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MUNICIPALITY URGES MOTORISTS TO EXERCISE CAUTION ON THE ROADS

The Municipality urges all motorists to exercise extreme caution on Municipal roads following the recent heavy rainfall during the Festive Season and currently. Most of the roads were damaged, motorists should be on the lookout of potholes.

The Civil Engineering Department will attend to all the affected roads and maintenance of the roads. While proactive maintenance such as storm water drainage cleaning, clearing of low-lying bridges continues to take place to avoid safety hazards during the rainy season. People are advised to avoid illegal dumping because it causes storm drainage blockages. Resident are advised to take waste on scheduled collection days from 6am. Dispose waste only in bins and at approved drop-offs or landfill sites. If you have tenants or have more waste, buy additional waste bins from the Municipality. Fence off your property to prevent others from dumping on it. Make others aware of the importance of keeping our environment clean and litter free.

Motorists are reminded to take note of the key safety tips during the rainy period:

- Do not attempt to drive through flooded areas, even if the water looks shallow enough to cross;
- If you are driving and have come to a flooded area, turn around and go the other way. Many deaths have resulted from attempts to drive through flooded roadways.
- If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground;
- Exercise caution, especially at night when visibility is poor.
- Keep away from places that are likely to flood, such as ditches or dry stream beds;
- Avoid areas where water is flowing rapidly - especially high velocity flow areas;
- Never attempt to run across flooding water if the water level is above your ankles;
- Do not walk into or near high water;
- Keep children away from playing in drainage ditches and storm water drains.

Yours Sincerely

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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