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## FAMILY TIME

Yes, you can bring your brood to town.

**TASSO EVANGELINOS**  
CEO OF THE CCID

The theme for this Spring issue of *City Views* is “generations”. To that end, we have dedicated the centre spread to families. You will find things to do in town with your kids, as well as a look at some of the Central City’s longest-standing retailers, many of which are family affairs.

The perception of a CBD is that it often doesn’t have a kid-friendly atmosphere, but we are aiming to show you otherwise when it comes to ours. The Central City is full of worthwhile stops on a family day out, from affordable retailers to unique experiences. Spring, and Heritage Month in particular, is a wonderful time to go out and explore these.

As for our oldest businesses, some of these have passed down from generation to generation, and a few have even been around for over a century. We are really proud to be a part of a resilient CBD that enables such longevity.

With the Spring issue, we also like to look at new beginnings. We often do this through the lens of cutting-edge technology. Last year, we featured innovations available in the Cape Town CBD that made life easier, safer and a whole lot more fun. This included everything from free Wi-Fi on

some MyCiTi buses to 3D printing at Woodheads. This year, on page 7, we feature a number of tech startups based in the CBD, as well as local apps that can improve your CBD experience.

On page 6, we give an update on hotels in the Central City. In September, Tsogo Sun’s 19-floor dual-brand hotel is opening on the city block bordered by Buitengracht and Bree & Strand streets. The development comprises the select-service SunSquare and StayEasy brands. This means the hotel group now has three of its four tiers covered in the CBD. From the budget Sun 1 Foreshore to the full-service Southern Suns (The Cullinan, Waterfront and Cape Sun), Tsogo Sun has an offering for anyone who wants to stay here. This is a major vote of confidence and also indicative of the variety of visitors the CBD attracts.

Finally, on page 3, we give you an update on the CCID’s traffic warden project, which made headlines in August. We hope that if you commute via Strand Street in the afternoons you are getting home sooner, and able to spend more time with your family.

Here’s to spring!

## A SWEEPING SUCCESS STORY ON GREENMARKET SQUARE

In the past year, Greenmarket Square has become a hotspot for begging and other antisocial behaviour. Most of the people living on the street in the area are young adults and a large number of them have drug or alcohol dependencies.

The CCID’s Social Development department and partner NGO Khulisa Social Solutions have initiated a six-month pilot project to provide a harm reduction model for these individuals, with the aim being to give them a sense of purpose

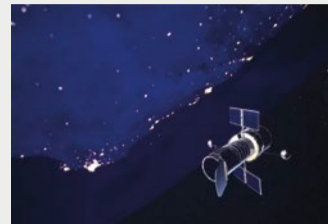
and restore their dignity. The project gives them an opportunity to earn a stipend for clearing litter and leaves in the square. They are currently removing six or seven bags of refuse a day. Their daily programme also includes lunch and counselling sessions. Overall attendance has been very strong since the project began in July with six participants, who are showing a great deal of pride in their new responsibilities.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT THE CCID HAS DONE FOR YOU IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS

<p><b>SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b></p> <p><b>Stay SAFE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted <b>27 259</b> crime prevention initiatives</li> <li>Issued <b>9 014</b> warnings</li> <li>Made <b>182</b> arrests with law enforcement (LE)</li> <li>Issued fines with LE; <b>2 582</b> during the day to a total of <b>R1 068 500</b> <b>1 129</b> during the night to a total of <b>R663 900</b></li> <li>Dealt with <b>60</b> illegal trading offences</li> <li>Rendered public &amp; vehicle assistance <b>438</b> times</li> <li>Responded to <b>144</b> medical and rescue callouts</li> </ul>
<p><b>URBAN MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p><b>Keep it CLEAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified <b>3 270</b> illegal posters</li> <li>Removed <b>5 598</b> strings &amp; stickers</li> <li>Removed <b>684</b> incidents of graffiti</li> <li>Removed <b>1 141kg</b> of butts from cigarette bins</li> <li>Cleaned <b>3 222</b> drains</li> <li>Maintained <b>498</b> tree wells</li> <li>Undertook <b>279</b> road maintenance repairs</li> <li>Painted <b>85</b> road markings</li> </ul>
<p><b>SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>Show you CARE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interacted with clients on the street <b>1 509</b> times</li> <li>Assisted <b>106 adults</b> to shelters</li> <li>Assisted <b>16 adults</b> home</li> <li>Assisted <b>13 adults</b> to healthcare facilities</li> <li>Referred <b>2 adults</b> to Straatwerk for a work opportunity</li> <li>Assisted <b>10 mothers</b> with babies</li> <li>Assisted <b>11 children</b> with preventative services</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Making the PLACE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generated <b>297</b> clips with total media exposure (AVE) to the value of <b>R10 575 138</b> (estimated audience circulation: <b>209 695 662</b>).</li> <li>Highlights of the past three months include the team’s work hosting the CCID’s annual Business breakfast and its rollout of Social Development’s <b>#ShowYouCare</b> winter campaign.</li> </ul>

## #TRENDING

#IntergalacticCBD



Did you know, in 2017, the Iziko Planetarium underwent a R28-million upgrade? Now you can see the Milky Way – and even beyond – on a full-dome 3D theatre.



#DesmondTutu

Have you seen this Brian Rolfe mural in Longmarket Street?

@CapeTownCCID



The CCID monitors Twitter during office hours only. Please don’t use social media to report EMERGENCIES. Rather call our 24-hour control centre: **082 415 7127**

**STAKEHOLDER NEWS**

# OPEN FOR BUSINESS

*The CCID wishes these new and expanding retailers all the best in the Cape Town Central City.*

For more Central City news and views, subscribe to the CCID's newsletter. Go to [www.capetownccid.org](http://www.capetownccid.org) and enter your email address at the bottom of the homepage.



Carole Nevin Designs



Cookies & Cream

COOKIES&CREAMPICTURECOURTESYOF@JESSBINXX

## SHOP

► **Carole Nevin Designs**

Carole Nevin Designs has been manufacturing hand-painted and hand-printed fabrics for over 20 years. The Muizenberg-based business now has a presence in the CBD.  
**52 Burg St**  
[www.carolenevin.com](http://www.carolenevin.com)  
 021 788 1077

► **Convoy**

This concept store houses the work of nine different clothing designers.  
**223 Bree St**  
[www.facebook.com/convoyshop](http://www.facebook.com/convoyshop)  
 083 548 5321

► **Wine Essentials**

A showroom with a wide range of wine coolers, glasses and decanters, and gift ideas for wine lovers is now on the Foreshore.  
**Shop 2, 4 Roggebaai Square**  
[www.wineessentials.co.za](http://www.wineessentials.co.za)  
 0860 103 770

## EAT

► **Cookies & Cream**

Come here for ice-cream sandwiches made with freshly baked cookies and natural ingredients and flavours.  
**87 Buitengracht**  
[www.eatcookies.co.za](http://www.eatcookies.co.za)  
 083 411 6050

► **Khadim's Coffee Shop**

This Senegalese shop brings another unique experience to Long Street, with spicy coffee and traditional sandwiches.  
**98 Long St**  
[www.facebook.com/khadimscoffee](http://www.facebook.com/khadimscoffee)  
 061 091 1455

► **Localli**

A luxury patisserie serving mille crepe cakes and a variety of other goodies has opened on St Georges Mall.  
**136 St Georges Mall**  
[www.facebook.com/localli17](http://www.facebook.com/localli17)  
 021 422 2647

► **The Hide Out Café**

This is a great place for gourmet sandwiches and other light meals.  
**58 Loop St**  
[www.facebook.com/thehideoutcafe01](http://www.facebook.com/thehideoutcafe01)  
 074 475 1392

## TRADING AND TRENCHING

*While the CCID is able to address many challenges in the CBD, there are certain things that the City of Cape Town takes care of directly.*

**IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING,**



In respect of informal trading: **contact the Economic Development department on 021 417 4043.**

**please make contact with the relevant City authorities.**



In respect of the trenching works currently on the go in the CBD: **contact Muneer Mohamed on 021 400 6432.**

# CCID'S TRAFFIC WARDENS PUT OFFENDERS IN THEIR PLACE

Six traffic wardens under the management of the CCID are on duty from 10h00 to 18h30 each weekday. During peak hours, from 15h00, they are at the intersections of Strand and Adderley streets as well as Strand Street and Buitengracht to alleviate congestion. Between 10h00 and 15h00, they move throughout the Central City dealing very effectively with non-moving traffic violations.

The pilot project ran until the end of June this year and was so successful that we have now signed a contract with the City until June 2018, with an option to renew providing it continues to make an

impact. In the first month of the official contract, the wardens issued over R1.3 million in fines.

The CCID has provided a space for the wardens at the CCID control centre in the CBD. They get briefed daily by our own CCID security team on areas of concern, and we capture their daily stats to compile monthly reports. We issue them with CCID radios and provide immediate backup when required. We are able to dispatch them immediately to traffic complaints received via our call centre, and they also assist when special operations are being held targeting repeat offenders or sedan taxis.

*The CCID's pilot project to fund six traffic wardens for the CBD from City Traffic Services has extended till June 2018.*



In a first for traffic wardens anywhere in South Africa, we have also equipped our six wardens with body-worn video units – the same ones that all our public safety officers wear and that have already proved to be extremely successful in behaviour modification. Traffic offenders now think twice about taking a chance in the first place when our wardens are around.

The CCID thanks Alderman JP Smith, the City's Mayco member for Safety & Security, who was instrumental in setting up this innovative new system; ie a city improvement district being able to fund traffic wardens.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### EMERGENCY

**CCID 24-HOUR SAFETY & SECURITY**



**082 415 7127**  
(Cape Town CBD only)

### AMBULANCE, HEALTH, NOISE & FIRE

**107 / 021 480 7700**  
(24 hours)

**107** from landlines only

### SAPS CENTRAL CITY

**021 467 8001/2**  
(24 hours)

### CITY OF CAPE TOWN SERVICES

#### INCIDENT REPORTING & ENQUIRIES

- Refuse Collection, Water Issues, Street Lights and Electricity Faults **0860 103 089**
- Traffic Signal Faults **0860 001 948**
- Prepaid Electricity Meters **0800 220 440**
- Cable Theft **0800 222 771**
- Disaster Risk Management **080 911 4357**  
**021 597 6000** (24 hours)

#### SOCIAL CONCERNS

- Alcohol & Drug Helpline **0800 435 748**
- Social Development: Children **0800 220 250**
- Social Development: Adults **0800 872 201**
- CCID Social Department **082 563 4289**

#### BYLAW & TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENTS

- Law Enforcement **021 596 1999** (24 hours)
- Traffic Police **0860 765 423**
- Metro Police **0860 765 423**

**GENERATIONS**



MyCiTi is the best way to get around the Central City. Children under four years old and less than one metre tall travel free. [www.myciti.org.za](http://www.myciti.org.za)

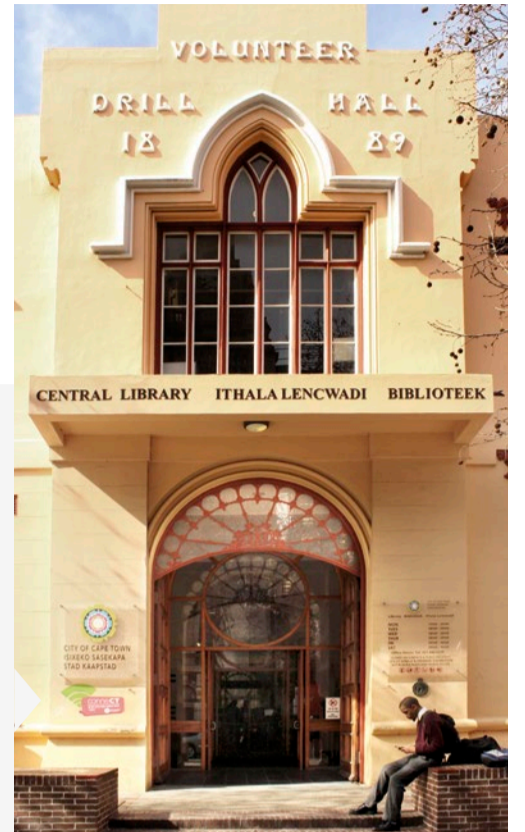
# FAMILY FRIENDLY

*The Central City has much to offer parents and children. It also has a wealth of retailers that have seen the Mother City grow from strength to strength.*

## CENTRAL LIBRARY

This is a busy, buzzing, noisy library that kids will love. It has many research books and study places for students, and a big children's section that also offers activities and workshops.

60 Darling St  
[www.westerncape.gov.za/facility/cape-town-central-library](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/facility/cape-town-central-library)  
 021 444 0983/92/84



## IDEAS FOR PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN

### THE BOOK LOUNGE

Cape Town's leading independent bookstore has a curated range of children's books. It places special attention on stocking items you wouldn't find elsewhere. Added to that, every Saturday at 11h00 is story time for kids aged three to eight.

71 Roeland St  
[www.booklounge.co.za](http://www.booklounge.co.za)  
 021 462 2425



### THE BOOKERY

This NPO has established 40 libraries in the Western Cape. If you would like to get your family involved in helping others, why not spend some time here covering, sorting or cataloguing books?

79 Plein St  
[www.thebookery.org.za](http://www.thebookery.org.za)  
 021 461 4189

### VAN SCHAİK

The well-known student bookstore is your one-stop shop for textbooks and study guides.

22 Long St  
[www.vanschaik.com](http://www.vanschaik.com)  
 021 418 0202

### FOR MORE KNOWLEDGE

There are 13 museums and non-commercial galleries dotted around the Central City. They are all fantastic, but the kids will most likely love the dinosaur exhibit at the Iziko South African Museum, or the high-tech new Planetarium and Digital Dome most. Plus, during the In\_Herit Festival from 18 till 24 September, entry to most Iziko museums is free.

25 Queen Victoria St  
[www.iziko.org.za](http://www.iziko.org.za)  
 021 481 3800/3900

### ARTSCAPE THEATRE CENTRE

The most famous stage in Cape Town often puts on shows for the whole family. From 16 September till 8 October, it's *The Wizard of Oz*.

DF Malan St  
[www.artscape.co.za](http://www.artscape.co.za)  
 021 410 9800

### THE GALILEO OPEN AIR CINEMA

The next season of starlight cinema launches on 1 October. Central City venues are FEDISA's rooftop (81 Church St) and the Castle of Good Hope (cnr Darling & Buitenkant streets).

[www.thegalileo.co.za](http://www.thegalileo.co.za)  
 021 447 1641

### FIVES GRAND CENTRE

Fives manages and runs coaching programmes and holiday clinics for budding footballers aged two to 17.

Rooftop, Grand Central Shopping Centre  
[www.fivesfutbol.co.za](http://www.fivesfutbol.co.za)  
 081 721 6345



### LONG STREET BATHS

This institution has a 12m kids' pool (1-1.5m deep) where children are welcome to swim with adult supervision (kids R12; adults R23).

Long Street  
 021 422 0100



### MARDI GRAS

If your child has a party coming up or is looking forward to Halloween on 31 October, make Mardi Gras your first port of call. This fancy dress hire venue has everything from superhero to animal costumes.

10 Loop St  
[www.mardi.co.za](http://www.mardi.co.za)  
 021 418 2257



## FOOTGEAR

This is where the cool kids get their kicks. Footgear stocks all the major shoe brands at reduced, affordable prices.

118 St Georges Mall  
www.footgear.co.za  
021 003 1279



## THE POSTER SHOPPE

Get your own designs printed on a T-shirt, or something to decorate the children's walls.

95 Castle St  
021 424 2348



## CHARLY'S BAKERY

Get a bespoke cake for any occasion, including a birthday party. Or just take the little one for a treat.

38 Canterbury St  
www.charlysbakery.co.za  
021 461 5181



## LONG-STANDING RETAILERS

These "old-timers" have been around for decades, some even centuries, and speak to the resilience of the Central City.

### STURK'S TOBACCONISTS

Sturk's has been around for over 200 years! It still stocks a wide range of tobacco-related products.

54 Shortmarket St  
www.facebook.com/SturksTobacconists  
021 423 3928

### WOODHEADS

Cape Town's original leather merchant has been in business since 1867.

29 Caledon St  
www.woodheads.co.za  
021 461 7185

### MULLERS OPTOMETRISTS

Mullers is South Africa's longest-established optometrist, turning 125 in 2015.

104 Longmarket St  
www.mullers.co.za  
021 461 6254

### PHILIP ZETLER JEWELLERS

Dealing in diamonds, Krugerrands and watches, Philip Zetler Jewellers has been trading since the early 1950s.

54 St Georges Mall  
www.philipzetlerjewellers.co.za  
021 423 2771

### CAMERALAND

Opened as Shap's Pharmacy in 1958, Cameraland has always been on the cutting edge.

68 Long St  
www.cameraland.co.za  
021 423 4150

### CLARKE'S BOOKSHOP

Established in 1956, Clarke's carries new, second-hand and out of print books.

199 Long St  
www.clarkesbooks.co.za  
021 423 5739

### CULEMBORG PHARMACY

This family-owned and run business dates back to 1967.

7 Heerengracht  
www.culemborgpharmacy.co.za  
021 425 4576

### MAMA AFRICA

This oasis for tourists has been a celebration of South Africa's democracy since 1995.

178 Long St  
www.mamaafricarestaurant.co.za  
021 426 1017

## HONOURABLE MENTION

**Anthony's Golden Cup:** 59 Loop St  
www.goldencup.co.za | 021 426 1268

**City Coins:** Tulbagh Square  
www.citycoins.com | 021 425 2639

**Dias Tavern:** 15 Caledon St  
www.diastavern.co.za | 021 465 7547

**Long Street Café:** 259 Long St  
021 424 2464

**Mike's Sports:** 94 Strand St  
www.mikes-sports.com | 021 418 1811

**Salon Capri:** 291 Long St | 076 514 5588

**Second Time Around:** 196 Long St  
www.secondtimearound.co.za | 021 423 1674

**The Diamond Works:** 7 Walter Sisulu Ave  
www.thediamondworks.co.za | 021 425 1970

## TRADERS WAREHOUSE

Traders Warehouse stocks branded and chain store fashions for the whole family, from infant to adult. There are two CBD branches.

29 Buitenkant St | 021 465 2835  
Golden Acre, Adderley St | 021 418 3439  
www.traderswarehouse.co.za



## THE COMPANY'S GARDEN

This is the perfect spot for a family picnic, where you can also play games and feed squirrels.

## SIYAHAMBA LABYRINTH

The St George's Cathedral labyrinth is a replica of the one at Chartres Cathedral in France. All are welcome to walk it anytime during office hours, as well as Sundays.

5 Wale St  
www.sgcathedral.co.za  
021 424 7360

## VIRGIN ACTIVE

Virgin Active's new state-of-the-art Foreshore branch allows you to turn a healthy lifestyle into a family activity.

17 Rua Bartholomue Dias  
www.virginactive.co.za  
021 418 5704

## BERLIN WALL AT ST GEORGES MALL

A piece of the Berlin Wall, which Nelson Mandela received in the 1990s, is outside the Mandela Rhodes Foundation.

150 St Georges Mall

## PIER PLACE

This square off the Heerengracht is famous for its life-like statues by artist Egon Tania. These depict normal people going about their everyday lives, including a child playing in the sand.

## TUNNEL TOURS UNDER THE CENTRAL CITY

Discover the secret underground canals that date back centuries.

www.goodhopeadventures.com

## TABLE MOUNTAIN FRAMES

As part of the New7Wonders of Nature legacy project, two frames in the CBD provide visitors with the perfect vantage point for taking a picture with Table Mountain as a backdrop.

Harrington Square  
Cape Town station forecourt

## DUNKIN' DONUTS

The American coffee and baked goods chain has two branches in the CBD.

9 on Long | cnr Plein & Spin streets  
www.dunkin-donuts.co.za  
0803 865 4672



## FOOD INN INDIA

With cuisine from across Asia, this bustling halaal eatery has something for every member of the family.

156 Long St  
www.facebook.com/FoodInnIndiaCapeTown  
021 422 506

## MORO GELATO

Sometimes, it's all about dessert first! All kids love ice cream, and this Italian variety will appeal to the adults too.

165 Long St  
www.morogelato.co.za  
021 422 3552

## MELT CAFÉ

A toasted cheese bar is the perfect takeaway spot for families.

233 Long St  
www.facebook.com/meltcafeCPT  
021 422 1603

**FOR MORE FUN**  
An enjoyable way to get around town is by bike rental.

**&Bikes Cafe & Cycle Boutique**  
32 Loop St  
www.andbikes.co.za  
021 823 8790

**Up Cycles & Breakaway Cafe**  
50 Waterkant St  
www.upcycles.co.za  
076 135 2223 or  
074 100 9161



## FOR FISH AND CHIPS

**Lusitania Fisheries**  
49A Waterkant St  
021 425 4532

**Revelas Fisheries**  
205 Long St  
021 423 3522

**THE CBD IS ALSO HOME TO ALL THE MAJOR CHAINS, INCLUDING: Burger King, Debonairs, Hungry Lion, KFC, McDonald's, Nando's, Spur, Steers and Wimpy.**

GET A ROOM

# HOTEL HEAVEN

*In the past year, two major developments have brought over 700 beds to the Central City. We have also seen upgrades in existing accommodation. Here's the inside scoop.*

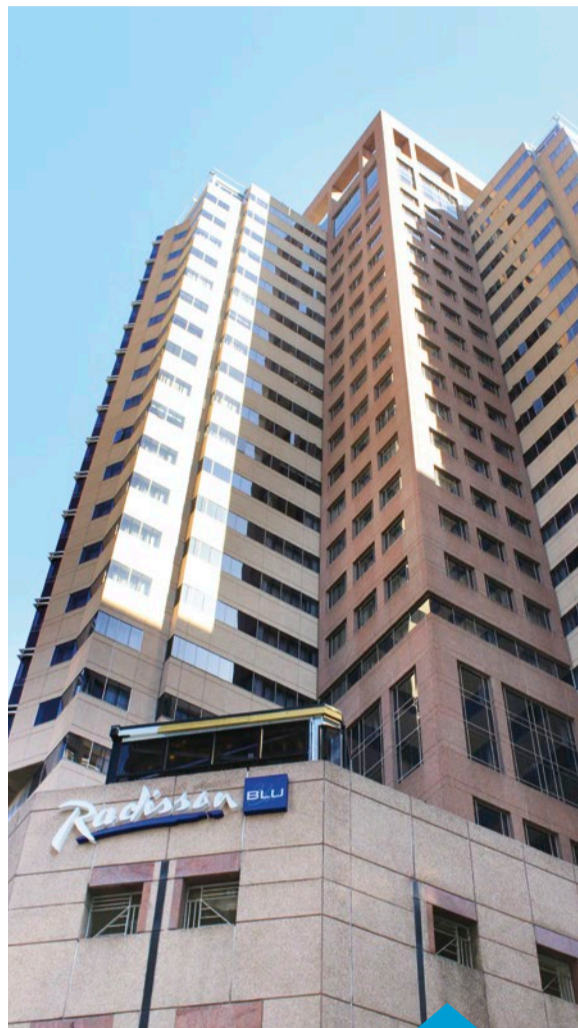
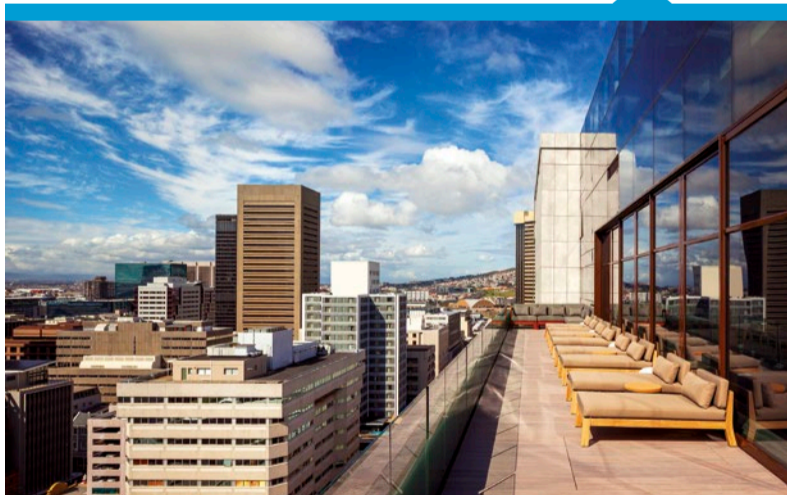
## SUN SQUARE AND STAYEASY

Tsogo Sun's new 19-storey R680 million hotel development on the city block of Buitengracht and Bree & Strand streets launches in September. Comprising two mid-tier brands, SunSquare (202 rooms) and StayEasy (302 rooms), it will provide both business and leisure travellers with affordable options.

The slightly more upscale SunSquare also has five conference venues, the largest of which caters for up to 140 delegates, as well as a restaurant, a rooftop pool and bar, and a fitness centre.

Did you know Tsogo Sun operates three of its four tiers in the CBD? In addition to SunSquare and StayEasy, there's the budget Sun 1 Foreshore (cnr Jan Smuts Street & Martin Hammerschlag Way) and three full-service Southern Suns: The Cullinan (1 Cullinan St), Waterfront (1 Lower Buitengracht) and Cape Sun (23 Strand St).

**SunSquare: 23 Buitengracht**  
**StayEasy: 54 Bree St**  
[www.tsogosun.com](http://www.tsogosun.com)  
 021 492 0404



## RADISSON BLU HOTEL & RESIDENCE

The centrepiece of the R1 billion Triangle House redevelopment is a 214-room upscale, full-service hotel. It has a restaurant, two bars, a pool, a fitness centre, a business lounge and extensive conference facilities.

Radisson Blu is part of the Rezidor Hotel Group, which also operates the midscale Park Inn by Radisson Cape Town Foreshore at 29 Heerengracht.

**22 Riebeeck St**  
[www.radissonblu.com](http://www.radissonblu.com)  
 021 467 4000

For a full listing of Central City accommodation venues, go to [www.capetownccid.org](http://www.capetownccid.org) and click Stay.



## INNSCAPE ON CASTLE

This luxury boutique hotel has funky loft-style rooms. It is also family friendly: kids under three stay free, and you pay 50% for kids aged four to 12.

**53 Castle St**  
[www.innscapeoncastle.com](http://www.innscapeoncastle.com)  
 021 815 9600

## THE CAPETONIAN

Raya Hotels recently purchased this 170-bedroom hotel, which has a halaal restaurant. It is undergoing a R200 million upgrade.

**Pier Place**  
[www.raya-hotels.com](http://www.raya-hotels.com)  
 021 405 5670

## ONOMO CAPE TOWN INN ON THE SQUARE

This 165-bedroom hotel relaunched in May. It is also popular with families, and its Cobble & Stone Pub opens onto historic Greenmarket Square.

**10 Greenmarket Square**  
[www.onomohotel.com](http://www.onomohotel.com)  
 021 423 2050



### COMING SOON

#### The Modern

This R1.5 billion development by Ingenuity Property Investments Ltd on the city block of Hans Strijdom Avenue and Bree, Loop & Mechau streets will include a hotel.

#### 60 Queen Victoria St

RDC Properties South Africa has proposed a 12-floor hotel at this address.

#### Strand on Bree Street

Land Equity Group has proposed a 15-floor hotel for this site.

#### Zero-2-One Tower

This proposed R1.5 billion development by FWJK will also feature a hotel component.

#### Southern Sun Cape Sun

The iconic Strand Street hotel is undergoing a R250 million refurbishment.

TECH OF THE TOWN

# HAPPY PARKING

The CCID's mobile-friendly website ([www.capetownccid.org](http://www.capetownccid.org)) is your perfect companion once you've parked. It contains a colour-coded listing of shops, eateries, entertainment venues and more in the Central City.

*Street Parking Solutions (SPS), which manages curbside parking in the CBD, has unveiled a smartphone solution to help you find that bay.*

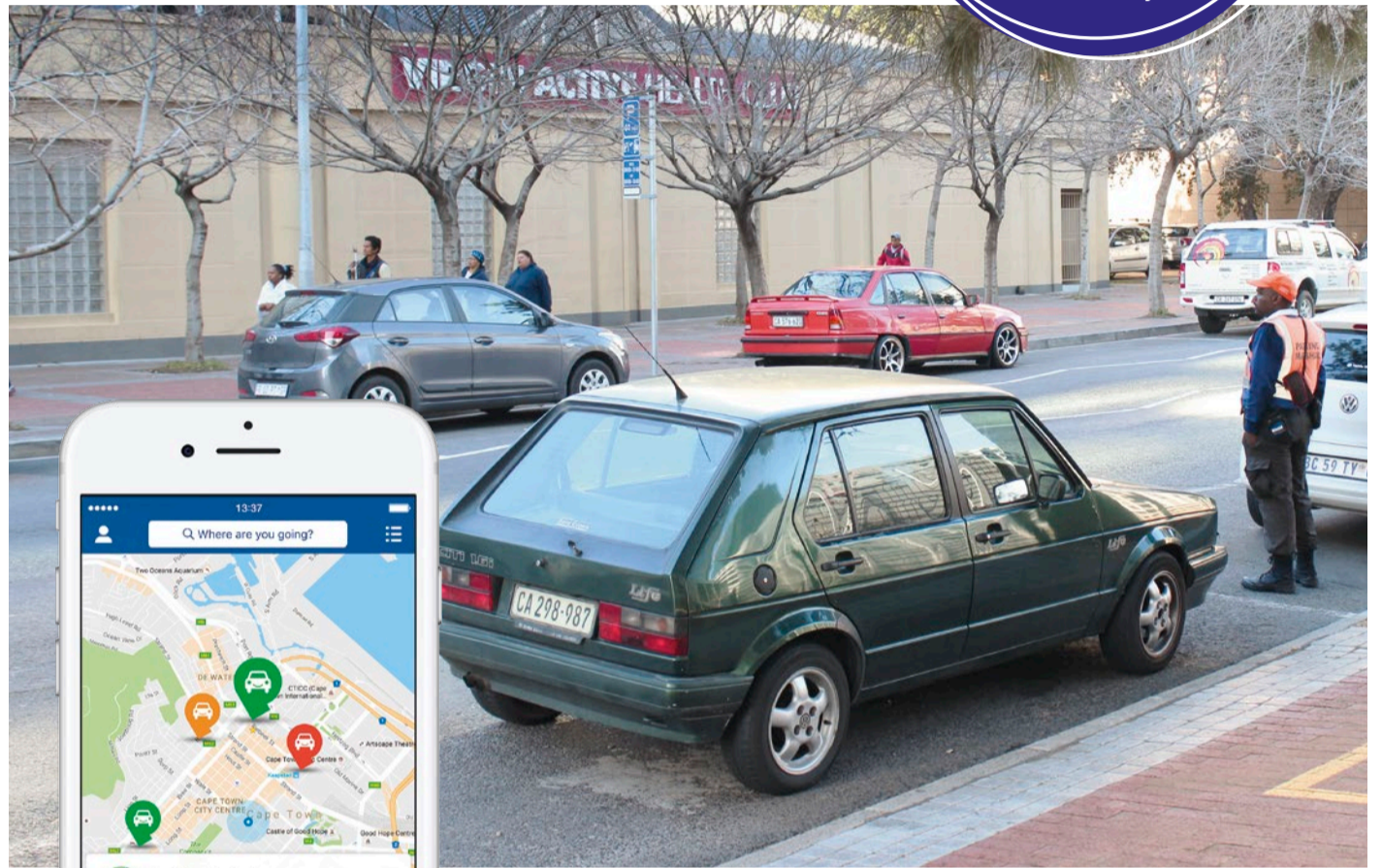
Sometimes, getting a parking space in the Central City can be the stuff of road-rage nightmares. We've seen you there behind your wheel, banging your fists, shouting profanity. And we've seen the traffic congestion "cruising" for parking causes all over town.

Well, these parking woes may lessen thanks to an app developed by Street Parking Solutions (SPS), which manages curbside parking in the CBD and processes 15 000 transactions per day. Called ParkFind, it has been two years in the making, according to SPS owner Zunaid Loghdey.

The app, available in the App Store (iOS) and via Google Play (Android), allows you to seek out areas where there are available parking bays throughout the CBD. It shows colour-coded pins indicating parking availability in real time. These update every minute. You can then select an available space and the app will guide you there using GPS.

The app harnesses technology SPS put in place years ago: networked vehicle-detection sensors in every curbside parking bay (around 3 000) in the CBD. These can tell if a vehicle is occupying a space.

**Once you've parked, the app gives you the area's parking marshal's name, as well as parking hours and rates. You can pay by cash, card or SnapScan.**



Find out more at [www.parkfind.co.za](http://www.parkfind.co.za).

## MORE CENTRAL CITY INNOVATION



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### Yoco

Yoco allows a vendor to accept card payments using a wireless card reader that connects to their phone or tablet via Bluetooth. Over 300 retailers and restaurants in the City Bowl have signed up. Yoco's offices are in Loop Street.

[www.yoco.co.za](http://www.yoco.co.za)

### VoiceMap

This iOS and Android app uses GPS to autoplay audio at specific locations. This creates immersive walking tours that allow you to tap into storytellers around the world. There are a variety of CBD tours available.

[www.voicemap.me](http://www.voicemap.me)

### Jumpln Rides

A carpooling and rideshare website is just the ticket if you're tired of traffic. Jumpln Rides' offices are in Roeland Street.

[www.jumpinrides.co.za](http://www.jumpinrides.co.za)

### SweepSouth

This platform allows you to book a cleaner for your home online. It is one of South Africa's top startups, and based right here in Loop Street.

[www.sweepsouth.com](http://www.sweepsouth.com)

### Meetup

Meetup allows people to find and join groups unified by a common interest. There are plenty that meetup in the CBD.

[www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com)

### weFix

The one-time iPhone and iPod repair company has expanded its repertoire to include a wide range of devices ... even drones. weFix is now your one-stop shop for drone purchase, repair and safety education. The company's HQ is in Loop Street.

[www.wefix.co.za](http://www.wefix.co.za)



### 22seven

22seven is a free budgeting and investing app that tracks all your accounts. Old Mutual bought this Hout Street-based startup in 2013.

[www.22seven.com](http://www.22seven.com)

PLAY

# OPEN SEASON

Put a spring in your step with these family-friendly Central City events and activities.



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## SPOTLIGHT ON...

1 October

### OPEN STREETS MAIN ROAD

On 1 October, Cape Town CBD, Woodstock, Salt River and Observatory will become a platform for Open Streets, reserving a section of the M4 for people, not cars. The 5km stretch will encompass one of the city's biggest road closures outside of a major sporting or cultural event such as the Cape Town Marathon, Cape Town Cycle Tour or Cape Town Carnival. Closed to motorised vehicles, it will become an open space for pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders, wheelchair users and other non-motorised transport users to move in safety.

**Where:** Darling Street (to Anzio Road, Observatory)  
**When:** 10h00 till 15h00  
**Cost:** Free  
[www.openstreets.org.za](http://www.openstreets.org.za)

## SPECTATOR SPORT

17 September

### CAPE TOWN MARATHON

The marathon starts in Green Point and passes through the CBD via Long, Orange, Plein and Darling streets before moving to the southern suburbs. It returns via the Foreshore area. 10 000 runners are set to take part, passing sites including the Castle of Good Hope, St George's Cathedral, Parliament and The Company's Garden. The best place to cheer these athletes on will be at the dedicated spectator zones at the Grand Parade, Sun 1 Foreshore (Jan Smuts Street), along FW de Klerk Boulevard, and on Lower Loop Street.

**Where:** Passes through CBD  
**When:** 07h00  
**Cost:** Free to spectate  
[www.capetownmarathon.com](http://www.capetownmarathon.com)

## BOOK SMART

6 to 10 September

### OPEN BOOK FESTIVAL

Cape Town's annual ode to the written word features a six-day programme celebrating "writers, books and ideas". Attendees can meet and engage with writers from all over the world, and attend book launches by established and first-time authors. The festival hubs are The Fugard Theatre, District Six Museum Homecoming Centre and The Book Lounge.

**Where:** The Fugard Theatre | District Six Museum Homecoming Centre | The Book Lounge  
**Cost:** Various; many free  
[www.openbookfestival.co.za](http://www.openbookfestival.co.za)

## CENTRE STAGE

21 September to 8 October

### CAPE TOWN FRINGE

This year's festival has an all-new format. The 18-day programme is now a "circuit" that includes events all around Cape Town, with many taking place in the CBD. 80- to 90% of the productions will be local, with the bulk comprising theatre, dance, comedy, jazz and cabaret.

**Where:** Alexander Bar, Café & Theatre UCT Little Theatre complex  
**When:** Various  
**Cost:** TBC  
[www.capetownfringe.co.za](http://www.capetownfringe.co.za)



FOR FREE

7 September, 5 October, 2 November

### FIRST THURSDAYS

**Where:** See website for map  
**When:** 17h00-21h00 and beyond  
[www.first-thursdays.co.za](http://www.first-thursdays.co.za)

Every Thursday

### EARTH FAIR FOOD MARKET

**Where:** Upper St Georges Mall  
**When:** 11h00-15h00  
[www.earthfairmarket.co.za](http://www.earthfairmarket.co.za)

Show you CARE

HELP THE NGOS THAT HELP THE HOMELESS AND GIVE WHERE IT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE\*



\*The Cape Town Central City Improvement District (CCID) works closely with the following NGO partners in the Cape Town CBD

**The Carpenter's Shop**  
 Vocational training and rehabilitation services for adults

**Khulisa Social Solutions**  
 Work-based rehabilitation for the chronic homeless

**Straatwerk**  
 Job rehabilitation projects for street people

**The Homestead**  
 Residential care and family integration for boys

**Ons Plek**  
 Residential care and reunification processes for girls

**Youth Solutions Africa**  
 Shelter and skills training programmes for adults

Show you care by giving responsibly to the NGOs that provide these services and help break the cycle of life on the streets. To help the NGOs listed above that work with the CCID, you can make a difference in one of the following ways.

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## SNAPSCAN

You can download the free SnapScan app onto your smartphone and SCAN the code below to donate the amount of your choice via your phone.



## SMS "GIVE" TO 38088

to donate R10 towards the NGO partners with which the CCID works closely in the Cape Town Central City.

An average of R8 is donated depending on your service provider. For detailed Ts & Cs visit .

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

for more information on the campaign, our NGO partners and other ways you can assist.

[WWW.SHOWYOUCARE.CO.ZA](http://WWW.SHOWYOUCARE.CO.ZA)

