

PROJECT UPDATES

Joe Slovo

- At Phase 3A 3 the contractor has begun to build the 60 top structures
- At Phase 3D, the Pylon site, the installation of services for 210 sites continues
- Occupants of four structures at Phase 3C still refuse to relocate which has delayed the construction of 88 houses there
- In order to clear 3A and 3C for construction, 269 temporary units have been made available for approved beneficiaries at Delft TRA6
- The same has been done for non-qualifiers but at TRA 5
- To date 11 single-storey houses - of 24 planned at Phase 3C – have been handed over

Boystown

- Land rehabilitation at phases 1 and 2 is complete while Phase 3 is yet to begin
- While services at Phase 1 have been installed; they are 85% to completion at Phase 2 and installation has not yet begun at Phase 3
- At Phase 2, 258 foundations; 249 wall plates; and 202 roofs have been completed while 157 houses have reached practical completion and 82 have been handed over to approved beneficiaries
- The construction of phase 2 of the Boystown boundary wall is 90% to completion
- A total of 585 houses have been handed over to beneficiaries to date

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Joe Slovo

- KwiSigaba sika3A 3 ikhontraktha seyiqalisile ukwakha imiphezulu yezindlu engama-60
- KwiSigaba sika3D, isiza esinoPhondo lwentsimbi (the Pylon site), ukufakelwa kweenkonzo zeziza ezingama210 kuyaqhubeka
- Abahlali bezindlu ezine ezikwiSigaba sika3C basala ukufuduka into leyo elibazise ukwakhiwa kwezindlu ezingama88 phaya
- Ukuze kugecwe iSigaba sika3A no3C ukulungiselela ukwakhiwa kwezindlu, izindlu zethutyana ezingama269 zenziwe zakhona ukulungiselela abaxhamli-zinkonzo abavunyiweyo eDelft TRA6 (kwizindlu zethutyana)
- Okufanayo sele kwenzelwe abo bangekavunywa abaxhamli kodwa abaseTRA 5 (kwizindlu zethutyana)
- Ukuza kuthi ga ngoku zili11 izindlu ezizisinge stori (single-storey houses) - kwezingama 24 ebeziphantsi kwesicwangciso kwiSigaba sika 3C – sele zinikezelwe kubantu bazo

Boystown

- Ukuvuselelwa komhlaba ukuze ulungele ukwakha kwiSigaba soku1nesesi2 kugqityiwe ngeli xesha iSigaba sesi3 siseza kuqalisa
- Ngeli xesha iinkonzo kwiSigaba soku1 sezifakelwe; zingama85 eepesenti (85%) ezikufutshane ukuba zigqitywe kwiSigaba sesi-2 kwaye ukufakelwa kwezinto ezinje ngeenkonzo zemibane akukaqaliswa kwiSigaba sika3
- KwiSigaba sesi-2, iziseko zokwakhiwa ezingama258; iipleyiti zodonga ezingama249; kunye namaphahla angama202 zigqityiwe ngeli lixa izindlu ezili157 sezifikile kwibakala lokugqitywa yaye ezingama 82 sezinikezelwe kubaxhamli-zinkonzo abavunyiweyo
- Ukwakhiwa kweSigaba sesi2 sodonga olwenzela umda lwaseBoystown luziipesenti ezingama90 (90%) phambi kokuba lugqitywe
- Zizonke izindlu ezisele zinikezelwe kubaxhamli ukuza kuthi ga ngoku zingama585



N2 GATEWAY

Community Newsletter

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WATER CRISIS!

With our dam levels currently at around 30%, Cape Town is in the middle of a water crisis. The City of Cape Town says that even though households are saving water, it's just not enough.

On Friday 3 March, a local disaster was declared. This means that if it becomes necessary, the City can take emergency measures to try to resolve the situation.

In the past few weeks, the City has tracked water use and identified the 20,000 highest users who need to drastically reduce the amount of water they consume.

It says very high water use has been identified in areas that include Athlone, Newlands, Newfields, Manenberg, Constantia, Lansdowne, Somerset West and Kraaifontein.

On 1 February, the City also introduced Level 3B water restrictions. These further limit how potable water – which is water that is safe for drinking – can be used for purposes that are non-essential.

If you have any questions about water restrictions, or if you would like to report an individual or business that does not adhere to the restrictions you can:

- Contact the City's call centre on 0860 103 089; or
- Send a SMS to 31373

Look out for water saving tips on page 4 of this newsletter.

SAVING EVERY DROP!

We visited some N2 Gateway households in Delft to find out how residents play their part to save water:



Patricia Dyra: "To save water, do the washing once a week."



Soliswa Rayi: "We always use a plug to stop water from just flowing down the bath or basin drain."



Xolani Mathabatha: "Close the tap while you brush your teeth and put some water in a cup or glass to rinse your mouth."



Sithembiso Ndiki: "We keep an eye out for leaking taps or pipes. It is important to report or fix leaks as soon as you see them."

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)

To find out more about the HDA, or for more information about any article in this newsletter, contact the HDA on **021 481 2900** or visit the office at **129 Bree Street, Cape Town**.

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



HAPPY IN THEIR NEW HOMES

More than 130 households were relocated to Boystown and to Delft Precinct 3A in December last year.



Nombali Khweza.

“On the day we moved into our new home, a gentleman came around to show us how everything worked; and to make sure everything worked properly. He also explained to us how and who to report problems to; and what we as the homeowners would have to take care of ourselves.”



Nosolomzi Nyakatya.

Nosolomzi Nyakatya also took ownership of a new house in Boystown in December. Much like Nombali, she and her family also lived in a shack in the area.

“We lived there since 1997. Every time it rained, the shack flooded.”

She says the process to apply for a housing subsidy was easy although they did struggle a bit with some paperwork.

“We were patient; eventually things worked out. Since we moved in, we most enjoy having electricity, and having a toilet inside the house.”

Nombali Khweza was among the group of new homeowners who received keys to their houses in Boystown.

“Up until December, my family and I lived in a shack in Boystown for four years. When it rained, the water would leak into our home. Windy days were also bad because it was as if the wind would blow right through it.”

Nombali, who shares her home with her husband and four kids, says she applied for a subsidy in 2010.



Ntombizodwa Nyakatya.

Several families were also relocated to Delft Precinct 7 from a number of source areas. Among them was Sithembiso Ndiki.

“Before I received the keys to my house, I lived in a shack in a backyard in Langa. I applied for a subsidy in 1993, and waited 23 years to have a house of my own!”

“Living in a house is one hundred times better than living in a shack! At the age of 52 I am finally a homeowner and am enjoying every minute of it! What’s even better is that I have three children who will now own a house when I pass on.”

Ntombendinga Ntleki says she lived in a shack in Joe Slovo for eight years before she took ownership of her house in Delft Precinct 7.



Ntombendinga Ntleki.

Ntombizodwa Nyakatya says living in her new house in Boystown is definitely much more comfortable than living in a shack had been.

“My husband, my children, my siblings and I lived in a shack in Boystown since 1999. We are pleased to have taps and running water; that we can still easily reach transport to travel to and from where we need to be; and mostly that this house belongs to us.”



Sithembiso Ndiki.

“For my husband, our kids and I there are so many benefits living in this house. Before, when it rained our shack would flood and the water would damage the furniture. We also never had a toilet inside. My only issue is that we are quite far from public transport and this means it’s dangerous to commute in the early morning and late at night.”

MAKING PROGRESS

The election at Intersite, to appoint members for the Joe Slovo Phase 3 Project Steering Committee (PSC), has been postponed.



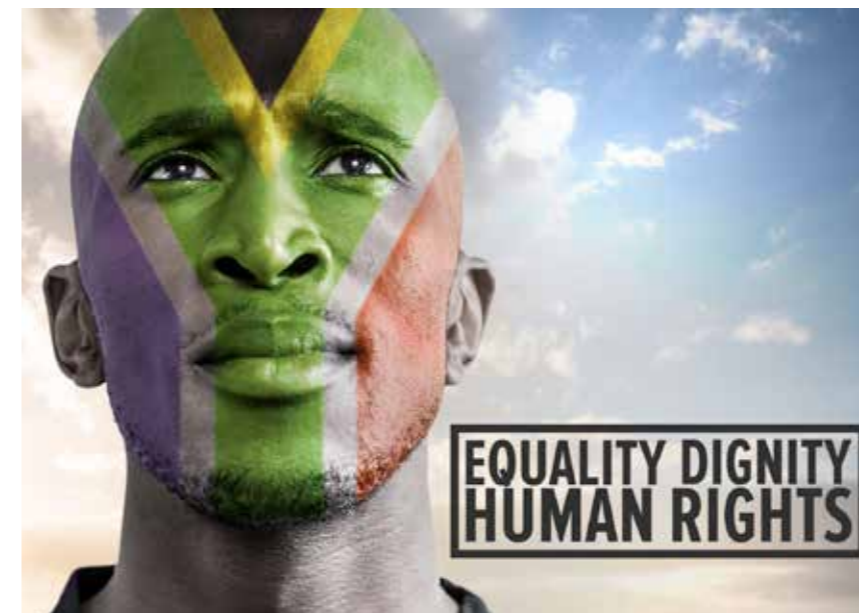
On 21 January, nine members from the informal settlement were elected to the committee. Of them, six are qualifiers and three are non-qualifiers. Ultimately, the committee will be made up of 12 representatives. A date to elect the remaining three at Intersite has not yet been decided.

HDA Project Manager, Bruce Malagas says the Project Steering Committee represents the interests of qualifiers and non-qualifiers, who have not yet benefitted, in Joe Slovo Phase 3.

“In October last year, the previous committee was dissolved. At that time, residents who attended public meetings with the provincial department of Human Settlements, indicated that they felt that the committee did not represent their interests. They said that this was because those members had already moved into subsidised houses.”

Malagas adds that when the new PSC is elected its members will sign the Social Compact that is similar to a set of rules that explains the committee’s various roles and responsibilities.

CELEBRATE HUMAN RIGHTS



On 21 March 2017, South Africa marks 57 years since the Sharpeville Massacre. On this day, 69 people were killed and around 180 others were injured when police shot at a crowd that had gathered to protest against pass laws, and laws that forced black people to

carry a “Dompas” (pass book) and present it to the police when requested.

Today, South Africans are protected by the Constitution. This allows us to move freely without a pass book and entitles us to basic human dignity.

EVERY DROP COUNTS

The City of Cape Town has a number of tips that every household can follow to do its bit to save water.

The following advice is taken from www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater:

Water the garden:

You can only water the garden before 9am and after 6pm on a Tuesday or a Saturday. If you do, you may only use a bucket or watering can and be sure not to water for longer than one hour.

Collect water in the house:

Use buckets to collect water that’s been used in the bath, basin or sink. You can use this to water the garden or plants or even to wash the car!

On laundry day:

Make sure the washing machine is fully loaded on laundry day. Some washing machines let you re-use the rinse water; if yours can use this rinse water for the next wash cycle.

Daily routines:

Do not let the water run but keep the tap closed while you brush your teeth. Keep a cup of water aside to rinse your mouth, and your toothbrush.

Fix leaks immediately:

If you spot a leaky tap around the house – fix it! A tap that drips for a long period of time does waste a lot of water.

Defrosting food:

If you have frozen food, instead of putting it in a bowl of water rather place it in the fridge to defrost.

If you have any water-related or water-saving enquiries you can call the City’s Call Centre on 0860 103 089 or you can SMS 31 373 for more information.

