



■ Dr Kevin Winter, a lecturer in Environmental and Geographical Science at UCT, collects water samples along Cape Town's waterways on the Peninsula Paddle.

PICTURE GAVIN LAWSON

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Prior to the paddle, the organisers learned that most of the consultants working on a contract in the Black River had contracted hepatitis. Mr Du Plessis said this is not true. The "hand labour" team, of about 10 workers, were doing river maintenance – litter picking and some hyacinth removal – for which they always wore safety and protective clothing.

Mr Du Plessis asks the public to assist by taking note of the following:

- Do not dispose of chemicals and other polluting substances into the stormwater system because it will eventually end up in rivers, wetlands and the sea. Pollutants washed off land surfaces during rain will ultimately end up on the beaches.

- Do not allow soapy detergents – from washing vehicles or paved areas – to flow into the stormwater system.

- Do not wash paint brushes and other soiled tools in areas where the dirty wash water will flow into the stormwater system – rather wash in basins which are

connected to a sewer.

- Do not backwash swimming pools into the stormwater system.

- Do not place litter or dump rubble or other solid items in the stormwater system.

- Do not use excessive fertilisers or pesticides in gardens because the excess will be washed into the stormwater system when it rains.

- Do not allow the dirty wash water from household, business, restaurants, rubbish bins and off-loading areas to flow into the stormwater system – rather dispose of this water in the sewer. Ensure that all staff are aware of this important requirement.

- Ensure that vehicles are not leaking oil, brake fluid and other, because these pollutants are also washed off tarred roads when it rains.

- Pick up pet waste because this bacteria will be washed into the stormwater system when it rains.

- Report leaking sewers as soon as possible to the City's Technical Operations Centre so that the Water and Sanitation Department can address the problem. or email watertoc@capetown.gov.za or call 0860 103 054.

What's On

Market at Village Square

There will be an Odds and End smarket at the Village Square (opposite Plumstead library), on Saturday June 25, from 8.45am to 1pm. There will be boerewors rolls, plants, habby and linen for sale. Call Judith on 071 2343 729 for details.

Story telling at Tokai library

Tokai library is inviting all children to a fun-filled session of story telling and colouring every Wednesday at 3.30pm. For details call 021 715 8550.

Arts and crafts

Plumstead Methodist Craft Market has moved inside for the next few months. Visit them on the first Saturday of every month from 8.30am. Call Beverley Ronne on 021 797 1637.

Toys for Lions

The Lions Club of Bergvliet is appealing to the community for toys to be distributed to underprivileged children living in and around the community. The toys do not have to be new.

Call Sandy on 021 762 1048 to arrange collection.

Library book sale

The Friends of Meadowridge Library are holding a winter book sale on Saturday June 25, from 9am to 11.30am. For details call the library at 021 712 9360.

- The Friends of Meadowridge Library need books, paperbacks, magazines (not older than this century) tapes and DVDs for their winter book sale. Items can be handed in at the library counter. For more information call 021 712 9360.

Time for jazz

Cafda School of Skills will host an old school and jazz event on Friday July 29, at the Protea Hall in 67 Main Road, Retreat, from 7.30pm. Entry is R30. DJ Earning a Living will provide the music.

For more information call Vanessa on 021 712 9182.

Donations for PUPP

The Animal Rescue Organisation has opened PUPP's Charity Shop at 51 Main Road, Bergvliet. There is plenty of parking close to the entrance.

All proceeds will benefit the work of Animal Rescue in townships and informal settlements.

For details call Averil on 021 715 7525.

Upkeep of nature

Die Oog Nature reserve in Bergvliet has three new sets of picture notelets which are sold to raise funds for the upkeep of the "Gem of Bergvliet". The packs are of flowers, birds and views of Die Oog and come in packs of eight with envelopes at R50 a pack.

Contact Malcolm and Poll Pearce on 021 715 8666.

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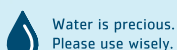
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