

CITY TO REINTRODUCE LOAD SHEDDING



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The new schedule is available on the Municipality's social media platforms.

As the country works to avoid a total black out, it has become necessary that eThekweni starts contributing to load

shedding. While the City will be contributing to reduce the load on the national grid, it will be mitigating the risk to local electricity infrastructure. The City remains committed to monitoring and assessing the situation to minimise the risk to the Municipality and the electricity grid.

EThekweni was not able to fully implement load shedding due to the extensive damage to electricity infrastructure.

EThekweni Municipality and Eskom are in continuous engagement to avert any further risks on the City's

electrical grid following extensive flood damage to electrical infrastructure. Most parts of the City were left without electricity supply after electrical equipment was submerged in water during the floods in April and May.

As some substations are still out of commission and many parts of the network require re-configuration, the existing load shedding schedules had to be amended.

EThekweni therefore prepared a temporary schedule that will be effective for stage 4 and higher. This schedule will be

in used until further notice. Certain areas will be excluded from load shedding because of highly compromised networks.

Customers are urged to reduce their load especially during peak times.

All high consumption appliances such as geysers, stoves, and heaters must be switched off during power outages to prevent overload tripping when the power does return.

Please refer to the following link to access the amended load shedding schedule: <https://bit.ly/30sjNnV>

PROF THANDI NZAMA APPOINTED USHAKA BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ETHEKWINI Municipality congratulates Professor Thandi Nzama who has been appointed the Chairperson of Africa's largest theme park. Nzama takes the helm of the board of directors at the uShaka Marine Theme Park from 1 August 2022.

Appointed to the board on 1 March 2020, Nzama has served as the Interim Chairperson from 1 February 2022. Nzama brings with her considerable experience having served on boards of various government entities. Some of which includes the KwaZulu-Natal Ezemvelo Wildlife, Ilembe Enterprise, Tourism KwaZulu-Natal, and Isimangaliso Wetland Park. She has served in positions of Chairperson or Deputy Chair on some of these boards.

Striving to give her best in her role and to enhance



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her skills of handling board related activities, she has attended a number of capacity building programmes offered by the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa.

A full-time professor at the University of Zululand in the Department of Recreation and Tourism, Nzama currently

serves as the Deputy Dean of Teaching and Learning in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

She holds the following academic qualifications BPaed, STD, BAHons (Geography); BEd, MA (University of Zululand), Med (University of Free State), MSc (ILL, USA),

PhD (ILL, USA).

Her journey started as a teacher in high schools in the province before she joined the University of Zululand as a lecturer.

Eight years later she moved to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences to establish the Department of Recreation and Tourism at which she continues to teach both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

EThekwinI Mayor Councillor Mxolisi Kaunda congratulated Nzama on her new assignment as Board Chairperson.

"She brings with her a wealth of knowledge as an administrator and academic. That she has been part of the board since 2020 bodes well for the continuity of the Municipal entity which is critical for the City's economic growth," said Mayor Kaunda.

Exposing small businesses to opportunities

THE City is helping to empower small businesses. This was reaffirmed when the Municipality's Economic Development Unit's (EDU) Industry Development Programmes Department (IDPD) recently celebrated the success of the eThekwinI Furniture Cluster's Small and Medium Enterprise Accelerator Programme. The good news is that Mad Design Studios, which was part of the Accelerator Programme, has been linked to new retail customers.

Nqobile and Mholi Mthembu, a husband-and-wife architect and interior designer duo are the co-founders of Mad Design Studios which is an architecture and interior design studio. Their services include designing, manufacturing, and



Ian Perry from Homewood presents Nqobile Mthembu from Mad Studio Designs with a cheque for winning the 'Most Promising/Innovative Business' award at the eThekwinI Furniture Cluster Dragons Den event.

overseeing the installation of high-end, custom furniture solutions for customers. Mad Design Studios' potential caught the attention of the panel of lead enterprises

(including Homewood, @Home and Mr Price Home) during the eThekwinI Furniture Cluster's Small Business Accelerator Programmes Dragons' Den event.

The business scooped the "Most Promising/Innovative Business" award which included R15 000 in cash.

Since progressing through the initial stages of the Accelerator Programme, Mad Design Studios have undergone business case development, received mentorship support from an experienced industry expert, had the opportunity to complete a detailed benchmarking study as well as access to the clusters team leader and emerging leader skills development programmes.

Their furniture manufacturing facilities are currently based at FurnTech which is a fully equipped furniture training and incubation centre with access to experienced industry mentors and skilled resources.



TRUCK OWNERS PARKING ON PAVEMENTS TO BE CRIMINALLY CHARGED

A STERN warning has been issued to business owners whose trucks block roads and park illegally on pavements. Owners could face criminal prosecution as they are deliberately contravening Municipal by-laws.

This emerged during an Isiphingo regeneration meeting held recently at the Isiphingo Eco-Centre.

Chairperson of the Isiphingo Regeneration Team Sifiso Xulu said there are many challenges in Isiphingo. The main being trucks parked on pavements, abandoned buildings, illegal traders operating from pavements, and illegal scrapyards.

“Truck owners whose trucks park on pavements will face the law for non-compliance with Municipal by-laws. Trucks are damaging the infrastructure in Isiphingo, Clairwood, and Jacobs. Millions of rands are spent to repair infrastructure which gets damaged again within a short period,” said Xulu.

Metro Police Deputy Commissioner Sbonelo Mchunu said they have issued many tickets and served warrants of arrests for violation of traffic laws.

“After exhausting all avenues, trucks parked on pavements will be impounded. We are asking business owners and the public to comply to by-laws and general traffic rules,” said Mchunu.

Xulu said work is in progress to address a variety of non-compliance issues in Isiphingo and surrounding areas.

“The Isiphingo Regeneration Team consists of various units who are working to improve service delivery in this area. They are the eyes and ears of the Municipality,” he said.



Truck owners who allow their vehicles to park on pavements and block roads will be criminally charged for contravening Municipal by-laws. This comes as the City cracks down on this illegal behaviour.

Grant-In-Aid applications close on 30 July

ALL registered organisations within the early childhood development, social welfare, sports, culture and recreation, economic development and faith-based organisations who meet the criteria as per the Grant-In-Aid Policy are reminded that applications close on 30 July.

The grant funding is to assist non-profit organisations with

financial or material support to reach communities where government is not able to.

Applications can be emailed. Applicants can also submit their applications directly to the following regional offices by 12pm on 30 July by:

- OThongathi Sizakala Centre
- Kingsburgh Sizakala Centre
- KwaMashu Sizakala Centre

- Mega City Sizakala Centre
- Pinetown Sizakala Centre
- Westville Sizakala Centre

All applicants must ensure that their applications are made on the prescribed form and that all required documentation is attached. An acknowledgement of receipt must be attached to their application and handed to

them upon submission.

Application forms can be accessed on www.durban.gov.za or can be collected directly from ward councillors.

For further enquiries contact Grant-In-Aid Coordinator Sandile Ngwane 031 311 6195 or Beneficiary Support Officer Susan Towes on 031 311 6171.



DURBAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL TELLS LOCAL STORIES

THE University of KwaZulu-Natal's Centre for Creative Arts (CCA) has opened the Durban International Film Festival (DIFF) with the screening of the film 1960 at the CineCentre Suncoast as well as virtually. This year the festival presents a hybrid programme of close to 200 feature films, documentaries, and short films alongside an exciting community and student programme Isiphethu.

The festival will host 21 live screenings at CineCentre Suncoast, with the closing film *You're My Favourite Place* screening on 29 July. This is the 5th feature film by one South Africa's most acclaimed directors, Jahmil X.T. Qubeka.

From today, 25 July until 30 July, the festival's virtual edition, which includes the opening and closing



films, is screening films on durbanfilmfest.com. Here, festival lovers can find a feast of thought-provoking short films, documentaries and feature films.

Some of the festival's highlights include the South African shorts programme,

screening live at the cinema this Saturday, 23 July. Many directors and cast will be in attendance.

The shorts package will also be available to watch online from 23 July.

Programme details

DIFF 2022 will be presented in a hybrid edition with online screenings at www.durbanfilmfest.com and a diverse live programme offered at Suncoast CineCentre. The live screening schedule is accessible on ccadiff.ukzn.ac.za. Tickets for the live screenings will be available directly at the Suncoast CineCentre on www.cinecentre.co.za. The virtual festival programme is available on www.durbanfilmfest.com.

The 43rd edition of the festival is produced by the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Centre for Creative Arts, in partnership with other valued funders and partners.

NOTICES:

1. POWERING THE GROWTH OF FURNITURE VALUE CHAINS

THE EThekwini Furniture Cluster (EFC) will host a recruitment webinar on 2 August to attract more members.

This session is suitable for any firm or stakeholder working in the furniture industry who is interested in understanding the EFC programme for the next 12 months.

For more information click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3cGkKfm> To register for the webinar click on: <https://bit.ly/3aVplEy>



2. LAST CHANCE TO ENTER JUMPCITY CHALLENGE

HURRY as you only have until 27 July 2022 to enter the 2022 JumpCity Challenge taking place on 29 July 2022.

Check out the challenges using this link: <https://jumpcitychallenge.com/ushaka/#challenges>

Entries close on 27 July at 3pm, unless capacity is reached prior. There are currently less than 150 entries remaining at the time of this post. Come out to play Durban.

Find out more or sign up by visiting <https://jumpcitychallenge.com/ushaka/#challenges>

3. WORKSHOP ALERT!

INTERESTED in design thinking? Innovate Durban will host a comprehensive three-day Design Thinking Workshop in August. Attend the workshop to learn to solve client's problems creatively through a completely disruptive thinking model and inquiry-based learning.

Use the following link to find out more about this innovative learning journey: <https://bit.ly/3zehJeS>

Limited seats available so register soon.

Register via this link : <https://forms.office.com/r/DCydD2z0bA>

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