

PROJECT UPDATES

Joe Slovo

- 738 houses have been handed over at Phase 3A. 146 are currently under construction; 69 at Phase 3A3 and 77 at Phase 3A4
- 318 Temporary Relocation Units have been made available in Delft TRA6 to accommodate approved beneficiaries from Phase 3A and 3C

Boystown

- 1046 houses will be built at Boystown; 407 at Phase 2, 482 at Phase 3 and 157 at the Triangle Site
- Beneficiaries are being verified for Phase 2
- The verification process for New Rest has restarted

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Joe Slovo

- Izindlu ezingama738 sezinikezelwe ebantwini bazo kwiSigaba sika3A. Ezili146 zisephantsi kokwakhiwa kungoku nje; Zezingama69 kwiSigaba sika3A3 nezingama77 kwiSigaba sika3A4
- Izindlu ezingama318 zeThutyana sezilindele ukusetyenziswa kwingingqi yaseDelft yezindlu zeThutyana (Delft TRA6) ukulungiselela abaxhamli-zinkonzo abavela kwiSigaba sika3A no3C

Boystown

- Izindlu ezingama1046 ziza kwakhiwa eBoystown; Ezingama407 kwiSigaba sika2, Ezingama482 kwiSigaba sika3 kunye nezili157 kwiSiza sikaNxantathu
- Kuyaqinisekiswa ngabaXhamli-zinkonzo ukulungiselela iSigaba sesi2
- Inkqubo yokuqinisekisa ukulungiselela iNew Rest seyiqalisiwe



BY-LAW BOX: Public Parks

Public parks and the play equipment, plants, trees and water features in them are there for residents and visitors in different communities to enjoy. But these open spaces are often vandalised, spoiling the fun for everyone. Let's have a look at the do's and don'ts when it comes to waste; and how to behave in public parks.

Under the City's Public Parks by-law:

- Littering and dumping are not allowed and waste must be thrown into containers that are meant for rubbish

- No-one can plant, remove, climb, mark or paint any tree in a public park unless they have the permission of the Director of City Parks
- Nobody is allowed to misuse, remove, pollute or contaminate any water source, water supply or waste water. The flow of a river must not be interfered with and water can't be drained or redirected from private land

Keeping our public places clean is important because it's good for the environment and ensures that everyone has a pleasant place to relax and play.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergencies:

When a life or property is threatened:

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

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



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N2 GATEWAY

Community Newsletter

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HOLIDAY WISHES

2014 has been a year filled with challenges and successes. As it draws to a close, and we look to 2015, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of everyone in the Human Settlements Department and The Housing Development Agency (HDA) in our efforts to build houses and communities where families can grow and prosper.

During the past year, thousands of beneficiaries became proud homeowners. I appeal to them, and to approved beneficiaries who will take ownership of houses in the new year, to look after their homes. By doing so, as the houses increase in value they will provide your family with a valuable asset.

To those who are awaiting houses, it is our commitment to you that we will continue to work with you until you and your household have a roof over your heads.

On behalf of the Department of Human Settlements, I wish you a safe holiday season, and all of the best for 2015!

Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Human Settlements



Lindiwe Sisulu

NEARLY COMPLETE: BOYSTOWN BOUNDARY WALL



Nolwandle Wolana, Dudu Mehlomakhulu and Gcobeni Bnagiso

More than half of the 1017 meter long wall being built parallel to Phase 1 and the Triangle Site at Boystown is complete. The aim of the wall is to reduce the noise on the residential area from the N2 highway. In addition to this it also provides protection from the busy highway – the threat of cars to children.

Nolwandle Wolana who moved into Boystown in 2012 with her sons Athandali (5) and Nansi (2) says this is good news. "Before construction started I had to keep a close eye on my children and other kids in the neighbourhood because they had easy access to the highway. I fear to

think what could've happen if they were left unsupervised. The wall sets my mind at ease."

Dudu Mehlomakhulu says she and so many other residents were fed up with the noise from the highway: "I'm so happy now because my sleep is no longer interrupted. The noise is not completely blocked out but it sounds further away, so it's a definite improvement."

Much like Dudu, Gcobeni Bnagiso is happy that the wall is nearly complete. "The noise was unbearable. We can also be sure that our children are safer because they aren't able to just run onto the freeway anymore."

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)

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY FOR NEW DELFT RESIDENTS



Ncediwe Goniwe

A number of families are looking forward to spending their first Christmas in their very own houses. Recently, 86 double-storey units - built using Alternative Building Technologies (ABT) - were handed over at Delft Precinct 3 & 5.

"Life is so different now and I could not be happier in my new house," says 46-year-old Ncediwe Goniwe.

For seven years she lived with her two children in Tsunami.

"I appreciate the fact that I have one less thing to worry about; my children have a better environment to grow up in."

Ncediwe is employed as a domestic worker in Green Point two days a week. Since moving into her house she says she doesn't mind travelling anymore.

"At the end of the day I come home to a safe and comfortable environment. I am looking forward to entertaining my family and friends at my house during the holidays."

Sylvia Motsetse (50) and her daughter Bongiswa (19) recently moved from TRA 6. Sylvia is employed as a domestic worker in Hout Bay and Bongiswa is a first year student at Northlink College.

"Our house is a blessing! What more can I say; my first home is a double-storey and my daughter has a room of her own.



Sylvia Motsetse and her daughter, Bongiswa.

These are things I only dreamed of, and never thought would be a reality. I've already had vinyl flooring fitted in the lounge and I am hoping to install burglar bars in the new year."

"My new surroundings allow me to study in peace and quiet; most of all my mom and I are both comfortable," says Bongiswa.

HAPPY ABOUT CHRISTMAS IN THEIR NEW HOMES

For Fikisa Bozini and her nine-year-old daughter this Christmas will also be their first in their new house in Joe Slovo, Phase 3C. At the age of five, Fikisa was diagnosed with polio.



"Since then I've had to use crutches to walk. Over the years my condition worsened and I now wear leg braces. My disability makes movement difficult; because of this I struggle to work and am currently unemployed."

She is however very excited about her new house that has been built to make moving around much easier.

"For 15 years I lived in Zone 30 with my three brothers, and my daughter. Here in my own home everything is just convenient; from the way the sink is positioned to the railings in the bath and the one alongside the toilet."

Fikisa says she is looking forward to entertaining her daughter, their friends and family during the holidays.

"If you have a disability you shouldn't give up living. The loss of a limb or the inability to use it does not make you any less of a person. There are many things you can do and your dreams certainly can come true."



FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

The risk and rapid spread of fires increases dramatically during the summer months. Residents are urged to be cautious when using paraffin, candles and open fires.

The City of Cape Town's Fire and Rescue Service has the following advice:

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children
- Cut candles in half to prevent them falling over – and use a candle holder. Extinguish candles before going to sleep
- Do not smoke in bed
- Keep a close eye on paraffin stoves. Ensure they are on a sturdy, on a level surface and don't position them or cook on them near furniture or curtains
- Keep a bucket of sand to put out paraffin fires

If your house is connected to electricity:

- Do not keep more than four plugs on one extension
- Replace faulty plugs
- At night or when going out, switch all electrical appliances off at the wall
- When cooking (on any sort of stove – gas, electric or paraffin) do not leave the pot on the stove unless you are watching it

Report fires to the City of Cape Town's Public Emergency Communication Centre. Dial 107 from a landline or 021 480 7700 from a cell phone.



EMPOWERING THE YOUTH



On 01 and 02 December the department of Human Settlements led a national youth summit in Gauteng.

Together with Minister Lindiwe Sisulu, private and public stakeholders signed a Youth in Housing accord. It will empower young people – through education and training - and mobilise them to support government strategies over the next five years.

A national youth brigade was also announced, it will enable youngsters to have access to opportunities in the housing sector. About 100 youth participated in the building of houses at the launch event.

CANSA: HOW TO BE SUNSMART THIS SUMMER

ALL SKIN TYPES SHOULD:



Avoid direct sunlight between 10am & 3pm. Stay in the shade or under an umbrella as much as possible



Wear protective clothing; wide brimmed hats & UV protective clothes/swimsuits



Wear sunglasses with a UV protection rating of UV400



Always apply sunscreen regularly (SPF of 20 - 50) according to skin type



Avoid sunbeds & sunlamps



Spot the spot - check your skin carefully every month (follow A, B, C, D, E Rules*)

Whether you have fair skin and light eyes or dark skin and dark eyes, the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) says everyone must cover up during the summer months.

Painful sunburn and the risk of skin cancer – which is one of the most common types of cancer in South African - are not the only dangers of the hot summer weather. High temperatures and spending hours outdoors can also cause sun or heat stroke.

Children and the elderly are particularly at risk and symptoms include dizziness, fainting, hot dry skin and a rapid pulse. If you suspect someone has sun or heat stroke, quickly get them into a cold bath or shower to try to decrease their body temperature and then to a doctor or clinic.

For more information or if you have any questions call CANSA toll-free at 0800 22 66 22.



NELSON ROLIHLEHLA MANDELA (1918 – 2013)



05 December 2014 marked the first anniversary of the passing of our beloved Nelson Mandela. As a nation we have all learnt so much from Madiba. Let us continue to show the spirit of 'Ubuntu' so that his legacy will live on.