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# MPAJ introduces cashless parking

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Motorists now have the option to make payment through council's mobile app

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MOTORISTS to the Ampang Jaya municipality can now pay for their parking through a cashless payment system.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) has initiated an e-payment method that allows motorists to pay for public parking bays via their smartphones through the mobile parking app, MPAJ Parking.

The pay-by-phone parking will complement the current coupon system.

MPAJ president Abdul Hamid Abdul Hussain said users could register up to six vehicles.

"The parking rate is still 50sen per hour but the minimum transaction is RM10.

"They will be charged the hourly rate but there is no expiration date. Motorists can even purchase a monthly pass which costs RM70 via the app," he said during the launch at MPAJ's auditorium.

A surcharge of RM1 will be charged for

every transaction.

"It will be very convenient for users as they don't have to buy parking coupons from shops.

"The app can alert users that their parking period is ending and they can immediately do a 'top-up' without rushing to their vehicles.

"Each time the app is used, the information will be made available to enforcement officers on duty in the relevant area.

"The officers can check their mobile devices and verify the number plate with the parked vehicle," Abdul Hamid explained.

He added users would soon be able to pay their parking compounds through the app too.

MPAJ is the fourth council in Selangor to initiate the cashless parking payment system after Sepang, Kuala Langat and Shah Alam.

The app is available for download from Google Play Store and the Apple App Store.



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All grey water should end up in waste water treatment plants, such as the one pictured, instead of in drains which eventually leads to our rivers. - filepic

# Grey water from homes an eco hazard

Only rain water from gutters should end up in drains, say experts

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THOUSANDS of old properties in Selangor are negatively impacting the environment as their waste water is being discharged into municipal drains and polluting rivers.

This is a problem common among houses and commercial properties built before the late 1980s as their drainage pipes are not connected to the sewer.

This missing connection is something Selangor Local Government, New Village Development and Legalising of Factories Committee chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah is concerned about.

He said that thousands of old properties, with drainage pipes not connected to the sewer, discharge waste water full of chemicals and oils into municipal drains.

"All waste water must be discharged into the sewer tank," he said, adding it was difficult to estimate exactly how many old prop-

erties were involved.

Ean Yong added that the problem should be resolved, over time, when people renovate their properties.

Owners were advised to connect their drainage pipes to the sewer whenever they apply for permission to renovate their homes from the local authorities, he added.

Asked if the state plans to give a discount on renovation fees to encourage people to connect their drainage pipes to the sewer, Ean Yong said, "It might be considered".

Urban design consultant Ihsan Zainal Mokhtar said drainage pipes should not be connected to municipal drains.

"Most of the time, these old properties change hands many times and it is the present property owner's responsibility to put things right."

"But, usually it should not be too difficult," said Ihsan who is also Malaysian Institute of Planners chairman.

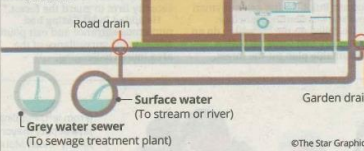
IWK Corporate Communications Department senior manager

## Waste water from homes

Properties built after the late 1980s are generally connected to separate sewer networks.

■ **Surface water:**  
 For rainwater from roofs and ground runoff

■ **Grey water:**  
 Water from toilets, shower rooms, sinks and washing machines



erties head Wan Esuriyanti Wan Ahmad said there were two drainage pipes, in all properties, for waste water to be channelled out.

"One drainage pipe is at the bottom of the rain gutter which allows untreated rainwater to flow into rivers via municipal drains.

"The other drainage pipe takes waste water from toilets, bathrooms, washing machines and kitchens to the main sewerage network," she said.

Wan Esuriyanti said it was important for all local councils' planning departments to ensure property owners had the correct pipes fitted in and out of the building.

IWK Corporate Communications Department senior manager

Shahrul Nizam Sulaiman said if the plumbing from a house or business was not connected properly, it could cause environmental damage and pollution, which was illegal under the Water Services Industry Act (WSIA) 2006 (Act 655).

WSIA requires all waste water to be channelled into the sewer and not municipal drains.

Shahrul said waste water should be piped underground via a foul drain to the local sewage treatment plant, where it is treated before being discharged into rivers.

"People renovating their homes must not connect the outlets for their washing machines and kitchen sinks to the municipal drains," he emphasised, adding they were breaking the law if they did so.



### TRAFFIC MATTERS

- The lane closure along Jalan Kuala Selangor (Sungai Buloh bound and Kepong bound) will continue until May 22, intermittently, to facilitate construction works; and along Lebuhraya Pintasan Dengkil FT29 (northbound and southbound) until May 23, from 7am to 7pm and 8pm to 6am daily.
- A slip road closure to Jalan Kuala Selangor from Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong, is taking place daily, throughout May from 10pm to 6am.
- Lane closures along Jalan Kepong, in front of Aeon Mall Kepong for Sungai Buloh and injang-bound traffic is until May 18 at 11pm to 6am, intermittently.
- There will be lane closures, in stages along Jalan Injang Permai 2 and Jalan Kepong (South-bound traffic), from May 3 to July 31 from 10pm to 6am daily.
- A lane closure is taking place along Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah, near Pos Malaysia, for both Kuala Lumpur and Kepong-bound until to July 31, 10pm to 6am intermittently.
- A lane closure, by stages, along Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah, near Kompleks Mutiara, until July 31 at 10pm to 6am intermittently, is taking place. Lane closures from Sang Suria Condominium to BHP will take place from 8pm to midnight only.

### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

● In conjunction with the World Environment Day, Yayasan Sime Darby will be hosting the Yayasan Sime Darby Environment Day 2017, at the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre on May 9 from 9am to 10pm. There will be exhibitions, workshops on how to make waxed paper straws, natural toothpaste, lip balm, soap and candles; a workshop on marine mammal stranding response that will be conducted by MarineCat Research Organisation, talks about the importance of conserving wild elephants in Peninsular Malaysia to coral reef conservation.

● Come and celebrate World Environment Day with Sunway Property at Sunway GEO Avenue on May 21, 6am to 5pm. There will be bicycle fun rides, green market to exciting workshops, activities and performances. Sign up today for RM25 and get a drawing goodie bag that includes a T-Shirt, lunch box, sport flask, pocket umbrella and a limited-edition wooden finishing medal. Free healthy breakfast and lunch. Children register for free and all proceeds will go to Malaysian Environmental Rigos.

### PUBLIC TALK

Zonta Club Of Kuala Lumpur will hold a public talk on journey to wellness on May 21 at Ruang, No 1, SS18/5, Subang Jaya. Admission is free and there are limited seats available. Speakers include board certified in ADU hormone therapy, practice of heavy metal toxicity and chelation therapy Dr Pushpa Ratnam, Certified NLP trainer and consultant Bien Lee Meng Song, board certified in ADU hormone therapy, chelation therapy and mesotherapy Dr Haridas Sreedharan. For details, call 014-387 5369 (Iasmi), 011-2099 4673 (Isabelle) or 012-375 1508 (Rani).

### PUBLIC FORUM

Sunway Medical Centre together with the Graduate School of Business UKM is co-organising a public forum on cancer, on May 13 from 1pm-5pm at Swan Convention Centre, 4th Floor, Tower A, Sunway Medical Centre in Bandar Sunway, Petaling Jaya. Themed, "We Cancer-ive" the forum aims to help understand cancer better and learn how to live with it. There will be talks by consultant clinical oncologist Dr Christina Lai, clinical psychologist, Jessie Foo, and a cooking demonstration. The forum is complimentary but registration is required. Register by May 10 at sunmedpr@sunway.com.my. For details call 012-448 4434 (Ira ), 012-934 2671 (Thama) or visit www.sunwaymedical.com



Ihsan Zainal says it should not be too difficult to connect drainage pipes in older properties to the state's sewerage system.



Wan Esuriyanti (right) and Shahrul Nizam say there are two different drainage pipes in all properties for unwanted water to be channelled out.