

COMMUNITY CLEANS UP!



Residents of Mamelodi cleaned Tsamaya Road on Saturday. Photo by Raymond Morare

By AARON DUBE
DIFFERENT community groups recently united to clean up a busy road in their area.

Volunteers for the Let's Clean Up Tsamaya Road initiative in Mamelodi East, Tshwane, said it was becoming a

health hazard for residents and motorists.

Thabo Kgotsi (37), founder of the Thandani Dropping Centre, told *Daily Sun* the street was making the area look bad and dirty. He said volunteers cleaned the road between Tsakane and Phase One squatter camp.

"The road was dirty because municipal workers were on strike. Waste collectors didn't come to collect the rubbish and the community was throwing trash in the middle of the road," he said.

Thabo said the rubbish has been piling up for four months and was causing a health hazard. "The children are playing there and the rubbish brings flies into homes," he said.

CPF member Boipelo Sibambo (23) said it was an honour to clean the road.

"Rubbish is our number one enemy. This is our signature road in this kasi and we need to keep it clean," she told the *People's Paper*.

Resident Mandla Mgcina (50) said: "I volunteered my time so our road can look beautiful. People should not throw rubbish into the road."

Unathi Mbanya, a corporate social investment specialist for Coca-Cola, said the company helped with the initiative to clean up bottles and cans.

"We do clean-up work all over the country and we are happy to work with the community and other stakeholders to have a world without waste," he said.

Region 6 expanded public work programme co-ordinator, Eddie Mnguni, said it was encouraging to see residents volunteering to help clean up.

He said some of the stakeholders were municipal workers, the cops and people living with disabilities.



DPWI AND AGRISETA COLLABORATE ON R66 MILLION ARTISAN DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) in Partnership with Agriculture Sector Education and Training Authority (AgriSETA) will provide Artisan Development Training to 400 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants.

The R66 million Artisan Development Programme training project which is funded by the National Skills Fund (NSF) of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) will be implemented over a multi-year period. The training will commence in the current financial year (2020/2021) until 2023 or until completion of the Project, whichever comes first.

AgriSETA will provide technical support and manage the implementation of the Project to ensure that participants acquire qualifications in technical fields such as Bricklayer, Plumber, Carpenter, Stonemason, Chef, Glazier, Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic.

AgriSETA will also be responsible for sourcing relevant workplaces for all 400 trainees as well as to certify all accreditation requirements of training and appointment of service delivery agents for the duration of the project.

This project is aligned to the National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS) III and the National Skills Development Plan 2030 which prioritises artisan development programmes to address technical skills shortage.

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Residents roll up sleeves for kasi

By MKHUSELI SIZANI
THE area is filthy and these residents are doing everything they can to clean it up.

More than 50 Govan Mbeki residents at 18 Area in Port Elizabeth, mainly women, said people were disrespecting the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's by-laws by turning the kasi near Old Uitenhage Road into a dump site.

The situation is so bad that taxis stop in the middle of the road as the sidewalks are full of rubbish.

"Our kasi is disgusting. We are rolling up our sleeves and cleaning our area," said community leader Mthuthuzeli Mzini.

"We ask bulldozer drivers to clear the street for us and then we give them money. We then clean the rest ourselves."

Mzini said construction companies, shop owners and community members were no longer going to Koedoeskloof dump site.

"They come here with trucks and bakkies to dump their rubbish," he said.

"We find things such as dead dogs, rubble, used syringes and expired tablets."

He said their stormwater pipe is blocked, although the municipality collects rubbish every week.

"Anyone caught dumping will be forced to clean up and will be reported. We will confiscate wheelie bins of residents who dump here," he said.

Resident Thoko Fina said they wanted to open a car wash next to the road where people dump rubbish.

"We want our ward councillor to help us open a car wash at the traffic circle," she said.

Ayanda Gcakasi from ward councillor Nomazwi Sonti's office said: "We encourage residents to take photos and registration numbers and report them to us."