

Police help sweep city clean of grime and crime



Police and community volunteers help to clean up the streets

Crime and grime is public enemy number one for the local South African Police Force (SAPF) who recently armed themselves with brooms to help clean-up the city.

On Friday last week police officers from the Pietermaritzburg Central Police Station together with local businesses joined forces to clean up Jabu

Ndlovu Street (formerly Loop Street). The initiative was started by Major General Maharaj to help clean the city following an appeal made by the Mayor and Provincial Government during the launch of the "Friends of the City" campaign.

Colonel Wiles who was one of the officers helping clean the street said the SAPF decided to

lead by example and show their support to Premier Zweli Mkhize who called upon city residents to help clean up Pietermaritzburg. He said other stations around the city would soon launch similar projects in their areas.

The clean-up started at around 10 am and involved the clearing of rubbish from pavements and gutters.

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The lawyer who wishes to remain anonymous urged lawmakers to tighten legislation controlling keeping of dangerous pets.

"It's simply a matter of time before we're confronted with a fatal attack. Pitbulls together with certain other breeds of dogs are known for their ferocity, in many instances, this is the reason why people keep them in the first place. It's about time we shifted the discourse to preventing such incidents rather than reacting to the consequences of these attacks," said the attorney.

Last week Ashburton dog owner Keagan Pieterse was fined R10 000 or 12 months imprisonment, wholly suspended for five years following an incident in February this year in which his Pitbull Terrier "Vee" attacked a fellow resident and jogger.

The victim Janice Whitela suffered multiple bite wounds after Pieterse's dog jumped over the fence and attacked her. Handing down the sentence, Magistrate L. Gurie warned

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