



# Yeovue news

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## Yeoville safer than many other areas

The crime statistics released by the South African Police Services (SAPS) recently are very interesting. They show that Yeoville Bellevue has far less crime than other areas in Johannesburg. However, the figures are still too high. YEOVUE NEWS reports.

**M**ention Yeoville and many people think 'crime'. But the statistics recently released by the SAPS seem to indicate that Yeoville Bellevue is a lot safer than many other areas in Johannesburg (see the figures below).

Is this because, as some people say, 'criminals live in Yeoville Bellevue and go elsewhere to commit their crimes'?

That's a nice story to tell around the dinner table or in a pub or shebeen - every will laugh and nod wisely - but there is no evidence to suggest that this is the more the case here than anywhere else.

We are not a crime-free area yet, but certainly people seem to be saying that they feel a little safer.

Ten years ago, it was very common to hear gunshots in Yeoville Bellevue. Today, this is not the case.

Not so long ago, people were not able to walk in the street talking on their cell phones. Today they do. While muggings do take place, they happen much less frequently than before.

Does this mean that crime is not a problem in our area? No. Each crime

committed is a crime too many and the figures show that there still are many crimes. A safe area is one where crime figures are zero or close to zero. That is what we must fight for, what we must demand as residents and business people, as homeowners and visitors.

We must congratulate the SAPS in Yeoville for their contribution to reducing crime. But we must remind them there is more work to be done.

We must thank the Community Policing Forum and the Street Patrollers for their voluntary, unpaid contribution to making our area safer. We must remind them, too, that there is more to be done.

It is a pity that our recent appeals to the community to provide support to the CPF and the Patrollers seem to have fallen on deaf ears. Are we such an uncaring community that we do not want to find ways to say thank you to people who are giving their time and risking their lives to protect us?

As a community, we must look more closely at what we can do to reduce crime even further. We must also find



Colonel Lubisi Motaung, Yeoville station commander crime down except for kidnapping and carjacking

ways to combat corruption where it exists - whether in the SAPS, the JMPD, the Street Patrollers or in the general community. As long as we tolerate corruption, we will not reduce crime.

Corruption breaks down the morality of a community. People start to accept corruption as a way of life and see nothing wrong with it.

Corruption is itself a crime. And anyone who does not report corruption or who supports corrupt activity is guilty of supporting crime.

People of Yeoville and Bellevue should take note that the level of sexual crime, child abuse/neglect and kidnapping is way too high. Some say you can measure the safety of an area by how safe women and children feel. According to the figures for Yeoville Bellevue, we have a long way to go.

What are you doing to make our area a safe one to live and work in?

|                          | Yeoville 2009 | Yeoville 2010 | Hillbrow 2010 | Parkview 2010 | Sandton 2010 | Mondeor 2010 | Fairland 2010 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Murder                   | 24            | 14            | 63            | 4             | 8            | 12           | 1             |
| Sexual Crimes            | 121           | 118           | 233           | 22            | 271          | 128          | 11            |
| Attempted Murder         | 25            | 10            | 70            | 8             | 37           | 21           | 3             |
| Robbery (aggravated)     | 294           | 279           | 102           | 265           | 843          | 514          | 130           |
| Kidnapping               | 9             | 14            | 53            | 0             | 4            | 11           | 0             |
| Child abuse/neglect      | 16            | 13            | 78            | 1             | 6            | 4            | 3             |
| Culpable Homicide        | 3             | 3             | 30            | 8             | 20           | 65           | 2             |
| Carjacking               | 25            | 35            | 91            | 30            | 126          | 115          | 23            |
| Burglary (residential)   | 228           | 182           | 229           | 545           | 1100         | 805          | 258           |
| Vehicle/motorcycle theft | 143           | 124           | 504           | 335           | 733          | 504          | 169           |



## Africa Heritage Indaba for Social Cohesion

**Building on the legacy of the World Cup - celebrating the unity in diversity of Africa**

**Special guests: Bra Hugh Masekela, Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa, Secretary of Police Jenny Irish-Qhobosheane**

This event will mark Heritage Day in South Africa by celebrating the diverse heritages of all people in South Africa and Africa. The African Diaspora Forum is bringing together Bra Hugh Masekela, Minister Nathi Mthethwa, community leaders, NGOs and cultural performers in an afternoon of inspiration and celebration.

**Saturday 25 September 2010**

**2pm - 5pm**

**Yeoville Recreation Centre**

**All welcome. We are many - we are one.**

- (1) Dube Obed Mangombe.
- (2) Zebra Pond, Pub & Restaurant.
- (3) 4812105453082.
- (4) No. 1 Railleigh Street, Yeoville.
- (5) Pub.
- (6) None.
- (7) Kutlwano Pub and Diner, Raleigh Street, Yeoville.
- (8) None.

### Liquor License Application

If you want to object to the above application, please write or deliver your objection to the Gauteng Liquor Board, Johannesburg Regional Office, 3rd Floor, Nedbank Building, 85 Main Street, Marshalltown, Johannesburg. You can call them on 082 3791925.

You should also send or deliver a copy of the objection to the applicant, in this case to Zebra Pond.

Objections must be in by Fri 24 Sept.

### Community notices

#### ANC Branch General Meeting

2pm, 25 Sept, Yeoville Rec Centre, Raleigh St Sihlewe Myeki: 076 5174596

#### Heritage Day Celebrations

The ANC Women's League in Yeoville Bellevue is organising a Heritage Day event on 24 September. Traditional dancing and singing will take place.

There will be food available as well. Dress in your traditional outfit and celebrate our shared heritage.

12 noon, Friday 24 September

Yeoville Recreation Centre

Phone: Nomaswazi Mohlala 083 2972936

#### African Diaspora Forum (ADF)

The ADF has a new office and support centre at 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Yeoville Bellevue.

### Update

#### Ward demarcation

We are still waiting for advice from an advocate on whether we can take the Demarcation Board to court to force them to reconsider community proposals for the boundaries of Ward 67. We will keep you informed.

#### Gambling Board application

The YBCDT and the YSF attended a hearing at the Gauteng Gambling Board to oppose the transfer of a bookmaking (gambling on horses, soccer etc) license from Turffontein Race Course to Raleigh St in Yeoville (upstairs, corner Raleigh and Kenmere). There will be another hearing on 29 September.

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#### Yeoville Bellevue on the web

[www.yeoville.org.za](http://www.yeoville.org.za)  
[www.hotelyeoville.co.za](http://www.hotelyeoville.co.za)

#### Inner City youth on the web

[www.youthinacity.org.za](http://www.youthinacity.org.za)

### Policing report

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Arson – 0; Assault (GBH) – 6; Assault (common) – 5; Attempted murder – 0; Bank robbery – 0; Burglary (business) – 2; Burglary (residential) – 9; Carjacking – 2; Business robbery – 2; Common robbery – 0; Dealing in drugs – 2; Drunken driving – 2; Fraud – 12; House robbery – 0; Malicious damage to property – 1; Murder – 0; Possession of unlicensed firearm – 0; Rape – 0; Robbery with firearm – 0; Robbery with firearm (Motor vehicle-cash in transit, transported by security) – 0; Robbery with knife – 4; Shoplifting – 2; Theft – 7; Theft of motor vehicle – 3; Theft out of motor vehicle – 5.

25 arrests were made in connection with the above crimes. There were seven Visual Community Policing Actions (VCPs). 1 589 people and 1 398 vehicles were searched. Two firearms and 3 gms of dagga were confiscated. Three stolen vehicles were recovered. Five successful convictions were recorded.



### Classifieds

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