



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

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CITY OF JOHANNESBURG GETS READY TO RUN, CELEBRATE AND CLEAN UP AHEAD OF ABSA RUN YOUR CITY JOBURG 10K

The City of Johannesburg is preparing to welcome thousands of runners and spectators for the Absa RUN YOUR CITY JOBURG 10K on Thursday, 24 September 2026, National Heritage Day. The 10km event will bring together runners, residents, sponsors and partners in a celebration of sport, culture, music and the vibrant spirit of the City of Gold. The race will start at 08:00 from Mary Fitzgerald Square in Newtown and take participants through key parts of Johannesburg, including sections of the M1 and M2 highways.

As part of the build-up to this major event, the City of Johannesburg, will host a Clean-Up Campaign on Tuesday, 22 September 2026, from 09:00 to 14:00, at the Anderson and Nugget Street Corner. The campaign will bring together stakeholders to contribute towards keeping Johannesburg clean, welcoming and ready to host residents and visitors for the Heritage Day celebrations.

MMC for Community Development, Cllr Thapelo Amad, said the clean-up campaign demonstrates the importance of collective responsibility in creating a city that residents can take pride in.

“The Absa RUN YOUR CITY JOBURG 10K gives us an opportunity to showcase Johannesburg’s energy, diversity and heritage. However, a vibrant city is also a clean city, and the Clean-Up Campaign allows us to demonstrate that keeping our communities clean is a shared responsibility. We are calling on our partners, residents and stakeholders to join us as we prepare the city to welcome thousands of runners and visitors.”

The Clean-Up Campaign will form part of the broader preparations for race day and will reinforce the message of #JoziMyJozi – encouraging residents and stakeholders to take ownership of and pride in the city.

The Absa RUN YOUR CITY JOBURG 10K is expected to transform Johannesburg’s streets into a celebration of running, entertainment and culture, with sponsor activations, performances and spectator support along the route.

The City acknowledges and appreciates the contribution of Absa, Stillwater Sports, PUMA, Powerade, AVIS, Heineken and other event partners in bringing the race to Johannesburg and contributing to the experience for participants and spectators.

Cllr Amad added:

“We encourage everyone to play their part – whether by participating in the clean-up, supporting the runners on race day, keeping our public spaces clean or simply celebrating our heritage responsibly. Let us work together to ensure that Johannesburg is not only ready to run, but ready to welcome the country and the world.”

The City also reminds residents and road users to plan ahead for race-day traffic disruptions. Temporary road closures will be implemented on 23 and 24 September to facilitate the event and ensure the safety of runners, spectators and road users.

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