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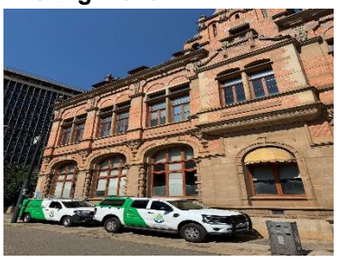


Townlands Fun Day

HCT CEO Showcases Social Housing Vision at Municipal Property Development Summit

The Chief Executive Officer of HCT, Ms. Obakeng Nyundu recently took center stage at the Municipal Property Development Summit, where she served as a distinguished panelist among industry leaders, policymakers, and built environment professionals. The summit, which brought together key stakeholders in urban development, provided a platform to explore innovative approaches to sustainable property development within South Africa's evolving municipal landscape.

In her presentation, the CEO articulated HCT's strategic vision for addressing housing challenges through integrated, inclusive, and sustainable development models. Emphasising the growing demand for affordable rental housing, student accommodation, and pathways to homeownership, the CEO highlighted the entity's expanded mandate as a catalyst for spatial transformation and economic inclusion. A key focus of the CEO's presentation was the entity's pipeline of property development projects. These developments are designed not only to increase the supply of quality social housing but also to revitalise urban precincts, support local economies, and enhance access to opportunities for working-class households. By prioritising well-located land and fostering partnerships with both public and private sector stakeholders, the entity aims to deliver developments that are both financially viable and socially impactful.

Delegates responded positively to the insights shared, particularly the emphasis on aligning housing delivery with broader urban development goals such as transport integration, economic nodes, and social infrastructure. The CEO also engaged with fellow panelists on regulatory challenges, land availability, and the need for policy certainty to enable long-term investment in the sector.

Beyond the panel session, the summit provided valuable networking opportunities, enabling the CEO to strengthen relationships with potential partners, investors, and government representatives.

These engagements are expected to further support the entity's ambitious development agenda as it turns 25 years in 2026.

25 YEARS SOLUTIONS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

HCT's Elderly Residents Bloom in Successful 2026 Garden Competition.

An elderly residential complex recently came alive with color, creativity and community spirit as it hosted a highly successful garden competition, bringing residents together to celebrate their love for nature and gardening.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from residents, many of whom spent weeks preparing their gardens. From vibrant flower beds to neatly arranged vegetable patches, each entry reflected dedication, patience and pride. Similar competitions in residential villages often attract strong participation, with residents transforming their spaces through months of planning and care.
The competition featured multiple categories, including best large garden, best small garden and most creative garden design. Judges were impressed by the high standard of entries, noting the attention to detail and unique personal touches that made each garden stand out.

Meet the Winners
Daniel and Rachel Steyn – Silverkroon**,** Willie and Annatjie Koekemoer – Wag n Bietjie, Helena Jacoba Nel – Oosmoot
Overall SSE – Silverkroom Other residents were recognised for their efforts in categories such as best vegetable garden and most vibrant display, ensuring that many participants were celebrated for their hard work.

Beyond the competition, the event highlighted the important role gardening plays in the lives of older residents. Gardening is known to promote physical activity, social interaction and overall well-being among older adults, contributing positively to quality of life. The day concluded with a small awards ceremony, where winners received prizes and all participants were applauded for their contributions. The competition not only showcased gardening talent but also strengthened community bonds, leaving residents inspired and already looking forward to next year's event.

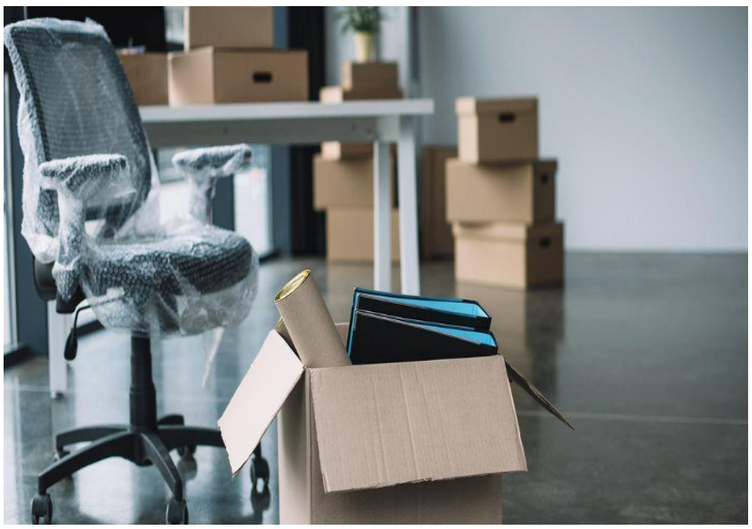
Kiddies Fun Day Brings Joy to the Community.

The social housing residential complex recently came alive with laughter and excitement as families gathered for a vibrant Kiddies Fun Day. The event created a joyful space where children could play, learn, and connect with one another in a safe and welcoming environment.

Young residents enjoyed a variety of activities, including jumping castles, face painting, games, and creative arts. The atmosphere was filled with smiles as children showcased their energy and imagination, while parents and guardians came together to share in the fun.

Beyond entertainment, the day highlighted the importance of building strong, connected communities. Events like these not only bring happiness to children but also strengthen relationships among residents and promote a sense of belonging.

Housing Company Tshwane Moves to New Offices.



HCT has moved its offices to the Central Business District (CBD) to improve how it works and serves people.

The new location puts the organisation closer to important partners like the municipality, banks, and major stakeholders. This will help the team work faster, make better decisions, and assist tenants more easily.

Being in the CBD also makes it more convenient for tenants and people who need housing services, as the area is easier to access by public transport and closer to other services.

The leadership of the entity said the move is part of a bigger plan to support city development and provide housing in good, central locations. Social housing in city centers helps people live closer to work, schools, and shops, which improves their quality of life.

The new office is designed to welcome clients in a professional and comfortable space.

Overall, the move shows that the organisation wants to grow, improve its services, and continue providing affordable housing while helping to build stronger, more inclusive cities.

#ThomaKaRent

Benefits of paying your rent on time.

Legal Obligation
Lease Agreement Compliance: Your rental contract is a legal document. Paying rent late may violate its terms.
Avoid Eviction: Chronic late payments can lead to eviction, which can be costly and damaging to your housing options.
Financial Consequences
Late Fees: Most landlords charge late fees if rent isn't paid by the due date.
Credit Impact: In some cases, unpaid rent can be reported to credit agencies or go to collections, hurting your credit score.

Maintaining Good Relationships
Landlord Trust: Consistently paying on time builds trust with your landlord, which can be beneficial if you ever need a favor, like flexibility during a difficult month.
References for the Future: A good payment history helps you secure future rentals, as landlords often check with previous property managers.
Housing Stability
Peace of Mind: Paying rent on time reduces the risk of eviction and ensures stable housing.
Avoid Legal Action: Prevents escalation to court or small claims, which can be time-consuming and stressful.

EASTER SAFETY AWARENESS

As families and communities come together to celebrate Easter, it is a time filled with reflection, joy, travel, and social gatherings. However, alongside the festivities comes an increased need for awareness and responsibility to ensure everyone remains safe throughout the holiday period.

Road Safety: Arrive Alive

Easter is one of the busiest travel periods, particularly in South Africa, where many people take long-distance trips to visit loved ones or holiday destinations. Unfortunately, this also leads to a spike in road accidents.

Motorists are encouraged to:

- Avoid speeding and reckless driving
- Ensure vehicles are roadworthy before departure
- Take regular breaks to avoid fatigue
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol

Passengers should always wear seat belts, and children must be secured in appropriate carseats. Driving responsible can save lives.

Home and Personal Safety

While many people travel, homes are often left unattended, increasing the risk of break-ins.

To stay safe:

- Inform a trusted neighbor or relative if you will be away
- Avoid posting travel plans on social media
- Ensure doors, windows, and security systems are properly secured

For those staying home, be mindful of safety during gatherings—especially when using electrical appliances, candles, or open flame

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