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*"Tackling crime and grime in your precinct"*

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## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK



It's hard to believe that we are already in the third month of the year and that 2016 is well on its way. I am pleased to report that we have started the year on a positive note, with our new Board in place for strategic guidance. This year also sees the opportunity for more partnerships and networking, as we work with key role-players to improve the inner city and beaches. In this issue, we feature a new project in partnership with the UMZ and announce the new nuisance bylaws, which came into effect on 11 March 2016.



As we approach Easter, we urge you to be safe on the roads. On behalf of the UIP Company, we wish you a blessed Easter with family and friends. Don't forget to visit our Facebook page and become part of the Your UIP community.

Warm regards  
*Colin*

## UIP AND UMZ PARTNERSHIP SEES GREAT RESULTS



The UIP/Enforce and UIP/Cwebezela teams with UMZ officials

As of Friday, 29 January, the Urban Improvements Precincts (UIP) and the Urban Management Zone (UMZ) entered into a partnership to adopt the 320 Redefine Building Block between Mark Lane, Dr Pixley KaSema, Dorothy Nyembe and Monty Naicker Streets, with increased cleaning and security.

Spearheaded by the UMZ, the project partners have committed additional resources, including one UIP/Enforce Security Officer, one UIP/Cwebezela cleaner and three UMZ cleaners to take control and ownership of this Block. Viren Sookdeo and Althea Bantom of the UMZ, who are in charge of the project are pleased with the results. According to Viren, "It has only been a few weeks and there has been a great improvement in the area. Previously the area was populated with illegal trade, litter and was becoming a hot-spot for crime. Now, the public can walk and shop freely in the area and it is a good reflection of the city."

The 320 Block was chosen due to its close proximity to major city attractions, like the City Hall, the Playhouse Theatre, large retail outlets and several key businesses in the area. "The long

term benefits of the project are significant, not only in terms of public usage and experience, but in terms of showcasing the city as a clean and safe place for investors as well," said UMZ Senior Services Facilities Manager, Wendy Gibson-Taylor.

Due to the positive results so far with the six blocks that have been adopted, the UMZ will be looking at implementing this initiative across other problem Blocks in the city. It is confident that this focused approach will benefit the city and its users.



### Important Contact Numbers

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# CITY LAUNCHES NUISANCE BYLAWS WITH INCREASED FINES

On 11 March 2016, the eThekweni Municipality launched the new and improved Nuisance Bylaws in line with the South African constitution.

These bylaws, which originated more than 100 years ago have been upgraded following rigorous public and council debate, and aim to prevent, minimise and manage public nuisances. Fines have been increased by up to 300%, and will help create a new injection of policing by the Metro Police Service and SAPS.

According to Captain Kacey Naicker of the Metro Police Services, who coordinates operations in the Albert Park Metro Police Station, and chairs the Joint Operations Committee of the CBD: "The massive increase in fines is not a bullying tactic to scare criminals and offenders, but is a prevention tool to deter crime and nuisances from happening in the first place." Capt. Naicker, who has been in policing for over 29-years, confirmed that many criminals are street smart, and through word of mouth, they are aware of the fines. "For example, they know a drinking in public offence costs R50, so they will continue to drink and it will only cost them R50.



**Captain Kacey Naicker**

The new fine is R2 500, which has far more serious consequences, and they will think twice before doing it." The objective is to educate and create awareness, and not to just arrest. Offenders will be issued with a warning, which becomes part of police records. Repeat offenders will be issued with a summons to appear in court. Offenders can pay up to R40 000 in fines or face a maximum of two years in prison. Capt. Naicker highlighted drugs, crime, abortion and poor infrastructure as the key challenges in the city. The bylaws, which have been stamped and sealed by the Durban Magistrate Court cover the

following:-

- General prohibition and nuisance behaviour
- Vegetation, hanging items on fences, wall, balconies or verandas
- Noise
- Litter
- Conduct regarding motor vehicles, skating, roller-blading and other dangerous acts
- Obstructing, blocking or disturbing of traffic and pedestrians
- Excavation in public spaces
- Nuisance arising from the use of premises and municipal-property
- Nuisances arising from the use of weed-killers, herbicides, poisons or pesticides

These bylaws will also assist crime prevention service providers, like the UIP, which have welcomed the new bylaws. Chris Meintjies, Security Manager of the UIP/Enforce Security Services said, "We are very pleased with the outcome after years of lobbying. We are confident that with our close relationship with the Metro Police, SAPS and other stakeholders, these bylaws will help improve our city."



## Extract of some of the Bylaws impacting the UIP precincts

Bylaw	Old Fine	New Fine
Begging in a Public Place	R50	R200
Loitering for the purpose of committing an offence	R50	R2500
Depositing or discarding any waste in a public space	R300	R5000
Sleeping in a stationary vehicle in a public place	None	R500
Erecting, building or assembling any structure in a public space	None	R1500
Causing a nuisance in a public place	R50	R1000

To access the full bylaws, visit [www.ethekwinimunicipality.gov.za](http://www.ethekwinimunicipality.gov.za)



## UIP EVENTS CALENDAR

Decorex Durban  
Durban Exhibition Centre  
**18-21 March**

Splashy Fen Music Festival  
Underberg District, Drakensberg  
**24-27 March**

Josh Groban in Concert  
ICC Durban  
**10 April**

Mariah Carey: The Sweet Sweet Fantasy Tour  
Moses Mabhida Stadium  
**29 April**

Indaba  
Albert Luthuli Convention Centre  
**7-9 May**

## TIPS THIS EASTER



Save Water or  
Face Shortages

The eThekweni Municipality is urging residents to use water wisely, following a warning from the Provincial Department of Water and Sanitation that if water usage is not reduced by 15%, they will face outages. Due to the severe drought, restrictions will be imposed to the greater Umgeni River System of 15% for domestic, industrial, and commercial users and 50% for farming and irrigation.

According to Ashan Nandlal, Senior Manager of Water Operations, 15% savings equals 90 million litres of water per day. In order to further save on water, the City is introducing the water pressure reduction system, which will reduce the pressure of water to consumers, whilst reducing leakages and burst pipes.

The UIP is calling on all members to save water and help the city conserve water for basic requirements, like drinking and bathing.

## City Conducts Raids on Problem Buildings and converts others

In order to get landlords and tenants to take accountability for their own property, the City conducted a raid on problem buildings in the first week in February, as part of the Clean and Maintain My City operation. The City uncovered dilapidated buildings in shocking conditions which were being rented out for up to R2 000 a

# EASTER

# Recipes

## TRADITIONAL HOT CROSS BUNS



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast
- 2 cups warm full cream milk (110° to 115°)
- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground all spice
- 6 to 7 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup dried currants
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 large egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons water

### Total Time:

Prep: 25 min. +  
rising bake: 15 min.  
+ cooling  
**Makes:**  
30 servings

### ICING

- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 4 to 6 teaspoons full cream milk

### NUTRITIONAL FACTS

1 bun equals 171 calories, 3g fat (2 g saturated fat), 28mg cholesterol, 145mg sodium, 31g carbohydrate, 1g fibre, 4g protein.

### DIRECTIONS:

In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in warm milk. In a large bowl, combine eggs, butter, sugar, salt, spices, yeast mixture and 3 cups flour; beat on medium speed until smooth. Stir in currants, raisins and enough remaining flour to form a soft dough (dough will be sticky).

Turn onto a floured surface; knead until dough is smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.

Punch down dough. Turn onto a lightly floured

surface; divide and shape into 30 balls. Place in greased baking pan. Cover with kitchen towels; let rise in a warm place until doubled, 30-45 minutes. Preheat oven to 190°C.

Using a sharp knife, cut a cross on top of each bun. In a small bowl, whisk egg yolk and water; brush over tops. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool slightly.

For icing, in a small bowl, mix confectioners' sugar and enough milk to reach desired consistency. Pipe a cross on top of each bun. Serve warm.

Ref. <http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/traditional-hot-cross-buns>

## CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES



### INGREDIENTS

- 1 (200g) tub cream cheese, softened
- 350g icing sugar, sifted
- 500g plain chocolate, melted
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

### METHOD

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Gradually beat in icing sugar until well blended. Stir in melted chocolate and vanilla until no streaks

### Total Time:

Prep: 1hr.  
Extra Time: 1hr  
Ready in: 2hr  
**Makes:**  
60 servings

remain. Refrigerate for about 1 hour. Shape into 2.5cm balls.

**NOTE:** Roll truffles in ground walnuts (or any ground nuts), cocoa, coconut, icing sugar, etc. To flavour truffles with liqueurs or other flavourings, omit vanilla. Divide truffle mixture into thirds. Add 1 tablespoon liqueur (almond, coffee, orange) to each mixture; mix well.

[http://allrecipes.co.uk/recipe/6344/easy-chocolate-truffles.aspx?o\\_is=Hub\\_TopRecipe\\_1](http://allrecipes.co.uk/recipe/6344/easy-chocolate-truffles.aspx?o_is=Hub_TopRecipe_1)

room. Rooms were found to be leaking, and with no proper sanitation or ventilation. One such building was Oceanic House, a 60-room facility with only two toilets. This and other buildings will be accessed again by the Municipality's Environmental Health Practitioners, Building Inspectorate and Fire Department, and owners who are guilty of neglecting their buildings have been warned to be compliant.

The Municipality further announced that two dilapidated buildings in North Beach and Epsom Road will be converted to low cost housing, and will include one-bedroom and two-bedroom self-contained units.

## Register on Ethekewini Skills Database

Residents and small business are invited to participate in eThekweni's skills audit by registering on the Municipal Skills database, which is available at Sizakala Centres and Councillors' offices. The database will be used to identify existing educational qualifications and skills in the community and provide an analysis of further education and training needs to develop the skills we need to grow the economy.

Registration is open to eThekweni residents only. For more information, contact the offices on 031 311 3192.

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### UIP CRIME REPORTS: JANUARY 2016

#### UIP/Enforce Security Services CBD Precinct/SRA

The busy January season started with 10 arrests and one assisted arrest by the UIP team. A total of 99 incidents and activities were recorded for this month. Suspicious persons found loitering in the precinct was high, with 24 people identified. Pickpocketing (2), shoplifting (3), and snatching (4) were lower than previous years, however smash and grab incidents increased by 4 cases. Serious crime was low, with only one incident of theft and no incidents of business robbery, rape, or hijacking handled by the UIP. The UIP continue to assist with miscellaneous activities, such as crime at ATMs (15), assistance at traffic lights (8), marches/strikes (7) and at motor vehicle accidents (5). The crime monitors continue to assist the public, with 15 people helped.

#### UIP/ENFORCE TEAM IN ACTION

**18/01@16h00:** While patrolling, crime monitors discovered a man at 466 Dr Pixley Kasema Street, who had been assaulted by the community. He allegedly broke into a vehicle. Crime monitors rescued and detained him until the owner of the vehicle arrived. He however chose not to open a case. The suspect was taken away from the area and instructed to leave the precinct.

**20/01@15h01:** A man was arrested for being in possession of stolen goods at the corner of Dr Yusuf Dadoo Street and Monty Naicker Road. The suspect, a Truworths employee stole jewellery from the store and fled. He was caught and taken to the store. The Manager however chose not to open a case, but to rather address the matter internally.

**23/1@13h22:** Following viewing on CCTV footage, a man was arrested by the SAPS in front of the Royal Hotel in Anton Lembede Street for snatching a chain and swallowing it.

**24/1@13h41:** A woman approached the UIP crime monitors for assistance after allegedly being approached by two men for cash, with the promise of employment. On refusing, she claimed they stole her purse, containing R400 and a cell phone. She was advised to report the crime and provide a description of the suspects to Charlie Control.

**27/01@17h33:** A group of men and women were involved in a physical altercation in Mark Lane. The UIP/ Crime Monitors intervened and the matter was resolved.

#### UIP/Enforce Security Services NEB Precinct/SRA

The NEB Precinct is generally a quiet precinct and January was no different, with only five incidents, which included one incident of shoplifting, 1 suspicious person observed and three cases of drinking in public. One arrest was made by the UIP and one with the assistance of the Metro Police Services. The UIP/Crime Monitors however were involved in 38 other crime prevention initiatives, as well as assisting at motor vehicle accidents

#### UIP/ENFORCE TEAM IN ACTION

**06/01@16h00:** The crime monitors observed a suspicious person with narcotics at Gugu Dlamini Park. He departed without incident.

**Daily (excluding Sundays) 06h30 to 08h00:** The SAPS Workshop requested assistance from the UIP to patrol along Soldiers Way from Dennis Hurley Street to Monty Naicker Road.

**23/01@17h06:** A couple was involved in an indecent act in Gugu Dlamini Park. They were taken to SAPS Workshop, where they were warned and released.

#### UIP/BOSS Security Services SB Precinct/SRA

The UIP/BOSS team start their day with the following planned activities-

- Monitoring the closing times of bars and clubs
- Removing plastic bottles from bottle sellers
- Removing illegal traders
- Daily and nightly inspections of buildings
- Closing of Horse Shoe Parking boom gates at 19:00 and manning of the exit parking until 20:00
- Inspection of car guards and monitoring of their actions
- Taxi noise control
- Monitoring and preventing urinating in public

For the month of January, the team made one arrest and assisted with four. There were no cases of serious crime, including rape, hijacking or armed robbery, and only one incident of assault. Business theft and theft of motor vehicles were at zero, with two cases of general theft reported. The team is actively involved in various miscellaneous crime prevention activities to keep the precinct safe, including monitoring noise levels, illegal parking, car guard activities, and various nuisance-behaviour. For January, the team handled 22 such incidents.

**02/01/@12h00 to 14h00:** Various illegal vendors were removed from the precinct in order to prevent petty theft. It was observed that some vendors would watch customers when they open their purses.

**10/01/@11h00:** A man was caught breaking an emblem off a vehicle in front of Grandborough Court. The BOSS/ Crime Monitors interrogated him until he admitted that he was stealing for someone else. The Operations Manager was called and the accomplice was traced back to a building in Gillespie Street. Both suspects were arrested and taken to the Point SAPS.

**16/01/@ 07h30:** A man was stabbed at the corner of Gillespie and Pixley KaSema streets. The BOSS Crime Monitors called for an ambulance and he was taken to hospital.

**23/01/@19h00:** A group found drinking next to Mt Blanc refused to leave when they were instructed to do so. They had to be removed from the precinct by force.

### UIP CLEANING REPORT: DECEMBER 2015 - JANUARY 2016

#### UIP/Cwebezela Trust CBD Precinct/SRA

##### Snags

Ingrid Lewis of the UIP conducted a street inspection during February, and the following snags were highlighted and documented for attention:-

- The pissoire in Monty Naicker Street was flagged as a priority and has since been fixed.
- The pissoire in Greenacres Passage requires urgent attention. Problems include a leaking tap and an unlockable grid, resulting in car washers stealing water throughout the day and night. This pissoire also needs to be renovated to conform to the same style

- as that of the pissoire in Monty Naicker Street.
- Rubble in School Lane, which has been abandoned for over five months, needs to be removed.
- The drain cover in Plowright Lane does not fit and has a bad odour.

#### Street Washing

A request was made to DSW to conduct pavement washing in the following areas:

- Behind Game
- Monty Naicker Street, including Hooper and Plowright lanes,
- Behind Woolworths, and
- Greenacres Passage.

#### Bins

The concrete bins were removed, and in most areas replaced by plastic pole bins.

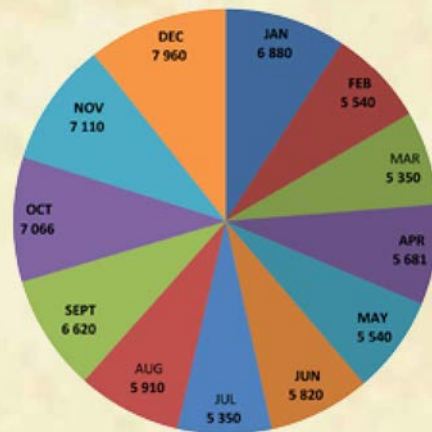
#### Plastic Bags

For the period December 2015 and January 2016 5 700 bags were utilised.

#### UIP/Shanela Environmental Management Services SB Precinct/SRA

A total of 37 675kgs (6 850 bags) of waste was uplifted in January 2016, which was slightly down from last year of 37 840kgs.

### BAGS USED 2015



### PRECINCT MEETINGS

As we start the New Year, the UIP invites you to join our monthly precinct meetings. Diarise these dates for the next three months.

PRECINCT	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	ADDRESS	TIME
NEB	8	12	10	Durban City Lodge	14:30
CBD	15	18	17	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Florence Mkize Building	14:30
SB	17	21	19	Garden Court	14:30