

PROJECT UPDATES

Joe Slovo

- » To date, 650 houses have been constructed in Phase 3A.
- » As of 25 February 2013, Law Enforcement has been permanently based on site to avoid disruption.
- » 222 houses are being constructed in Phase 3C and the expected date for completion is July 2014.
- » Phase 3C will yield 24 houses for disabled beneficiaries.

Boystown

- » To date, 503 units have been constructed.
- » The construction of the Boystown boundary wall along the N2 is ongoing.
- » Construction work in Phase 2 has stopped due to occupants of shacks not wanting to move voluntarily.
- » Consultation with occupants of Phases 2 and 3 regarding their relocation is on-going.

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Joe Slovo

- » Ukuza kutsho ngoku, izindlu ezingama650 sele zakhiwe kwiSigaba sika3A.
- » Ukusukela kumhla wama25 kweyoMdumba 2013, aMagosa okuNyanzelisa uMthetho aye abekwa kwisiza sokwakha ngokusisigxina ukuzeancedisane nokuhamba kakuhle kweprojekthi neminye imingeni.
- » Izindlu ezingama222 ziyakhiwa kwiSigaba sika3C yaye umhla olindelekileyo wokugqityezelwa kwazo iyinyanga yeKhala 2014.
- » ISigaba sika3C siza kunikezela ngama24 ezindlu zabaxhamli abakhubazekileyo.

Boystown

- » Ukuza kutsho ngoku, sekwakhiwe izindlu ezingama503.
- » Ukwakhiwa kodonga olusecaleni kweBoystown kuN2 kuyaqhubeka.
- » Umsebenzi wokwakha kwiSigaba sesibini kunqunyanyisiwe ngenxa yabahlali baMatyotyombe abangavumiyo ukusuka ngokuzithandela kule ndawo.
- » Udliwano-ndlebe nabahlali bakwiSigaba2 no 3 oluphathelele ekufudusweni luyaqhubeka.



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Community Newsletter

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WINTER SEASON CREEPS IN EARLY

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From left to right: Nosange Mnqayan, Mavis Sandlana, Noulungi Kholisa

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32-year-old Nosange Mnqayan and her family live in a shack in Zone 30, Joe Slovo. They cannot wait to be allocated a house because living in winter in a shack is gruelling.

"We've already begun to prepare for the rain by sealing all of the gaps where water can seep into our home."

"I recently applied for a housing subsidy and I'm hopeful it will be granted. The cold, rainy weather is no good for my family because everything gets wet. During winter, we use blankets and paraffin heaters to keep warm. We often use up to three litres of paraffin in one day and, in total, I spend R300 on electricity and roughly R400 on paraffin in a month."

Last year the Sandlana and Kholisa families spent winter in similar conditions to the Mnqayan family, but in December that all changed when they received the keys to their new homes in Phase 3A, Joe Slovo. This winter will be their first in their new houses.

51-year old Mavis Sandlana and her granddaughter Simange moved from Zone 31 into Phase 3A.

"My solar water heater helps me save money – I don't spend so much on electricity."

"Now that the cold weather is coming, I may have to spend more money on electricity, but I can also boil water in the kettle if the geyser is not warm enough. We do have a paraffin heater, and I am stocking up on blankets because they are a practical way to keep warm."

61-year-old Noulungi Kholisa, who is originally from Zone 30, lives with her grandchild and they share their home with a friend.

"I am so grateful to have a roof over my head before the cold weather sets in."

"Having a solar water heater is a blessing. I save a lot of money because I don't need to spend much buying electricity for my appliances. I've put the money I've saved to good use; I've painted the walls and tiled the floors. In our house we don't use a heater but instead use blankets to stay warm."

In Joe Slovo, Phases 3A, 3B and 3C, the houses will always have hot water regardless of whether it's sunny or cloudy outside because they fitted with solar water heaters on the roof. These are made up of panels that absorb sunlight and turn it into energy that heats the water.

SOLAR WATER HEATING MEANS:

- Lower electricity bills because the panels only use the sun's Ultraviolet rays and do not need an electrical connection.
- Less use of fossil fuels, like coal, to generate electricity and reduced carbon emissions from paraffin stoves and open fires.



BY LAW BOX: ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The City's Electricity Supply By Law covers a range of related issues from the provision of electricity services to improper use, tariffs and fees.

Section 26 talks about tampering with service connections or supply mains. It says that:

- No-one must tamper with, interfere with, vandalise or paste any advertising material on a meter or onto any metering equipment.
- No-one must illegally connect to the electrical wiring of another consumer.

Where there is evidence of any of the above, the Service Provider (the City or Eskom) can disconnect the consumer's electricity supply and hold them liable for any related fees.

The Service Provider has the right to recover the full cost from any consumer who is found guilty of tampering with a meter so that it

records a lower consumption reading.

Section 27 prohibits anyone from doing anything that could remove damage or destroy the supply mains (unless permitted by the Service Provider). It also says that no-one is allowed to make any unauthorised connection to any part of the supply mains or divert electricity from it.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergencies:

When a life or property is threatened:

021 480 7700 (cell phone)
OR 107 from a (landline)

Fire Department (General information):

021 590 1900

The Housing Development Agency Helpdesk:

021 481 2900

City of Cape Town matters:

0860 103 089

Eskom Customer Care:

0860 037 566

Western Cape (WC) Government (general enquiries):

0860 142 142

WC Social Development Hotline:

0800 22 0250

Department of Social Development Disability Programme:

021 483 4015

Master of the High Court (for deceased estates):

021 410 8300

Childline:

0800 55 555 or 021 762 8198

Stop Woman Abuse Hotline:

0800 150 150

Rental Housing Tribunal

0860 106 166

Waiting list database

021 444 0333



The N2 Gateway Project started in 2005 and Phase one is nearing completion. It is a project of the National Department of Human Settlements, with the Housing Development Agency (HDA) appointed as implementing agent by the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements. Phase One will deliver about 15 000 houses. The project provides houses for residents of the informal settlements and backyarders along the N2. Current projects include the following: Joe Slovo • Delft Symphony • Delft 7-9 • Boystown • Temporary Relocation Areas (TRAs)



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR WINTER:

By now we've all noticed that the weather is cooling down and there are fewer hours of daylight and more of darkness: winter is on its way.

Thembela Vange, her husband and three children moved from Zone 32, Joe Slovo to Phase 3A two years ago, and are gearing up for a second winter in their home.

"This year we plan to use blankets and paraffin heaters to keep warm in winter."

Here are some practical tips to keep you, your household and your home warm this winter:

- Wear a beanie in the house. This will prevent your body from losing heat.
- Keep moving to stay warm. Clean out your cupboards or tidy the house to stay active.
- Fill a sock halfway with rice, dried corn or dried beans, knot it and heat it in the microwave for a minute for a handy way to keep your hands, feet or bed warm.
- Sleep between two blankets or a blanket and duvet instead of underneath both.
- Keep the curtains open during the day to allow sunlight in and draw them at sunset to trap the warmth inside.
- Put down a carpet to stop heat from escaping through the floor. It also makes the surface warmer to walk on.



- Use a rolled up towel or mat to prevent draught coming in under doors.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR WARD COUNCILLOR: MR. KHAYALETHU MAKELANI



In Cape Town there are about 110 ward councillors who act as community representatives and ensure that the City is aware of residents' needs and concerns in order to address them.

Khayaletu Makeleni was elected as the Delft 106 Ward Councillor in 2011. His duties include monitoring projects, conducting inspections in the area and attending meetings with the City.

"I listen to the ideas and concerns of the people in my ward. I take my role of representing them very seriously."

"I enjoy working with people; even before I

started in this position I was active in the community and often spoke on their behalf. We are the same and we must help one another."

Makeleni says he attended the handover of the 105 units in Delft Symphony on 18 February.

"It made me happy to see people's dreams of owning a home come true. I think there's still uncertainty when it comes to understanding the benefits of building with Alternative Building Technology and I believe that there needs to be more education for prospective and new homeowners."

REMEMBER TO VOTE; IT'S YOUR RIGHT!

07 May – voting day - is around the corner.

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) says that this year a record 29 parties will contest the national election – the highest number in the history of our democracy.

The IEC has an election timetable that shows all of the dates and deadlines for various election-related activities. It also outlines legal requirements that voters, political parties and the IEC must adhere to leading up to Election Day.

"I want to encourage everyone, especially the young people, to prepare themselves and to participate in the upcoming elections," says Delft Ward Councillor Khayaletu Makeleni. "They must motivate one another to cast their vote. This right was fought for by many South Africans and we must honour not only them but ourselves and our country by voting."

Remember, who you vote for is **your choice**. But, in order to vote you must be registered and you can only do so at the voting station at which you originally registered. If you will be outside of your voting district on 7 May you can make special arrangements to be able to cast your ballot at a different venue.

To check your registration status, ward number or to find your nearest voting station:

- SMS your ID number to 32810 (charged at R1.00 per SMS); or
- Call 0800 11 8000 between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday (It is toll-free from a landline; standard rates apply from a mobile phone).



BOYSTOWN BOUNDARY WALL CONSTRUCTION ON TRACK

Construction of the boundary wall along the N2 highway at Boystown is well underway along Phase 1.

Work on the section of the wall along the Triangle site will start mid-April. Recent heavy rainfall delayed work, but the HDA says if all goes according to plan, stretches of the wall at Phase 1 and the Triangle site will be completed by August 2014.

The wall is being built to reduce the impact of noise on the community from the N2 highway and the Cape Town International Airport.

Building of the wall is being delayed at Phase 2 and 3 due to the occupants of informal settlements there being unwilling to move voluntarily to another site identified by the Provincial Department of Human Settlements (PDHS). Once the site has been cleared of all structures and interferences, construction of the boundary wall along Phase 2 and 3 will begin.



KEEPING THE KIDS SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

While the first break of the school year has just passed, there are no less than five public holidays coming up in the next few weeks. That means having to keep the whole family entertained.

Whether you will enjoy the time off at home, or plan to be out and about, it is advisable to be cautious and to encourage your family, the children especially, to practice basic safety measures:

- Ensure that your child knows their name and surname, mom or dad's name and surname, and your cell phone number.
- Make it a rule that when you are out, you must always be able to see your children and they must always be able to see you.
- Teach your children that if they become separated from you they must look for a "safe stranger" such as a security or police officer.
- Encourage them to never talk to strangers; not even if the person claims to know mom and dad or that something bad has happened.
- Tell them never to accept anything from a stranger no matter what it is.
- If they are approached or grabbed by a stranger they must kick and scream loudly that it is not their mom or dad.



WHAT TO DO WHEN THERE IS LOAD SHEDDING:

In March the country was affected by rolling blackouts during a "power emergency" that Eskom said was the result of wet coal stocks due to heavy rainfall.

With winter on our doorsteps supply will likely be tight and we can expect more appeals from Eskom to use electricity sparingly and to save as much as we can.

What can be done around the house to save electricity?

- Switch off and unplug any appliances that are not being used.
- Turn off the lights in rooms that are not occupied.
- Only fill the kettle with as much water as is needed.

