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CHILD PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

The City of Francistown Council, embarked on a vital Child Protection Campaign, aimed at raising awareness and strengthening community responsibility in safeguarding the rights and well-being of children.

On the 5th August 2025, the campaign took to the Francistown Taxi Rank led by His Worship the Mayor, Hon. Gaone Majere. Members of the Taxi Association (Taxi & Mini bus operators) were engaged on child protection issues, as they are protagonists with regards to protecting the safety of children and as stakeholders in children's welfare both at work and at home.



The Taxi Association was further informed that they should view all children they come across as their own and should do the needful as and when necessary, to reduce child abuse and child negligence cases amongst others.

It must be hastened that children in our communities continue to face risks such as abuse, neglect, exploitation, and harmful social practices, though Botswana has made significant strides in child protection legislation and policies, practical challenges still hinder the full realization of these rights at grassroots level.

The campaign seeks to engage various stakeholders including parents, caregivers, schools, law enforcement, business community and young people themselves to promote a culture of child safety and care by creating a more responsive and protective community environment.

The Child Protection Campaign commenced on 1st April 2025 and scheduled to end on the 29th August 2025.



MAYOR ENGAGES WARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

On the 9th August 2025, His Worship the Mayor Hon. Gaone Majere, had a meet and greet session with all 25 Ward Development Committees (WDCs).

Amongst others topics pondered on were;

- 1) Mayor's 5 Year Road Map.
- 2) The need for WDCs to spearhead debt collection in the City.
- 3) Need for WDCs to engage the community thoroughly on Clean Ups, to ensure a Clean City in alignment with Sustainable Development Goals.
- 4) The need for WDCs to fully exercise their liberty, to monitor projects in their wards and swiftly sensitizing Council of any challenges/issues as per their viewpoint.
- 5) WDCs must exercise their authority in their respective wards, to combat drug and alcohol abuse.
- 6) WDC members urged to desist from active politics when pursuing WDC errands, as per Public Service Act.
- 7) Lastly but not least, to strengthen the relationship between Council and WDCs.



MAYOR ENGAGES MANAGEMENT OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS



On the 12th August 2025, His Worship the Mayor of Francistown, Hon. Gaone Majere, commenced a 3-days tour of all the seven Francistown Junior Secondary Schools.

The tour commenced at Goldmine Junior Secondary School, followed by Montsamaisa Junior Secondary School then Selepa Junior Secondary School.

The main objective of this visit, was for the Mayor to 'meet and greet', as well as to engage with the school senior management, hence offering support to the schools.

The tour continued to the 13th August 2025, at Donga Junior Secondary School, Setlalekgosi Junior Secondary School and Mmei Junior Secondary School. On the 14th August 2025, the Mayor completed his tour by visiting Selolwe Junior Secondary School and Tadabigwa Junior Secondary School.



30 DAYS OF CLEAN UP THE WORLD ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN

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Last week, the Umbrella Clean Ups were carried out at Masego Ward, this week is scheduled for Monarch Ward and the week after, the clean up campaign will be wrapped up at Gerald Estates.

The Activism Clean Up Campaign acts as a build up to the Clean Up the World commemoration geared for the 12th September 2025.

The exercise is aimed at improving the City's outlook and is done through valued assistance from Ward Development Committees (WDCs) and other Council stakeholders.



The general Francistown public is encouraged to join the clean up campaign, interested parties may liase with their respective WDCs or contact the Public Health Department on 2411912/ 2411948.

RECONSTRUCTION OF FRANCISTOWN EDUCATION PARK

The Minister of Environment and Tourism, Hon. Wynter Boipuso Mmolotsi visited the Francistown Education Park on the 27th August 2025, to physically appreciate the project status quo, as well as to receive a comprehensive report on the progress of the project.

One million pula has been transferred from the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP), to the City of Francistown Council (COFC), to facilitate the implementation of the reconstruction of Francistown Education Park, which is located along Gerald Estates-Shashemooke road.

The project was scheduled to be completed on the 30th August 2025, however this has been revised to be 30th December 2025.

The main purpose of reconstruction of the park, is to stock small game (wildlife), to provide an educational facility school excursions, as well as creating recreational activities for the general public and tourists at a fee.

The COFC is reconstructing the park through artisans. The reconstruction includes;

- *Erection of a new boundary fencing.
- *Construction of guard house at the main gate.
- *Construction of office and two chalets.
- *Creation of game drive routes.



BOTSWANA COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION DONATES **TO FLOOD VICTIMS**



On the 28th August 2025, the City of Francistown Council received a warm donation of P7, 000.00, from the Botswana Counselling Association(BCA).

The aim of the donation was for Council to hand it over to two Zimbabwean families, that tragically lost their children in the last flood disaster. Each family was issued P3, 500.00.



COFC's Deputy Town Clerk -Operations, Ms Pedzani Selwana-Mahama, denoted that after the flood disaster, council realized that the support from Non-government Organisations(NGOs) is a necessity, therefore appreciating BCA for their generosity. She added that their contribution will go a long way because the donation coupled by the psychosocial support service which will be rendered to the families by the BCA, will help them to cope with the trauma and enable them to rebuild their lives since healing is a process.

The BCA is a beacon of psychosocial support in Botswana as it is an organization dedicated to the professional development of counselling practice.



INAUGURAL ANNUAL MAYOR'S WALK

MAYOR'S CHARITY WALK- "WALK FOR HUMANITY, KNOW YOUR CITY"

The City of Francistown Council (COFC) led by the Office of His Worship the Mayor, is embarking on the inaugural Annual Mayor's Charity Walk, tagged "Walk for Humanity, Know your City", scheduled for the 25th October 2025.

In a nutshell, proceeds derived from the walk, will be used to install water borne toilet systems for the less privileged in Francistown, as the Mayor's way of giving back to the community. This will subsequently improve public health, enhance human dignity and promote social and economic development.

The Charity Walk at hand is aimed at attracting people to walk an adventurous route, with sight-seeing (such as traversing historical monuments, a hill, a river etcetera) coupled by a Family Fun Day, as well as an After Party. The COFC believes the Charity Walk is a fantastic way to support a worthy cause while enjoying the outdoors and connecting with your community. It's a chance to make a tangible difference in the lives of others, through raising funds for socioeconomic services already alluded to above. Beyond the fundraising aspect, we trust the Mayor's Charity Walk will foster a sense of unity and promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

The tag line "Walk for Humanity, Know Your City" is a call to action for residents and visitors to reconnect with the heart of Botswana's second city – its people, places, and purpose. Through a symbolic walk, participants are invited to explore the history, culture, and beauty of their urban landscape, while walking in solidarity to support humanitarian causes.

This event encourages civic pride, social unity, and compassionate action – reminding us that knowing our city is not just about its streets and buildings, but also about understanding the lives and struggles of those who live within it.

N.B Online Registration commenced on Monday 18th August 2025, registration fee stands at a flat rate of P250.00 per individual, regardless of distance category, corporates/social groups (10 people) are P2, 000.00 flat rate.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE WALK OF THE YEAR???



Mayor's Charity Walk

25TH OCTOBER 2025

STARTING TIME: 06.00 AM
STARTING POINT: FRANCISTOWN COUNCIL STADIUM

Theme: **Walk for Humanity, Know Your City**

21KM, 10KM, 5KM, Kiddies Fun Walk

REGISTRATION P250.00	CORPORATE P2000.00 <small>(10 PAX)</small>
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Chief Walker
His Worship Gaone Majere
 Mayor of the City Of Francistown

For more information and enquiries please contact:
+267 74 281 659



MAYOR'S CHARITY WALK ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN;

Online registration for the Mayor's Charity Walk has commenced. Registration closes on the 19th October 2025. All walk categories including the Kiddies Fun Walk, shall be issued a Race Pack which comes along with the walk t-shirt. Kindly register through the below link;

<https://ticketlinc.co.bw/attendee/130/add/>

MAYOR'S WALK & BATANANI WALK JOINT ACTIVATION

Thank you all for showing up at the joint Mayor's Walk and Mascom Batanani Walk activation.

Kindly join us again for the next Mayor's Walk activation, earmarked for the 30th August 2025 in Tonota.

[#WalkingForHumanity, KnowyourCity!](#)



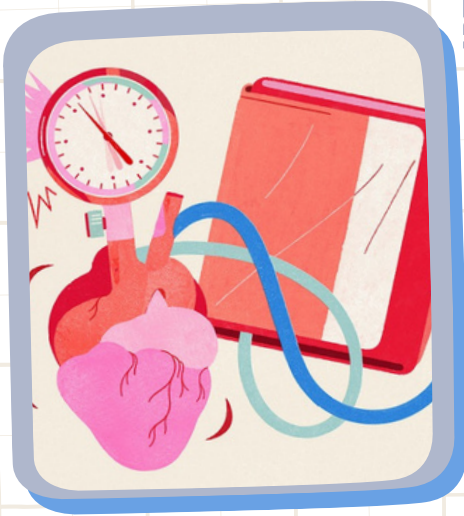
FRASESNE CLUSTER MARKET DAY (PHOTO GALLERY)

Showcasing and sale of exhibitions of the FRASESNE CLUSTER SHOW, at Galo Mall.



HEALTH CORNER

HYPERTENSION



Hypertension (also known as high blood pressure) is the persistent increase of blood pressure on the wall of the blood vessels!

High blood pressure is one of the important factors which play an important role in the development of various metabolic cardiovascular, renal diseases among others!

High blood pressure is a widespread health problem around the world, leading to stroke and cardiovascular disease.



While the majority of the people suffering from hypertension do not feel any hypertension symptoms (asymptomatic). Hypertension headache is one of the prominent symptoms which can be seen in symptomatic patients with high blood pressure



Measures One Can Take in Order to Reduce Their Risk of High Blood Pressure

- Exercise Regularly
- Eat a Healthy Diet
- Reduce Salt Consumption
- Lower Your Stress Levels
- Quit Smoking
- Avoid Alcohol
- Keep Track of Your Weight
- Get Plenty Of Sleep
- Drink Plenty Of Water
- Limit Caffeine Consumption

Sign and symptoms of hypertension

- Dizziness
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Chest pain
- Confusion
- Anxiety
- Nosebleeds
- Buzzing in the ears
- Difficulty breathing
- Abnormal heart rhythm
- Blurred vision or other vision changes

WORK ETHICS- EXEMPLARY



Leading by example in the workplace means embodying the professional conduct, attitudes, and behaviors you expect to see in your team members, rather than just directing them.

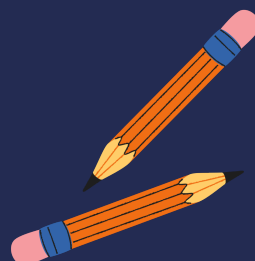
This leadership style builds trust, inspires dedication, and creates a positive work environment by showing your team you are invested and willing to "do the work" alongside them.

Key practices include demonstrating commitment to goals, taking responsibility for mistakes, fostering open communication, and supporting the growth of your team members.

8 Ways To Lead By Example



- Work alongside your team
- Have a growth mindset
- Listen to your team
- Comply with the rules
- Trust your team
- Take care of yourself
- Deliver on your promises
- Use kind communication





FIRE SAFETY, MARSHAL & FIRST AID TRAINING SCHEDULE

FIRE SAFETY, MARSHAL & FIRST AID TRAINING

Primary Objectives of the course,
at the end of the course participants will be able to:

- ◆ Identify potential fire hazards in the workplace or home
- ◆ Understand fire safety procedures, including evacuation routes
- ◆ Learn how to use fire extinguishers
- ◆ Understand how to prevent fires from occurring in the workplace
- ◆ Equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to save life in emergency situations

Target Audience

- ◆ Employees in various industries
- ◆ Building occupants and managers
- ◆ Anyone interested in fire safety and prevention

TRAINING SCHEDULE 2025-2026

COURSE NAME	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	DEC 25	JAN26	FEB 26	MAR 26
FIRST AID	08 th Monday	06 th Monday	10 th Monday	08 th Monday	12 th Monday	09 th Monday	09 th Monday
FIRE SAFETY	09 th Tuesday	07 th Tuesday	11 th Tuesday	09 th Tuesday	13 th Tuesday	10 th Tuesday	10 th Tuesday
FIRE MARSHAL	10 th Wednesday	08 th Wednesday	12 th Wednesday	10 th Wednesday	14 th Wednesday	11 th Wednesday	11 th Wednesday
PRACTICALS	11 th Thursday	09 th Thursday	13 th Thursday	11 th Thursday	15 th Thursday	12 th Thursday	12 th Thursday
FINAL EXAM	12 th Friday	10 th Friday	14 th Friday	12 th Friday	16 th Friday	13 th Friday	13 th Friday

FEE: P200.00 FOR EACH PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL

FEE: P300.00 FOR EACH COMPANY EMPLOYEE

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact
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WEEKLY CLEAN UP SCHEDULE

WEEKLY UMBRELLA WARDS CLEAN UPS

PERIOD	PLANNED DATE	UMBRELLA WARD/ AREA TO BE COVERED	CONVENOR
WEEK 1	04-08/08/2025	PHASE IV	RAMORULA - 71372374
WEEK 2	11-15/08/2025	BOKAMOSO	TAFHI - 75456548
WEEK 3	18-22/08/2025	MASEGO	LESABA - 74879100
WEEK 4	24-29/08/2025	MONARCH	WILSON - 71555104
WEEK 5	01-05/09/2025	GERALD	MOSI - 71380590

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

● Illegal dump clearing

● Litter picking

● Vegetation control

● Health education

● Law enforcement

WELCOME TO COFC!




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HONESTY
BOTHO**

Ruth K. Mathole

TRANSFER FROM- GABORONE
CITY COUNCIL

EFFECTIVE FROM : 11/ 08/ 2025

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER




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BOTHO**

Tebogo Isaac

NEW APPOINTMENT

EFFECTIVE FROM : 05/ 08/ 2025

ASSISTANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER




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Bokamoso Gaofetoge

TRANSFER ON PROMOTION
FROM- MOENG COLLEGE

EFFECTIVE FROM : 12/ 08/ 2025

SENIOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANT OFFICER I




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BOTHO**

Thato Bock

NEW APPOINTMENT

EFFECTIVE FROM : 18/ 08/ 2025

ASSISTANT RECORDS MANAGER II/I




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Lesedi Mathodi

TRANSFER FROM- CHOBE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

EFFECTIVE FROM : 11/ 08/ 2025

CRAFTSMAN I (PLUMBING)




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Lillian L. Ben

TRANSFER ON PROMOTION FROM
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION
(SELIBE PHIKWE)

EFFECTIVE FROM : 26/ 08/ 2025

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