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### **Setsokotsane sweeps Mahikeng**

**Mahikeng** – “Mahikeng will become a cleaner town if all participate in waste management activities”. These are the words uttered by MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements Gaolaolwe during the launch of Mahikeng Setsokotsane Cleaning Campaign recently.

The Mahikeng Setsokotsane Cleaning Campaign which is to take place every month in every local municipality, is intended to uplift the face of Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies in Bokone Bophirima.

MEC Gaolaolwe encouraged all residents of the capital city to ensure cleanliness where they live to contribute towards a cleaner Mahikeng. “People who are trashing the town and areas where we live is us not people from other areas. Everyone must make sure that he/she resides in a clean environment. The municipality on its own will not win the war against filthy areas if we do not assist. Let’s take part” remarked MEC Gaolaolwe.

Those who will participate in the cleaning campaign amongst other include workers from the local municipality, different provincial government departments, and those in the Expanded Public Workers Programme as well as Community Development Programme.

Mayor of Mahikeng Local Municipality Executive Mayor Betty Diakanyo indicated that with the assistance of the entire community, the battle against illegal dumping will be won. “Illegal dumping remains a serious challenge that we are facing as the municipality. We educated our people about it, removed the dump and after sometime it’s back again. Living in a filthy environment it’s unhealthy. We must all participate in promoting clean environment for the benefit of all” said Executive Mayor Diakanyo.

As part of enforcing the municipal waste management by-laws, the Mahikeng Local Municipality in conjunction with Department of Public Works have appointed 50 participants who are to be trained to ensure compliance by all residents. Those who will be found to be in the wrong will be fined.

## **PICTURES**

1. MEC Galaletsang Gaolaolwe and Executive Mayor Betty Diakanyo engaging street vendors trashing the town.
2. MEC Gaolaolwe and Executive Mayor participating in cleaning the town.

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