

PROJECT UPDATES

Joe Slovo

- President Jacob Zuma officially launched the Joe Slovo Phase 3 project on 15 October 2015 and handed over four houses to approved beneficiaries
- To date 1018 houses have been completed, and 1017 have been handed over, to beneficiaries at phases 3A and 3C
- 132 units that are being built at Phase 3C are expected to be completed in March 2016
- 11 single storey units have been handed over at Phase 3C

Winnie Mandela and Blue Gum Extension

- Construction at the Winnie Mandela and Blue Gum extension is complete and the road is now open to traffic

UHLAZIYO LWEEPROJEKTHI

E-Joe Slovo

- Umongameli u-Jacob Zuma usivule ngokusesikweni isigaba seprojekthi yase-Joe Slovo Phase 3 project ngomhla we-15 Okthobha 2015 waphinda wanikezela ngezindlu ezine kubaninizo abavunyiweyo
- Ukuzakutsho ngoku zizindlu eziyi -1018 esele zigqityiwe yaye eziyi-1017 zazo sele zinikezelwe kubaninizo e-3A kunye nase 3C
- Iyuniti eziyi-132 zisephantsi kolwakhiwo e-3C, zibekelwe ukugqitywa ngo-Matshi 2016
- Iyuniti ezinezinga elinye eziyi-11 selezinekezelwe e-Phase 3C

Winnie Mandela ne-Blue Gum Extension

- Ulwakhiwo kwingigqi ephakathi kwe-Winnie Mandela kunye ne-Blue Gum extension sele lugqityiwe yaye indela ivulelekile kuluntu



BY-LAW BOX: GRAFFITI

Some people may feel strongly that graffiti is art; but the City of Cape Town says it's not allowed unless you have a permit.

Under the City's Graffiti By-Law 2010 no-one is allowed to apply graffiti – such as writing, scratching and engraving signs, symbols, pictures or designs – to property, natural or man-made surfaces such as trees, walls or buildings or in any public place.

Anyone who is caught and found to have broken this by-law can face a fine or jail time.

If you want to display a mural or any kind of graffiti on any surface you must apply for a permit and have the necessary supporting documents (such as letters of approval from the property owner and all other interested or affected parties).

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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BOYSTOWN RESIDENTS MOVE TO DELFT 3 - 5

Friday, 6 November 2015, marked new beginnings for 15 families who were moved out of their shacks in Cheap Cheap in Boystown Phase 1 to their new houses in Delft 3 - 5.

It was an early start for all when teams, sent by the HDA, arrived at their homes to help them pack up their belongings and transport them to Delft 3 - 5. The HDA also provided teams to break down the shacks, at no cost to the families.

We accompanied two of the families as they made their journeys from their old homes to their new.



Xoliswa Ngqongwa prepares for the move to Delft Park.

Xoliswa Ngqongwa, a single mother of three, watched as her possessions were loaded onto the removal truck.

"I have stayed in this area for over 20 years. It is overcrowded and if we wanted water we had to fetch it from a communal tap. I always feared for my children's health and safety. Now, in my new house, I have my own taps and running water."

Ntozakhe Sithole is unemployed and was also among the families that were moved to Delft 3 - 5.



Ntozakhe Sithole's belongings are moved from his shack.

"Today is a new start for me, and for my nephew who is in Grade 11. I have never owned a house before; all my life I have stayed in shacks. Today I am the owner of a new house."



A happy new homeowner.



Ntozakhe Sithole with the keys to his new home.

"All I still need to do, is to go and register my nephew at his new school for next year."

BE FIRE-WISE THIS SUMMER

Residents of the N2 Gateway communities are urged to do all they can to prevent fires in the home.

In some cases, negligent behaviour or irresponsible use of matches, cigarettes and even faulty electrical appliances have been found to be the cause of residential fires.

HDA Project Manager, Bruce Malagas, says two houses in Joe Slovo were left badly damaged after recent fires which were caused by overloaded electricity supply boxes.

“If there is something wrong with the electrical supply box never try to fix it yourself. Rather get hold of the City’s electricity department or a qualified electrician. It’s also important to never overload plug-points.”



One of the homes in Joe Slovo that was recently damaged when a fire broke out there.

City Fire and Rescue spokesperson, Theo Layne, has the following tips to ensure that your household is fire-wise:

- Use electricity safely: Never overload electrical plug-points. Do not plug more than four electrical appliances into one extension lead
- If an appliance is faulty do not continue to use it
- Switch off all electrical appliances at the plug at night or when leaving your home
- Never try to install electrical connections yourself; rather get a professional to do so



A number of the households’ belongings were damaged or destroyed.

General fire safety tips:

- Consider buying a small fire extinguisher to keep in your home
- If you use a gas or paraffin stove, keep an eye on it while cooking and be sure to open a window or door to make sure the room is well-ventilated
- Keep fire-lighters and other flammable items well out of the reach of children
- If you cook on a gas or an electric stove, never leave pots unattended

If a fire does start in your home, call the City’s Fire and Rescue on 021 590 1900.

For all other emergencies dial 107 from a landline or 021 480 7700 from a cell phone.

ILLEGALLY OCCUPYING LAND IS A CRIME



The HDA reminds residents of the N2 Gateway communities that it is illegal to occupy land that has been allocated for the development of housing.

When illegal occupation happens, it slows down the whole service delivery process. It takes time and money to dismantle and relocate shacks that have been built; which in turn delays construction and ultimately the handover of houses to the rightful beneficiaries.

Incidents like this have been identified in the Joe Slovo area. It is important to remember that no one is allowed to sell or take ownership of land without officially notifying the City of Cape Town’s Informal Settlements Unit. Anyone who does so will be fined and can face up to two years in jail.

To report the illegal sale or occupation of land you can contact the HDA on 021 481 2900.

STAND UP AND REPORT ABUSE!

25 November until 10 December marks the 16 days of activism for no violence against women and children.

This year victims are encouraged to stand up and report abuse to their nearest South African Police Services (SAPS).

It is up to the victim to decide if they want to report what has happened. But Sarah Strydom of the Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust says doing so is the most effective tool both victims and communities can use to fight the abuse of women and children.

“Reporting what has happened can increase the trauma a victim has already experienced; even more so when they are not treated with respect. We have found that many victims don’t want to report because they fear retaliation from their offender - especially when it is gang related. They don’t want other people to know about what happened or they feel afraid that they will be blamed for it.”



Gender based abuse includes:

- Physical violence such as murder, robbery, rape and assault, emotional violence and trauma

How can you help victims of abuse?

- Support those who choose to speak out
- Encourage anyone that you know has been abused to report it to the police
- Discourage abusive behaviour
- Teach the children in your household what abuse is, and that it includes bullying

Strydom adds that anyone one can contact them to find out more about abuse and/or how to report it.

Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust can be contacted at: 021 447 9762.

UPDATE: BOYSTOWN BOUNDARY WALL



Construction of the boundary wall at Boystown is well underway with the section that runs along Phase 2 due to be completed by July 2016.

The wall is expected to lessen impact of the noise that comes from the nearby Cape Town International Airport and the N2 highway on the communities. It’ll also make it more difficult for pedestrians to take short-cuts across the freeway and reduce the number of related accidents.

Building began on 1 October 2014 and so far work along Phase 1 and the Triangle Site has been completed. Informal structures at Phase 2 have been relocated in order for another 150 metres of wall to be built. By the time it’s complete, the wall will be approximately 1017 metres long.

WORLD AIDS DAY – 1 DECEMBER



Every year, World Aids Day is commemorated on 1 December.

Many people use the day to raise awareness about HIV, to remember those who have passed away from the virus and to show solidarity with those who live with it.

Wear a red ribbon to show your support.

