operations Manager (OSHO SA COAL)	2013-2017
Lurco Coal	2017-2018
Mmamosa Holdings	2018-2020
Assupol + AVBOB	2020-2021



Aluta Nova

Returns for the 3rd time!



Joburg youth month kicks off with the Aluta Nova Festival

17 May 2023 -The City of Joburg's flagship arts, culture and heritage event, Aluta Nova came back for the 3rd edition. The festival took place on Saturday, 3rd June 2023 at the James Hall Museum of Transport in Rosettenville

From its inception, Aluta Nova has been promoting and encouraging a museum-going culture amongst youth, while creating multiple market access opportunities for creatives, SMMEs and artists. While the festival is still growing, over the past two years it has created jobs for 100 SMME's and supported 40 artists.

Families attend the event to experience the rich history and heritage of the iconic City of Johannesburg. It's a day filled with music, museum walkabouts, picnic, thrilling tours on the historic 1952 London bus, food and makers market as

well as kiddies fun art activities.

Museums are known as silent spaces of contemplation and learning - Aluta Nova breaks the silence by permeating the thick walls of heritage through the contemporary voices of youth. The festival brings the museum space to life through music, making learning more accessible and dynamic for young people.

This year's live performances and DJs featured a diverse lineup of some of Joburg's top and emerging talent such as Muzi, Lelowhatgood, BLKJKS, Deniece Marz, Rosie Parade, Hammathedude, as well as Painted Flowers – an exciting new band in town.

Entrance was free.



New kid on the block *Jennely*, definitely a force to be reckoned with !

1. Who exactly is Jennely? I would like to think that I'm a servant leader and good human. I serve, I observe, I listen to what is not being said, I feel what needs to be felt, I do what needs to be done, I think about my thinking, I accept and grow from my own weaknesses. Basically, I live my transformation every day. I am work in progress.

2. Family ties...kindly share. I've been married to my high school sweetheart for 28 and a half years. We are blessed with two very bright and beautiful children. My extended family is very big and a mixture of Afrikaans, English and Portuguese. We have loads of fun when we get together, especially when the jamming starts, and the Madeiran Espetada is on fire!!!

3. You have a staff compliment of 20 under our charge. How do you plan to ensure that they flourish in their daily activities? I will make sure that the team has the knowledge, support, and resources to do their jobs effectively. I will not hesitate to tell them what I think is the best method or process. I will help them to realise their potential, understand their roles and stay motivated while focusing on the City's objectives and goals. It is important to learn from past mistakes and successes and to use lessons learned to productively take good decisions. If we understand what is happening now and we understand the consequences of our decisions and actions, then we can move with consensus and be the department's "A"-team.

4. What do you like about BMS? I like BMS because you get to have in-depth understanding of the nature of a department and the City's business so that you can provide the needed support to it. I like to produce information and offer counsel and direction to staff. I like analysing processes, carrying out training for staff improvement, and bringing recommendations for business improvement.

5. Your take on GBV? The sad reality is that societies free of GBV do not exist. We are all affected by it. I think that in our country much effort is focused on response, but we need to strengthen responses and do more to prevent GBV from happening in the first place, i.e., address the causal factors or drivers of GBV. There is no quick fix to this pandemic. The journey starts with everyone on board. If each of us play our part in empowering the vulnerable and influencing the young; raising awareness and educating our friends, family, and colleagues, then we make way for positive societal change of gender norms and attitudes.

6. You mentioned that you worked your way up, skipped no level. Any word of advice to junior staff?

Yes.

- *Don't let anyone make you believe that you cannot accomplish great things in your space.*
- *Make it your business to know everyone's business. Be a jack or jill of all trades – skill yourself in as many areas as possible. Work on as many projects as you can. Everyone needs a multi-tasker in the present competitive market. It is a scarce skill.*
- *Step up and stand out. Take calculated risks. Take up that challenge you've been dreaming or thinking of, even if you are afraid – you are not here to be average, you are not even good – you were born to be great!*
- *A piece of paper does not define you or what you are capable of. Hard work, character, integrity, and determination will get you to where you want to be.*
- *Read, listen, observe, and learn, and say sorry when you are wrong.*
- *Don't be influenced by other people's opinions or ways. Stay true to yourself.*
- *If something does not feel right, it probably isn't.*
- *Connect with the people around you. We are all human. Be a good human.*
- *The rest is a fait accompli.*

7. How do you unwind? I build puzzles, fill crosswords, and chill with my dog – Kiki (it means Lord of the Manor and she truly rules my world).

8. On a lighter note, what is your guilty pleasure? A burger with slap chips and thrifting.



Ms Jennely Möller has been appointed as the Director: Business Management Support from 1 March 2023.



Goosebump Stories.

CoJ LIBRARIES SHARES GOOSEBUMP STORIES.

Nonhlanhla Mokoena who is a patron of the Poortjie Library wrote the following on the Joburg Library Facebook page:

"I just want to send gratitude to one of the staff members Nabhasa Magangeni, from Poortjie Library. I work for one of the biggest banks in South Africa and it is because of her. I remember going to the library on my second-year gap to photocopy my documents. She saw my Matric certificate and she asked if I was at varsity to which my answer was no. She encouraged me to come to the library, she assisted me to apply for a South Deep bursary which I got and started studying at the University of Johannesburg. Ms Nabhasa did not stop there. She checked on me throughout my university years. I do not think I would have succeeded if it were not of her. Her kindness is contagious, and she is always willing to lend a helping hand. I remember visiting her at the library during my vacation and she introduced me to a girl named Amahle who was going to do her first year at UJ and needed help to get accommodation. Ms Nabhasa did not only helped me and Amahle, but she also helped many of the youth in Poortjie. I am so very grateful that I walked into the Poortjie library that day".

Simbarashe Moyana, a Krugersdorp Library user said: "The library has shaped my future into the right direction in that I was able to complete my BCom in Financial Management (UNISA) with a Cum Laude in record time. It also helped me to successfully complete my BCom Honours in Financial Management through UNISA with a 72% overall pass grade. Currently I am undertaking my Master of Philosophy in Financial Management through UNISA. How was it possible from a distance learning perspective? It was because of the supportive structures that are present within the marvelous and resourceful Mogale City Local Municipality.

Krugersdorp library is rich in technological equipment, free internet and it is open to all registered library users at no cost. There are easy to access e-journals that are important when undertaking research projects and this is through SABINET online. These resources helped me in undertaking my research project.

The nature of any given organization is as good as its human resources and the same applies with Krugersdorp library. The reason why the library is successful goes to the quality of the librarians Krugersdorp has. The librarians are very professional, and they patiently and passionately work under the leadership of Dr Raduvha".

JOBURG PUBLIC LIBRARIES SALW 2023 POP-UP ACROSS THE CITY

Between 24-31 March 2023, the City of Joburg pop-up libraries were seen across the City of Joburg when librarians took a collection of resources outside the physical library space to the public. Members of the public were invited to visit the pop-up libraries and find out about the special services that libraries offer in the demanding modern world where information has become a valuable commodity and to endorse the message of the importance of reading and learning. To create excitement, fun activities such as story hours and puppet shows took place. The public also were encouraged to register as a library member through online registration, and find out more about eBooks, and eLearning.

CHESS CLUB FOR LENASIA SOUTH LIBRARY

The "pin" is mightier than the sword!

Lenasia South Library, in partnership with the Lenasia Chess Academy, has opened a chess club for kids at the library. This initiative is aimed at keeping the children away from the streets and is spearheaded by the librarian, Brenda Phoshoko and Thembelihle Gumbi from the chess academy.

"We are very excited, as the number of children visiting the library has increased. They have even formed study groups. They come for homework purposes and thereafter play chess." said the librarian.

Thembelihle thanked Mr Ferhaad Valley from Lenasia Extension 3 library for providing them with the chess board.





Multi Sport, Arts Festival

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19-21 May '23



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Sport and Recreation, Region C, in partnership with The Arnold Classic, gave 100 children from the Ruimsig Informal Settlement an opportunity to experience the Arnold Games at Ruimsig Stadium on the 20th and 21st of May 2023. The children were from the ages of 13 to 18 years.

They got to experience all the sporting codes that were on display over the weekend. Some got to experience E-Gaming, a growing sporting code in the country. They were entertained when they got to see live wrestling matches displayed at the stadium.

This program is meant to expose our children from disadvantaged backgrounds, to show them all sporting codes beside football and netball. This program encourages our children to explore their talents.

We are proud as Sports and Recreation to have given all those children the experience of a lifetime.

by Thato Motsisi





Eric Itzkin DD: Immovable Heritage with members of the Mahatma Gandhi Remembrance Organisation.

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE...

Two blue plaques were erected at Tolstoy Farm. One commemorates Gandhi's friend and supporter, Hermann Kallenbach. The other blue plaque honor the great Russian writer Leo Tolstoy, after whom Tolstoy Farm is named.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM Thato Motsisi



Region C

Sport and Recreation Directorate, hosted the children of Braamfischerville at Braamfischer Multipurpose for a school holiday programme. "As schools are closed for two weeks, children are found sitting in the streets not having much to do, and as Sport and Recreation it is our duty to take advantage of such a situation and take children to participate in different sporting and recreational activities." Thabo Motsisi said.

The school holiday programme was hosted on the 28th of March 2023. The children were excited to participate in the school holiday programme. The activities were: 5 aside football, Ball kicking, Ball dribbling, Volleyball, mini cricket, relay. The children enjoyed being entertained and running around. As it was a cool day, refreshments were served to replenish and hydrate the children.

Unsung Heroes...some people work behind the scenes to make things happen. Bra Edwin Shabangu (HR) is one of them. Here's how he does it..



What's your best tip in dealing with difficult clients?
Be calm all the time. Do not stoop to their level of difficulty

What do you think is the most important quality to have to survive in your career field?
Build a great team. You can never do it successfully alone

What your mantra?
Treat everyone with respect

What excites you most about your job?
I have a passion for serving. It gives me a great sense of purpose.

Kota, burger or sushi?
Definitely burger...hahaha!