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AND MUCH MORE

The City of Windhoek continues to live up to its promise of enhancing the quality of life of all its people. The Tugela Family Park on the corner of Claudius Kandovazu Street and Tugela Street in Wanahenda now offers an outdoor gym - the first of its kind in the City.

The outdoor gym provides basic gym equipments which allow for anyone to exercise using only their own body weight as resistance.

This gym has rowing machines, stationary cycles and a number of other units that allow for pull-ups, push-ups, sit-ups and other exercises that improve and strengthen core body strength, muscle co-ordination, balance and cardio-vascular activity. The City of Windhoek is very cognizant that, not everyone can afford to join a gym and there are those people

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Let me welcome you all to the March 2014 edition of the Aloe. It is worth noting that we have received relatively good rains in the City and in most parts of the country, I am sure we are all grateful and hoping for more rain for the remaining part of the rain season. We should however exercise caution when driving in rain in order to avoid accidents.

This edition of the Aloe highlights the latest developments at the City for the past month, and we will be glad to share what is in-store for you in the month of April 2014 and beyond. While speaking of the month of April, I should inform you about the hosting of the refreshed and re-branded / Ae //Gams Arts & Cultural Festival as from the 01 - 05th April 2014 at various venues throughout the City. This years' festival will be bigger and better as it has been transformed to suit our residents' busy schedules.

A lot has happened this month, with the main activity at the national level being the 24th celebration of Namibia Independence Anniversary on the 21 March 2014 at the Independence Stadium. Those of you who have been around for some times would agree with me that, there have indeed been a lot of positive changes in the mother land, and we shall commend the Government of the Republic of Namibia and its people for many years of peace, stability and tranquillity. Happy birthday Namibia once more, we have many reasons to celebrate.

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who actually prefer the experience of exercising outdoors or include a visit to an outdoor gym as a stop-over on a walking, jogging or cycling route.

We each live busy lives and spend much time rushing between work, school, picking up children, shopping, chores and a host of other stressful activities. This park offers the spaces needed to unwind, relax and contemplate at the end of a day.

Plans are underway to install other outdoor gyms at existing parks and

playgrounds in an effort to improve residents' wellness. Such exercise is beneficial not only for physical health but has been proven to improve mental health too.

The City thus urges residents to use the equipment responsibly and to be vigilant on those who seem bent on destroying and damaging City properties, as such facilities belong to the residents, especially the surrounding communities.

May our residents enjoy the gym and gain full benefits from it and all others yet to be installed.

Having alluded to the peace in our country, it is really disturbing to note the unabated continues recorded cases of gender based violence in our country. We seem to be slowly diminishing the status we are well-known for, that of being the peaceful and safe country to live in. The violence reports are slowly affecting the attraction of tourists into Namibia, although the tourism sector is well-known for its good contributions to the socio-economic wellbeing of our society.

Lastly, we would like to make it very clear that we will not condone the illegal grabbing of land within the

boundary of the City of Windhoek. As a City and citizens of this country, we will abide to the laws of the country at all times in the execution of our duties by ensuring that we act fairly and reasonably. We therefore wish to strongly encourage our esteemed residents to refrain from illegal land grabbing in order to allow for proper planning and development of our beloved City.

Let us continue to uphold our status of being **"the cleanest City in Africa"** by stopping illegal dumping of waste.

Until next month, enjoy reading!



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MOTORISTS URGED TO STOP OVERLOADING OF PASSENGERS ON TRUCKS AND BAKKIES

One of the many trucks pulled over in Western Bypass for overloading employees since the operation has commenced

The City Police remains concerned about the continued overloading of employees on trucks, including Tipper trucks and bakkies in the capital. The continued ignorance and violation of traffic rules has prompted the City Police to carry out special random operations at different places, aimed at educating and enforcing traffic rules.

Apart from vehicle overload, the operations include checking the vehicle roadworthy, expired licence discs and Personal Authorisation for truck drivers. The drivers of motor vehicles transporting more than nine occupants, by law, are obligated to have their drivers licence with an applicable Professional Authorisation.

Operators of public motor vehicles which include delivery vehicles and heavy vehicles with GVM in excess of 3500kg are obliged to conduct their operations with due consideration of public safety. Transporting passengers

on tipper trucks is not permit-table by law, and it therefore constitutes an offence. Drivers are also urged to ensure that all occupants are seated comfortably with enough leg room while leaning against the enclosure. The latter will ensure that the vehicle dynamics will not be compromised when the passengers decide to stand during the journey; however, standing in moving vehicles is highly discouraged.

Rails should not be regarded as appropriate materials to support standing passengers, especially on trucks; because of the space that is wide enough to prevent passengers from slipping through while the vehicle is in motion. Safety of passengers in goods vehicles with benches are highly compromised due to the absence of cover at the back.

It is worth noting that the drivers who transport passengers in unsafe manners risk a fine proportionate to the

excess weight, while a N\$2500.00 to N\$4000.00 fine is applicable to the owner or proxy who fails to control the load on the vehicle or who allows the vehicle to be operated without due consideration of public safety.

Drivers are urged to always be in possession of their driver licences, or risk getting a fine of N\$ 1000.00; again of paramount importance is the validity of the PA for trucks and public motor vehicle that carry a fine of N\$2000.00. On a positive note, the City Police Traffic division wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the road users who are abiding to the traffic rules; while thanking employers and drivers who ensure that their passengers are transported in the best humanely possible way.

The public is encouraged to continue assisting in enforcing the law by reporting overloaded vehicles to the City Police toll-free number 302 302 and sms alert number 4444.



UNDER 13 MAYORAL CUP KICKED OFF



The City of Windhoek's Under 13 Mayoral Cup has become an annual sport event and is now in its fourth consecutive year. This popular project has attracted the attention of many schools within the City.

The main objective is to develop sports programs that are aimed at improving the lives of our residents at all levels, particularly the youth, by getting them out of the streets onto the sporting fields and subsequently divert their attention from none productive activities.

The results are as follows:

It is with this in mind that we have created the concept of developing athletes with positive mind sets at an early age.

In the long run, these games will also assist in the promotion of a sport and recreation culture within the City's youth and at the school level.

It is within the same breath that we want to augment their lifestyles by providing the young scholars with various, constructive options for a better future, healthy living styles and increase mass sports

participation at primary school level. This year we have had 17 primary schools in total with most of them participating in the three sport codes, soccer, volley ball and Netball. The Namibia Schools Sport Union (NSSU) assisted the City of Windhoek in the selection of the City of Windhoek under 13 Mayoral Cup teams for Netball and soccer.

The teams will be in training for the preparation of the Under 13 Inter-Municipal Games to be taking place in Keetmanshoop later in the year.



Netball Results

- 1st **WHK Gym**
- 2nd St. Barnabas Primary School
- 3rd Moses //Garoeb Primary School

- N\$7000,00 in sports equipment value**
- N\$5000,00 in sports equipment value
- N\$3000,00 in sports equipment value



Soccer Results

- 1st **Moses //Garoeb Primary School**
- 2nd St. Andrews Primary School
- 3rd A.I. Steenkamp Primary School

- N\$7000,00 in sports equipment value**
- N\$5000,00 in sports equipment value
- N\$3000,00 in sports equipment value



Volley ball Results

- 1st **Olof Palme Primary School**
- 2nd Auas Primary School
- 3rd People's Primary School in sports equipment value

- N\$7000,00 in sports equipment value**
- N\$5000,00 in sports equipment value
- N\$3000,00 in sports equipment value





REDUCE CRIME BY KEEPING YOUR ZONE CLEAN

In the picture is a diamond mesh fence that was erected at a riverbed between Eland street and Springbok street

City Police Chief Abraham Kanime called on all residents within the 19 zones of City of Windhoek to join efforts in cleaning up areas within their zones that create a positive environment for crime.

These include river beds, corridors as well as open fields that are densely bushed therefore creating a perfect environment for criminals to hide.

Chief Kanime's request came following City police's effort to fence off an area in Suiderhof, Eland Street which was becoming a point for criminals to carry out their criminal activities.

City Police, with the help from Women and Men Network members and community members, erected a 22.5 diamond Mesh fence to close off what was becoming a notorious riverbed.

Fencing off this area is part of City Police's crime prevention method through environmental design.

Following several complaints from the residents in the area, the riverbed was used as a getaway to carry stolen items and carry out criminal activities.

The City of Windhoek through its City Police department held

several meetings with community members of the area and it was collectively agreed that cutting of the riverbed as entrance point to the neighbourhood was the best way to reduce criminal activities in the area.

City Police is overwhelmed by the huge support residents of the area displayed from the onset until the end of the project and therefore urge all community members to take an active role in protecting their communities against crime, because it is only through community involvement that crime can be prevented.

Stop Illegal Dumping!



"My Waste, My Responsibility"

Report illegal dumping to: 061 - 290 3110/1



WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS GRADUATE FROM THE FEMTECH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME

The graduates of the Femtech Entrepreneurship Programme, from left to right Teopolina Andjamba, Katia Reviglio, Sylvia Namene, Mary Shikukutu, Albertina Amupolo, Ilse Eiseb and Mwale Liswani

FEMTECH is an experiential learning programme, with a focus to capacitate women entrepreneurs. Following the successful implementation of the programme in South Africa and Tanzania by FEMTECH South Africa, Namibia and Mozambique were the next countries of choice due to their incubation and entrepreneurial landscape.

With the financial support that has been provided by the Trust of the Bokamoso Entrepreneurial Centre and SAIS (Southern African Innovation Support Programme), a development partnership between the Government of Finland and the Governments of Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique and Zambia, the FEMTECH programme was initiated.

The first women entrepreneurs

graduated from the Femtech experiential learning programme on 12 March 2014. They have successfully completed an intensive six-month programme which afforded them time during the training to reflect on their business in a structured way. Training took place in various formats with facilitated group discussions and peer learning. This journey took the women from understanding the real value their business offers, to positioning their business competitively for sustainable growth.

The women entrepreneurs were taught the use of management and planning tools to introduce innovative products, services and processes; learning how to position themselves in a competitive market; how to price their products and services appropriately; and how to address some of the major

challenges when moving from "micro" to "small" and beyond.

The Bokamoso Entrepreneurial Centre, in collaboration with FEMTECH (Pty) Ltd, is inviting applications from women entrepreneurs who wish to GROW their businesses substantially. The second FEMTECH training programme will commence from 20 May 2014 and will conclude 19 September 2014.

The training takes place over three days, and trainees will have to complete assignments after each training session in order to proceed to the next session.

However, each trainee is assigned to a mentor to provide them with the necessary support and guidance during the month when no training takes place.

Queries for next training may be addressed to:

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STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING IN OUR PRISTINE RIVERBEDS AND OPEN SPACES OF THE CITY OF WINDHOEK



Despite the various interventions embarked upon by the City of Windhoek to curb illegal dumping, this practice is still common in our City. Illegal dumping refers to the improper disposal of waste at any location other than a permitted landfill or facility.

The City provides skip containers in -most suburbs for waste to be disposed off on a temporary basis before it is transported to designated landfills. What baffles the mind is the dumping of waste close to the provided containers and places where there is a no dumping sign. Is it a challenge to authority, ignorance or sheer laziness by its citizens?

Another phenomenon is the dumping of building rubble in riverbeds, open spaces and off road areas, whilst the garden refuse and building rubble is dumped free of charge at the Rocky Crest Dumpsite. The city uses this form of waste as filling materials and is thus sought after.

The Environmental Management Division recently conducted an

audit to determine the extent of illegal dumping in the city. The audit concluded that the various Environmental Education campaigns are not yielding the required results. Environmental education plays a big role in educating people about the importance of keeping our environment clean but people do not seem to understand the concept. The visuals are just the tip of the iceberg and it is worse than observed since not all areas were visited.

It was also revealed by the audit that shebeen owners and builders are mainly responsible for illegal dumping in river beds. This is evident as most of the solid waste found in river beds comprise of alcohol bottles (beer bottles) and building rubbles.

We would like to urge these culprits to please utilize the bins and skip containers provided by the City's Solid Waste Management Division. Opportunities also exist to take bottles to Rent-A-Drum for recycling, an option that can generate some income for shebeen owners. Rent-A-Drum can be

contacted at the following number 061-24 4097 and they are located in Sam Nujoma Drive (next to Tony Rust Race Track).

Building rubbles should be dumped at the designated satellite landfill sites such as the ones in Havana (located along the gravel road of Monte Christo Road in Havana), Okuryangava (located along Omuvapu Street), Khomasdal (located west of Kornalyn street/Groenkwardt street T-Junction in Khomasdal) and the Rocky Crest Dump site.

Illegal dumping can affect the aesthetic value of an area, harm the ecology and can result in the spread of various diseases.

It is against this background that we urge all the residents of Windhoek to jealously guard the cleanliness of our City and report anyone who is found dumping waste illegally, to the Solid Waste Management Division 061-290 3110/1 or the Environmental Management Division at 061-290 2090 and City Police 302302.





Time	Production	Price	Venue
Tuesday 1st April 2014			
19:00 for 19:30	Official Opening	Free	Independence Avenue
Wednesday 2nd April 2014			
11:30 – 11:50	Traditional Dance & Song	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
12:00 – 12:40	Visual Arts Demonstration & Exhibition	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
12:30 – 14:30	Traditional Dance & Song	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
13:00 – 13:55	Street Photo Studio	TBA	Post Street Mall
14:00 – 19:00	Cultural Village activities	Daily Gate Fee TBA	Cultural Village – Zoo Park
15:00 – 16:30	Visual Arts Demonstration & Exhibition	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
17:00 – 19:30	Soccer meets Art Tournament	Free	Sam Nuyoma Stadium
18:00 – 19:00	Cultural Evenings	Daily Gate Fee TBA	Cultural Village – Zoo Park
19:00 for 20:00	Live Band Concert featuring Nkulee Dube, daughter of Lucky Dube from South Africa	TBA	Zoo Park Amphitheatre
Thursday 3rd April 2014			
10:00 – 10:30	Dance Production	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
10:40 – 11:10	Traditional Dance & Song	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
11:20 – 11:50	Flash Mob	Free	Post Street Mall
11:30 – 19:00	Cultural Village activities	Daily Gate Fee TBA	Cultural Village – Zoo Park
12:00 – 12:40	Visual Arts Demonstration & Exhibition	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
12:30 – 17:00	Cuisine Day & Pop up Street Photo Studio	Free	Independence Avenue in front of the Office of the Mayor
16:10 – 17:00	Open MIC Sessions	Free	Municipal Parking – Independence Avenue
17:10 – 17:50	Dance Production	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
18:00 – 18:50	Theatre Play	Free	Post Street Mall
18:00 – 19:00	Cultural Evenings	Daily Gate Fee TBA	Cultural Village – Zoo Park
17:00 – 19:30	Soccer meets Art Tournament	Free	Sam Nuyoma Stadium
20:00 – 22:00	Comedy Show featuring Carl Josua Ncube from Zimbabwe	TBA	National Theatre of Namibia (NTN)
Friday, 4th April 2014			
City Cultural Attire Campaign – Windhoek residents, partners, sponsors and scholars are requested to put on traditional attires to show appreciation of the diverse cultures.			
10:00 – 19:00	Cultural Village activities	Daily Gate Fee TBA	Cultural Village – Zoo Park
11:00 – 11:30	Traditional Dance and Song	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
11:30 – 12:00	Visual Art Demonstration & Exhibition	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
13:10 – 13:50	Dance production	Free	Wernhil Park Shopping Mall
13:35 – 14:25	Street Photo Studio	TBA	Post Street Mall
15:10 – 16:00	Traditional Way of life	Daily Gate Fee TBA	Cultural Village – Zoo Park
14:00 – 17:30	Youth Zone	Daily gate fee TBA	Augustino Neto Park
16:05 – 17:00	Theatre Production	Free	Zoo Park Lawn
17:00 – 19:00	Soccer Meets Art Tournament	Free	Sam Nuyoma Drive
18:00 – 22:30	Gospel Concert	Free	TBA
Saturday, 5th April 2014			
10:00 – 12:00	Soccer Meets Art Tournament	Free	Sam Nuyoma Stadium
10:00 – 19:00	Traditional Village activities	Daily Gate Fee TBA	Cultural Village – Zoo Park
14:00 – 17:30	Youth Zone	Daily gate fee TBA	Augustino Neto Park
17:00 – 23:00	Music Concert	Free	UN Plaza

