



Staff encouraged to use Wellness Centre for healthy lifestyle

Buffalo City Municipality's state of the art employee wellness centre building is now officially open for all staff members.

This holistic centre which offers services such as Primary Medical Care, Occupational Health and Safety Management, Counselling and HIV/Aids Workplace programmes has been operational since 2005.

Its primary objective is to promote healthy lifestyle amongst the municipality workforce.

Speaking at its official opening on June 24, Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku said that the centre will provide a multi-facet health services to all city councillors and employees.

"This centre is not designed only

to accommodate sick people but is capable of providing a service beyond perceivable health infirmities like trauma debriefing, HIV/AIDS testing and counselling, and the necessary paper work for injury and illness claims," she said.

Executive Mayor acknowledged the role played the centre in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

"The most important role of this wellness centre is its contribution in the fight against HIV and AIDS especially in the workplace. Already, the workplace programme is reflecting positive results with a marked decrease in the number of employees who are HIV positive" said Faku.

She added that: "Staff members

who test positive during the voluntary testing campaigns are able to access treatment through the Siyakhana Health Project along with at least three of their immediate dependants."

Giving a background about the centre, the City's occupational risk co-ordinator, Nick Bronkhorst said it was built with funds from international donor, the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida).

Looking into future, Bronkhorst said they plan to establish similar centre in King Williams's Town to cater for employees based in the inland areas.

The centre is found at Number 50 Belgravia Crescent in East London for enquiries about their services please call 043 722 1011.

Employees Assistance Programme

What is the Employee Assistance Programme?

The Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) is a confidential counselling service offered by Buffalo City Municipality (BCM) to its employees.

The BCM recognises that its employees are its most important and valuable resources and holds the view that this resource should be well cared for and developed. An EAP is designed to help employees manage their work and personal problems, as these may impair the person's well-being and job performance. Employees can access confidential counselling and psycho-education or training on a wide range of issues affecting their lives, as these may be concerns they may not wish to share with managers, supervisors, colleagues or family.

The Employee Assistance Programme can help with the following personal issues:

- Work-related issues
- Marital / Relationship
- Anxiety / Depression
- Emotional problems
- Stress
- Trauma
- Substance abuse
- Behavioural difficulties
- HIV / AIDS
- Other psychosocial problems

How do I use the EAP counselling

Tel: 043-722 1011
Physical Address: 50 Belgravia Crescent



Gracing the Mayoral Inauguration: South Africa's First Lady Nompumelelo Ntuli-Zuma was part of the dignitaries from various sectors including government, business and political organisation that attended the State of the City Address and Mayoral Inauguration.



Buffalo City's Wellness Centre in Number 50 Belgravia Road

Executive Mayor hands over tractors to rural emerging farmers

Rural agricultural development received a major boost, when Buffalo City Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku recently handed over tractors and agricultural appliances to rural farming cooperatives.

The three tractors given to Needs Camp Farmers' Association, Mjali farmers association, and Tyusha Massive food production were identified by communities during previous IDP hearing meetings, in order to address unemployment and poverty alleviation in their areas.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony held in welcome wood, Executive Mayor said that the Tractors will play a very important in boosting productivity of the rural farmers”

“Our objective as the municipality in handing over these tractors is to see emerging rural farmers selling their produce to the Buffalo City Fruit and Vegetable Market. We also want to see some of your produce being exported to other countries”

She urged communities to be united and focus on the production and avoid any forms of division.

“I hope this tractor will not only bring good production for you but also brings unity in long run. We do not want to hear that you were fighting over ownership of the tractor.”

The tractors are equipped with latest much needed accessories such as disk plough offset, a three-furrow plough, a trailer, a fertilizer spreader, a two-row planer, and a spare wheel.

The City's General Manager in

the Local Economic Development, tourism and Rural Development Department Vuyani Mbata said

“The hand over of this tractors were part of the municipality plan to eradicate poverty and encourage people to take the initiative and be creative.”

To ensure that the tractors and appliances are used to for the intended purposes, Mbata said the municipality has developed an aftercare programme to monitor progress of the projects.

Needs Camp Farmers' Association chairperson Fanisile Ngesi thanked the Executive Mayor for assist them

to create jobs and fight poverty in their area.

“We are going to grow and develop as up and coming farmers. This tractor would help us a lot in our efforts to increase our production and creating employment opportunities for our people,” said Ngesi.



Buffalo City Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku recently handed over keys to Needs Camp Farmers' Association Chairperson Fanisile Ngesi.

City stages first Council Open Day for 2009-10 IDP Budget



Buffalo City Council Speaker Luleka Simon gives a welcome address at the Council IDP/Budget Open Day

Buffalo City Municipality took another step by hosting a first council Open Day at the City Hall in East London on May 28.

The objectives of the event was to source inputs from key City's stakeholders on the Municipality R2,9-billion Operating Budget and R1-billion Capital Budget for this financial year.

Buffalo City Council Speaker Luleka Simon in her welcoming address said: “This day has been set aside to give feedback to stakeholders and to reflect on the IDP Public Hearings that the Municipality has hosted to afford residents an opportunity to participate in its planning processes.”

IDP Public Hearings were a good platform in which the Municipality affords ordinary citizens an opportunity to raise their concern on service delivery issues.

“People of Buffalo City have made their voices heard in the preparation of the 2009/2010 budget.

Through what was discussed in the public hearings, the City will be able to make it possible to consolidate the generic needs of communities

and to identify those isolated cases that nevertheless demand immediate attention”, said Buffalo City's Executive Mayor, Zukisa Faku.

Faku said that the budget aims to address developmental backlogs and respond to new and pressing challenges currently confronting the Municipality and the people of Buffalo City.

“We want to fast-track development, finance essential goods and services, provide and upgrade existing infrastructure.

This is to ensure that the concerns of the people of Buffalo City are addressed to the best of our abilities,” she said.

Stakeholders and participants received presentation on feedback on the recent IDP hearings from Portfolio Head for IDP and Budget Integration, Sindiswa Gomba, in which she mentioned the city's key five priorities, namely roads and transport; electricity; water and sanitation; housing and land; and waste management.

As part of the Open Day, there was also an exhibition, where Municipal Departments and entities showcased their services.

City hosts Successful soccer tournament



Portfolio Head for Special Programmes and Public Participation Councillor Sakhumzi Caga handover City's 2010 promotional goodies to East London's former Bafana Bafana Star Brendan Augustine at the Gala Dinner

In recognition of the successful Vodacom Second Division National play-off games held in Buffalo City recently, the Municipality 2010 unit hosted a Glittering Gala Dinner at Regent Hotel on June 6.

The event was attended by City councillors and management, players, match officials and sponsors.

The games which featured nine teams from all the Country's Provinces were played at Sisa Dukashe and Jan Smuts stadiums.

Speaking to BCM Update about the tournament, 2010 Project Manager Roy Young said the city was privileged to host the tournament of this high magnitude.

"It's an honour for the City to be chosen by SAFA to host this year Vodacom Second Division National play-

off games. This endorsement by SAFA to host this important tournament in the South African soccer calendar displays our sport infrastructure capabilities to accommodate top notch sporting events," he said.

Young said visitors were very impressed by warm hospitality they received from locals during their stay in Buffalo City. "I want to thank Buffalo City citizens for the warm hospitality towards the visitors and this will have positive spins-offs for the City especially in Tourism as the Country will be hosting the Confederation Cup and the 2010 Soccer World Cup."

As token appreciation from the Municipality, visitors and sponsors were given goodies branded with the City 2010 slogan: "We can't wait to meet you!"

City takes paraffin safety to informal dwellers

In a bid to curb the increase of shack fires during winter season, the City Health Promotion Section in collaboration with Paraffin Safety Association of Southern Africa (PASASA) and other social partners organised a paraffin safety campaign at Amalinda Forest informal settlement on Friday 5.

The event forms part of the annual national Paraffin Safety day hosted in the first week of June each year to educate communities on how to use paraffin appliances safely.

Speaking at the event Buffalo City Health Promotion Manager Boniswa Mzimba said the objective of the campaign was in line with this year's theme: "Be Safe This Winter".

"As Buffalo City Municipality, we have extended this theme to educate our people about the risks associated with the use of paraffin

appliances and safety precautions".

Felicity Mbambani from PASASA warned people about the illegal paraffin appliances that are sold in shops around Buffalo City.

"There are shops around Buffalo City that sell illegal paraffin appliances especially stoves.

We want you to be safe this winter; hence we are showing you an example of a legal stove", she said.

On display was the legal and correct paraffin stove people should use, as well as a hot box, which is used to save energy.

The hot box is made of a thick fabric and filled with polystyrene. It can be used to warm and cook food.

The City Environmental Health Department representative Andile Falati took the opportunity to educate people of Amalinda Forest about importance of keeping their area clean.



Felicity Mbambani from the Paraffin Safety Association of South Africa with Buffalo City Health Promotion Manager Boniswa Mzimba hand over legal paraffin stove to Amalinda Forest resident

Buffalo City's Comrades hero



Buffalo City Traffic Officer Zweli Bomela proudly displays his Comrades Marathon emblem.

Buffalo City Traffic Officer Zweli Bomela has made the City proud.

Bomela, pictured right, finished the world greatest ultra marathon, the Comrades Marathon; adding a 10th medal to his collection with a new time record.

The Comrades is held annually over a distance of approximately 90 km between Pietermaritzburg and Durban. It is in celebrating man kind's spirit over adversity and has been held since 1921. The 44 year old former rugby player said he started running the race in 1999. "When I turned thirty, I had to retire from rugby. I had to find something to do, because I have been a sport active person all my life so I started running." To seriously prepare for this year race, I trained hard running in gravel roads in Mooiplaas, Berlin and Mdantsane after duty and during weekends. This has not been an easy road for me because you need a lot emotional and financial support to finish the Comrades," said Bomela.

Bomela has participated in

various local 45 kilometre races, the Masters Marathon, the Boyolo Marathon held in Queenstown and the Buffalo Marathon. "To run a marathon successfully you need to be physical, mental and psychologically fit because when you reach the halfway mark, your physical fitness can no longer help, you depend on your mental fitness," he revealed. Having participated in the Comrades 10 times, Bomela will wear a green number permanently allocated to him for all future races. Bomela also plans to participate in Soweto Marathon in November and also contribute to BCM Sports Club's success.

Health and Public Safety Director Vuyani Lwana said he was hoping that Bomela's success will inspire other staff members to join him. "We're very proud of Bomela getting his 10th medal in the race and we will always be behind him."

Anyone interested in participating in the marathon must contact Dali Matika – Buffalo City Sports Club: 043 604 8594

City opens disability-friendly clinic in Scenery Park

In an effort to ensure that the often marginalized members of our society get the attention that they deserve, the City launched a fully accessible clinic to people with disabilities in Scenery Park on Friday 14.

The City worked in partnership with the Centre for Municipal Research and Advice (CMRA) and the Embassy of The Kingdom of the Netherlands in renovating John Dube Clinic.

In her welcome note, Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku said: "This is important occasion in lives of people with disabilities because for too long they have had to struggle to emulate well-bodied people in reaching out for some of our public services."

"In my State of the City Address last month, I touched briefly on the developmental approach that the Municipality has adopted towards women, youth, elderly citizens and people with disabilities."

"I want to invite local organisations

Kiviet, CRMA Managing Director Frank Burgers and Leon Hartwell from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands.

"I'm proud to be a disabled South



BCM Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku with Managing Director of CRMA Frank Burgers

African and first member of the Cabinet with a disability," said Bogopane-Zulu.

"Today we are sharing the aspirations of all people with disabilities. We must ensure utilization of these services and fully train people to understand people with disability and change their attitude. Last year in this City, we launched a first library for the disabled, I hope visually impaired and blind people are using it access information and literacy programme in Braille."

"One of my key responsibilities in my department is to make sure all Government buildings are fully access to people living with disabilities."

The Clinic has been renovated, ramps have been built where necessary, disability toilets were renovated, adjustable beds were purchased to make it easy for the wheelchair bound to transfer themselves. Sign Language Interpreters have been engaged to assist the nurses to communicate with deaf patients.

The Clinic has been renovated to ensure proper access to all patients including wheelchairs and the deaf. Other clinics renovated are in Berlin and Cambridge.



Buffalo City Municipality Centre for Municipal Research and Advice (CMRA) and the Netherlands embassy were thanked by members from various organisations catering for the needs of people with disabilities.

that represent or are run by people with disabilities to come together and propose viable development programmes for their members. I believe in planning with the affected parties, and not in planning for them. Only then will they own and nurture the programmes that will emerge from such discussions."

The launch was graced by the special presence of Deputy Minister: Department of Public Works

(DPW) Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, who is also former CRMA adviser on disability programmes, Eastern Cape Premier Noxolo



National Department of Public Works (DPW) Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane Zulu is interviewed by SABC Television News Reporter Lumko Jimlango during the event.



Eastern Cape Premier Noxolo Kiviet

Kiviet to strengthen co-operative governance

Improving planning coordination and strengthen relation across the spheres of government in the province will receive urgent attention.

These were the words from the Eastern Cape newly appointed Premier Noxolo Kiviet during her first State of the Province Address held in the Provincial Legislature in Bhisho.

Premier Kiviet said plans were afoot for the establishment of the provincial planning in commission that will be based in the Office of the Premier in an effort to accelerate service delivery.

"We also acknowledge the need to develop and maintain a fully enabled, functional and vibrant planning, monitoring and evaluation capacity within our Provincial Government. 2009 will be the year of grounding our planning for the next five years," she said.

Kiviet committed her government to strengthen all structures meant to facilitate co-operation with Local Government.

"In this regard an Inter-Governmental Relations Summit will be held before the end of 2009 to firm up co-operation, especially around planning and service delivery."

With the current global economic meltdown, improvement of financial governance still remains to be a key priority for the South African government in this term in both provincial and local spheres.

"Working in consultation with Municipalities, the three co-ordinating Departments, namely the Office of the Premier; Provincial Treasury and the Department of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs will devise coherent plans of support to municipalities to further improve municipal audit outcomes."

Turning her attention to the provincial government priorities for this financial year, Kiviet said they were in line with eight key national programmes of action.

"In aligning ourselves to the National programme of action, the first priority is to speed up growth and the transformation of the economy to create decent work and sustainable livelihoods.

In this area we seek to grow the economy and to ensure equitable distribution of the benefits of such economic growth and quality job opportunities for our people."

Summing her address which entailed promises, commitments and plans, Kiviet urged people of the province to unite and work together to achieve prosperity.



City hosts successful historic SALGA meeting

About 1000 senior decision-makers in Local Government gathered in Buffalo City to attend SALGA National Members' Assembly imbizo (NMA) which took place at East London's Premier Regent Hotel on 10 - 11 June.

The two-day imbizo was graced by the attendance of honourable Deputy President of South Africa, Kgalema Motlanthe, Corporate Governance & Traditional Affairs Minister Sicelo Shiceka, EC Premier Noxolo Kiviet, Salga Chairperson Amos Masondo and BCM Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku.

Key amongst topics discussed by delegates during sessions were the impact of global economic crisis, the devolution of housing, municipal finance strategies and centralising primary health care.

In his keynote address Deputy President Motlanthe made a call to government leaders to accelerate the delivery of clean water, decent shelter, proper sanitation and sustainable livelihood in urban and rural areas.

"The challenges like this should make SALGA more determined to address all its binding constrains such as capacity building, so that the task of poverty eradication, employment and empowerment, among others, can begin in earnest."

Corporate Governance & Traditional Affairs Minister Sicelo Shiceka, said it was imperative for local government to address public perceptions of its performance.

"During several research surveys conducted regarding public perception on spheres of government, local

government has always scored the lowest. Even the latest research results points to that sad perception.

For that matter, the results show that the public rating of municipalities is at an all-time low," he said.

Buffalo City Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku in her welcomed address said the issues discussed at the assembly were the core of the constitutional mandate of local government.

"My task is to welcome you to Buffalo City, but please allow me to also use this opportunity to express our support, as a council, for the Members' Assembly."

On the last day of the event NMA assembly adopted "The Buffalo City Declaration". In terms of this declaration, the delegates committed themselves to improve service delivery throughout the country.

Chairperson of Salga and City of Johannesburg Executive Mayor Amos Masondo said a number of issues were dealt with.

"We make this DECLARATION as the leadership of local government for the Republic of South Africa and all our people to know that we, as municipalities and organised local government, intend to do everything in our power to realize our common goals and ensure a better quality of life for all our people, we affirm our full support for these common objectives and our collective resolve to achieve them."



Deputy President of Republic of South Africa Kgalema Motlanthe delivers a keynote address at SALGA National Members' Assembly imbizo (NMA) which took place at East London's Premier Regent Hotel.

SALGA will review progress made in implementing the provisions of this Declaration and the Resolutions

and shall issue progress reports for consideration by the 2010 National Members Assembly.



Corporate Governance & Traditional Affairs Minister Sicelo Shiceka in his address urged Local Government to address public perceptions of its performance.



South African Local Government Association Chairperson, Amos Masondo and Chief Executive Officer, Xolile George at the Media Briefing Session.

City spearheads the mainstreaming of cross cutting issues

writes Sinazo Mgwigwi

The partnership between BCM and the Centre for Municipal Research and Advice (CMRA) has culminated into a pilot project that seeks to improve access to information and services especially on HIV/Aids to People with Disabilities (PwD).

The pilot has translated into renovating three pilot clinics; Cambridge, John Dube in Scenery Park and Berlin and the placement of Sign Language Interpreters to assist the nurses to communicate with deaf patients. This pilot is the first of its kind in SA Municipalities and puts BCM in the fore front of the mainstreaming of cross cutting issues.

Deaf people will now be able to go to these clinics on specially allocated days or send text messages to interpreters to meet them at the clinics when they are not well. The initiative was welcomed by nurses who were trained on a number of useful skills (e.g. how to teach a blind person or physically impaired person to put on condom correctly).

Through this project, specialized equipment has been purchased in the Central Library to assist the Blind and Partially Blind to read from the books in the library by voice activation software, type on their own CVs or documents and print them in Braille.

This facility was formally launched on 06 June 2008 at the library where the then Minister of Communications, the late Dr Ivy Matsepe Casaburri, applauded the City on the venture via a telephone conference during the event.

A forum, the Interdepartmental Forum, has also been set up to assist with mainstreaming in all BCM departments and to serve as a communicating platform between departments to improve service delivery.

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Getting to know Buffalo City Municipality Sports Club

Whenever they take to the field of play, Buffalo City sports players do so with pride.

Since 1999 BCM Sports Club has represented the Municipality in various Regional and National sporting events which include amongst others the Southern African Inter-Municipal Games (SAIMG) and Amathole District Municipality Mayors Cup.

The team is composed of committed and dedicated Buffalo City Councillors and employees with an enshrined team spirit.

The club sporting codes comprises of the following: Athletics; Darts; Football; Netball; Pool; Rugby; Tennis and Table Tennis; Volley Ball; and Golf (to be introduced soon).

The club's objective is to develop and nurture the full potential and involvement of members in club matters, enhancing job performance towards better productivity and encouraging change of lifestyle from negative to positive self conduct. The club has some notable successes to its name.

In 2004, the Soccer team came 3rd at the Southern African Inter-Municipal Games (SAIMG) hosted by Ethekwini Municipality.

In 2005, the team participated in the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan

Municipality Good Will Games and came 2nd. The Volley Ball team won 1st place in 2006 when BCM hosted the SAIMGs. In the same year, the Netball team won 2nd place in Potchefstroom, having been beaten by Ethekwini Municipality. Before that the team came 3rd at the Goodwill Games held by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality in 2005."

This certainly demonstrates the abundant talent at the club. In 2007, the Darts team won a trophy at the 2007 SAIMGs held in Namibia in 32 Municipalities, the team won 1st place.

The people involved in the day to day running of the club are Chairperson – Deon Martin; Deputy Chairperson – Noel Williams; Secretary – Pumla Saba; Deputy Secretary – Karyn Tabha; Treasurer – Zolani Ngesman; Sport Co-ordinator – Dali Matika; and Team Managers (All Codes).

Looking into future, we plan to increase participation of Buffalo City Employees and Councillors in sporting activities in order to promote cultural and racial integration.

Issued By:

Dali Matika Club Co-ordinator:



Sports Ambassadors Vuyani Bungu, Z Noxeke, A. Adonisi and Councillor S. Mana

Inkqubo yokunceda abasebenzi

Yintoni inkqubo yokunceda abasebenzi?

Yinkqubo yokucebisa abasebenzi enikezelwa nguMasiplala weBuffalo City uyayazi into yokuba umsebenzi ngumntu obalulekileyo kwaye ekufuneka ekhathalelwe kwaye axhotyiswe.

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Inkqubo yokunceda abasebenzi inganceda kule miba ilandelayo:

- Imiba enxulumene nomsebenzi
- Ingxaki zomtshato/nezothando
- Ixhala
- Ukuchukumiseka
- Uxinzelelo
- Ukwenzakala
- Ukusebenzisa iziyobisi
- Iingxaki ngokuziphatha
- Ugawulayo nentsholongwane
- Nezinye iingxaki ezinxulumene nentlalo nengqondo

Ndingayisebanzisa njani inkqubo yezocetyiso?

Ungatsalela umnxeba Unkzsn Nocawe Gqola kulenombolo:

043 722 1011

okanye utyelele eliziko kuledilesi No: 50 Belgravia crescent



Keeping Buffalo City workforce healthy: Occupational Health Nurse Florence Sobili taking blood sample from Nonzima Naki from Solid Waste department as part of her routine health check-up.

Youth Month wrapped in style!

The Youth Month was closed off in style when Buffalo City Municipality together with the Steve Biko Foundation (SBF) held celebrations in King William's Town on Saturday.

The youth, showcasing their talent in poetry, hip hop, reggae and dance, certainly showed that one has to look no further than Buffalo City for talent.

BCM Ward Councillor Nomfanelo Madonono said: "Young people must visit government offices to find out about the opportunities that are available for them.

We have bursaries, driver's licenses and skills development programmes. All these initiatives are meant to benefit the youth, which is why initiatives are meant to benefit the youth, which is why young people must enquire about these services and make use of them."

SBF Arts and Culture Program

Officer Jongile Hoza said: "We want to develop a database for artists around Buffalo City in order to know those involved in arts. As the Foundation, we use popular culture, which is hip hop, to forge an identity for the youth of Buffalo City so that they can be confident about themselves in everything they do."

Activities for the day included speakers who gave addresses on the current rate of HIV/Aids infection in the Province (Mbulelo Dyasi from Masimanyane Women Support Centre Men's Dyasi from Masimanyane Women Support Centre Men's Project); Motivational Talk (Menzi Nogaga); and the role of oral tradition, Ubuntu and the youth in moral regeneration.

There were performances by Brainstorm Hip Hop Movement, Belcanto Singers, Quad City Entertainment and Unicef-Score.



The Kingdom Youth Dance Group entertains at the closing ceremony of Youth Month in King William's Town.

BCM New traffic fleet to boost road safety

In an effort to decrease the number of road fatalities and improve visible traffic policing, Buffalo City's Directorate of Health and Public Safety has bought twelve Mitsubishi Lancers at a total cost of R 2 million.

These top-of-the-range Mitsubishi Lancers will be replacing vehicles that have exceeded 10 year life span and also those that have been written off due to collisions.

Speaking to BCM Update during the official handover, Portfolio Head for Health and Public Safety Alderman John Badenhorst said the vehicles will boost the municipality capacity in keeping the city's roads safe for citizens and visitors.

"These cars are very useful because they have sufficient power with 14 kilowatt two litre engines under the bonnet which means that they are quite fast. Also the fact that two cars are unmarked and fitted with video cameras will enable them to capture moving violations like failing to stop at signs and red robots," said Badenhorst.

Health and Public Safety Director



Health and Public Safety Director Vuyani Lwana hand over car keys to Traffic and Law Enforcement Commander Berny Martin alongside Portfolio head for Health and Public Safety Alderman John Badenhorst.



BCM traffic and law enforcement have 12 new cars to beef-up its crime-fighting arsenal based in East London.

“keeping the city’s roads safe for citizens and visitors”

Vuyani Lwana said: “These vehicles will ensure that Buffalo City traffic officers are better able to continue with the good job they are already doing. We will ensure they remain in good condition by inspecting them daily.”

Receiving keys from Lwana, City Traffic and Law Enforcement Commander, Berny Martin said the cars will motivate staff members in their line of duty.

“Our staff members will be highly motivated as they will be able to keep

up with the fast cars of today. And all they have to do is to look after them, as they will be ambassadors of road safety,” he stressed.

Martin said two of these new vehicles will be fitted with a vehicle tracking system in an effort to identify stolen cars. The new fleet painted with blue, yellow and red the traditional colours of the municipality traffic and law enforcement will be ever-present sight in the streets and highways of Buffalo City.

R100 up for grabs

The winner of crossword puzzle for April edition is Raj Patel, drawn by Keith Ngesi Manager: Communication. Well done! Your R100 prize is on its way to you.

NB: the game is open only for Buffalo City Municipality Employees!

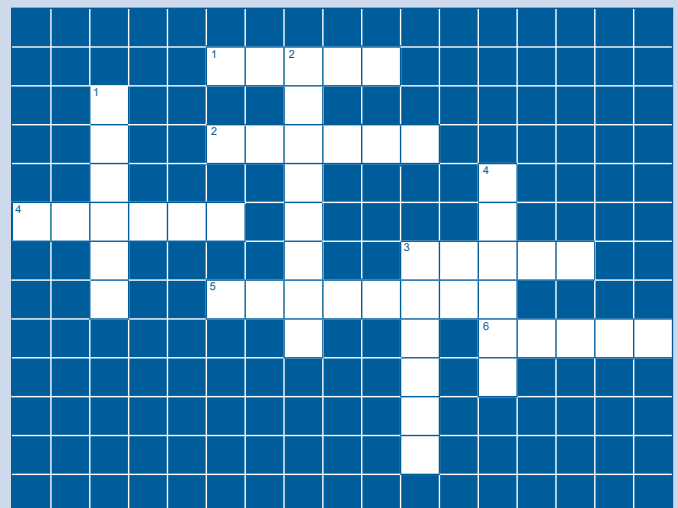
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ACROSS

- Who is the City's Traffic & Law Enforcement Commander? Name only (5)
- Who is the City's General Manager for LED, Tourism & Rural Development? Name only (6)
- Who is the City's Chief Environmental Impact Assessment Officer? Name only (5)
- How many Traffic and Law Enforcement vehicles have been given to the Traffic Department? (6)
- Name the Chairperson of Needs Camp Farmers Association. Name only (8)
- Who is the Health & Public Safety Director of BCM? Surname only (5)

DOWN

- In which Premier Hotel was the SALGA meeting held? (6)
- Who is the 2010 Project Manager of BCM? Name and surname (3/5)
- Who is the new Eastern Cape Premier? Surname only (6)
- Which BCM Official ran the Comrades Marathon for the tenth time? Surname only (5)



SOCIAL SCENE



BCM honours Mandela Day: South African citizen in all walks of life heeded the call to honour tata Nelson Mandela by embarking in community service giving exercises in a remarkable demonstration of ubuntu and the renowned Madiba spirit. In this Picture City's leadership, officials involved in Duncan Village clean up.



Madam Mayor: Magistrate Nazeem Joemath officiates the taking of oath and thereafter declares the Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku as the City's first Citizen.



City bid farewell to Ward Committees: Mayoral Committee members Councillor Luntu Bobo and Councillor Sakhumzi Caga with outgoing Ward Committee members at farewell ceremony held at East London City Hall.



In a winning streak: Buffalo City netball team netball team co-ordinator Noluthando Rusi flanked by her team mates displaying a trophy and medals they won during the Amathole Mayors Cup.



Up and coming boxer Fundile Sinyabi with Special Programmes portfolio head Sakhumzi Caga during the hand over of boxing kits to Mdantsane-based Rising Star Boxing Club and the Highlight Boxing Club



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