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Editorial

It's a wonderful thing that Mandela Day has been declared an international day on which people around the world are asked to do something for their community or for another community that might be in need.

It's even more wonderful when you realise that no-one in the world has ever been honoured in this way before. It certainly makes me proud to be a South African (and I feel forever blessed to have met Madiba, spoken with him and shaken his hand more than once).

But consider this. Most people think that giving 67 minutes of their time (or making every day a Mandela Day) is about doing good for others. In fact, they think it is about doing charity work.

But are we celebrating Madiba because he did charity work for 67 years of his life? No. We are celebrating his contribution to the fight for the basic rights of all South Africans, rights we are enjoying today because of him and others.

Maybe then, we should be asking what we can be doing to continue that fight. You could join the Community Policing Forum (CPF) and help people to enjoy their right to freedom from crime. You could join the Community Empowerment Committee (see last week's issue) and work with others to help people to work for a safer, caring and law-abiding community.

You can work with other existing organisations or form new ones that are working for the rights of community members - women's groups, youth associations, migrant structures, sports bodies, a resident's association etc. You can work with an environmental organisation to promote recycling or the growing of vegetables for food security. You could encourage your organisation to join the Yeoville Stakeholders Forum so that you can cooperate with other organisations working in Yeoville Bellevue.

On this page, Mncedisi Ntuli has written about people who urinate in the streets. What can be done to work with people to encourage them not to do such things? Who will do this work?

Clean-ups are not a bad thing. But clean-ups are not going to get Yeoville



Bellevue clean. We don't want to clean up after people's mess. We want them to stop messing. This means helping people to change their behaviour. This needs ongoing work. Who will do it?

Understanding our rights and responsibilities, understanding the by-laws and helping other people to understand them is a big job. Someone needs to work on it. Could that be something you can do?

The best way of honouring Madiba is to play your part in building a safe, caring, law-abiding and prosperous community. Then you will be making his dream come true - the dream of a society where everyone can live a decent life in dignity, where children can get a good education to prepare them for a good future, where women and children are safe, where no-one goes hungry, where everyone has a roof over their head, where people respect and love each other instead of beating and killing each other, where everyone works together in the interest of the common good instead of fighting for position, power and privilege.

Don't expect others to do this. It needs all of us to play a part. Don't leave it to councillors. They need your help - they cannot do things on their own.

Of course, we must not stop doing charity work. If someone is hungry today, they must eat. If they are cold, they must get a blanket. If they are homeless, they need shelter.

But we would be doing so much more if we helped to build a society in which people don't need charity. That would be a really great achievement and one which will truly honour Madiba.

Public urinating

MNCEDISI NTULI asks some important questions.

What is this thing of people urinating in the streets, in full view of others, including children? Is this simply because of a lack of self-respect, is it a lack of respect for other people and their properties, or is it the official term used by the law called disorderly conduct?

Personally, I see it as a lack of self-respect. If one can't respect himself or herself, how do we expect that person to respect his/her surroundings? Have we as the Yeoville Bellevue community lost self-respect? Do we not respect our surroundings and properties?

If this is not the case, then why aren't we acting against this behaviour by some of our friends, neighbors or pedestrians? If we can't respect ourselves, how can we teach our kids to respect themselves and others?

Respect is not only about people, but it is also about the environment we live in, we have to respect it as well. The city can do a lot for our community, but if we as the residents of Yeoville Bellevue do not care enough to take good care of it, then the city will be wasting a lot of resources helping people that do not need them.

Who do we blame if we as a community are not acting? The tavern owners, maybe, as we notice a lot of urinating around their places of business? The JMPD for not enforcing the law? After all, we pay our rates so that our area can be cleaned and well-maintained.

This is a health hazard. Not only is there an unpleasant smell left behind in the area that is used as a toilet, but there are also urine marks left on the ground. We always see adverts that advise us to wash our hands after using bathrooms to reduce the spread of germs. If one uses somebody's wall as their toilet, where do they wash their hands? Do they wash them at all?

I'm not a health expert, but I know that not all germs are good; hence we have to wash our hands to stop spreading them. Let's all respect our community and environment, and act against this disrespectful behavior. Let's work together with the city to make our community cleaner and safer.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,
I would like to take this moment to thank the YBCDT Chairperson and Staff for the commendable work they do for the community of Yeoville Bellevue. I wonder sometimes if we the community are aware of just how important the work they do is, and how they have contributed to positive change and awareness for those who take the time to pick up their MAHALA newsletter - Yeovue News - and inform themselves on what is going on.....on their doorstep!!

Through their efforts of informing and mobilising, and support from stakeholders, it is now possible that the Yeoville Bellevue Community will have another market!

Telkom's plans to auction their land, which is between Raleigh and Hunter Sts, (behind the Raleigh Street train coach), have been cancelled (*for now - editor*). The community and the City of Johannesburg now have the opportunity to find ways and means of keeping this prime piece of property in the community. We sincerely hope this will be a reality sooner than later, and that careful thought and planning will be taken by stakeholders in how best to use the market space created!

Aura Msimang (Berton)
Artist, Cultural & Community Activist
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Dear Editor
I do support the idea of declining the liquor licence of the guest house in Ellis St (*Yeovue News 7 July 2011*). It is in a residential area. It's not an area where there should be noise and drinking. Please let us oppose it. Thank you.
Clement Muteb

Dear Editor
On the issue of parking (YN 7/72011), in two-way streets, people should park on the left, provided there are no limitations on parking in that street, which would be shown by yellow or red

lines painted next to the pavement. In the case of a one-way street, you can usually park on either side, again if there are no limitations. Of course, in both cases, whichever side of the road you park, you must be five meetings from an intersection.

If you are given a parking ticket which does not conform to the law - ie it is a ticket that you think unfairly or unlawfully given, you should appeal explaining clearly why the ticket is not valid. Normally these tickets are withdrawn.

Keith Peacock
CPF Sector 3
Observatory

Yeoville Liquor Traders head dies

Yeovue News received notice this week of the death of Mr. Lawrence Williams, manager of Ekhaya Pub and Restaurant. Ekhaya is a jazz-oriented South African restaurant in Raleigh St opposite Time Square. It is frequented by professionals such as journalists, lawyers and business people.

Mr Williams was chairperson of the Yeoville Liquor Forum. The Liquor Forum, represented by Mr Williams, had recently been in discussions with the SAPS, the Yeoville CPF and the Community Empowerment Forum on the issue of the management of liquor outlets in Yeoville Bellevue. Mr Lawrence was very clear in meetings that illegal liquor outlets must be closed and that legal outlets must comply with the law.

Mr. Williams will be laid to rest on Saturday, 23 July 2011. The funeral service will be held at St. Aidan's Church on Regent Street (between Bedford and Cavendish) in Yeoville.

For further information kindly contact Kabelo Mabale on 078 3140161.

Help fight crime
Join your CPF Sector Forum
Read Yeovue News
for details of meetings

National Women's Month

Women's Development Forum

Women's Day 9 August 2011

Theme: Women taking the lead in making the difference in the workplace and in the community

Venue: Yeoville Recreation Centre

Starting Time: 10 am

Dress code: Traditional outfit

For more info, contact Patience Phirwa on 073 3792404 or 011 4883285 or email to: indecandi@gmail.com

All are invited.

Working together to enhance women's opportunities to economic empowerment

WARD 66 PUBLIC MEETING

Residents of Ward 66 (Yeoville, Bellevue, Bellevue East and Randview) are invited the new Ward 66 Councillor's first public meeting.

Agenda

Meet the Councillor

Service delivery concerns in Ward 66

Date: Saturday 31 July 2011

Time: 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Place: St Aidan's Church, Regent St (between Bedford and Cavendish)



Karate kids: there is a karate school offering classes in the Yeoville Recreation Centre. Contact the Rec Centre office for more details - 011 6489176

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Giving 67 minutes to the community

Like millions of people in South Africa and around the world, members of the Yeoville Bellevue community gave 67 minutes (or more) of their time on 18 July to benefit the community. Here are some of their stories.

In 2009, the year that International Mandela Day was celebrated, the community of Yeoville Bellevue was out in force to play its part.

That year, the Yeoville Stakeholders Forum and the YBCDT had a stand in the park where community members could make their own Mandela t-shirts with colourful hand prints on them. Then, dressed in their t-shirts, everyone walked down the business street, requesting financial or other support from businesses, traders, taxi drivers and people walking in the streets.

The response was very good. The team collected money, food and clothes and took it all to the Mother Theresa home in St Georges St.

Meanwhile, the Joe Slovo branch of the ANC joined other ANC branches in going to help at an old-aged home in Bez Valley.

This year, social institutions such as schools, shelters and old-aged homes received help from Yeoville Bellevue community members and charitable people from outside the area.

Mother Theresa benefited this year too,



Members of the Nigeria Union spent their 67 minutes on Mandela Day cleaning up the streets of Yeoville Bellevue

with a large team led by the joint City of Johannesburg (CoJ)/Department of Home Affairs (DHA) Stakeholders Forum team led by Ace Maunatlala, Sihlewe Myeki, the new Ward 67 Councillor, and Community Development Workers Neo Setloboko and Julietta Zenzile. Also there were Community Development Workers from the Yeoville Bellevue area and Modise Masheane representing the Youth League from Ward 66. Connie from the Catholic Women's League and Gina Jones from the Johannesburg diocese were part of the delegation representing social workers in the diocese.

The programme for the day included a clean-up, cultural items, speeches, and baby-care & feeding. The acting Provincial Director of DHA, Ms Mamokobung Moeketsi, also ensured that the DHA mobile unit was on hand to provide whatever service was needed.

The programme director, YSF chair George Lebone, and Supa Saver Yeoville donated birthday cakes which were cut and shared. In addition, the Director in the Office of the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs handed over more than R800 which had been donated by staff members in the Deputy Minister's office.

As they were leaving Mother Theresa's, another group from the Department of Justice entered bearing gifts, food & good wishes.

Nazareth House had to turn away groups who wanted to come and help - there were too many!



Singing for Mandela: children at a crèche at St Aidans Church have a special tea party to celebrate Madiba's birthday and join millions of others by singing Happy Birthday to him.



Richard Molefe (left) and Thulani Maseko, both officials from the Department of Home Affairs, get down and feed babies at Mother Theresa

Over at Yeoville Boys School and Yeoville Community School, members of the Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust (YBCDT) and Yeovue News were handing out blankets for needy pupils in the two schools. Some of these blankets has been bought with donated funds collected by Maurice Smithers of the YBCDT, others had been given by Shoprite and generous individuals.

In keeping with the international spirit of Mandela Day, members of the Nigerian community, led by the Yeoville chapter of the Nigerian Union, held a clean-up campaign in the streets of Yeoville Bellevue. This was done to show pride in their area and to show that migrants do care about their new home and that they also want it kept clean and healthy. They have pledged that they are not going to stop - they are going to make every month a Mandela month and do something regularly to benefit the community.



Members of the YBCDT with some of the children from Yeoville Boys School who received blankets. From left at back: Lindelani Singo, principal, Thammy Jezile, YBCDT, Willy Ndana, SGB Treasurer, Maurice Smithers, YBCDT, Mark Woods and Ramona Jacobs, school teachers.

Photos: Rita Thamae and Oliver Smithers, who also participated in the handover of the blankets.

Community Directory

Community-based organisations

- **African Diaspora Forum** 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Yeoville Bellevue - Marc Gbaffou 083 5147367
- **ANC Joe Slovo Branch (Ward 67)** Sihlwele Myeki (secretary) 076 5174596
- **Congo Heart of Africa** Bienvenu Ingila 082 6675969
- **Congress of the People (COPE)** Nolitha Majola 082 0509464
- **Democratic Alliance (DA) Ward 67 Branch** Jerry Moseta 079 0694188
- **SA Disabled Musicians Association** Johannes Dube 083 6897194
- **Ivorian Community** Marc Gbaffou 083 5147367
- **National Association of Yoruba Descendants, Southern Africa** Prince Adesina Al-Amin, National Youth Leader 076 6928060
- **Nigerian Union South Africa Mathias Folabi** Sagbo, Secretary (Gauteng) 0833033007
- **Observatory Ratepayers Association** Louise Denysschen 011 2746825 secretary@gmail.com
- **Refugee Help Desk** Jean Pierre A Lukamba Om 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Bellevue 083 8751256 refugeesa@gmail.com
- **Union for the Reconstruction of Congo (UREC)** Claude Kabambi 083 4865795 clkabambi@webmail.co.za
- **Urania Village Community Forum** Sector 3 Community Policing Forum keithspeacock@gmail.com 011 6480367 082 4649458
- **Ward 67 Ward Committee** Sihlwele Myeki 076 5174596
- **Yeoville Community Policing Forum** 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Bellevue Mbuyiseni Khoza 082 2657435
- **Yeoville Environmental Organisation** Joseph Setloboko 073 7339083
- **Yeoville Muslim Community** Hussein Musa Baza-Awe 083 9565363
- **Yeoville Stakeholders Forum** George Lebone (chairperson) 079 3894409 Cate Bompas (secretary) 079 6105909
- **Yeoville United Artists** Bongzi Kubheka 082 7594987

Non-governmental organisations

- **ACTION Support Centre** Positive action to transform conflict 011 3396332
- **Mother Johnson International** Mother Johnson 011 4870309
- **People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA)** 011 6424345/6
- **Self Help Christian Refugee Association** Xavier Bulimwengo 078 4251650
- **Curriculum Development Project** Charlotte Schaefer 011 6241025
- **Christians for Peace in Africa** Pastor Thomas-Rene Kitutu 072 2625302
- **Yeoville Market Micro-Retailers** Sebastian Zarembo 072 1416411
- **Lesbian and Gay Equality Project** 011 4873811 info@equality.org.za
- **NOAH's Ark Resource Centre, Yeoville** Gloria Nhlabathi 079 2330030
- **Nazareth House** Sister Lorraine 011 6481002

Institutions

- **Grace Community Centre** Claude Nkebi 076 6310180 claudenkebi@yahoo.com
- **Observatory Girls Primary School** Cnr Regent St and de la Rey St Tel: 011 4871100
- **St Aidan's Anglican Church** Father Neo 011 4871112
- **St Francis Catholic Church** Cate Bompas 011 6488794
- **St John's College** Tsepo Matubatuba 083 7737382
- **Sheikh Anta Diop School** Jemadiri Kilele 011 6488122
- **Sophiatown Community Psychological Services** Children and Families on the Move 20 Derby Street, Bertrams Tel 011 6145242
- **Trinity Congregational Church** Zama Mpambani 079 4274838
- **United Church Schools** Helenne Ulster (principal) 011 6484727
- **Yeoville Baptist Tabernacle Church** 011 6487325
- **Yeoville Baptist Tabernacle Youth Dept** 011 6487325

- **Yeoville Boys School** Lindelani Singo (principal) 011 6489901
- **Yeoville Community School** Martha Mente (principal) 011 6489163

Public services and facilities

- **Region F Stakeholder Management & Liaison** Zaabe Magwaza 082 4679411
- **Urban Inspectors**
 - **Yeoville North** Fikile Mdlalose 083 4448517
 - **Yeoville South** Basetsana Bogopane 083 3811359
 - **Bellevue/Bellevue East** Lettie Rasebeka 083 3811435
- **Ward 67 Community Development Worker (CDW)** Neo Setloboko 083 9537053
- **Ward 64 Councillor** Matsemela Madisha 082 5371564 ikettle.matsemela@yahoo.com
- **Ward 66 Councillor** Carlos da Rocha 083 4473648 darocha.carlos@gmail.com
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- **Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust** 18 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Yeoville Bellevue Tel: 011 4870269 Fax: 086 5514992 ybcdt@yeoville.org.za Maurice Smithers 082 3737705 maurice@yeoville.org.za Thammy Jezile 0730222421 thammy@yeoville.org.za
- **Yeoville Community Clinic** Kenmere Rd, corner Hopkins St Tel: 011 6487979
- **Yeoville Police Station (SAPS)** 23 Kenmere Rd, corner Yeo St Tel: 011 4875900
- **Yeoville Post Office** Kenmere Rd, between Raleigh St and Hopkins St, inside the arcade Tel: 011 6489103
- **Yeoville Public Library** 49-51 Raleigh St Tel: no phone at present
- **Yeoville Recreation Centre** 36 Raleigh St (between Kenmere and Fortesque) David Maredi 011 6489176
- **Yeoville Swimming Pool** Corner Raleigh St and Kenmere Rd Tel: 011 6489359

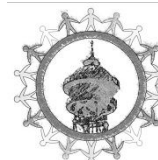
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- **Black Sash** Tel: 011 8348361/5 For advice and help with your rights
- **City Power** Tel: 011 4907900
- **Emergency Connect** Tel: 011 3755911
- **Emergency Management Services** Tel: 011 4076374
- **Hijacked Buildings hotline** 0860 111381 innercityhotline@joburg.org.za William Tudikavekewa 011 3768645 083 4612996
- **Joburg Connect** Tel: 011 3755555 (always ask for reference no.) joburgconnect@joburg.org.za
- **Toll-Free Presidential Hot-line** Tel: 17737

Information available

An objective of Yeovue News and the YBCDT is to provide people with information. We hope this information will help people to make a difference to their own lives through acting on what they learn.

We have copies of Yeovue News, other newspapers, City of Joburg magazines and leaflets, newsletters from the Public Protector's office, information on bylaws and so on, all for free. You are welcome to come to 24 Rockey St to get copies. And if your organisation has documents it wants to give to the public, we are happy to take them and distribute them from the office.



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