



## Project Updates

### Boys Town:

- » The contract for the construction of the N2 boundary wall has been finalised
- » Floodlights that were erected were taken down by the group opposing development

### Joe Slovo:

- » 588 units with solar geysers completed have been handed over to approved beneficiaries
- » Construction at Phase 3A and 3C has started
- » Building of an electrical substation has begun in Phase 3C

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### IBoys Town:

- » Ukutyikitywa kwekhontrakthi yokwakha udonga olwenza umda ngakuhola wendlela u N2 sekugqityiwe
- » Izikhanyisi ezinamandla ezazimisiwe zawiselwa phantsi ngokusarhwa liqela elichasene nophuhliso

### IJoe Slovo

- » Izindlu ezingama-588 ezigqityiweyo zafakelwa iigiza ezisebenza ngelanga (solar geysers) ziye zanikezelwa kwabo baxhamli-zinkonzo bavunyiweyo
- » ULwaxhiwo lweSigaba u- 3A no-3C seluqalisile
- » ULwaxhiwo lwesikhululwana sombane seluqalisile kwiSigaba sika- 3C



# N2 GATEWAY

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## Mixed feelings about Delft houses built with new materials

**Residents of TRA5 and Langa backyarders who are on the housing waiting list for homes in Delft have mixed feelings about moving into houses that are built using Alternative Building Technologies.**

Instead of brick walls the houses have weather and fireproof panels made from Chromadeck sheeting that is filled with polystyrene. This means that residents will save money because they will use less electricity to keep homes warm in winter and cool in summer.

These homes may not be what residents expect but are as good a quality as a home built with bricks.

We interviewed a resident who moved into TRA5 in 2011 after being on the waiting list for four years.

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Bongani Mbele, Community Liaison Officer, Joe Slovo Park

## Get to know your C.L.O.

Bongani Mbele has been the Community Liaison Officer for the Joe Slovo project since June 2012. Before starting in this position, he was involved with the Property Management of Joe Slovo Park for the HDA.

Bongani has many duties that he carries out every day, like helping with relocations and arranging committee and community meetings. His biggest duty is helping Joe Slovo residents understand the process of applying for and taking ownership of a house from start to finish.

**“Members of the community often walk up to me in the street or in the shops with questions and I am happy to help them.”**

Joe Slovo residents who need assistance can contact Bongani at 021 481 2900.

## Useful contact numbers:

### Emergencies:

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



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A TRA 5 resident and a Langa backyarder.

“When I moved from Langa I heard that my new house would not be built with bricks. I wasn’t happy to hear this because bricks are solid and make the foundation of a house stronger.”

Even though she now understands the benefits of her new home and even went to look at the area where they are building she would still prefer a brick home.

Meanwhile we also spoke to a Langa backyarder who pays to live in a bungalow with her son and daughter. She’s been on the waiting list for 20 years.

“It’s difficult to live here because we don’t have electricity. My children are at university and they have to study by candlelight and I cook on a paraffin stove. We don’t have running water or toilets and have to ask neighbours or go to the taxi rank.”

She has also gone to look at the ABT houses and says she will be happy to move into one.

“Having a house with electricity will be a blessing; we don’t mind, we just need a place to stay.”



## Boys Town’s delay runs into its seventh month

**It’s been another month in which no building has been able to take place in Boys Town.**

Construction stopped in January when the residents of informal structures on the site refused to leave Phase 2. Some say they do not want to go to a Temporary Relocation Area but to move straight into houses, while others did not apply for a home and will not benefit from the project.

Last month, the area was fenced off and floodlights were erected so that building could continue, but the group that is against development took down the light-poles.

The occupants who refuse to move are facing eviction because the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements is preparing to apply for an urgent order to relocate them involuntarily. Meanwhile, approved beneficiaries of houses in the project continue to wait for their homes.

## Waste Management By-law: Part 15: Littering and dumping

**Did you know that as a ratepayer you foot the bill when the City has to clean up litter or illegally dumped waste?**

Under the City's Waste Management By-law it is illegal to dump or get rid of litter or waste – from a household or building rubble - into or onto any public place including municipal drains, empty properties, open land, streets, roads, wetlands and the coastline.

**Definition:** Litter is any waste produced in public areas that is not thrown away in public bins.

Throwing any kind of waste – even an apple core or match stick - on the pavement or in the street is littering; and it is illegal. If there is no bin nearby, keep your waste until you spot one because litterbugs will be fined at least R500.



## Clean communities are proud communities

**Keeping our streets and homes clean is not only about making sure that these areas look good; it's about community pride and having spaces that everyone can enjoy.**

It is the City's job to see that there are bins in all public areas and that every household has a 240 litre "wheelie bin" for waste which they ensure is emptied weekly.

- » Never put stones, rocks, oil, metal or liquids in the bin
- » Do not overfill the bin; the lid must close completely
- » Wash and disinfect your bin regularly
- » The City will replace a stolen bin for free but only if you have reported it to the police and have a case number
- » The bin belongs to the City and cannot not be sold

Litter in the street or around the home can attract pests like ants, rats, flies and cockroaches but apart from keeping your rubbish in a closed and clean bin, there are a few natural mixtures that you can use to control these pests:



**Ants:** Sprinkle paprika or dried peppermint leaves where ants enter your home

**Cockroaches:** Mix borax (which you can buy at most supermarkets), flour and sugar and sprinkle it in cupboards and around your home where you've spotted the insects



## On the inside of home safety:

**Every day, families around the country use paraffin for cooking, lighting and heating. It is a very handy fuel but can be very dangerous if not handled carefully. Paraffin looks like water; it is see-through and is poisonous.**

- » Store paraffin in a bottle that has a childproof cap and is clearly marked
- » Never keep it in a used milk or juice bottle because a child could accidentally drink it
- » Store the bottle on a high shelf or locked cupboard so that it is out of the reach for children
- » Keep a bucket of sand nearby in case you need to put out a paraffin fire as using water will only spread the flames
- » If you spill paraffin, immediately take off any clothing it has spilt on and wash your skin with soap and water because paraffin can burn the skin even if it is not lit

Household cleaning products – like washing powder, disinfectants, dishwashing liquid and bleach - can also be dangerous if swallowed, or if they get into your eyes. They must be stored out of the reach of children and in clearly marked containers.

Here are some ideas for natural cleaners you can use around your home that can help you save money and are good for the environment:

- » Air freshener: Pour some vinegar on a saucer and leave it in the room to get rid of bad smells
- » Bath cleaner: Wipe the bath with vinegar; then with bicarbonate of soda before rinsing it
- » Drain cleaner: Pour half a cup of unmixed bicarbonate of soda followed by half a cup of white vinegar down the drain
- » Toilet cleaner: Pour a mix of baking soda and vinegar to the inside of the toilet bowl; leave it for a while before you, scrub and flush

## Make safety and security a priority

**In today's society, we all have a responsibility to stay safe and to help safeguard the communities we live in.**

There are many ways in which our daily routines can be changed slightly to help us achieve this goal. Share the tips below to help your family and friends avoid becoming a victim of crime.

### At home:

- » Always keep doors and gates locked
- » Never leave valuables like jewellery, cell phones or keys on display for anyone who may look in through a window
- » Listen when your own or a neighbour's dogs bark; especially late at night or early in the morning
- » Everyone, including children, must know the 10111 and 107 emergency numbers and when to use them



### Out and about:

- » If you spot anyone behaving suspiciously call the police immediately
- » Never walk around alone after dark; if you have no other option try to walk with a group
- » If someone tries to attack or rob you, scream as loudly as you can to attract attention
- » If you are attacked or robbed report the incident to the police immediately

Teach your children to use 10111 and 107 emergency numbers

