





Welcome to the January issue of Blackheath City Improvement District Newsletter

We at the Blackheath City Improvement District hope you have had a wonderful holiday season! Now, it is January and that time when many of us reassess our busy lives and think about what we want to accomplish or do to balance our lives during the next year.

During the December period our team together with ST3 Security and Astrosec was out cleaning, patrolling and monitoring the streets of Blackheath Industria. As per our January Security Newsletter a pro-active approach to effectively Secure the Industrial Area and its Users and Businesses was taken. We would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making this possible and in providing a largely incident free 2015 December shut-down period.

Peri Formwork Scaffolding Engineering (Pty) Ltd







Peri Formwork and Scaffolding Engineering Team is in the process of doing the preparations for the development of their building.

Road Rehabilitation - Range Road Resurfacing Project!

A reminder of the road rehabilitation project for Range Road.

This work may affect mobility along this route and it may be wise for local business to plan around the possible delays that will be caused by roadworks.





Cape Town City Fire Services

It is Fire Season - please be aware!

The City's Fire and Rescue Service has been stretched to capacity in recent days, amid an increase in the number of fires reported around the peninsula.

Between Thursday, 7 January and Monday, 11 January 2016, the Fire and Rescue Service has responded to 495 fire calls. That is an average of 99 incidents a day.

Below find some fire safety tips from the City of Cape Town

Fire safety tips

Any fires should be reported to the City of Cape Town's Public Emergency Communication Centre as soon as possible: dial **107** from a landline or **021 480 7700** from a cell phone.

Residents are urged to heed the following fire safety tips supplied by the Fire and Rescue Service:

Vegetation fires

No fires are allowed on the mountain fringe areas, except in specifically demarcated areas and pre-authorised areas. If you are unsure whether fires are allowed in an area, do not make a fire.

Do not discard burning cigarettes from your vehicle. They are pollutants and can cause vegetation fires. Please dispose of cigarettes in the vehicle's ashtray.

Ensure that fire hydrants remain unobstructed at all times, especially by parked vehicles.

Tampering with hydrants can delay a fire-fighter's ability to bring a fire under control timeously.

Ensure your braai fire is completely extinguished before leaving areas where fires are allowed.

Keep ignition sources such as matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

Comply with the legal requirements for burning vegetation off-cuts (please refer to the City's Community Fire Safety Bylaw and the National Veld and Forest Fire Act for more information).

Using electricity safely

Do not overload your electrical circuits, i.e. don't keep more than four plugs on one extension.

Service your electrical components regularly and replace faulty ones.

Switch off all electrical appliances at the wall at night or when leaving your home.

When you are cooking (on any sort of stove – gas, electric or paraffin) do not leave the pot on the stove unless you are watching it.

Electrical connections must be professionally installed and properly earthed with the correct circuit breakers installed.

Safety around an open flame

Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.

Cut candles in half to prevent them falling over – and use a candle holder.

Do not smoke in bed.

How to prevent fires in informal units

Keep a close eye on paraffin stoves. Don't cook near a window with a curtain.

Make sure the stove doesn't fall over, which may burn children or cause a fire (Also see paraffin safety tips).

Make sure candles are secure and can't fall over. Don't go to sleep with candles still burning.

Teach children about the dangers of fire.

Watch out for discarded cigarette butts.

Be aware of the dangers of illegal and faulty electricity connections, which also cause fires.

Keep a bucket handy to fill with water so that you can extinguish flames easily.

Keep a bucket of sand to put out paraffin fires.

Build dwellings a good distance apart (at least 3 metres) to prevent fires from spreading. Make sure this space is kept open.

Keep roads and access to dwellings clear at all times.

Do not block roads with possessions when there is a fire.

Do not prevent or disrupt the work of fire crews fighting fires.

General safety

Keep a well-maintained fire extinguisher in your home, and know how to use it.

If you have a garden hose, keep it rolled up and ready in case of fire.

Where possible, have more than one exit from your house.

Have an escape plan, and make sure that the whole family knows the plan.

Do not park in the way of a fire hydrant (and remind your neighbours and visitors to do the same).

Fire-fighters

Remember to always call for the City's Fire and Rescue Services via **107** before making any attempt to fight a fire yourself.

If your clothing catches fire, start the 'stop, drop and roll' procedure:

- 1. Stop where you are
- 2. Drop to the floor
- 3. Roll around on the floor

This will smother the flames and could save your life. If another person catches fire, smother the flames by wrapping them in a blanket, carpet or rug.

Be aware if

The fire is spreading beyond its origin.

The fire can block your only escape. Rather evacuate while you still can.

You don't have adequate fire-fighting equipment.

Make sure that your fire-fighting equipment is clean and in working order (check with the manufacturer's instructions to see how often this needs to be done).

Modern fire-fighting equipment is highly efficient and sophisticated. However, unless you know how to use the equipment and unless it is in good working condition and easy to find, it is useless.

Fire Station telephone numbers changed

The City of Cape Town is reminding residents that some of the fire stations telephone number have changed.

In order to deliver better service to the residents of Cape Town, some of the older systems at some of the fire stations have had to be upgraded. This resulted in a change of telephone numbers for those fire stations. The new contact numbers are attached. Click Here

More information is available on the City's Fire and Rescue Service's website.



Cape Town Fire Services

BCID CLEANSING TEAM

Our team has done an amazing job keeping the area clean.

Anfield, Gooderson and Trafford Roads received attention last week. Nicole and Helene Streets have been cleaned this week and this area is looking great. Rand Road also got a face lift already this year.

We aim to cleanse all the streets within the Blackheath Industrial Area within a 60 day cycle. Please inform us immediately if there may be any further requests for attention or outstanding matters that need to be resolved by the City?

We request that you report any dumping in the area directly to the City of Cape Town on 086 010 3089 or to the BCID office on 021 905 0929?









Road safety made easy for kiddies

Thanks to corporate social responsibility Blackheath Primary School now boasts a brand new road safety tar map and fun activities for the young ones.

The tar platform, with road markings to help educate with the road safety initiative, forms part of a project by construction and project management company Nejeni.

The project was initiated to assist the school with a training facility which will help the children with road safety, says spokesperson Lizinda Cronje.

"We hold education in high regard. Having been based in Blackheath, we looked at local schools and approached Blackheath Primary School. Instead of throwing out money with no focus, we engaged with the school and identified their needs."

Cronje said the school itself had the initiative to teach road safety to their Grade 1 to Grade 3 pupils.

"Due to circumstances, the majority of these learners grow up without basic traffic safety being taught at a young age and this results in an immense amount of poor traffic knowledge related accidents.

"Children do not know the traffic rules and regulations and therefore do not acknowledge the danger of crossing the road before looking. This causes hundreds of accidents involving children.

"It was decided to assist by doing what we do best – civil engineering construction – so we constructed a tar platform with road markings where this could be taught in a safe environment," Cronje explains.

Nejeni also supplied the school with road signs to assist with the training initiative.

TygerBurger Wednesday the 9th of Decemebr 2015



Children at the Blackheath Primary School are now taught road safety in an easy way, thanks to the construction of a tarred road map and road signs donated by Nejeni.



One of the educators at the school helps to explain to the learners the basics of road safety.



Adrian Julie, Nejeni Construction and Project Management.

The Blackheath Primary school principal, Quentin Johnson, with

Sing for Africa Grade "R" School





We welcome all the new learners at Sing for Africa and wish them a productive and exciting year ahead.

Please remember that at the start of the school year these underprivileged scholars need all their back to school items to be provided!

Pens, pencils, rulers, erasers and notebooks and A4 pads and paper are all welcome donations. Sing for Africa are a registered Non Profit Company and can issue donations certificates! This can help towards your BBBEE score or with SARS!

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