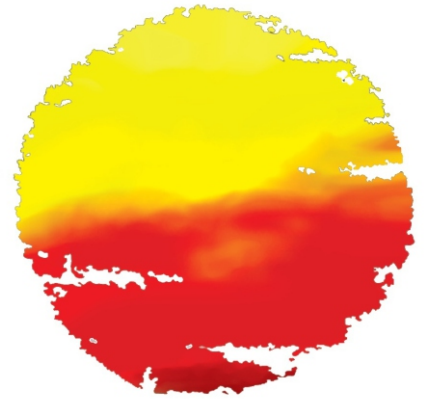


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EDITORIAL NOTE



There are feelings with regards the operations of the informal sector in the Central Business District with arguments for and against the practice of the trade on pavements, shop and office fronts.

Council in its wisdom has set aside land for various uses. The informal sector has been catered for. Land has been reserved for the sector at various strategic and nodal points across town.

Some of the sites under development will be provided with banking facilities, bus termini and anchor shops to attract traffic to the informal sector traders.

Council has realised that the informal sector spaces cannot operate in isolation hence the bold and pragmatic decision to locate new vending spaces at busy places that have other business activities.

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Council is aware of individuals abusing the system to set shop on undesignated spaces. The individuals are collecting money from desperate vendors and pocketing the 'LOOT' for personal use.

The law will soon catch up with such individuals. There is only one planning authority – which is Council. Individuals cannot usurp the power of council and do arbitrary space allocations.

Members of the informal sector are urged to verify the authenticity and lawfulness of any space allocations in the city. Doing so protects the informal sector and their investments.

The years long cry for decent trading spaces cannot be achieved when the informal sector is pumping money into the pockets of individuals who have no

obligation to re-invest in the development of decent trading spaces. Saying NO to corruption should be a collective responsibility by all stakeholders.

Council is one of the biggest beneficiaries of a properly functioning informal sector industry. When the informal sector trades from designated sites – council collects revenue and reinvests that money in the development and maintenance of the infrastructure. But when the informal sector chooses to pay to third parties – that investment goes down the drain and council will not have resources to use to develop trading spaces.

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Residents urged to embrace E-Billing

Edwin Mugabe

Acting Revenue Manager Mr Alfred Guni has urged residents to embrace e-billing as it affords them convenience and ease of transaction.

E-billing is a method where council sends statements and bills to residents electronically via their emails, sms and WhatsApp.

“We started sending e-statements in March and to date we have harvested 40 000 emails which is an increase of 7 000 from the 33 000 we started with when the platform was introduced.

“We have harvested 164 000 mobile numbers which we intend to use when sending billing information to customers as the platform is convenient and fast to send the data to residents,” he added.

He said the e-billing platform is flexible as it allows Council to send information using mobile numbers.

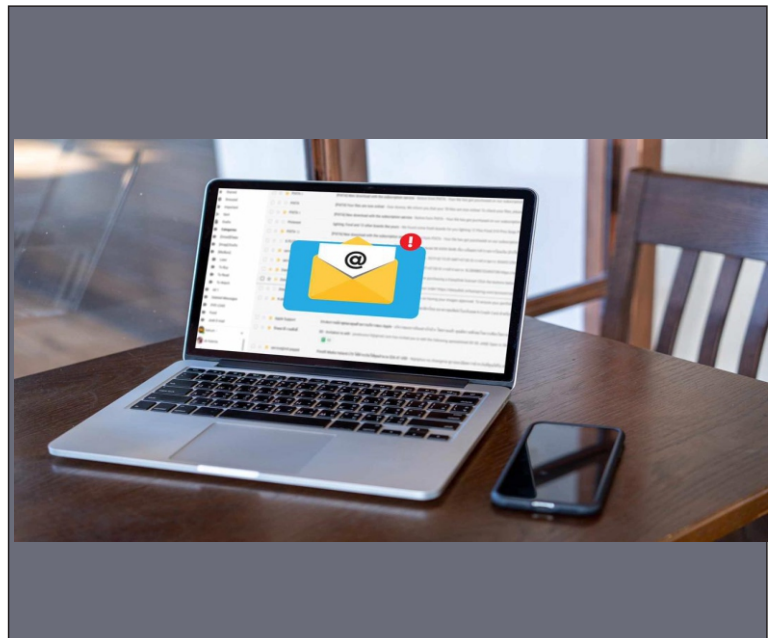
Mr Guni said council will continue using the traditional physical bill delivery.

“We are running the two parallel processes at the same time.

We are using both physical bill delivery and e-billing platform to deliver data to residents but as time goes forward we want to eliminate the physical bill delivery especially for commercial properties,” he said.

Mr Guni encouraged residents to participate in the e-billing platform.

“Please participate in the customer harvesting information, send in your details to us so that we can capture them and start communicating,” he said.



City factory to cut costs

Staff Reporter

Harare's newly established Production Unit is expected to cut the cost of purchasing personal protective clothing by up to 60 percent, the unit's Superintendent Mr Daniel Chakukura has said.

The Production Unit was established as a cost cutting measure with the city now poised to manufacture safety wear for employees from its various Council departments.

Mr Chakukura was speaking during a ceremony to showcase some of the merchandise they make to various council departments so that can approve the designs before full blown production begins.

“As Production Unit we are geared up to change the face of City of Harare.

“We believe as a unit that we can change that, whenever a municipal worker is seen, he or she must be distinguished by the way they are clothed.

“If this Unit starts operating to full capacity, we are sure that we can cut costs on the purchase of protective clothing by up to 60 percent,” he said.

Some of the clothes that are manufactured at the Production Unit include medical uniforms, Harare Municipal Police uniform, traffic unit uniforms, work suits, aprons and dustcoats.

Water production increases



Bercy Kuyumani

The increased number of burst pipes in the city is a result of increased water production at Morton Jaffray Waterworks, Water Distribution Manager Engineer Charles Chinyanya has said.

The City is experiencing an upsurge in the number of water burst pipes. The pipes are old and easily give in to pressure.

Efforts have been upped to replace the old pipes while attending to short term repairs of sections of the bursts.

"We have increased production from 250 to 410 million litres per day at Morton Jaffray Water works and this comes with burst pipes especially with the age of the infrastructure," said Eng Chinyanya

He added that, soil movements that happened after the rain season also affected pipe layout.

This last summer season, we experienced one of the highest rainfall seasons in recent history and this might have played a part in the increased burst pipes.

Eng. Chinyanya said the department is working to repair the pipes.

"We are plugging the leaks and reset pressure reducing valves to manage the pressure", he said.

Council has called upon residents to report all leaks, preserve water and pay their bills on time to fund repair operations and other services.

Lookout for winter diseases

Bothwell Petro

Residents have been urged to be on the lookout for respiratory diseases associated with the winter period including Covid-19 as the country enters cold season.

City Epidemiologist, Dr Kudzai Masunda said health experts were expecting a rise in respiratory diseases including the novel coronavirus this winter.

"Winter is mainly for the respiratory diseases, Covid included, so we are still planning and expecting that we may have a third wave of Covid-19 in Harare and most likely through the winter season.

"So we are still urging our residents to be cautious, to practise social distancing, to wear their masks and make sure that they still do the hand washing well," he said.

He said diseases such as rotavirus and pneumonia were prevalent during this period.

We are expecting such diseases but if our residents practice what they are doing with Covid-19, they might not have problems because the transmissions are basically the same," he said.

Dr Masunda said that residents should also guard against diarrhoeal diseases.

"We should not forget diarrhoeal diseases, yes it is not their season, and we normally get them in the summer season.

"We have outbreaks before, in 2016 if I am not mistaken, so we still urge residents to report any diarrhoeal cases as soon as possible.

"They should still practice good personal hygiene in terms of the water they drink, washing of hands and make sure that if there are cases of diarrhoea, they report them to the nearest health facility as soon as possible," he said.

Community ladies in cooking competition



Prudence Tsaha

Four women selected from various community clubs attended a provincial ladies cooking competition held in the City recently.

The event was organised by the First Lady Amai Auxillia M nangagwa.

Community Services Officer Mrs Tariro Tizora said the city sent the four ladies to compete with professional cooks to gauge their prowess against established chefs.

“The city managed to send Ivy Kakono from Mufakose, Patricia Mavhunga from Mbare, a Mrs Tole from Dzivarasekwa and a Ms Madhaiza from Highfield

“The main idea of the competition was to teach ladies not to throw away our culture but rather to appreciate and practise it.

“The ladies were taught to prepare traditional dishes and they have gained a lot of experience as they were competing with experienced chefs and those with restaurants.

“They prepared samp, pumpkins and pumpkin leaves, sweet potatoes, African snacks, mawuyu drink and tsubvu,” she said.

She said the City was glad with the participation of the ladies from the community as they learnt a lot from their counterparts Mrs Tizora urged other women from the communities to join such competitions.

“All ladies out there are free to come, join, learn and participate, this thing is for free so don't stay at home but let's come and join hands and not throw away our culture” she said.

Covid 19 Not Over Yet

Prudence Tsaha

City Health Director Dr Prosper Chonzi has encouraged residents to continue protecting themselves against the novel coronavirus as it is not yet over.

Dr Chonzi said cases of Covid-19 are still around and residents must continue with preventive regulations as we are now heading towards the winter season.

“The situation might look as if everything is back to normal but we are still having cases of Covid-19 at our units, at Wilkins and at schools. The figures might be encouraging, they are on a down wards trend but let us not throw our guard away because Covid is real and is still with us.

“We are anticipating a third wave as we are going into winter we are anticipating that we get more and more cases coming to us,” he said. He encouraged residents to avoid gatherings but rather to stay safe and at home.

Dr Chonzi said he is happy with the vaccination roll out programme in the city as numbers of those coming for immunisation continues to rise.

“We are happy that Harare is leading.

Harare is contributing more than 60 percent of the national figures as far as vaccinations are concerned but the numbers are still not where we want them to be,” he said.

He encouraged residents to take up the vaccines.

“We want to create herd immunity in Harare, we are encouraging all

the residents who meet the criteria for the second phase to come forward and be vaccinated these are frontline workers, hotel, teachers, the elderly those who are vulnerable those with chronic conditions, we want all of them to come.

“Working of the vaccine is that if you do get infected and you have received your two doses of the vaccine the chances of you getting hospitalised are very few you do not then develop severe diseases which will get you into hospital that is the first advantage.

“Second advantage is that you are protecting your loved ones, as we go forward we want people to get vaccinated. Let us continue masking up, social distancing, practising good personal hygiene and avoid places where people are overcrowded plus general discipline and the vaccine we be able to get over this pandemic and alive,” he said.



Kadewere donates to the Sunshine Boys

Bothwell Petro & Bercy Kuyumani

France based former Harare City Striker Tinotenda Kadewere has donated two set of kits to the Sunshine Boys as a gesture to thank the Harare outfit for the role it played in his career.

Kadewere rose from Harare City reserves to the senior team before embarking on a sojourn at Djurgardens FC in Sweden and Le Havre in France's Ligue 2 where he impressed, scooping the golden boot, before being snapped by Olympique Lyonnais in Ligue 1.

He has been a revelation since joining the top flight side so far scoring

10 goals and providing 3 assists for the championship hopefuls who currently sit fourth on the log and trailing leaders Lille by 3 points.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Kadewere Foundation presidents, who is mother to the warriors forward, Amai Mavis Kadewere thanked Harare City Football Club for grooming her boy and bringing him on the spotlight to pursue his football career.

“I have to thank Harare City for literally taking Tino from the mud into what he is today.

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“For Tino to be what he is today, it is because of Harare City Football Club. They welcomed and groomed him to be a player he is.

“As for me, Harare City is in my heart that is why I did not want to miss any match which the club played, I was always there, wanting to see how the boy was performing,” she said.

Speaking from his French Base, Monya, as Tino is affectionately known by the multitude of his followers, said the donation was part of

a long term initiative between his family and the Sunshine Boys.

“Our main request is that we get a big connection with Harare City with our own Highfield Academy so that we can have our own structures.

“If we can manage to get land so that we put our own football grounds, we are thinking of having classes and a gym at the same place so that we can help the young kids,” he said.

He said he was going to use connections he has so far established in Europe to make the dream come true.