

PROJECT UPDATES

Boystown:

- Land rehabilitation at Phase 1 was completed in 2012; Phase 2 was completed in 2016; and Phase 3 has yet to begin.
- 100% of services were installed at Phase 1 in 2012 and at Phase 2 in March 2017. Installation at Phase 3 has not yet started.
- Construction of 338 foundations, 289 wall plates and 257 roofs is underway at Phase 2. 200 units were completed and 82 were handed over.
- Building at Phase 3 has not yet begun.
- Phases 1 and 2 of the Boundary Wall are completed; Phase 3 has however not yet started.

Joe Slovo:

- 1590 houses must still be built.
- 60 top structures at Phase 3A will be completed in May and handed over in June 2017.
- 98 sites have been serviced by the contractor at Phase 3C; and building of 70 units has begun.
- Part of Phase 3D has been fenced off and the contractor is due to start construction in May 2017.
- The HDA will open its site office on Saturdays from 6 May to 1 July 2017, between 9am and 1pm, to assist with pending cases and duplicate dependents.

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Boystown:

- Ukubuyiselwa komhlaba kwimeko yesiqhelo kwagqitywa kwiSigaba soku- 1 ngo2012; iSigaba sesi-2 sagqitywa ngo2016; iSigaba sesi-3 sesizakuqaliswa .
- lipesenti ezili-100 (100%) zeenkondo zoncendo zafakelwa kwiSigaba soku-1 ngo2012, zaze zafakelwa kwiSigaba sesi-2 ngoMatshi ngo2017. Ukufakelwa kweenkondo akukaqaliswa kwiSigaba sesi-3.
- Ukwakhiwa kwezisekelo zezindlu ezingama-338, urhanqo ngezitena ezingama-289 kwakunye nophahla olungama-257 sekukufutshane ukuba lwenziwe kwiSigaba sesi-2. Izindlu ezingama-200 zagqitywa zaze ezingama-82 zanikezelwa kubantu bazo.
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- Inxalenye yeSigaba sika-3D seyibiyelwe kwaye ikhontrakha sekukufutshane iqalise ukwakha ngoMeyi 2017.
- IArhente yokuPhuhlisa kweZindlu iza kuvula iofisi yayo yeziza ngoMgqibelo umhla we-6 kuMeyi ukuya kutsho kumhla woku-1 kuJulayi 2017, phakathi kwentsimbi yesi-9 kusasa kweyoku-1, ukuze kuncediswane namatyalaxhonyiweyo kunye nabaxhomekeki abaphinda-phindwe kabini.



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JOE SLOVO PSC UP AND RUNNING!

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) for the community of Joe Slovo has hit the ground running after its 12-member team was finalised recently.

The original committee was dissolved in October 2016. This after residents met with the Department of Human Settlements because they felt the committee no longer represented their needs.

Nine PSC representatives were elected from the Joe Slovo informal settlement on 21 January this year. Three more, from Intersite, were elected on 11 March 2017. The new committee has already held its first meeting and workshop, also in March.

Upon their election, the members of the PSC had to sign the Social Compact. This explains what each of their roles and responsibilities are. Ultimately, it is the PSC members' job to represent the interests of qualifiers and non-qualifiers in Joe Slovo Phase 3 who have not yet benefitted.

"For me, the role is about developing living conditions for the community, offering residents support, and helping to facilitate the handover of houses," says PSC member, Ncediwe Ntikintiki.



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Her fellow committee member, Zukisani Sibunzi, agrees and adds that they are the link between the community and the HDA.

"The PSC has monthly meetings with the community. To find out when the next one will be they should keep an eye out for posters, leaflets that we drop and listen out for loud-hailing that will announce the date, venue and time."



Ncediwe Ntikintiki is one of the recently-elected PSC members.

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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)

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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



CELEBRATING FREEDOM

On the 27th of April every year, South Africans commemorate Freedom Day to remember and celebrate the progress our nation has made to be a better society than it was under Apartheid.

This year, government's theme for the day is "The year of OR Tambo. Together deepening democracy and building safer and crime-free communities". The former liberation

struggle icon and late ANC president would have celebrated his 100th birthday this coming October.

NEW ECD CENTRE FOR DELFT SOUTH

A new Early Childhood Development Centre (ECD) in Delft South is set to be complete by the end of May.

Including the new Delft centre, the City owns and leases a total of 32 ECDs across Cape Town. Alderman JP Smith, the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security; and Social Services says they want to enable easier access to quality ECD facilities for children in areas of greatest need in the metropole.

R13 million has been spent on the Delft ECD Centre that will be able to accommodate up to 200 kids.

Smith adds that the City is committed to giving as many children the opportunity of a quality early learning platform as possible.

"That is why in conjunction with our build programme, we offer assistance to hundreds of private ECD operators every year through training and resources."



The proposed Delft ECD Centre

REVAMPED HOME FOR MITCHELLS PLAIN FAMILY

A dream came true for Junaid Arendse and his grandmother, Margaret, when they returned to their newly made-over house in Mitchells Plain on 9 April.



Lindiwe Sisulu visit with Junaid

On the day, national Human Settlements Minister Lindiwe Sisulu joined in the celebrations when the seven-year-old, who is battling pancreatic cancer, returned home.

"The Minister's visit has brought so much joy to my boy. I am grateful to the Minister and her team," says Margaret.

"I was amazed when I returned home. The house looks very beautiful with the

furniture. I know my boy is sick but to see such happiness (in his face) means the world to me."

The make-over was funded by the Ministry and other organisations within government and the private sector. The project was managed by the HDA.

"I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this boy's happiness," says Minister Sisulu. "It shows that South Africa has caring and loving people."



Lindiwe Sisulu visit with Junaid

RESIDENTS MARK ONE YEAR AS HOMEOWNERS IN JOE SLOVO

In May last year, a number of beneficiaries took ownership of houses in Joe Slovo. It's been nearly one year since then. We caught up with them to find out what the past year has been like:



Mboneli Fortune Mfondolo

Mboneli Fortune Mfondolo lives in his year-old house with his two children.

"Previously I lived in Zone 30 temporary units here in Joe Slovo. For the last year we have been very happy and it is peaceful in this place."

Mfondolo says because they are still living in the same area, the relocation did not really affect how he and his family travel.

"My dream is to renovate my kitchen once I have saved up enough to do so. I want to break down the wall to extend it. I did learn during consumer education that when I am ready to do that I have to get the necessary permissions before I break down the wall."

Patiswe Wageqe moved to Joe Slovo from TRA5 in Delft.

"My husband, daughter and I live comfortably now. We have also found that it is much easier to get to and from public transport."



Patiswe Wageqe

"Having moved here hasn't really affected how convenient it is for me to travel or to access public transport, because I am still in the same area. It is also much better to live in a house because it does not flood in winter, and the rats do not disturb us."

Dediso adds that he too has beautified his house on the inside, by painting the walls.

Wageqe says that she is very happy to have running water and a toilet inside her house. She adds that, since they moved in, they have plastered the interior walls to make their home more beautiful.

Scelo Dediso previously lived in Phase 3B and says he is much happier in his house.



Scelo Dediso

SPECIAL HOUSES TO CATER FOR ALL

The various N2 Gateway Projects do make accommodation for special needs recipients; whether this be the beneficiary themselves or a member of their household.

These houses are built differently from any other and bear in mind the fact that a member of the household has impaired mobility and needs easier access.

Features of houses for beneficiaries with special needs include:

- Concrete wheelchair ramps
- Special rails fitted at the bath and toilet
- Window-openers, light switches and taps that are positioned lower down on the wall than usual so that someone who is seated in a wheelchair can reach them easily

We visited with some N2 Gateway Project beneficiaries who live in houses in Joe Slovo that were built for persons with special needs.



Nomfundiso and Lolwethu Lumko

Nomfundiso and seven-year-old Lolwethu Lumko moved into their home on 23 March 2017. Previously they'd lived in Site C, Khayelitsha.

"At the age of three, Lolwethu suffered a seizure and never recovered," says Nomfundiso. "There was so much sand in Khayelitsha and that made it difficult for me to push him around in his wheelchair."

Nomfundiso that they do still face some challenges.

"We have a double-storey house. My son still suffers from epileptic seizures and cannot be left alone downstairs so I have to carry him up and down the stairs."

She adds however that they are very grateful to have a home of their own.

"We now have running water and a toilet inside our house. There is also a wheelchair ramp; rails at the bath and toilet and the taps are easier to use."



Sharon Joseph

Former Bonteheuwel resident, Sharon Joseph, is a stroke survivor and had a leg amputated as a result of diabetes.

Similarly to Nomfundiso's home, Sharon's has many features to suit her needs and make getting around easier for her.

"I share my house with my sister and niece. We live far more comfortably here than we did in our previous home. My needs have been taken into consideration. The wheelchair ramp, rails in the bathroom and fittings that are positioned lower down on the walls all make a difference to helping me move around more easily."

RESTRICTIONS ON SELLING YOUR SUBSIDISED HOUSE

Being a first-time homeowner can be an overwhelming experience. The HDA understands that is important that any beneficiary is well-informed, and well-prepared before they receive the keys to their new home. It does this through Consumer Education that covers topics including the responsibility of being a homeowner; drafting a will and the three month maintenance guarantee.

In this edition, we will look at "Restrictions on selling your subsidised house".

No beneficiary may sell their subsidised house within eight years of taking ownership of it.

It is illegal to do so; and means trouble not only for the homeowner who is the 'seller' but for the person who will buy the house as well:

- The City of Cape Town will not recognise or record the sale
- The 'seller' will likely be paid less for the house than what it is worth
- The 'seller' will not qualify for another housing subsidy
- The rightful (original) owner will still be responsible for the house and for service costs (this includes water, electricity and rates)

If the (illegal) sale goes ahead and whomever is living in the house is found not to be its original owner they will be evicted. The house will then be given to another eligible and approved beneficiary who is on the waiting list.

Any beneficiary who decides to sell their house after eight years must follow the proper process. This involves having a legal sales agreement drafted that is certified by a qualified lawyer.

