



PAROW INDUSTRIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NPC (CID/SRA)

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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

Good day business owners,

Crime for the month of May is as per attached.

There were 5 burst pipes within the month of May within the CID geographical area. Assegaai and Tekstiel street are the highest contributors for burst pipes so all business owners in and around these streets are encouraged to always have water on hand in containers for flushing of toilets on days that there are water disruptions. Usually when the CID reports a burst pipe during the course of the evening, the city comes out within an hour to close the water, but a repair team only comes out between 10 and 11:00 am the next morning to begin repairs. This means that when there has been a burst pipe a business who only works office hours can be without water for three quarters of a day to a full day depending on the work to be done to repair, hence the need to fill up kettles each evening and storing of sufficient water for flushing of toilets, as it will be required at some stage.

Businesses in Industria Ring Road to request their drivers/suppliers etc to not park on pavements. The two newly constructed pavements on both ends of Industria Ring Road were not made to withstand the weight of interlinks. Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

The CID wishes to thank those business owners who keep the area around their business clean and have undertaken painting of their buildings etc. It is immediately noted and goes a long way in uplifting the image of the area.

The CID AGM is coming up 26 November 2026. If you are not yet a registered CID member and would like to become one, kindly contact our office for the necessary documentation for completion. There are no costs involved and it allows you the opportunity to have your vote counted when issues concerning the CID are voted on.

The mess of a water reinstatement in Stellenberg Road which has formed potholes have been reported and should be attended to shortly. The rain of late has not helped the situation so we need to be patient as RIM can only repair once the tar is dry.

Feel free to contact the CID office on 021 932 4799 with any other issues of concern.

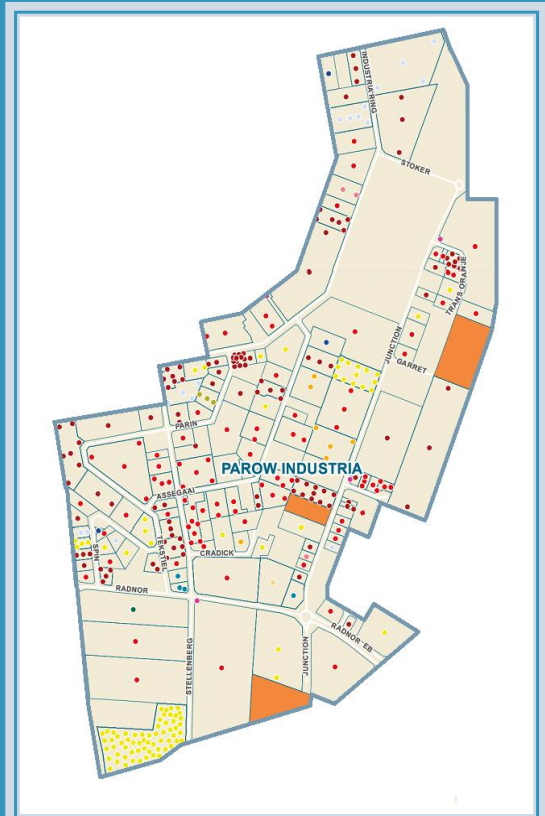
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PRO-ACTIVE SERVICES:

UNSECURED PREMISES REPORTED:	0
FIRES REPORTED/EXTINGUISHED:	0
ACCIDENTS ATTENDED:	2
SUSPICIOUS/BREAKDOWN VEHICLES CHECKED:	16
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS CHECKED:	124
TROLLEY/BINS CHECKED:	46
BURST PIPES REPORTED:	6
PREVENTION OF DUMPING:	0
BINS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	222
BAGS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	295
FAULTY STREETLIGHTS REPORTED:	42
POTHoles REPORTED (SITES):	4



CRIME INCIDENTS FOR MAY 2026: 4 INCIDENTS

03 May 2026 @ approximately 23:49: Cable theft: Radnor Road

At 23h49 on Sunday 03/05/26 the CID control room spotted 1 x male busy cutting a cable on a premises in Radnor Road. Both response vehicles were dispatched. In that time the male had already started running towards De La Rey robots and was out of the CID geographical area by the time the response vehicles arrived at the robots. At 23h52 the control room contacted SAPS and gave the description details of the male so that they can search for him in Uitsig.

07 May 2026 @ approximately 08:20: Theft of vehicle wheel: Industria Ring Road

At 12h00 on Thursday 07/05/2026 the CID manager received a call from a client in Industria Ring Road requesting assistance from the CID regarding the theft of a vehicle wheel that was allegedly stolen that morning around 08h20 from one of their employee's vehicles that was parked in front of their premises. On doing playback it was noted that the suspected vehicle drove into the area from Tygerberg Hospital side and drove straight towards the employee's vehicle and stopped next to the vehicle. 1 x Male got out of the vehicle and proceeded to move around by the vehicle, but due to the camera angle and the way the vehicle was parked one cannot see him removing anything. The suspect then got back into his vehicle and left the area via Industria Ring Road towards De la Rey Road. The vehicle registration number was retrieved and handed over to SAPS for further investigation.

19 May 2026 @ approximately 17:58: Prevention of sand theft: Industria Ring Road (PRO-ACTIVE)

At 17h58 on Tuesday 19/05/2026 the CID control room spotted 2 x males in Industria Ring Road busy stealing construction sand. The responder was dispatched and immediately arrived on site. The responder gave the details of the suspect and gave him a warning that next time SAPS would be informed should he try to steal the sand again.

29 May 2026 @ approximately 16:01: Prevention of sand theft: Industria Ring Road (PRO-ACTIVE)

At 16h01 on Friday 29/05/2026 the CID control room spotted 1 x male in Industria Ring Road loading construction sand into bags. The CID responders were dispatched. On arrival the responders instructed the male to put the sand back which he did before leaving the area.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!



We urge everyone to be vigilant and not be on your cell phone while walking in the area.

This creates the opportunity for anybody to grab your cell phone and run, or worse, use a weapon to confiscate the cell phone from you by force

NEWS FROM COCT WEBSITE:

METAL THEFT UNIT CLOSES 136 NON-COMPLIANT SCRAP TRADERS

Cape Town has in excess of 600 scrap dealers and bucket shops – indicative of how lucrative the trade is. It is a mammoth undertaking for staff who have to inspect these premises on an ongoing basis AND act against incidents of cable and metal theft.

21 May 2026

In the 10 months between July 2025 and April 2026, the Metal Theft Unit made 88 arrests, recovered more than a kilometre of stolen cable and more than 800 kilograms of stolen metal. Staff completed 5 979 patrols in hotspot areas, 1 257 scrapyards compliance inspections, responded to 423 complaints from the public and issued 3 095 fines for various by-law transgressions. In recent years, the unit, like many others in the City's Safety and Security Directorate, has started using technology like CCTV, drones and thermal imagery to amplify their operations and cover more ground, particularly in more rural landscapes.

'We are confident that the near 30% increase in hotspot patrols has prevented acts of criminality, protecting essential infrastructure in the process. But our staff monitor the entire pipeline, including keeping scrap dealers honest. Anyone found without proper registration or contravening any of the applicable legislation is closed upon inspection. It is a mammoth undertaking for staff who

have to do inspections of these premises, proactively patrol known hotspots and respond to hundreds of public complaints,' said Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith.

Scrap metal dealers are generally formal businesses, trading on a large scale in an area zoned for business. Bucket shops are registered dealers that tend to trade in suburbs from residential properties. Since July 2025, the Metal Theft Unit has closed 42 scrap metal dealers and 94 bucket shops upon inspection. Reasons for closure include continued non-compliance with applicable legislation, where they are found guilty of an offence, or for failing to register as a second-hand goods dealer or metal recycler. The public can report suspected illegal scrap dealers or illicit activities via the City's Public Emergency Communication Centre on 021 480 7700. Anonymous tips can be submitted via 0800 110 077.

'Public assistance is critical in clamping down on the illegal trade in metals, so if you see something, please report it, no matter how big or small. In one of the most recent cases before court, there was a theft conviction for stealing a see saw from a park in Ravensmead. So, justice does come around in some cases,' said Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith. The person convicted of stealing the park furniture will be sentenced in the Goodwood Magistrate's Court. Another conviction awaiting sentencing in the same court relates to damage to, and/or possession of essential infrastructure (Prasa property).

In the Blue Down's Magistrate's Court, a suspect was convicted on 3 April for the possession of stolen property, and in terms of the Criminal Matters Amendment Act 18/2015. This was after he was found in possession of eight bags of Transnet cable weighing 409,15 kg in Kraaifontein in 2023. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison.



WINTER READINESS SEES R85 MILLION INVESTED IN FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS

Repairs and maintenance of rivers, canals and waterways take place throughout the year across Cape Town, with operations intensifying ahead of the winter season. As part of the City's Water and Sanitation Directorate's ongoing efforts to reduce flood risks and improve water quality during the rainy months, more than R85 million has been invested in 12 critical pre-winter readiness interventions across the metro.

02 June 2026

Cape Town's stormwater network includes canals, rivers, culverts, tributaries, wetlands, vleis, ponds and stormwater dams, all of which require ongoing maintenance throughout the year to ensure the system functions effectively during winter. Ahead of the rainy season, maintenance operations have intensified with teams carrying out proactive cleaning of canals, litter traps, culverts, ponds and waterways to prevent blockages that can result in localised flooding. A range of methods is used depending on site conditions, including the removal of vegetation (such as invasive aquatic plants), silt, and litter using hand teams, as well as dredging operations using excavators and bulldozers to remove accumulated sediment deposits and restore channel capacity.

'Winter readiness operations are currently in full swing across Cape Town, with teams removing significant volumes of waste, vegetation and sediment from canals and stormwater infrastructure to improve drainage ahead of the rainy season. 'Illegal dumping into canals and rivers has severe consequences for communities. Waste blocks stormwater infrastructure increases flood risks for nearby homes and streets, and pollutes waterways and oceans downstream. Residents are urged to make use of

refuse collection services and disposal facilities to help keep waterways clear and functional during winter,’ said the City’s Mayoral Committee Member for Water and Sanitation, Councillor Zahid Badroodien.

Central

Erosion protection works are currently under way at the Maitland Cemetery Canal, a tributary of the Elsieskraal River, using Armourflex blocks. This intervention is critical to prevent erosion of the stormwater channel and to safeguard surrounding infrastructure, including nearby graves. Rehabilitation of a lined concrete channel, together with dredging works, is in progress from Sandown to Link Road and from Berkshire to Waterville in Bloubergstrand. The dredging removes accumulated silt and overgrown vegetation to improve flow capacity and reduce flood risk, while rehabilitation works extend the lifespan of the infrastructure. Cutting, cleaning, and removal of alien vegetation, along with silt and litter clearing, has taken place from Sandown East to Parklands Main Road in Parklands. This ensures that the channel continues to function as designed and reduces the risk of blockages that could lead to flooding.

South

Reed and litter removal is being undertaken along the Little Lotus Canal in Fisherman’s Walk, Grassy Park. This preventative maintenance helps keep the waterway clear and reduces the risk of flooding during the rainy season. Erosion control works were installed along the Brommersvlei River in Constantia, where gabions and Reno mattresses were installed. These measures prevent further erosion, reduce the risk of structural collapse along adjacent boundaries, and ensure effective hydraulic performance of the river system. Repair and reinstatement works were carried out on a collapsed concrete canal wall along Sand River in Industry Way. These repairs were necessary to prevent further structural failure, protect the adjacent roadway and guardrails, and ensure safe and effective stormwater flow.

North

Construction and repair work on the spillway at Lisbon Pond in Durbanville is under way to ensure the pond can safely and effectively discharge water during periods of heavy rainfall. Cleaning operations are being conducted along the canal in Kuils River/Stikland, from Bottlary Road to the railway line along the R300. Work includes cutting long grass, removing debris, and clearing alien vegetation to improve flow and ensure optimal functioning of river inlets and the canal system. Construction and repair work at the Hibiscus Canal on the Mosselbank River Tributary in Wellington Road, Wellway Park was recently completed. This intervention helps dissipate stormwater energy and protects the structural integrity of the canal infrastructure.

East

Dredging of accumulated sediment and silt has been completed along Victoria Street through to Victoria Link Road in Victoria Park. This work increases channel capacity, protects infrastructure, and has already contributed to reducing flood impacts in Helderzicht and Victoria Park. Hand cleaning and mechanical dredging of canals and rivers is under way along the Macassar corridor, from Mandela Road to Mountain Rose in Macassar/Firgrove. These interventions ensure the system functions as designed and help prevent flooding caused by blockages from vegetation and debris. Similar cleaning and dredging operations have been conducted in the Soet River in Nomzamo, Lwandle and Strand. These efforts are continuous to address the illegal dumping in canals and counter the flooding impacts caused by the infilling of ponds and encroachments by informal structures to improve the overall stormwater flow.





DAM LEVELS

Please follow link to see current dam levels in the Western Cape:

<https://www.capetown.gov.za/Family%20and%20home/residential-utility-services/residential-water-and-sanitation-services/this-weeks-dam-levels>

'Court's tariff ruling will affect the poor'

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The City has confirmed it will not appeal the Western Cape High Court's ruling on tariff structures, opening the way for a revised budget process to begin.

In a statement issued on Friday morning, the City said it will now publish amendments to its tabled 2026-'27 Budget for public comment in the wake of the judgment.

The City maintains that the ruling's primary effect is to curtail the ability of municipalities, including Cape Town, to cross-subsidise services in a manner that shields lower- and middle-income households from the full cost of those services.

The proposed amendments, it says, reflect the City's commitment to preserving that protection within the boundaries set by the court.

The City was also at pains to emphasise that all revenue raised in 2025-'26 has been directed toward its intended purpose for infrastructure investment and service delivery. Equally significant, the court's ruling does not question the legitimacy of these funding requirements; the City must still be resourced to function. What changes under the proposed 2026-'27 framework is not the obligation to fund those costs, but the manner in which

ratepayers will contribute to meeting them.

Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis says a key impact of this court ruling is what the City has warned all along: that water and sanitation fixed charges will go up for many families in lower- and middle-value residential properties, and go down for higher-value properties.

"We have done our utmost to mitigate this effect. To protect lower- and middle-income households from the impact of this court ruling, we propose a further raising of the rates-free rebate to the first R620 000 of property value, up from R450 000, for residential properties under R8 million. All indigent benefits will also apply up to R620 000 residential property value."

This according to the mayor will reduce property rates for many households in the lower- and middle-value bands to mitigate the rise in fixed water and sanitation charges they will face because of the court ruling.

"While we adjust for the impact of this ruling, we remain concerned about its implications for the ability of municipalities to equitably cross-subsidise in utility tariffs in the South African social context. We will engage the National Treasury and Co-operative Governance departments nationally to seek regulatory clarity on available options for municipalities to equitably cross-subsidise

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lower- and middle-income households," he says.

"It remains my firm belief that Cape Town cannot truly work unless it works for everyone. For this reason, we do not propose any cuts to Cape Town's essential infrastructure projects, like pipe replacements, better sanitation and public transport. To cut these projects, as has been suggested by some, would lead to a less functional city and less basic dignity for residents. It would be a terrible and indefensible action."

Proposed amendments to be published for comment in a supplementary public participation process from 27 May to 10 June 2026 include the following:

■ City-wide cleaning costs is to move back into property rates. This will remove the city-wide cleaning charge as a standalone item on bills, and increase property rates for residential customers — changing the -10,2% reduction tabled in March. Commercial property rates will also increase while electricity unit costs will reduce due to the phased-reduction of

the surcharge contribution to city-wide cleaning. Residential electricity tariffs remain unchanged as these customers no longer contribute to city-wide cleaning in this way.

■ Fixed water and sanitation charges is to revert back to water meter connection size, the method used before property value bands. According to the City, this impact of the court ruling means that higher value properties will pay less fixed charges while lower value properties will pay more than they do currently.

"The City has tried to buffer this impact by consolidating the fixed tariff charged for all meter sizes up to 22mm, and shifting costs to higher consumption users compared to the March tabled budget," the City states.

■ Lastly, to protect especially lower- and middle-income households from the changes to fixed charges, the City will raise the indigent relief qualifying threshold and rates-free benefit. All residential properties up to R8m will now get the first R620 000 rates-free, up from R450 000 in 2025-'26. Indigent benefits apply for all properties under the new R620 000 threshold.

The full details of the proposed changes arising from the court ruling will be published on 27 May for public comment, with the comment period closing on 10 June.

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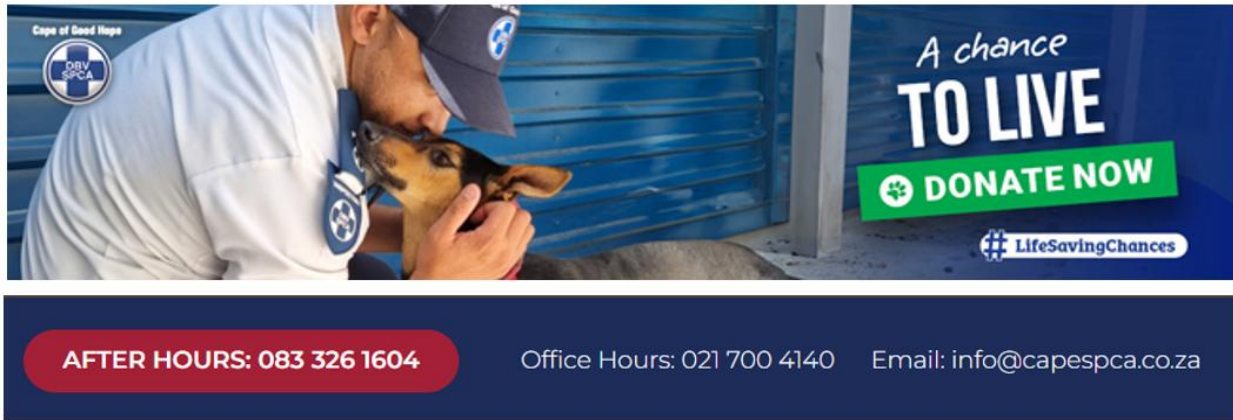
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DATA BASE UPDATING AND SCHEDULED VISITS:

Please contact the CID office should any of your details change, especially the after-hours contact person's name and number. I cannot stress the importance of us being able to reach you in an emergency. In the past the CID was able to assist business owners with incidents of flooding and fires where if the owner could not have been reached the damage could have been so much worse.

Should you be new in the area or just **wish to find out more about what the CID does for you**, feel free to contact the CID office and set up an appointment. In this manner we can speedily address matters that might be of concern, enlighten you of what we can and will do to assist you and what falls outside the CID mandate.

CID CONTROL ROOM CONTACT INFORMATION

For any **emergency situations/assistance** kindly contact the **CID 24/7 Control Room** on **021 932 4800** or **072 197 5001** who will dispatch the necessary assistance.

Should you have any enquiries / suggestions/ complaints, please feel free to contact Tracy Engelke (CID Manageress) and/or Zaandria Liebenberg (CID assistant) at the CID office on 021 932 4799 (office hours) or at undermentioned email addresses.

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