Corporation workers burn tyres to melt tar

By Our Staff Reporter

Violating the ban on burning of tyres imposed by the Pollution Control Board, Chennai Corporation workers were found burning old tyres for melting tar for road repair work on Reddy Kuppam Road, T. Nagar on Dec. 17. On the other hand, Corporation contractor workers engaged in road laying work on G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar were seen burning wood to melt tar for their work on Dec. 19. The contract workers told Mambalam Times that 1 tonne of wood costing Rs. 8000 lasts two days. They said that burning of tyres affects the health of workers and road users.

The Corporation will campaign for a ‘Smokeless Bhogi’ next month.
Month long Marghazi pooja to Perumal idols on Lake View Road

By Our Staff Reporter

To mark the advent of Marghazi, Srimath Ramanujas (173/79, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) will conduct daily poojas to Perumal idols from Dec. 15, 2013 to Jan. 18, 2014 from 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on 5.30 p.m. daily. Devotees may offer ghee, flowers or fruits to conduct the poojas.

For more details and advance registration, please contact R. M. Devanatha Desikan in 9443432435 / 9677041480 / 9840592319.

Free yoga workshop

By Our Staff Reporter

Kalam Saketharaman (daughter of Asana Andiappan) will conduct a free workshop on ‘Yoga for all’ from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m daily from Dec. 23 to 27 at Hubilabullah Road, T. Nagar.

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She can be contacted in phone 9940619471.

Gita Jayanthi from Friday

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Trust sponsors surgery for accident victim

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Ungalukka Charitable Trust (Vijayaraghava Manor, T. Nagar) has sponsored an "Arthroscopic surgery" for 34-year-old Elamathi Kirthikheyam (working in a saloon in T. Nagar) who fractured his right knee in a road accident in T. Nagar ten months back.

Having to read a report about the trust in Mambalam Times, he contacted Dr. Sunil (Founder, Managing Trustee, Ungalukka Charitable Trust) for assistance.

Dr. Sunil immediately referred him to Dr. S. Arumugam (Orthopedic and joint replacement surgeon) who performed the surgery free in Bharathiraja Hospital (G.N. Chat-ty Road, T. Nagar) on Dec. 12. The hospital expenses were paid by the trust. Elumalai was discharged on Dec. 17.

‘Abhang Workshop’ today

Vishva Varakari Samanath (Kadayanallur) will conduct an “Abhang Workshop” in the presence of Raghuvaq Kumar Mahajan from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21 & 22, at Umamaheswari Street, West Mambalam.

All are welcome.

For details contact, 94441 30567.

Naadhabrahmam music fest under way

The 12th Sangeetha Raga Mahothsavam (annual music festival) of Naadhabrahmam (Nagappan Street, Jafferkhana) (a monthly music journal) commenced in Rukmani Arundale Hall (Kuppiah Street, West Mambalam) on Dec. 12 and will conclude on Jan. 1. The following are details of programs from Dec. 22 to 27:

Dec. 22: 6 p.m: Bharathanayam by Uma Ben; 7.30: Bharathanayam by Trupthi Panicker.
Dec. 23: 5.30 p.m: Bharathanayam by Sudharmma Vaithiyathan.
Dec. 24: 5.30 p.m: Vocal concert by Jayashree Vaidyanathan, accompanied by S. Chandran and Manikudi Chandrasekaran.
Dec. 25: 7 p.m: Vocal concert by Chitraveena N. Ravikiran (Delhi), accompanied by Sun- darajan, Tiruvurar Batikha-vatalsam and Tirupanithura Radakrishnan.

NCC students conduct traffic awareness program

NCC students of Presidency College distributed pamphlets and displayed placards at Madley Road-Uman Road junction and on Duraisamy Road in T. Nagar on Dec. 17 as part of their traffic awareness program.

M. Karuna (Cadet Officer) told Mambalam Times that more than 50 NCC students participated in the program.

Residents discuss security measures

A meeting of residents and shopkeepers was conducted in Silver Park Apartments on Dec. 15 to discuss steps to strengthen security aspects. Kannan (Inspector, Law & Order, R-1 Mambalam Police Station) was the chief guest, gave tips on precautions and security measures. He in- sisted that CCTV should be installed at key points. He said that only registered security personnel who are not totally illiterate should be ap-pointed as watchmen. Entry of visitors to apartment com-plexes should be recorded. Lists of senior citizens and bachelors should be maintained.

Kannan assured residents of round-the-clock co-operation and support from the police.

He listed the phone numbers to be contacted in case of an emergency and said residents could call him any time for any assistance.

More details can be had from Karikalan (98402 16179).

Plant more trees
Chennai Runners plan special event for New Year

By Our Staff Reporter

About 130 members of Chennai Runners Ashok Nagar and Mambalam Chapter have been running between 4.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays along the roads of Ashok Nagar, K.K. Nagar and Mambalam for the past several months.

S. Ramakrishnan (runner and co-ordinator for Ashok Nagar, K.K. Nagar and Mambalam Chapter) told Mambalam Times that they started with 3 members and the figure is now nearly 400.

He said that there were theory and practical sessions by the special running coach for members on the other days in Sivan Park (P. T. Rajan Salai, K.K. Nagar).

Ramakrishna said that members enjoy “Chikku Bukku Run” by running along Lake View Road, the railway tracks and on the Rangarajapuram overbridge. The temple run from Sivan Park in K.K. Nagar covers the arterial roads of the area. Their cheering squad consists of the local beat policeman.

He said that it pays to run. There are numerous benefits of running – reduces weight, cholesterol and stress, controls blood pressure and diabetes and is a host of other reasons. At another level, running is like a spiritual guru as it teaches us to push our limits, challenge ourselves and, above all, discipline our mind. Amotelty diverse group in the neighbourhood wanted to embrace a healthy lifestyle and started running. As the news spread, more members joined up to get in shape for their first race at The Wipro Chennai Marathon 2013. Many of them were running for the first time. They were groomed by a group of experienced Chennai Runners, he added. He said that fun run became their motto. Birthdays are joyous occasions to be celebrated by cutting cakes and running a couple of more kilometres to burn the extra calories consumed. On Deepavali day, the run culminated with the bursting of crackers and distribution of sweets. As each one started enjoying the sessions they brought in their near and dear families and started running together in a celebration of togetherness.

They are currently planning to welcome the New Year in a novel way – New Year Run, covering their favourite running places. One can catch them on most Saturday mornings in the local hotels, where they gather for breakfast following their run.

Says Nandini Ashokumar, a KK Nagar resident who ran the 21.1 km Half Marathon race along with her husband Ashok and school-going kids Keshav & Prakruti – “A challenge is always sweet when you achieve it and it’s sweeter when you do it with someone precious to you. I, Ashok and kids had an absolutely fantastic experience at the Wipro Marathon.”

Those who are interested in joining the runners forum may contact Praveen in phone 98410 59783 and Nandu (95001 21762).

Hanuman Jayanthi celebrations from Dec. 28

By Our Staff Reporter

Ashok Nagar Anjeyar Baktha Sabha (53rd Street, Ashok Nagar: Ph: 2471 6010) will conduct a special program from Dec. 28 to Jan. 5 as part of Sri Hanuman Jayanthi celebrations.

There will be special abhishekam and alangaram for Lord Hanuman during the celebrations.

The following are details of the program which start daily at 6.30 p.m.:

Dec. 28: Bhajans by Sri Baktha Samaran Bhajani Mandali.
Dec. 30: Devotional songs by Mangala Vinayagar Mahila Mandal.
Dec. 31: Devotional songs by Daasagana Mandali.
Jan. 1: 7 a.m. Lakscharchana.
Jan. 2: Devotional concert by Veeramani Raju.
Jan. 4: Musical discourse by Sindhuja Chandramouli.
Jan. 5: 12 noon: Ananda Namam: 6.30 p.m; Bhajans by Ashok Nagar Anjeyar Baktha Sabha Navami Group.

Applications sought for free upanayanam

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Suprabhatha Sabha (10/6 Baroda 2nd Street, West Mambalam) will conduct Samaabhithi Upanayanam on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014 for Brahmin boys below 15 years on Jan. 20, 2014 who are from economically weak families.

Preference will be given to those ready to attend Veda parayanam classes and do temple service. Parents/relatives of eligible candidates may submit applications by January 20, 2014.

For details contact 2480 0449, 2481 4805, 94441 70860, 97899 77282.

Bhajan program by students on Saturday

By Our Staff Reporter

Brahmananda Bhajan Mandali 156, Hanumar Koll Street, West Mambalam, Ph: 99401 64565 has organized ‘Balamanda melam’ (one-day bhajan satsavam) by school students on Saturday, Dec. 28 in Sri Shobha Kalyana Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

The following are details:
8.30 a.m: GRT Mahalakshmi Vidyalaya, Ashok Nagar.
9.45 a.m: Shri B. S. Mootha Girls Senior Secondary School, West Mambalam.
11 a.m: Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Urapakkam.
12.15 p.m: Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan School, K.K. Nagar.
2 p.m: G. K. Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Ambattur.

3.15 p.m: Kunnakudy School of Music, Thiruvanmiyur.
1.40 p.m: Vidya Vani Sanggeetha Vidyalaya, West Mambalam.

6 p.m: Disciples of Dr. Ganesh Bhagavathar.

Happy New Year 2014

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Shopping for Christmas

By Our Staff Reporter

A woman making Christmas purchases in a shop on Thanikachalam Road, T. Nagar and a boy spotted selling Santa Claus masks and caps on Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar on Dec. 19.
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Is anything interesting happening in your street or locality?
Please inform Mambalam Times!

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This column is intended to help small businesses in Ashok Nagar and K.K. Nagar to have a cost-effective advertisement medium. Advertisement in this section will be in standard panel sizes of 4 cm. x 1 column (costing only Rs. 300) and 4 cm. x 2 column (costing Rs. 600).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jothi Ramalingam Street needs re-laying

Sir,-Jothi Ramalingam Street (West Mambalam) is very congested. The road is in a very bad condition and gets slushy during rains. There are a number of potholes and the road has not been re-laid for many years. I have written several times to Chennai Corporation, but to no avail. Also water has been overflowing from the hand pumps and stagnating on Pushpavathi Ammal Street near its junction with Jothi Ramalingam Street for the past couple of weeks. I appeal to the concerned authorities to take suitable action without any further delay.

– Arun Narayana Acharya, Jothi Ramalingam Street, West Mambalam; Ph: 72998 57656.

Stray dog menace

Sir,-It was about 5.30 p.m on Dec. 18. I was proceeding to Sai Baba Temple on Jai Shankar Street, West Mambalam when a stray dog pounced on me. Though I tried to ward it off it caught my hand in its mouth. I managed to escape but its teeth left a mark on my hand. To play it safe, I rushed to a doctor and had an anti-rabies shot which cost me Rs. 500.

The next day I tried to lodge a complaint with the Chennai Corporation and was asked to contact phone 2667 0593. I was told that action would be taken in 2 or 3 days. I wonder how many more persons will be bitten before action is taken.

R. Jagadeesan,
13/41, Pushpavathi Ammal Street, West Mambalam

Relaying sans milling causes problems

Sirs,-61st Street branches off from 7th Avenue which links West Mambalam and K. K. Nagar. 7th Avenue is used by buses and other vehicles. It is relaid at regular intervals but without the top layer being removed first (milling) with the result all the side roads/streets are now at a level lower than 7th Avenue. As a consequence, even when there are light showers water from 7th Avenue flows into the side streets in the absence of stormwater drains or rain water pits. Very narrow pavements on both sides are in a neglected state and have been converted into public toilets.

This year’s old problem was highlighted before Corporation authorities several times and was brought to the notice of the Mayor also when he visited the area, but there has been no response so far. While there are many other problems needing prompt action, street light posts which are in good condition are being replaced! I appeal to the Corporation to take action at least now.

S. Krishnamoorthy
Award for Tamil documentary

By Our Staff Reporter

‘Poraligal’, a Tamil documentary film produced by Puthiya Thalaimurai TV, won the ‘Media and advertising award for gender sensitivity’ initiated by Population First, Mumbai. G. Madhan (Cameraman of the film and resident of D-12, 240 LIG Flats, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) and K. Parvathi Bama (Director of the film) were honoured in a function held on Dec. 13 in Hyderabad.

The film focuses on the life of uneducated women and girls who are survivors of sexual abuse in the remote villages of Tamil Nadu.

G. Madhan can be contacted in 96770 93525.

‘Deivathamizh Isai Vizha’ from tomorrow

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