

PROJECT UPDATES

Joe Slovo

- To date, 941 completed houses were handed over.
- 63 units at Phase 3A(4) are currently under construction with completion and occupation by February 2015.
- 318 Temporary Relocation Units are available to accommodate approved beneficiaries for Phase 3A and 3C while construction takes place.
- The project is 36% complete.

Boystown

- To date, 503 units have been constructed.
- More than half of the 1017 metre long Boystown boundary wall has been built (53% complete). The section alongside phase 1 and the Triangle site is complete.
- 407 approved beneficiaries are being verified by the HDA for development at Phase 2.
- The project is 36% complete.

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IJoe Slovo

- Ukuza kutsho namhla, zingama738 ezindlu ezanikezelwayo kwiSigaba sika3A; kwaye zingama69 ngaphezulu kwiSigaba sika3A3. Ama73 ezindlu ezikwiSigaba sika3A4 kungoku nje ziphantsi kokwakhiwa yaye zilindeleke ukuba zigqitywe kuze kungenwe kuzo kuFebruwari 2015.
- Izindlu ezingama222 ezagqitywayo zanikezelwa kuBaxhamli-zinkonzo abafanelekileyo kwiSigaba sika3C
- Izindlu ezingama318 zokuhlala okweThutyana zikhona ukuze kuhlaliswe aBaxhamli-zinkonzo abafanelekileyo kwiSigaba sika3A nesika3C logama ukwakhiwa kusenzeka kule mimmandla.

IBoystown

- Ukuza kutsho namhla, zingama503 izindlu ezigqityiweyo ukwakhiwa.
- Ngaphezulu kwesiqingatha esili1017 leemitha ubude (1017 meter-long) somda wodonga laseBoystown sele sakhliwe. Isigqendu esimi ecaleni kweSigaba soku1 nakuNxantathu weSiza ligqityiwe.
- Ama407 aBaxhamli-zinkonzo abafanelekileyo bayaqinisekiswa yiArhente yoPhuhliso lweziNdlu ngenjongo zokuphuhlisa kwiSigaba sika2.



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A HOME OF HER OWN



MEC, Bonginkosi Madikizela handing the keys to 83-year-old Aletta Losper for her new home.

For years, 83-year-old Aletta Losper shared a bedroom with her five children. All of this changed when she received the keys to her new house on 12 December from Western Cape Human Settlements MEC, Bonginkosi Madikizela.

Aletta's house has two bedrooms, a bathroom, living area and kitchen. Like other houses in Precinct 3&5 it's built with Alternative Building Technology (ABT) materials - that keep it cool in summer and warm in winter which means less electricity is used.

"I never had my own privacy before," said Aletta who has been on the waiting list since 1996.

"This is the best Christmas gift I could have hoped for."

"Receiving a house is more than just a roof over your head; it's about restoring dignity to those who have had difficult lives and suffered in the past," said MEC Madikizela.

Aletta will receive a title deed to her new house that ensures that she is recognised as its rightful owner.

"As the holder of the title deed she will enjoy all the rights and benefits of being a homeowner, and the house will become an asset for her and her family for generations to come. With the house she can create wealth and leverage it to get finance and to open other doors for herself or her family." said MEC Madikizela.

GET TO KNOW: THAKANE KHAUOE



Thakane joined the HDA in January 2014 as Project Manager. Her role entails the provision of reports and regular updates on the projects she manages. Her responsibilities also include monitoring tasks within a specified budget and attending project meetings. Previously, Thakane worked for the City of Cape Town in the Roads and Stormwater department.

"I love the energy in the office. This position also allows me to interact with beneficiaries directly; giving me the opportunity to learn new things about my role everyday."

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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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)



HONOURING JOE SLOVO

A mural of the late anti-apartheid activist, Joe Slovo, was painted over two days in Langa at Joe Slovo Phase 3C in November 2014.

The informal settlement was named after Slovo who was announced as Minister of Housing after the 1994 elections. He remained in this position until he passed away in January 1995.

TAKING PRECAUTION AGAINST DIARRHOEA

In the warmer months, there is generally an increase in cases of diarrhoea – especially in children younger than five years old.

An adult or child who has diarrhoea may become dehydrated. Symptoms of dehydration include:

- Difficulty urinating
- A dry mouth, tongue and lips
- Sunken eyes
- Weakness, irritability and lethargy

Keep an eye on anyone who displays these symptoms, and take them to the nearest doctor, clinic or hospital for treatment.

There are habits that can be practised to lessen the possibility of contracting diarrhoea:

- Wash hands before preparing food
- Clean kitchen tables, counters and cutlery before preparing or eating food
- Baby-feeding utensils – including bottles and teats – must be correctly sterilised before formula or food is prepared



NEW HOMES FOR THE NEW YEAR

“When I heard that I will be moving into my new house I went to church to testify that God has answered my prayers,” says 40-year-old Dikeledi Msimango of Delft Precinct 3&5.



Dikeledi and her family (left to right) Tamara, Tsenolo, Lilikhanya, Dikeledi and Tia Msimango.

She moved into her new double-storey house on 19 December, days after the Temporary Relocation Unit (TRU) she and her four children lived in burnt down.

Dikeledi and her kids had lived there for two years.

“I had no idea what we were going to do but I knew I had to have faith.”

“I never want to leave here. My whole life I have been moving from place to place and I finally have a house to call my own.”



Annie Louw and her sons (from left to right) Andrew and Shavon.

Former backyarder Annie Louw also took ownership of her new double-storey ABT unit in Delft Precinct 3&5 on 19 December.

She says living on her sister’s property with her four children for years was certainly not easy, and she is happy to finally not have to depend on others for a stable home environment.

Annie’s 19-year-old son Andrew aspires to be a chef and will be studying this year. He says having their own space is so much more comfortable than before.

“It’s nice to see my mother this happy, and to have started the New Year in our own place.”

2015 SCHOOL YEAR: ALL SYSTEMS GO

The 2015 school year has just begun. For 14-year-old twins from Delft Precinct 3&5, Tia and Tamara Msimango, their first day could not have gone any better.

“At first we were nervous and didn’t like it, but then we met another set of twins who welcomed us and this helped us to relax,” say Tia and Tamara.



According to the Western Cape Education Department (WCED), more than one million learners started or returned to school across the province on 21 January 2015.

Tia and Tamara attend a skills development school in Khayelitsha and say they are looking forward to learning, and gaining more life skills, over the next year.

WCED spokesperson Jessica Shelver had some advice for parents who will enrol their children for the 2016 academic year:

“There are normally two deadlines for school enrolment one during the second term and another during the third for anyone whose application was unsuccessful during the first round. This approach has not been effective and the department may relook this process for the 2016 school year. Any changes will be communicated to the public.”

Parents must:

- Submit applications to more than one school well before 30 June 2015. This will give schools and the department more time to place the child and to plan for the new school year. It will also avoid the anxiety that is experienced when a child’s place is not confirmed
- Include the following with the application:
 - The child’s identity document or an official abridged birth certificate
 - Their immunisation certificate
 - Their latest school report and an original school transfer letter (if they are changing schools)
 - A study permit if the learner has foreign nationality

It is important for parents to know that school fees can only be charged after a learner has been informed, in writing, that they have been accepted. Any parent who is asked to pay a pre-admission fee or deposit must immediately report this to their nearest district office.

For more information contact the WCED Call Centre on 0861 923 322.

HELP STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING

The City is calling on the public to help put a stop to illegal dumping. Illegal dumping leads to blocked sewer systems and toilets, and poses a threat to public health.

It is important that everyone knows how to dispose of waste correctly and what the consequences are if we don’t.

The City’s Illegal Dumping Campaign highlights illegal dumping in open spaces and the improper disposal of waste into the sewerage system. Under the initiative, green litter bins will be placed near toilets in informal settlements and public toilets so that residents can get rid of waste in the right way.

Illegal dumping must immediately be reported to the City. Residents who witness this are urged to photograph and/or record the details of any vehicle that is used (i.e. the registration number). Residents can visit their local sub-council office for a list of waste drop-off sites. To report illegal dumping or blocked sewers contact the City’s Call Centre on 0860 103 089.



BY-LAW BOX: INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Integrated Waste Management By-law regulates and controls the management of waste within the City of Cape Town.

Regardless of whether it can be re-used, recycled or recovered, waste is any substance that:

- Is unwanted, discarded or disposed
- Must be treated or disposed of, or
- Is identified by the national Minister as such (according to the National Environmental Management: Waste Act)

Under the by-law, dumping of waste or failure to take proper precaution when disposing of harmful or hazardous waste is a criminal offence and is punishable.