

Fire claims lives of grandmother, grandson



Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Misizwe Ndobuko Zulu, at the home of the deceased grandmother and grandson.



The burnt remains of the home.

Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Misizwe Ndobuko Zulu, and his disaster team recently visited the Madonsela family after tragedy struck when the 62-year-old grandmother and her one-year-old grandson lost

their lives after a gas explosion caused a fire in the home. Mayor Zulu expressed his sorrow regarding the incident and promised to support the remaining family members during this difficult time they are facing.

"We, as a municipality, heard the news and saw that it was important to visit the Mswaneni family," said Mayor Zulu, adding that communities need to be cautious when using fires and gas stoves to cook.

Umzinyathi celebrates July



KZN MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba, officiated the 2023 Dundee July project aimed at mobilising all sectors of society to be part of the biggest horse-racing and fashion show in the region.

The Umzinyathi District will be a hive of activity for the entire week leading up to the Dundee July taking place on 15 July. The Dundee July rural horse-racing event that has become a household name for jockeys, holiday-makers and entertainment-lovers all over Africa will kick off with a comedy night taking place at Battlefield Lodge on 13 July.

The comedy show will be followed by the Miss and Mr Dundee pageant taking place on the eve of the main race. The activities will end with the Dundee Experience Extravaganza that is set to keep music-lovers awake till the crack of dawn.

Mayor of Umzinyathi District Municipality, Councillor PMS Ngubane, said that the star-studded event contributes tremendously to the economy of the entire district. "The event has grown so much that our BnBs are already full. We encourage people to come in numbers to the shores of Umzinyathi has to offer," said the Mayor. The much-anticipated Dundee July launch was held at the Battlefield

Country Club where KZN MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba, officiated the event. "We are all set for the biggest experience yet, and we cannot wait for 15 July. This has been a culmination of extraordinarily hard work by everyone involved in this event. This media launch should bear testimony of what is coming," said MEC Mahlaba.

The theme for this year's event is "African Royalty" and the MEC went on to say: "Our aim as the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is to see the Dundee July grow to improve the lives of the people in the district by contributing to job creation and economic growth in the province. This can only be achieved through the solid partnerships we have built over the years and which we continue to harness as we gallop forward."

"I must reveal to you that the budget to stage the Dundee July is more than R9,3 million, sourced from both public and private partners, but most significantly it is the direct and indirect economic injection that will define this investment," added MEC Mahlaba.

MEC calls on parents to protect children's rights



Parents and community members during the engagement for the conclusion of Child Protection Month.

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She said that everyone bears the responsibility of being a custodian for the care and protection of children, particularly in light of the new dimension of online abuse and violence they face. "Our children suffer cyberbullying,

grooming to be sex slaves and the sharing of sexually explicit content.

That needs us, as parents, to deal with all situations. We recognise that Covid-19 restrictions, such as online learning, have highlighted the delicate balance between internet access and protecting

children. We also witnessed the unfortunate increase in teenage pregnancy and abuse.

The department remains committed in dealing with issues affecting children, but also needs communities to be on board," concluded MEC Khoza.



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NOTICE OF REVIEWED TARIFF OF CHARGES 2023 - 2024

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 75A(3)(a) and (b) of the Local Government: Systems Act 32 of 2000, as amended, that the Newcastle Municipal Council at a meeting held on 31 May 2023, resolved to amend the tariff of charges.

Please note that:

- The increased tariffs shall come into operation on 1 July 2023 for all services except for water and electricity consumptions which will be levied on the new tariff with effect from the August 2023 accounts.
- A copy of the existing tariff of charges, the proposed new tariffs and a copy of the resolution are open for inspection during office hours at the Civic Centre, Newcastle, in terms of the annual budget process.
- Major tariff increases for the 2023/2024 Financial Year are as follows:

Water and Sanitation	6%
Refuse Removal	6%
Property Rates	6%
Electricity	15.1% - subject to NERSA approval.
- This notice is also available on the Newcastle Municipality's website: www.newcastle.gov.za

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