

# NEWSLETTER

July to September 2025



## HERE WE GO AGAIN!



Montague Drive was hit with not one, but two new sinkholes this winter—one in July and another in August. Thankfully, they didn't appear in the same spots as last year's trouble zones, and no further sinkholes have developed since.

Repairs are already underway, with the City of Cape Town on site and working to stabilise the affected areas. According to **Cllr Anthony Benadie**, who visited the site with City officials, the cause of the sinkholes is the deterioration of old **asbestos pipes** running underground.

Unfortunately, the City can't fully replace these aging pipes just yet—they'll need to wait until the new sewerage lines are completed. In the meantime, they're doing **spot fixes** to keep the road safe and prevent further damage.

We know these disruptions can be frustrating, and we want to thank all businesses and road users for their patience and understanding while repairs are underway. MMID will continue to monitor the situation and share updates as we receive them.



## WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello everyone,

Spring is upon us, and just like the season, the MMID is in full bloom. Over the past three months, our team has achieved so much, and the results speak for themselves. Our dedicated Urban team has been hard at work, planting and brightening up our neighbourhood for all to enjoy.

As we enter the final quarter of the year, there is still plenty to do in a short space of time. One important date to note is our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November. Please save the date. A gentle reminder: to remain a member of the MMID, you must attend at least one of two consecutive AGMs. Our office staff will be sending out reminders and official invitations shortly.

It has truly been a wonderful year so far, and we are now in the final stretch before a well-deserved rest. I want to extend my gratitude for all your ongoing support and encouraging words—it makes a real difference.

A special word of thanks goes to our Public Safety Department, whose collaboration with Star Alarms has become a well-oiled machine in keeping our community safe. Our Cleaning Team also deserves recognition for going above and beyond to keep our streets spotless and for tackling illegal dumping with dedication.

We take pride in our community, and together we continue to look after what is ours.  
Warm regards – Karen Sam Davis



# GARDEN PROJECTS

It's been a busy quarter for our Urban Beautification team, and the results are already turning heads. Over the past few months, they've been hard at work constructing vibrant new gardens at key corners along Montague Drive:

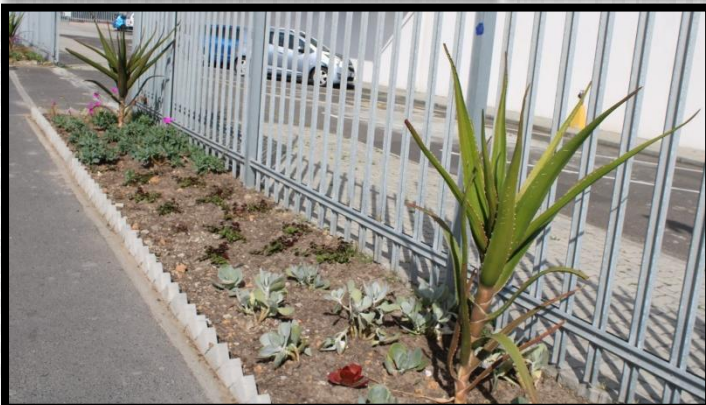
- **Montague Drive & Racecourse Road**
- **Montague Drive & Freedom Way**
- **Montague Drive & 7th Street** (both sides)



Each garden has been thoughtfully designed with a mix of plants that bring **colour, movement, and texture**—creating interest all year round. These green pockets don't just brighten the area; they add a sense of care and pride as well.

If you haven't seen them yet, we highly recommend taking a drive past. They're a beautiful addition to the district, and a great example of how small changes can make a big impact.

Thank you to our Urban team for their hard work and attention to detail—it's truly appreciated.



# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

This Mandela Day, MMID was proud to support **Janet's Junction** with a donation of bread and spreads—and even more proud to roll up our sleeves and help. Tammy and Chantelle from the MMID team spent their 67 minutes making sandwiches alongside an incredible group of volunteers.

This year's sandwich drive was especially meaningful. **Jason**, the son of Janet—who founded Janet's Junction and sadly passed away in 2022—joined the effort, carrying forward his mother's legacy with quiet strength and deep compassion. Jason didn't just keep the sandwich tables stocked; he also made time to deliver sandwiches to children playing soccer in Phoenix, embodying the same heart his mother was known for.

Jason continues to cook for the soup kitchen and serve the community with the same love and humility Janet poured into everything she did. It's clear her spirit lives on—not just in the work, but in the way it's done.

Together, the team at Janet's Junction made **over 8,000 sandwiches** this Mandela Day. That's an incredible achievement, and a powerful reminder of what can happen when community comes together.

A huge thank you to **Jacqui, Jason, and Stacy** for organising such a successful and inspiring event. MMID is honoured to be part of it.



HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS



# URBAN & ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADING

**Greenery  
Bags**

**462**



**Verges Cut**

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**5230**



**Weeding**

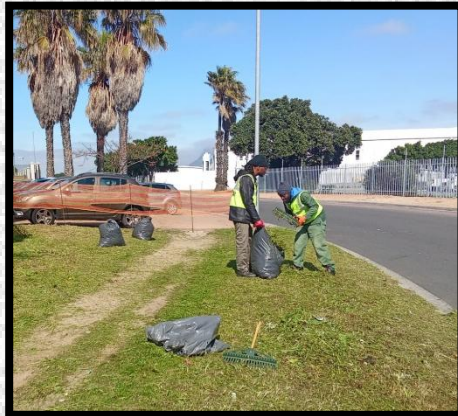
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**Trees  
Trimmed**

**55**



# CLEANING & ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE

**Bags Collected**

**2981**



**Glass Bottles**

**1569**



**Plastic Bottles**

**2978**



**Tins**

**1341**



**Dumping Sites**

**172**



**KG Recycled**

**1209**



## Camera Triggers

8834



## Open Gates

78



## Vagrant Interactions

975



## Collisions

28



## Dumping/Litter

52



## Arrests

9



At MMID, we believe in recognising the people who go above and beyond to keep our district safe. This month, we were proud to present **Makro vouchers** to two of our standout patrollers as a thank-you and congratulations for achieving the highest number of arrests this year.

Both serve as **Senior Patrollers**, overseeing the daily operations of our public safety team. Their leadership, quick thinking, and commitment to the Montague Gardens–Marconi Beam area have made a real impact—not just in numbers, but in the sense of security they help create for everyone who lives and works here.

But it's not just about arrests—it's about presence, consistency, and the example they set for the rest of the team.

We also want to extend our gratitude to **all our patrollers**, and to the Seniors who guide and support them. Your dedication doesn't go unnoticed. Every shift, every report, every moment of alertness contributes to a safer, more connected community. Thank you for showing up, for leading with integrity, and for taking pride in the work you do. MMID is proud to have you on our team.



# CRIME DOESN'T PAY



# STAR ALARMS

MMID members and business owners can expect the following services from us. We have a dedicated person monitoring the cameras day and night from Star Alarms control room, 7 days a week. A law enforcement officer on weekdays reporting directly to the CoCT. Over 100 surveillance cameras and 3 dedicated patrol vehicles 24/7.

MMID has rolled out a new set of A3 awareness posters for local businesses—free of charge. These posters focus on the risks of alcohol and drug use during working hours and are designed to spark conversation, encourage responsibility, and support a safer work environment.

We're asking businesses to put them up in visible areas where staff can see them and be reminded of the role, we all play in keeping our community safe and accountable.

A big thank you to the businesses that have already reached out and requested theirs—it's great to see the support. If you'd like a poster for your workplace, just drop us an email at [admin@mmid.org.za](mailto:admin@mmid.org.za) and we'll get one to you.

# CLEAR MINDS. SAFE HANDS. SOBER WORK.



## Why Drugs and Alcohol Have No Place at Work – Even on Breaks

- Health & Safety Risks**  
 Impaired judgement and slowed reflexes endanger you and others.
- Accidents**  
 Increases chances of accidents, errors, or injuries. Especially for roles involving machinery or driving.
- Stay Focused**  
 Using drugs & alcohol can affect your memory, decision making and concentration.
- Inability**  
 Even small amounts of drugs & alcohol can impact your performance and productivity.
- Company Policies**  
 Using substances during breaks can lead to disciplinary action or dismissal.



## Ensure Your Staff Remain Drug and Alcohol Free During Work - Even on Breaks

- Policies**  
 Have a zero tolerance policy in place for all employees.
- Testing**  
 Implement random drug & alcohol testing on site.
- Awareness**  
 Have drug & alcohol awareness workshops.
- Accountability**  
 Inform staff they could be held liable if someone is harmed due to their impairment.



# FEEL GOOD STORY

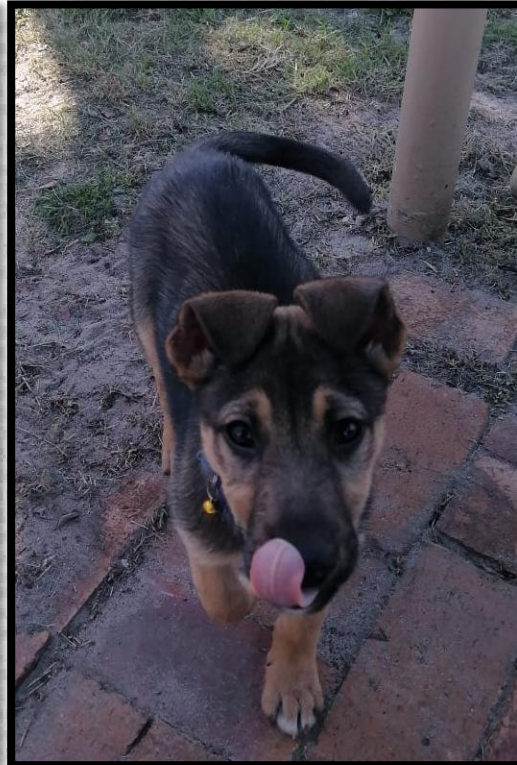
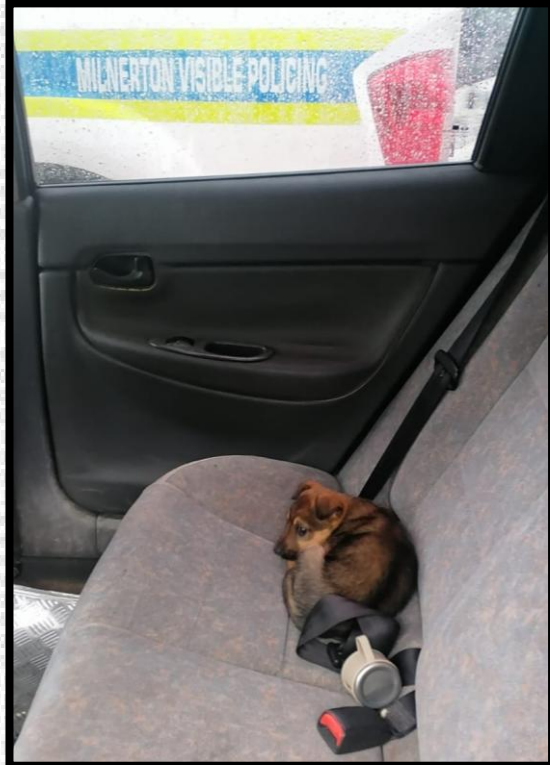
During a routine patrol around midday, our Law Enforcement Officer and Public Safety Coordinator spotted an unattended vehicle on Koeberg Road. It had visible damage and had clearly been there for some time, so they stopped to investigate.

Inside the car, they found a small puppy—alone, cold, and without food or water. The Law Enforcement Officer immediately contacted the Control Room to trace the owner, and after some digging, discovered the vehicle had been there since the early hours of the morning.

Calls were made to the SPCA and SAPS, and by 2pm, SAPS arrived to assist. MMID office staff joined the scene to ensure the puppy was safely removed and taken to care. The vehicle's owner arrived shortly after and explained he'd been in an accident around 4am. After speaking with SAPS, he accompanied them to Milnerton Police Station, where he formally handed over ownership of the puppy in a written statement.

We're happy to report that the little pup—now named **Chewy**—was taken to the vet, found to be around 10 weeks old, and is doing well after some deworming and a bit of weight gain. He's now living in a loving forever home, where he's thriving and very much adored. One of our staff members is close friends with Chewy's new owner and sees him regularly, so we get updates on how well he's doing.

From a tough start to a tail-wagging future—let's hear it for Chewy!



**SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY!**



**Join Our Safety & Advertising Whatsapp Groups**

**Contact the MMID with your details on 066 208 0023**

**These groups are for sharing safety information and advertising of local businesses only. These are not chat groups.**



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