



Ward councillor, Percy Zitha, joined residents in Mamelodi West to help get rid of illegal dumpsites.

Photo by Colleen Silinda

Cleanliness is next to godliness

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THE place had turned into a smelly dumpsite.

Mamelodi West Ward 28 residents held a meeting and decided to start a clean-up campaign to help keep the area spotless.

Last Wednesday, ward councillor Percy Zitha and the residents descended on Eerste Fabrieke Station.

They were joined by members of the Expanded Public Works Programme and the Tshwane Metro police.

Percy said more than five illegal dumpsites had been identified in his ward and would be tackled every week.

“The aim is to keep our ward clean. But we

desperately need support from the residents to help prevent illegal dumping in the future.”

He urged residents to take pride in their neighbourhoods.

“We also addressed owners of the food stalls next to station to get refuse bags and pick up litter to help keep the area clean. We spoke to local recyclers to always keep their working areas tidy,” said Percy.

Homeowners were also encouraged to get more refuse bins for tenants. This to avoid an increase in illegal dumpsites.

The Tshwane Metro called upon community members to report those who illegally dump waste in open spaces on 012 358 9999.