

LEONSDALE: COMMUNITY STEPS IN TO CLEAN AREA

Cleanup campaign

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“It’s up to the community to keep Leonsdale, and all other areas, clean.”

These were the sentiments of ward 26 councillor Franchesca Walker during a cleanup campaign on Monday 4 February.

Cape Town mayor Dan Plato, the City’s Mayco member for urban management

Grant Twigg and a few residents of Tehillah Community Collaborative in Elsies River also took part in the cleaning operation.

“This is the second phase of our community cleanup which we did three weeks ago. Our focus today (Monday) was to take away all the graffiti we are seeing on the flat buildings. “If you look at what’s written on these walls ... it’s not a good image for our children. We are aiming to start changing the

mindsets of our people because it’s important to be proud of where we’re living. We can start by cleaning up the areas ourselves, and not just blaming the City of Cape Town for whatever goes wrong in the area,” Walker told *TygerBurger*. She added that dumping in the area is unnecessary: “Our people need to stop dumping. It creates filth and this is an unhealthy environment for our children.”

Magda Kleyn, the CEO and founder of Tehillah Community Collaborative, said the dumping and dirt in the community lead to health problems. “We need to teach our people not to be dumping in the area otherwise we are not going to win the fight against diarrhoea. Not only children are getting diarrhoea, but adults too. We need to work together as a community and take pride.”

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