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The heart of Eswatini

A city Inspired by Excellence



I am proud to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to exceptional service delivery and good governance. Our vibrant city thrives on the dedication and collaboration of its community members, and we are steadfast in our mission to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Lungile Dlamini- CEO

We are dedicated to transparency, accountability, and efficiency in all our operations. Our ongoing projects and initiatives aim to create a sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous environment for everyone. Your feedback and active participation are invaluable as we work together to achieve our shared goals. Thank you for your continued support and trust in the Municipal Council of Manzini. Together, we will build a brighter future for our beloved city.

I, Thank you.



I am honored to address you with a message of dedication and promise. Our city is a vibrant and dynamic community, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure it remains a place of opportunity, growth, and well-being for all. We are firmly committed to delivering exceptional services and upholding the highest standards of good governance. This means fostering transparency, accountability, and efficiency in all our operations and initiatives.

Goodwill Dlamini- His Worship, the Mayor

We are constantly working to enhance infrastructure, improve public services, and create sustainable development opportunities that benefit every resident. Your active participation and feedback are crucial to our success. Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient Manzini, where every individual can thrive and contribute to our shared prosperity. Thank you for your trust and support. Let us continue to work hand in hand to make Manzini an even better place to live, work, and grow.

I, Thank you.

MANZINI CITY BUSINESS SECTOR BENEFITS FROM EVENTFUL 2024 EITF!

The Municipality continued to be the host city of the 2024 Eswatini International Trade Fair under the theme; Accelerating Business Growth Through Digital Transformation. This was the 56th EITF being successfully hosted in the city which attracted local and international businesses and the public who came to visit companies' exhibition stands and other festivities. The Manzini city economy benefitted tremendously from this year's EITF event as local businesses got opportunities to sell, promote and market their products and services and further connected with their current and future customers. The Municipality further ensured that atleast 20 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from the city directly benefit from the EITF through reserving and allocating them trading spaces. The handicraft, accommodation and food businesses in the city thrived during the EITF as domestic and international tourists flocked the city to experience this annual momentous event.

...EDUCATIONAL MANZINI CITY, RSTP BUSINESS SEMINAR

The Municipality partnered with the Royal Science Technology Park (RSTP) for successfully hosting the 2024 Manzini City Business Seminar for local and external businesses and strategic stakeholders. The theme of the seminar was "The Role of Information Communication Technology on Business and Economic Growth" which was in alignment with the 2024 EITF theme of "Accelerating Business Growth through Digital Transformation". The seminar panelists included representatives from both public and private sectors who shared knowledge, information, experiences and best practices on the use of ICTs for business growth, customer service and economic growth. The Municipality expresses her appreciation to all the stakeholders and individuals who participated in this impactful business seminar. Special appreciation goes to the seminar panelists.







Manzini Municipality wins Big at the SADC Service Quality Awards



The Manzini Municipality team (from left) Nokuphila Shabalala, Thembelihle Lukhele and Khombisile Dlamini who travelled to Zimbabwe to collect the award on the Municipality's behalf.

In a significant achievement for the region, the Manzini Municipality Laboratory has been honoured with the "Service of the Year" award winner for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) at the recent SADC Quality Awards. This award recognizes outstanding service quality and excellence among businesses in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

The SADC Service Quality Awards ceremony held in Zimbabwe, Harare on the 1st of July 2024 combined with SADC Industrialization week aim to promote quality and innovation in businesses across the region, fostering economic growth and enhancing competitiveness.

The Manzini Municipality Laboratory was selected for this prestigious award due to its exceptional performance in delivering high-quality services to the community. The laboratory has been instrumental in ensuring that municipal services meet rigorous quality standards, thereby enhancing the overall well-being of the residents of Manzini. The laboratory's achievements include implementing advanced testing methods, maintaining stringent quality control procedures, and consistently exceeding customer expectations. Their efforts have not only improved service delivery but also set a benchmark for other SMEs in the region.

...YET ANOTHER EXCITING AWARD: Manzini Best Municipality in Procurement

A few months after receiving SADC recognition for her high service quality laboratory, the Municipal Council of Manzini has once again been honoured with the prestigious Local Government Best Compliant Award by the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESPPRA). This happened during the Eswatini Procurement Symposium 2024 which was held this month at the Hilton Garden Inn. This accolade is a testament to the Municipality's exemplary adherence to procurement regulations and commitment to transparent governance

The Municipality's recognition is a testament to its exemplary adherence to procurement regulations and its commitment to transparent and effective governance. The award underscores the Municipality's efforts in implementing best procurement practices, thereby ensuring the efficient use of public resources and fostering economic development within the region. The award also positions the Municipality as a model of good governance, emphasizing her commitment to high standards in procurement and serves as an inspiring benchmark for other local governments that strive for excellence



Anita Nkambule-Mazibuko ,Municipal Council of Manzini Procurement Specialist receiving the Best Compliance Procuring Entity award on behalf of the Municipality.

Tourism News

MANZINI MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES WEEKEND OF VIBRANCY, SOCIAL COHESION THROUGH SPORT

The Impisi Bikers Rally roared into the city; drawing hundreds of enthusiastic bikers not only from the Kingdom of Eswatini but also from across the Southern African Development Community. The sleek machines created a spectacular atmosphere in the streets of Manzini city; drawing the attention from many onlookers. Not only that, but the bikers, courtesy of the Manzini-based Hyena Motorcycle Club, also lifted the spirits of tens of underprivileged children by visiting the Old Zakhele Social Centre (commonly referred to as a soup kitchen) and donating groceries

The Voice of the Church half marathon took place in the vibrant city early, attracting approximately 1000 participants from all corners of the Kingdom of Eswatini. This event not only showcased the determination of citizens to keeping healthy and fit but also embodied the spirit of unity and community that defines us as a city. As a Municipality we wholeheartedly support and endorse such activities within our city. Events like these are not merely about competition or entertainment but they serve as the much desired platforms for fostering social cohesion, promoting healthy lifestyles and nurturing bonds amongst city citizens. Moreover, they play a crucial role in showcasing the scenic beauty of our city, thereby bolstering tourism and economic growth



FORGING NEW TIES, BOLSTERING TOURISM: *MANZINI, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITIES COMMIT TO COLLABORATE*

In a demonstration of cultural exchange and tourism promotion, delegates from Ethekwini Municipality, Durban Tourism and uShaka Marine World, KwaZulu-Natal, last Friday embarked on an engaging tour to the vibrant City of Manzini. Traveling in a Ricksha bus, the delegation was accompanied by Council, management and staff of Manzini Municipality. The visit symbolised a significant step forward in building new relationships and exploring collaborative opportunities between the two cities. The tour, which blended business and leisure, was aimed at highlighting the rich cultural heritage and tourism potential of both Durban and Manzini city.

Ethekwini, renowned for its breathtaking coastline, bustling markets and vibrant culture, was represented by delegates that were eager to share insights and experiences with their Manzini counterparts. The primary objective was to establish connections that promote mutual growth and development within the tourism sector. The Municipal Council of Manzini organised an itinerary characterized by visits to key city tourism attractions such as the Number 43 KwaMagogo and Somhlolo Park, business meetings and cultural exchanges.

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A highlight of the trip was a formal meeting between Manzini city officials and the Durban delegation. During the meeting, Ethekwini Municipality City Manager Musa Mbhele expressed a strong interest in forming a lasting relationship with the City of Manzini. The Durban delegation emphasised the importance of such exchanges in promoting regional tourism. Benefits of shared knowledge, joint marketing efforts and collaborative projects designed to enhance tourism experiences in both cities also formed part of the discussions.

The tour served as an excellent platform for delegates to discuss strategies, share best practices and explore potential collaborations. Manzini Municipality remains grateful to her partner, Eswatini Tourism Authority, for the crucial role she played in facilitating the tour and discussions.











Alph-SZ Border-2-Border Cycle Tour Draws Rave Reviews: A Weekend of Success

cycling enthusiasts from all over converged for the much-anticipated Ride Your City Tour hosted by the Manzini City Council in collaboration with the Eswatini Cycling Association which is a sub-event of the Alph-SZ Border-2-Border Cycle Tour, and it did not disappoint. This ambitious event, spanning from Mhlaleni to Hhelehhele, showcased not only the scenic beauty of our region but also the spirit of camaraderie among participants. From avid cyclists to casual riders, individuals of all skill levels took part in the tour, pedaling their way through the city's picturesque landscapes. The event not only promoted fitness and outdoor recreation but also highlighted the importance of cross-border unity and cooperation. With a brief session at King Somhlolo park, participants were treated to a well-organized event, with support stations strategically placed along the route, offering refreshments, medical assistance, and aerobics. The seamless coordination of volunteers and organizers ensured a smooth experience for everyone involved.

One of the most significant aspects of the Ride Your City Tour was its inclusivity. Families, friends, and solo riders alike came together to celebrate their love for cycling and exploration. This sense of community was palpable throughout the journey, fostering new friendships and unforgettable memories.Moreover, the tour served as a platform to showcase local businesses and attractions along the route, boosting tourism and economic development in the region. Riders had the opportunity to discover hidden gems and support small businesses, further enriching their experience.With its resounding success, organizers and participants alike are









Wellness News

Municipal Council of Manzini Shines at ESIGA Games: A Triumph of Wellness and Team Spirit










In a celebration of health, teamwork, and spirited competition, the Municipal Council of Manzini recently showcased their athletic prowess at the ESIGA (Eswatini Inter-Town Sports and Games Association) Games. Held annually to promote employee wellness and camaraderie among town councils, this year's event saw a remarkable performance by Manzini's teams. The Council's table tennis players delivered an outstanding performance, dominating the competition to clinch gold in both the male and female categories. Their precise serves and strategic play highlighted the dedication and skill cultivated through rigorous practice and team support.

The marathon team also excelled, achieving a remarkable victory in the 21km race. Their gold medal win was a testament to their endurance and commitment, setting a high standard for athletic excellence. In volleyball, Manzini's team battled through intense matches to secure the silver medal, finishing in second place. Their teamwork and strategic play were crucial in their impressive run, demonstrating their capability to compete at the highest level.

The pool team, too, showed commendable skill and determination, earning a well-deserved second place in their category. Their synchronized efforts and competitive spirit were evident as they narrowly missed out on the top spot. The success at the ESIGA Games not only highlights the athletic talents within the Municipal Council of Manzini but also underscores the importance of employee wellness and team building. By participating in such events, the Council continues to foster a culture of health, fitness, and unity among its employees, setting a positive example for other town councils to follow.

Golden Foot Club Hosts Successful KwaMagogo Legacy Race and Run

The grounds of Trelawney Park were transformed into a vibrant hub of athleticism and community spirit as the 13th Annual Kwa MaGogo Legacy Race and Run took center stage. Held on Saturday, August 10, the event drew a diverse group of participants and spectators, marking another successful. The day's highlights included a series of races catering to all ages and skill levels. The centerpiece was the 21K race. The event also featured a 5K run, and a fun walk, each designed to be inclusive and accessible.



One of the most significant aspects of the Kwa MaGogo Legacy Race was its inclusivity. Families, friends, and solo enthusiasts alike came together to celebrate their love for physical fitness and exploration. This sense of community was palpable throughout the journey, fostering new friendships and unforgettable memories. Moreover, the tour served as a platform to showcase local businesses and attractions along the route, boosting tourism and economic development in the region. Participants had the opportunity to discover hidden gems and support small businesses, further enriching their experience. With its resounding success, organizers and participants alike are already looking forward to the next edition.



Small Biz Spotlight

Local Success Stories

I work inside Manzini Market. I work with everything that involves corrugated iron. I arrived at the Market in 1998. I am still working with corrugated iron and I produce; chimney for stores, watering can funnels, chicken feeders and toolboxes. My products have a market audience however, as I have been in this business, I have realized that there are different seasons. During the harvest season, that is when I get more customers that want corrugated iron tanks to store maize meal. The same also applies with funnel tanks, there are also buying seasons times.

I will not lie and say that I starve with my family and children, no, with this business, I can sustain at home. Working at the Manzini market has benefitted me a lot. I now have possessions with me at home.

With the work I do under the Municipal Council's yard, for example; I bought my first cow and the cow was able to give me eight more cows over the years. I have also been able to buy a car while working.



Lucky Mthunzi
self employed.

Half Year Events Calendar
October-March 2024

Oct

- Inner Flea Market 5th
- World Food Safety 7th
- Manzini Youth Baraza 25th

Nov

- Street Vendor Day 14th
- Children's Right Day 21st
- Ward 12 Flea Market 30th

Dec

- Manzini World AIDS 6th
- Persons with Disability 6th
- Christmas Flea Market 25th

Jan

Feb

- Manzini Career Expo 20th

Mar

- Inner City Flea Market 1st
- International Women's Day 8th
- Global Recycling Day 18th
- World Water Day 22nd



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