

# Hall's Retail's Litter Heroes to help keep the city clean

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A LOCAL business, Hall's Retail, is doing its bit to keep the city clean, launching their Litter Heroes street cleaning initiative yesterday.

This comes a day after Msunduzi Municipality Mayor Mzimkhulu Thebolla announced that almost 500 Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers will be deployed to clean up the city by sweeping the streets and repairing broken paving, among other things.

He also urged local businesses to get involved and help keep the city litter-free.

Yesterday, Coral Gold, the human resources and finance manager for Hall's Retail, situated at 176 Victoria Road, and some of her colleagues, helped the 10 people they have employed to pick up litter and sweep the streets.

They also placed rubbish bins along the street to encourage people not to drop litter.

Gold said they will be paying each employee R200 for each day worked.

"Our aim is to provide this service to all other streets in Pietermaritzburg CBD, so each week we clean a different street.

"This will increase the employment opportunities for the unemployed people in Ward 27," she said.

Yesterday, Gold also went door to door visiting neighbouring businesses and asking them to donate or join their initiative so that they can buy cleaning



Litter Heroes employees (from left) Amanda Ngcobo, Nthabiseng Ndaba and Sebenzile Makhaye help to clean up Victoria Road yesterday. **PHOTO: MOEKETSI MAMANE**

supplies and pay the street cleaners' salaries.

"We have had many businesses turn us away, but we are not discouraged,"

said Gold.  
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