

CLOGGED DRAIN AT LIFESTYLE SQUARE FIXED, AT LAST

Rustenburg – An outcry from the public over a blocked drainage system that was disrupting activities at the Lifestyle Square shopping centre has finally been attended to by the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM). Apparently, the blocked pipes were forcing sewage to flow onto the pavement near the entrance to the shopping facility. Additionally, a strong stench of the sewage flow was inconveniencing visitors to the centre and employees at the shops. Lifestyle Square’s managers, who alerted the municipality about the problem on Friday 31 January, clarified their position in a

written statement to shoppers, motorists and businesses operating in the area. “As of Thursday 6 February, the drain is still overflowing, and the sewage is still pouring into our basement area. As the drain is the property of the RLM, we at the centre are not allowed to work on it,” the statement read. Until 7 February, when the municipality eventually carried out the repairs, the shopping centre’s cleaning and maintenance team repeatedly made use of chemicals in the basement area to lessen the extent of the stench.



Municipal workers repaired the blocked drainage system.

DEVELOPING TOMORROW’S LEADERS TODAY

Mooi-nooi/ Rustenburg – Grace Help Centre will be a hive of activity on Thursday 20 February during an open day that will showcase their activities to various stakeholders. An invitation is being extended to community-based organisations as well as public and private corporate social investment (CSI) managers to attend this special occasion. The theme for the open day is *Developing tomorrow’s leaders today through education* and visitors will be taken on a walkabout through the facility. Said Grace Help Centre’s Jessica Engelbrecht: “Join us for tea, a delightful concert by the Grace Angels early childhood

development team and learn how you can connect and make a difference for the people at Grace Help Centre”. Stakeholders interested in attending the open day are requested to contact the centre and RSVP. “If you are unable to attend but would still like to learn more about Grace Help Centre or get involved you are welcome to contact the centre,” Engelbrecht explained. Grace Help Centre is a registered non-profit organisation that provides emergency care, shelter and support to victims of gender-based violence and human-trafficking as well as abandoned new-borns and child victims of abuse.



For more information, contact Engelbrecht on 068 174 2527 or alternatively, you can send an email to gracehelpcentre@gmail.com.

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WALKING FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Rustenburg - The Sunrise to Sunset women’s walk is a four-part hike, initiated by a group of enthusiastic women from Rustenburg Adventures Tourism and Accommodation (RATA), a non-profit organisation (NPO). The walk showcases the diversity of the Magaliesberg biosphere and enables hikers’ exclusive access to areas otherwise not accessible to the public. It also creates awareness of the existing hiking trails, accommodation, entertainment facilities and natural environment of the Rustenburg area. The opening ceremony will commence on Tuesday 17 March and the official walk of 100km takes place over four days from 18 to 21 March. This unique women’s walk will cover different areas and geological sites in the Magaliesberg biosphere.

The four routes will cover an average of 25km per day and participants will be required to carry only daypacks with water and snacks. Buses will take the hikers to the starting point every morning before ferrying them back to central accommodation in Rustenburg at night. Participants may also choose to walk only some of the days at a specific rate. Meals, t-shirts and transport are included in the cost. The funds raised during this event will go towards RATA NPO and will be used to develop the tourism industry of the area. Charities that will benefit from the walk this year include the Rustenburg Rotary Club wheelchair project and Walking for school shoes. Entries close on 29 February. **For more information contact Mia Gain on 081 817 9416.**

