

Project Updates

Boystown:

- » Occupants of informal structures at Phase 2 have not yet voluntarily relocated and as a result construction there is still at a standstill
- » Law enforcement officers from the City of Cape Town continue to patrol Boystown in case of any incidents
- » Building of the boundary wall between the community and the N2 highway is expected to start in September

Joe Slovo:

- » Construction of the electrical substation at Phase 3C is 75% complete
- » Law enforcement officials have been based permanently in Joe Slovo since February this year to deal with any challenges that may arise and hamper construction
- » The construction of 222 houses at Joe Slovo is underway and is being monitored daily

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IBoystown:

- » Abantu abahlala kwiindawo ezingamiselekanga kwiSigaba sesi-2 abakazifudukeli ngokuthanda kwabo nangenxa yeso sizathu ukwakha kusame ngxi
- » AmaGosa angabaGunyazisi boMthetho avela kwiSixeko saseKapa ayaqhubeka wona ngokugada iBoystown ukulungiselela iimeko zezihlo ezingalindelekanga
- » Ukwakhiwa kodonga olwenza umda nelahlula indawo yokuhlala noHohla weNdllela uN2 lulindeleke ukuba luqaliswe ngoSeptemba

IJoe Slovo:

- » Ukwakhiwa kwesikhululo esincinane sombane kwiSigaba sesi-3C sesikumashumi asixhenxe anantlanu (75%) ukuba sigqitywe
- » AmaGosa angabaGunyazisi boMthetho babekwa isigxina apha eJoe Slovo ukusukela kuFebruwari walo nyaka ukuze aqoshelise nayiphina imiceli-mngeni eyakuthi ivele neyakuthi ithintele ukuqhubeka kokwakhiwa
- » Ukwakhiwa kwezindlu ezingama- 222 eJoe Slovo kusendleleni yaye kuya kuqwalaselwa yonke imihla



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Heritage Month: culture and tradition in the spotlight

September is Heritage Month; a time for South Africans to celebrate our customs and diversity of beliefs and traditions.

Often it is easy to forget and to not appreciate the many cultures in the melting pot that is our Rainbow Nation. In the next few paragraphs we are going to introduce you to three women from Joe Slovo who believe that custom and tradition have a place and will always have an important role to play in society – even in the urbanised city we live in.

64-year-old Nomatile Dunga lives in Joe Slovo S2727 and is a descendant of the Xhosa clan, Nyawula.



Nomatile Dunga

“My culture has taught to always remain respectful and I believe in carrying on the traditions of my ancestors as they have been passed down to me.”

I honour and practice the tradition of Intonjane.

“As a young girl I was sent to stay in a separate house away from my family and on my own for 20 days as part of my initiation to womanhood. During this time, I slept on grass that I would burn and replace with fresh grass before going to bed that night. A goat would be slaughtered to honour me becoming a woman.”

On Heritage Day this year, Nomatile said she will spend the day at home cooking traditional meals such as samp and beans and Umifino (green vegetables and pap) for her family.

Siphokazi Mganu is 60-years-old and lives in Joe Slovo, Phase 3.

“To me Heritage Day is important because it reminds and encourages us - especially the youth and those

who have forgotten – about the importance of respecting cultural and traditional values.”



Siphokazi Mganu

“I am a descendant of the Mambhele clan and I still practise the tradition of Imbeleko.”

On Heritage Day, Siphokazi said she will hold a ceremony with traditional food and dancing for the community outside her home.

“The legacy I would like to leave behind for my children and grandchildren is that they must always remember the manner in which I raised them and to respect our culture and traditions.”

74-year-old Nomalanga Ntukuthezi has lived in Phase 3 for almost a year now and, like Nomatile and Siphokazi, she agreed that culture is very important.



Nomalanga Ntukuthezi

“I firmly believe that the traditional ceremonies I’ve been through have made me the person I am today.”

So what will you be doing on 24 September? We have a few suggestions in our article Heritage Day on page 2.

Get to know your C.L.O.

Emihle Masekwana joined the HDA as a Community Liaison Officer in November 2011.

It is her job to make sure that the agency and the beneficiaries and communities in Delft Precincts 3 and 5, are always able to communicate with each other. Emihle regularly meets with residents to discuss and help them with any concerns or needs they may have. She also does her best to make sure that the correct process is followed when homes are handed over to beneficiaries and that this process goes smoothly. Emihle is also involved in conducting surveys, the issuing of title deeds, writing reports and facilitating consumer education with beneficiaries before they receive the keys to their new homes.

“What I love most about my job is being able to communicate with people from different cultures and backgrounds. At the end of the day we are working to achieve a common goal. This brings me joy.”

Residents of Delft Precincts 3 and 5 who need assistance can contact Emihle on 021 481 2900.



Emihle Masekwana,
Community Liaison Officer,
Delft Precinct 3 and 5

Useful contact numbers:

Emergencies:

Fires:	107 from a landline OR 021 480 7700 from a cell phone
When a life or property is threatened:	112 from a 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



Heritage Day

“When our first democratically-elected government decided to make Heritage Day one of our national days, we did so because we knew that our rich and varied cultural heritage has a profound power to help build our new nation.” – *Nelson Mandela*

The word heritage can be explained as anything that is inherited at birth or handed down by tradition.

On 24 September, South Africans commemorate Heritage Day and celebrate the diverse cultures of our nation.

Not sure of what to do this Heritage Day?

Here are a few ideas:

- » Share a story that was told to you by your parents or an elder in your community with your children, family or friends
- » Teach someone how to prepare a traditional meal and enjoy it with them
- » Talk to someone or read a book to find out more about another culture
- » Learn to say “hello”, “how are you” and “farewell” in any of our eleven official languages that you do not speak

Graffiti By-Law: Think twice before leaving your mark

Under this by-law no-one may apply graffiti – including words, signs, symbols, pictures, murals or designs - to any property and natural or man-made surfaces – like a wall or a building - in any street or public place anywhere in the city unless they have a permit to do so.



Anyone who breaks this by-law and is convicted could face a fine of at least R15 000 and/or jail time; and possibly be made to pay for the graffiti to be removed.



An example of a special needs house in Boystown. It is fitted with a rail along the wall and has a concrete ramp to make movement from the street to the front door easy for a wheelchair user.

Construction of special needs housing at Joe Slovo begins

The construction of the first houses for special needs recipients at Phase 3C, Joe Slovo is underway. The majority of houses built in this project are double-storey; but the HDA says that 24 homes will be single-storey to accommodate the specific needs of the beneficiary families who will live in them.

Homes for special needs recipients are different from other houses on the N2 Gateway Project. They are designed so that a member of that household with impaired mobility has

easy access. These houses have concrete ramps to allow a wheelchair to move easily from the road to the front door. Other disability-friendly features include special rails fitted at the bath and toilet, and window-openers, light switches and taps that are fitted lower down on the wall than usual so that someone seated in a wheelchair can reach them easily.

These houses are expected to be available from April 2014. The HDA says beneficiaries of these homes are already being prepared to become homeowners before their big moving day.

Arbour Week

South Africa first commemorated Arbour Day in 1983 and our first Arbour Week in 1999. Since then South Africans have celebrated the beauty and importance of trees every year between 1 and 7 September.

HOW DO TREES BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT?

Beautify communities and make residents proud of where they live



Provide healthy, shaded places to play and relax

How you can save a pretty penny through regular home maintenance

Regular maintenance can save any homeowner a few rand in the long run. We've pretty much reached the end of the wet, windy Cape Town winter and you may find your house has a leak here or a loose roof tile there; or you may be considering giving the walls a coat of paint to brighten them up for the summer months.

START OUTSIDE:

The roof:

- » Check the roof regularly for damaged, missing or loose tiles; not fixing or replacing them could lead to leaks or water damage in your home.

Windows:

- » Broken or cracked window panes are easy and cheap to replace. Do this as soon as possible because it could pose a safety hazard, especially if there are children in the house.

Painting:

- » Paint does not only make a house look good but it also protects metal from rust and wood from being damaged by the

wind and weather. Check window frames, gates and doors to look for bubbled, peeling or cracked paint and repaint the item if necessary.

Gutters:

- » If your home has gutters, be sure to keep them free of leaves and dirt that may have collected in them during the winter months.
- » Inspect gutters for leaks and make sure that the wind has not loosened them from the wall.

MOVE INSIDE:

Ceilings:

- » Cracks and damp spots are problems that affect ceilings in many homes. Pay attention to water marks because damp in the ceiling could cause it to sag or even collapse.

Lights and power points:

- » Check that the light bulbs you use are the correct wattage and do not overload power points by plugging in too many appliances because doing so could trip the mains.

