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Yeovue News could not have achieved the success it has without the efforts of its distribution team, above, from left, Tshepo Lebone, Thembi Makapela, Joseph Setloboko and Sindi Mabaso.

Delivery is happening in Yeoville Bellevue!

There have been delivery protests in different parts of the country for years. But here, delivery has been happening consistently since November 2008 - delivery of Yeovue News, that is.

The people responsible are Joseph Setloboko, Sindi Mabaso, Tshepo Lebone and Thembi Makapela, young residents of Yeoville Bellevue, who have helped to make Yeovue News a household name.

Every Thursday, early in the morning - summer, autumn, winter and spring - they go out and deliver Yeovue News to the people of Yeoville Bellevue. Every house, every flat has received free copies of the paper every week. Small piles have also been left in shops and government offices for people to collect in passing.

What's more, they don't just deliver it. They promote it, discussing it with people, answering questions, getting ideas from the community on how to improve the paper. They take note of problems people experience in the neighbourhood and report these problems to the councillor, the SAPS or to the City Council.

In other words, they are ambassadors for the paper. They argue with security guards

who will not let them leave the paper in blocks of flats. They complain to people who take the paper and throw it on the ground without reading it. They give advice to people on all sorts of issues.

There have been other delivery successes too. Two of our distributors, Sindi Mabaso and Joseph Setloboko, are a very happy couple - they took delivery of a beautiful baby this year. Sindi distributed Yeovue News up until just before she gave birth.

There have been other changes, too. Three of the distributors were also doing voluntary work at the Hillbrow Clinic. Thembi Makapela now has a full-time post, a very important step for her as she supports her sisters and is a single parent with a small child. Yeovue News wishes her well in her new career and thanks her for her contribution to the paper.

Joseph too has a full-time job, He works in administration for the Pension Funds Adjudicator, so he can no longer distribute the paper. But he still plays a management role, ensuring that it goes out every week. To him, too, a great thank you for the work he did in establishing Yeovue News, as distributor and as manager.



No 1 supporter of Yeovue News

In South Africa, people have strong loyalties. Whether they back Chiefs or Pirates in the world of soccer, or the ANC or IFP in politics, South Africans are usually clear about who they support.

George Lebone, Yeoville Stakeholders Forum chair, has been clear about his support for Yeovue News from day one.

It is thanks to George that the paper is so widely known. While the four door-to-door distributors have always made sure that every house and every flat receives a copy, and while the editor ensures that the paper is emailed to over 300 people per week, 'Uncle' George makes sure that it is always available at meetings in the Yeoville Bellevue area and, most importantly, outside of Yeoville Bellevue.

Before such meetings, he will sit somewhere, taking back copies of the paper and putting them together into a sort of book of papers which he then takes with him to hand out to whoever is at the gathering he is attending.

The editor has therefore received calls asking about the paper and if something similar could be started in other areas.

It is important to the YSF that the paper succeeds, because the idea for came from the YSF. But George goes beyond simply protecting the vision of the YSF. His passion is heart-felt and personal and it is thanks to him (and to the distributors - see story on left) that the paper is so popular.

Happy birthday, dear Yeovue News, happy birthday to you

Great job. It encourages everyone who pays attention to what's going on in our area. Keep it up. *Clement Muteb*

Well done. I will contribute to the paper once I get a steady cash flow from my Rockey St property. *George Zachariou*

Keep up the good work. I'll spread the word to those with jangling pockets. *Dianne Regisford-Guèye*

Keep it rolling, bro. *Jeremy Burnham*

Lesley and I have made a financial contribution to the anniversary issue. *Adrian Puren*

Yeovue News should carry on because it gives local info in a non-party political, but progressive way; because we are committed to making this a great place to live, play and work, and a publication helps with networking; because there are many local issues to address (safe play places for kids and youth, domestic violence, child abuse, policing and crime, energy efficiency and sustainable development, unemployment, xenophobia; because many of us have been banging on doors which have been firmly closed for a long time even though we have shared your commitment to this area - now there appears to be a shift in spirit, in political will and a new determination to sort long standing issues. Carry on the good work! *Monique and David*

Good luck. *Toine Eggenhuizen*

This letter is to appreciate the good work done by Yeovue News. It is very informative and serves the excellent work of educating the public. Let me also encourage all members of the public to inform others to also read Yeovue News. To all of us who have a copy of Yeovue News, after reading it, please do **not** throw it away. Give it to another person to read. An informed community makes a good community. Keep up the good work. You have my support. *Pastor Humphrey Mogashoa*

Yeoville Baptist Tabernacle (YBT) congratulates you for successfully completing a year. You inform and educate the community well on matters that each community member needs to know. The church wishes you many years of success and appeals to the community to support you. The good part is: Yeovue News is part of official Sunday News of our church. *Prof Rev Humphrey Mogashoa (YBT Pastor)*

I have made a donation. Are you able to tell how many people read the paper? *Busi Lumphondwana*
Congratulations! It is particularly valuable because it provides useful information to the community. *Alex Amerio, ILO*

Well done for getting this launched and sending it out every week. Keep it up. *Muff Andersson*

The work you are doing is an example to other communities. *Andrea Lamyoh*

Thanks for the newsletter. I find it very helpful to know

what is going on - and a lot is going on!! Thanks for all the hard work over the last year. You have achieved a tremendous amount and I see many improvements.

Meryl Federl

A tribute to the team of Yeovue News, who work so very hard, so creatively and with such passion, to keep the residents of Yeovue connected and informed. We encourage everyone, who may have a few pennies to share, to support this special project. Yeovue News makes it possible for us to say - we are proud residents of Yeoville Bellevue! *Nicky and Jennifer Rebelo*

I have made a small donation towards your costs. I hope that you get many more positive responses!

Keep up the good work! *Margaret Fish*

I always read it. I think it's valuable. *Fanie de Villiers*

Nous souhaitons bon anniversaire a yeovue news et plein de succes dans les jours a venir. *Bienvenu Ingila*

Yeovue News has, for the past year, enabled people to air their views. Business, put money where your mouths are, help Yeovue News continue to enlighten and promote frank progressive engagement among residents. *Mathodi Mathole*

It has brought light and hope to the community. It has become the voice of the voiceless. We say *halala* to Yeovue News. *Lindelani Singo*

Making peace with the environment is a major contribution towards building a nation. Yeovue News helps shape the way in which we understand one another in this community. We have a long way to go towards understanding that we all have rights to walk freely in the streets where Joe Slovo was raised, where Sonya Bunting and Brian Bunting lived, where Ronnie Kasrils grew up, where we now live. Freedom to live without fear is as fundamental as freedom of speech. *Jessie Duarte*

Congratulations to Yeovue News team for providing a much-needed resource to members of the Yeoville Bellevue community and for ensuring ongoing communication. *Shaun O'Shea, CoJ*

Absolutely fantastic means of keeping community informed about local issues. *John Spiropoulos*

Yeovue News is now surely an integral part of the Bellevue East & Yeoville area & it is one year old now, serving its readers with quality information.

Congratulations. Let's continue to support the people behind it. *Maxwell Dube*

I always look for each new issue as it comes out and I read it front to back. The back page contacts section hangs in my kitchen for reference and I have kept many back issues as an archive about my neighbourhood. I think Yeovue News is one of the most important contributors to giving this neighbourhood a sense of identity and cohesion.

Thank you. *Tara Polzer*

I want to thank the community of Bellevue & Yeoville for making this paper their no 1. Special thanx to those who put adverts coz they keep it going. Happy anniversary. *Joseph Setloboko*

Happy anniversary ukhule n grow to pages n pages of enjoyable reading. *Sue Mabale, Ekhaya*

Viva Yeovue News, viva. Yeovue News gives light, information & knowledge to all who live in Yeoville Bellevue. It doesn't select where u come from, it treats people together as one from all African countries. Now we understand what is going on within us every day. I thank the readers, editorial, advertising, distributors & writers. It was fantastic & phenomenal to have Yeovue News. Phambili, Yeovue News. I wish you many more years. *Neo Setloboko*

The spirit of change sweeping through Yeoville Bellevue has to be taken to the next level. We must build a Solidarity Economy that places the needs of people and the environment at the centre of development. The future of Yeoville Bellevue lies with the struggles and efforts of all in the community.

Yeovue News is an integral part of this. *Vishwas Satgar, Executive Director, Cooperative & Policy Alternative Centre*

It has been an eye opener. Congrats on da progress. *Priscilla Raphela*

What kind of a community do u want to live in? Love your community as u love yourself. Keep it clean, help others who can't help themselves - this is what I learn by reading Yeovue News. *Sindi Mabaso*

What you are doing is absolutely great and essential. Best wishes and keep up the good work. *Neil Fraser*

Halala, Yeovue News, the heart beat of our community. Through you, we know how to access services. We understand more about crime, environment, health, even how to bring stakeholders together to lobby for a better deal for our community. You open minds and keep the vibe going. There is much that must be said about you. Keep growing, keep us informed and talking. Halala!

Marc Gbaffou

Happy birthday. I wish you many more. I go through the paper each Thursday - it's a great read. Keep on keeping on. *Rethabiseng Thamae*

Doing a great job. A true voice of the voiceless masses. Happy first anniversary. *Lebo Mashego*
It has been a great pleasure reading Yeovue News each week, so I was sad when it didn't come out last week. I look forward to the special issue. Happy birthday. *Naledi Lebea*

Thanks to Yeovue News, our community can at last have conversations with itself about all the important things -- keep it up. *Karl von Holdt*



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Ward 67 Nomaswazi Mohlala councillor's corner

Councillor Nomaswazi Mohlala realises the importance and value of Yeovue News and uses it to publicise her meetings and other community-related information.

In her message to the paper on the occasion of its 1st anniversary she said: "It is the only way that really helps her to get messages to the community quickly. All the best to Yeovue News for its anniversary. I do hope it continues to come out next year."

To the community, which has faced many difficulties, housing being the dominant one, the councillor said: "Have a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year."



Happy anniversary, Yeovue News
Great job. Keep it up!



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Proposed changes to Ward 67 boundary

For the 2011 election, the Demarcation Board has made proposals for changes to the boundary of Ward 67.

The top map shows the boundary as it currently is. Ward 67 is the blue area.

A corner of Yeoville between Kenmere and Joe Slovo Drive and between Page and the ridge, and Highlands (behind the water tower) and Randview (ie Beatty St) are not in Ward 67 though they are really part of the Yeoville Bellevue area.

The middle map shows the proposed new boundary. Ward 67 is the green area.

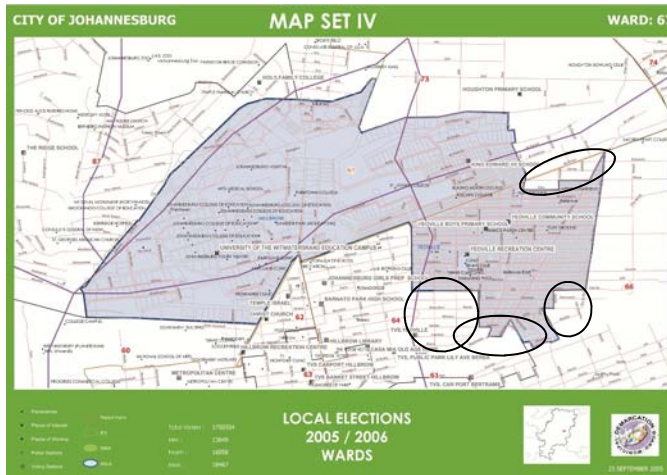
The plan is for a large part of Bellevue to become part of Ward 66 with Observatory.

What do you think? Is this a good idea?

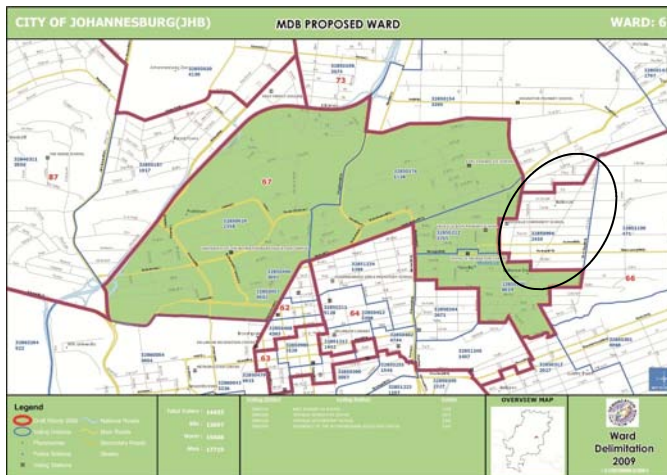
Having part of Yeoville separated from

the rest of Yeoville has already caused tensions between Wards 64 and 67 over the garden on Joe Slovo and Hendon.

With the new plan, Yeoville Bellevue are no longer treated as one entity in one ward. Maybe Yeoville, Bellevue, Highlands, Randview and the top part of Lorentzville should all be Ward 67, without Parktown, Killarney etc. Then Ward 67 would be from Joe Slovo to de la Rey and from Louis Botha/St Peters to the ridge. This will make planning much easier. Objections must be lodged before 10 December 2009. Contact the councillor on 083 2972936 or visit the Demarcation Board (<http://www.demarcation.org.za>) website for further details.



The present Ward 67 is the blue area in the first map on the left. The circles show areas that are not in the ward, but are seen by most people as part of Yeoville Bellevue.



The proposed Ward 67 is the green area in the middle map on the left. The circle shows the section of Bellevue that is to be taken away from Ward 67. Is this necessary and practical?



Yeoville Bellevue could be seen as one area with Highlands and Randview, ie from Louis Botha/St Peters Rd in the north to the Yeoville ridge in the south and from de la Rey in the east to Joe Slovo in the west (the blue dotted line). This will make it easier to have a development plan for the whole area.

A year in pictures



Mandela Day



Each week, we have tried to include pictures that tell stories about our lives in Yeoville Bellevue. Some are celebratory, some are shocking, some are sad. But each one says a little something about Yeoville Bellevue and the people living here. Here we reprint some of those pictures/ And, because this is the issue that celebrates Yeovue News' first birthday, we are printing them in colour.



Now, where shall I stay this month? The regular accommodation listings outside Shoprite.



JMPD and SAPS in one of their sporadic blitzes in Yeoville

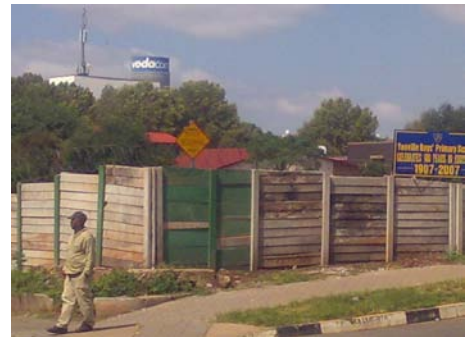


Before (for a long time)



Democracy in action - elections, April 2009

Yeoville Recreation Centre - above on the left as it was, above in the process of becoming something very different. The original completion date is long gone - it will only be finished in 2010.



..... and after. Thank you, Mr Singo.



TheSoul Buddyz team from Sheikh Anta Diop invited Yeovue News to hear about their community work and to ask for help with their



Parents with bad habits teach their children bad habits - is it okay to let your child shit in public, even if it is in a place that has been neglected by council for a long time?



Honouring World Aids Day 2009 & 16 Days of No Violence Against Women and Children at St Aidans, Yeoville