

PROJECT UPDATES

Joe Slovo

- 1018 houses have been handed over to beneficiaries
- 26 units are complete and ready for handover
- 252 more houses are currently being built at Phase 3A and 3C

Delft Precincts 3 & 5

- 1372 of 1426 houses have already been handed over to beneficiaries
- 153 families have moved from Phase 2 to clear space where 200 houses will be built starting from March 2016
- 172 families from different parts of Boystown have moved to Delft 3 & 5

Delft Infill sites

- 39 families have relocated to houses at the Delft In-fill sites

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Joe Slovo

- Ukuzakutsho ngoku izindlu eziyi-1018 sele zinikezelwe
- Ezinye eziyi-26 sele zikulungele ukunikezelwa
- Ulwaxhiwo lwezindlu eziyi-252 luyaqhuba e-Phase 3A kunye nase 3C

IDelft Precincts 3 & 5

- Izindlu eziyi-1426 sele zigqityiwe yaye eziyi-1372 zazo sele zinikezelwe kubaninizo
- Amakhaya ayi-153 asusiwe e-Phase 2 ukuze kulungiselwe ulwaxhiwo
- Umhlaba onokwanela izindlu eziyi-200 uhloliwe, wabiyelwa waza walungiselelwa ulwaxhiwo
- Ulwaxhiwo lwezindlu luzakuqala ngoMatshi 2016
- Amakhaya ayi-172 asuka kwiingingqi ezahlukeneyo zase Boys Town asiwe eDelft 3 & 5

IDelft In-fill sites

- Amakhaya ayi-39 asiwe eDelft In-fill sites



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N2 GATEWAY

Community Newsletter

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LIFE IN A TRA

When land is cleared of informal dwellings in order for houses to be built, the occupants are moved to secure communities in Delft called Temporary Relocation Areas or 'TRAs'.

The houses in a TRA are built from special insulated materials and have serviced toilets, running water and electricity. They are also located close to Spaza shops, schools and transport. The TRA areas are fenced-in and patrolled by security guards to ensure the safety of residents.

New houses are currently being built at Joe Slovo. HDA Project Manager, Bruce Malagas, says "Residents whose shacks were built on land which was identified for housing have been moved to TRA 6 in Delft. They are also approved beneficiaries and have been prioritised to receive these new homes that we are currently building."

Malagas adds that if a house in Delft Precincts 3 & 5 becomes available before the completion of the houses being built in Joe Slovo, then the approved beneficiary who was moved from Joe Slovo to TRA 6 has the option to accept it.

Nonzame Mtatsi lives in TRA 6. She is an approved beneficiary who is currently on the housing list and waiting to move into a house in Delft Precincts 3 & 5.

"I am glad I chose to move from kwaLanga to TRA 6 because the houses here have running water and electricity."

During the relocation process, the HDA provides the residents with free transport to move their furniture from their shack to the TRA.

Nonzame adds that it would have cost her more than R400 to move it all herself.

Sinazo Cirha's applied for a subsidy but has yet to hear if it's been approved. She agrees with Nonzame.



Sinazo Cirha

"The living conditions are different compared to where I stayed in kwaLanga. The TRAs are clean and safe."

For more information about TRAs contact the HDA on 021 481 2900.



GET TO KNOW: SIPHILELE MNDZEBELE

Siphilele joined the HDA as a Town Planner in October 2015.

Previously she worked as a Town Planning Consultant in the private sector and as a Town Planner in Mpumalanga. At the HDA her role is to ensure that suitable land is identified for the development of proper housing.

"What I do gives me the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives."



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Siphilele Mindzebele



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



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)

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Nonzame Mtatsi

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS

For many, the December holidays are a time to relax after a long year and it's a time best spent with family and friends.

We caught up with a few residents of the N2 Gateway communities to find out what they'll be up to:



Henry Goliath from Delft Precincts 3 & 5

"This year has been a good one for me. I moved from a shack to a proper house, and so for the holidays I will be spending some quiet time by myself and enjoying my new home."



Thandiswa Gigana from Delft Precincts 3 & 5

"I plan to travel to the Eastern Cape these holidays to spend some time with my youngest son in the villages. My eldest son and grandson will take care of our home here in the city."



Nokuzola Ndika from Joe Slovo

"I will be in church on Sundays, and I also plan to spend time with my children."

HOLIDAY SAVING

The December/January holidays can be an expensive time. For many it's the cost of keeping the family entertained, as well as uniforms and stationery for the new school year.

We visited with a few beneficiaries to find out how they prepare for this tough financial time.

Vuyokazi Mtyhalela lives in Delft Precincts 3 & 5.

"My husband and I prepare a festive season budget. We make sure that we prioritise school uniforms, and can pay school fees in advance. We also try to spend less money on entertainment so that we can save a bit more over the festive season."



Nosandisile Mnyanda

Nosandisile Mnyanda from Joe Slovo says, "We are a family of six. In the past, at the start of every New Year, we used to run low on food. This year we plan to do things differently. I have decided that to save money I will buy a food stamp booklet. I will use it to buy food and stationery for my children in January."

Chairperson of the South African Savings Institute, Prem Govender has some savings tips for the holiday season:

- Think savings and try to not buy unnecessary items even if they are on sale
- Draw up a monthly budget and stick to it
- Try to always pay with cash and not on credit
- If you are in debt contact the National Credit Regulator on 0860 627 627



Vuyokazi Mtyhalela and daughter Hlela

A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE MEC

We are only left with a few days before the end of the year. It is that time when we reflect on what we have achieved as the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements and as individuals. 2015 was another successful year for our department, thanks to those staff members that have made sure we achieve the goals that we set for ourselves.

I am happy to announce that housing delivery targets were exceeded for the 2014 / 2015 financial year according to the Human Settlements Annual Report tabled in the Western Cape Provincial Legislature. In addition, the Department obtained a clean audit and utilised its entire Human Settlements Development Grant (HSDG) of R 1 934 936 000 directly on delivering housing opportunities.

While we celebrate our achievements, we should not be complacent and keep in mind those people who are still living under appalling conditions and cannot help themselves to improve their situation. I urge you all to continue putting your efforts behind our three very important strategic goals which are:

1. Shifting more resources to upgrading of informal settlements program (UISP) in order to provide basic services to all our citizens.
2. Strengthening our partnership with the private sector in order to increase affordable houses for people earning above the free-subsidy threshold.
3. Paying more attention to the allocation of free subsidised state housing in order to prioritise the most deserving individuals, namely those over 40s, disabled and child-headed households.

Lastly, allow me to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Have a well-deserved rest; Christmas is a special time to spend with all your loved ones. Enjoy it responsibly and come back in one piece.

Bonginkosi Madikizela
Minister of Human Settlements
Western Cape Government

DAY OF RECONCILIATION – 16 DECEMBER

Reconciliation Day was first celebrated in 1995.

It's a commemoration of the Battle of Blood River that took place in 1838 and of the formation of Umkhonto we Sizwe in 1961. This year, on the Day of Reconciliation, South Africans are reminded to encourage a culture of tolerance, peace and unity.

SAFETY FIRST

Locals and visitors to Cape Town must be cautious when visiting our beaches and public swimming pools during the festive season.

The City of Cape Town has the following safety tips:

- Parents and older children must keep an eye on younger children at the beach and poolside
- No alcohol is allowed at beaches or at public swimming pools
- Only swim when lifeguards are on duty and where they have indicated it is safe to do so
- Keep an eye out for the shark spotters' flag at certain beaches
- If you do get into trouble in the water raise your arms above your head and wave to attract the lifeguards' attention
- Always obey the lifeguards and pay attention to the rules sign-posted at the beaches and public pools



BY-LAW BOX: FIREWORKS

Many people celebrate the New Year with fireworks. Under the City of Cape Town's Community Fire Safety By-law, there are a number of rules that must be obeyed when fireworks are used.

Only individuals or traders with valid permits are allowed to sell 'fire crackers'. They cannot be let off indoors or in public spaces without a permit and permission from the municipality. It is dangerous and a very bad idea to light or discharge fireworks while under the influence of alcohol. And, it's also important to remember that animals fear fireworks.

CONSUMER EDUCATION: What to do if a subsidy applicant dies?

When a housing subsidy applicant dies, it is the responsibility of their dependents to immediately let the HDA know.

HDA Subsidy Manager, Lindilizwi Mngxekeza, says the application will not automatically be transferred to the deceased's family or dependents. He says once the HDA is informed, the housing subsidy application will be cancelled. Mngxekeza added that the City of Cape Town's Human Settlements Department will

assist the dependents with other housing options such as exploring the Emergency Housing policy.

"It is fraud to relocate or attempt to relocate into an approved subsidy house using a deceased applicant's name without informing the HDA. This is a criminal and punishable offence."

If a housing subsidy application was jointly submitted by married applicants and one of

them passes away, Mngxekeza says the surviving spouse must also inform the HDA. He said they will need to continue the process and will become the new homeowner after they have signed the deed of sale.

For more information or to report a deceased applicant contact Lindilizwi Mngxekeza on 021 481 2900 or visit the HDA at 129 Bree Street, Cape Town.