



Wear ribbons: red for World Aids Day, white to fight violence against women and children



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Telkom's plans: does the community have a say?

YEOVUE NEWS has been trying for some months to get an update from Telkom on their plans in Yeoville Bellevue. Readers will remember that the Telkom exchange blew up in January and a temporary exchange was set up on a corner of the sportsfield opposite the Yeoville Market. They have finally answered our questions and there are some surprising (and worrying) issues in their reply.

Yeovue News: Since the explosion in January, Hunter Street between Bedford and Kenmere has been closed to traffic. This is a concern because:

- it is a busy one way street used by taxis which now have to travel along Muller St in front of the entrance to Yeoville Boys School, increasing the traffic risk to school children;
- homeless people have taken up residence behind Shoprite in the closed-off street - this happened because the street is closed.

Is the closure of the street necessary while Telkom decides what to do with the building? If not, can Telkom please organise with the City of Joburg for the road to be opened? Otherwise, we would like to know how long it will take for a decision on the future of the building to be taken and by when construction will be completed and the road opened?

Telkom: *we are intent on making safe the area that was damaged by the explosion. The building works will commence in due course – a process which requires consultation with professionals in the demolition field, since the property is not safe for entry. The road cannot be opened until the council declares the area safe – the decision does not reside with Telkom.*

Yeovue News: Since the explosion, Telkom has built an exchange on the sportsground behind the market. This ground belongs to Yeoville Boys School. We are in the process of planning a complete upgrade of the entire field as a sports facility. We need, therefore, to know how long the exchange is likely to be on the field because it affects our planning.

Telkom: *we will be there indefinitely. We are in the process of taking ownership transfer of the portion of land*

occupied for the exchange – the exchange provides a service to the area.

Yeovue News: who would we approach to discuss the issue of Telkom paying the school a rental fee for the land? Yeoville Boys School is an under-resourced school in a poor area. Collecting rent from Telkom for the portion of the field it is using will enable the school and the Sportsground Committee to do more to maintain and develop the field.

Telkom: *The site is owned by the State. Telkom is paying a market rate for the acquisition of the site. Contact can be made with the Department of Local Government & Housing, acting on behalf of the State, for any financial assistance.*

Yeovue News: Telkom owns the piece of land in Raleigh St where the train coach is standing. The coach has been closed for some time. What is Telkom going to do about the property and the coach? The coach is an eyesore which is not good for the street. Underneath it is dirty and people say there are rats breeding there.

Telkom: *The owner of the train carriage has been served notice to remove the structure.*

Yeovue News: Telkom's land goes from Raleigh St - where the coach is - to Hunter St - the property with the Telkom building where the explosion happened. What are Telkom's plans for the properties?

Telkom: *The exchange that was impacted by the explosion will not be reinstated. The entire site, including the portion that the train is located on, will be advertised for sale.*



Telkom puts the finishing touches to a building that everybody thought was going to be temporary.

Some issues to consider

In 2008, the Yeoville Stakeholders Forum (YSF) raised funds to fence the field behind the Yeoville Market. After that, the schools, the Catholic Church, the City Council, the YSF and the YBCDT formed a Yeoville Sportsground Management Committee to ensure that the field does not get hijacked and misused again. The Committee is also discussing the future of the field as a proper sports facility to be used by the schools and the community.

After the explosion in January, Yeoville Boys School - which 'owns' the field (it is owned by government and allocated to the school) - was not consulted about Telkom using it for the new exchange. The Committee was also not approached.

Now there are discussions taking place which again are excluding the schools and the community.

This is worrying. Shouldn't government be consulting the various stakeholders who will be affected by this process? Shouldn't government find out what the school and the community plan to do with the field before selling some of the land?

What do you think? Let us know and we will publish your views in Yeovue News.



World AIDS Day



1 December

'iBambeni - Take Responsibility'

1 December 2010 is the 22nd commemoration of World AIDS Day. The national event will be held at Gert Sibande District Municipality, Mpumalanga, under the theme *We are responsible*.

World AIDS Day is chance for government to demonstrate delivery on commitments made in 2009 and communicate government's leadership in addressing HIV and AIDS issues

- Since 1 April 2010, government has begun to expand the programme for the prevention of mother to child transmission, and antiretroviral (ARV) therapy for children as announced by President Jacob Zuma on 1 December 2009.
- A massive HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Campaign was launched at the end of April 2010, calling on each and every South African to demonstrate that they are responsible by taking an HIV test.

The drive seeks to test 15 million South Africans by end of June 2011.

- Children under one year are treated regardless of their CD4 count.
- All tuberculosis (TB) treatment sites test and treat for HIV and vice versa.
- All pregnant HIV-positive women with a CD4 count of 350 or less are provided with ARV treatment.

On 1 December, South Africans will demonstrate collective responsibility in the fight against HIV and AIDS

- We need to support and influence people within our communities to reduce risky sexual behaviour to prevent the spread of HIV.
- We need to continue to test and influence others to test for HIV and TB as a routine way of ensuring healthy lifestyle choices, irrespective of status.
- We should begin a dialogue among South Africans – in our homes, communities, workplaces and place

of worship – to support the country in the development of the National

Strategic Plan 2012 – 2016, the blueprint that will guide South Africa on the journey towards an AIDS-free society.

- All sectors of society will have to interrogate their role in addressing the epidemic and show that **WE ARE RESPONSIBLE** for each other in ensuring a healthy society.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE calls on:

- men, women, families and healthcare workers to support pregnant women so that they can make decisions to protect their children from HIV
- couples to talk about their relationships and how they can protect themselves by remaining faithful, including those who are in multiple-partner relationships
- communities to stop stigma and discrimination around HIV testing by beginning to normalise HIV counselling and testing
- communities to take action and speak out against violence against women
- communities to provide care and support to those living with and affected by HIV, in particular orphans and vulnerable children.

"Working together we can create an AIDS-free society"

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Letters to the editor

George Starita writes (11 November) that "committed owners must run buildings according to the law".

I agree with him, but there are certain owners who will not abide by body corporate rules and taking them to court is a costly and lengthy process.

I live in a 4 unit building in Muller St where two of the owners collect rent from their units, but do not pay levies, electricity, gas or water. The two owners who pay are subsidising those the other two owners.

When council recently cut the electricity due to arrears, the owners who pay were also cut off. Where is the law?

A sectional title controlling body should be put in place where problems like this can be speedily resolved.

Fed-up, responsible owner



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ACT AGAINST ABUSE



25 November - 10 December

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY
TO VOICE SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

The 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children is a United Nations campaign. It takes place annually from the 25th November (International Day of No Violence against Women) to the 10th December (International Human Rights Day). Since 1999, the South African Government has run a parallel campaign that includes issues relating to violence against children. This campaign focuses primarily on generating an increased awareness of the negative impact of violence on women and children as well as society as a whole.

Yeoville Bellevue has a high incidence of violence against women and children. Rape figures are high, domestic violence figures are high. Many people, the police included, say the situation is made worse by alcohol.

What is certain is that attitudes amongst men (and women) must change, otherwise these shameful practices will continue.

Every woman is your sister or your mother. Every child is your child. Don't look away!

Give us (all of) our daily bread

Everywhere you go in Mzansi, some people eat bread as their breakfast and others as their lunch, while there are also those who enjoy bread during their supper meal.

Bread is good for giving energy to people, enabling them to do their work. Even the Holy Bible talks of 'the bread of life'.

While almost everyone buys bread, there are not many who know that a true and genuine loaf should weigh at least 700g.

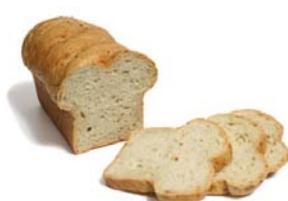
In South Africa, we have a number of different suppliers of bread. These include Albany, Blue Ribbon, Sunbake, Sasko and many others. Of these suppliers, there are many who have been

cheating customers by selling bread that does not weigh enough even though they are charging the price of a 700g loaf.

Fortunately, the national regulator responsible for specifications has warned the public about those suppliers who are contravening the regulations. This has been happening after bread producers were given huge fines for conspiring with each other to increase the price of bread. In doing so, they violated the rights of consumers.

We hope that as a result we will see a deduction in the price of bread and flour before this Christmas. This would be a great relief for the poorest of the poor.

Lenias Moripa



Jumble sale

Yeoville Stakeholders Forum (YSF)
Social Welfare Committee

Bargains! Bargains!

Men's clothes, ladies clothes,
baby clothes and shoes.

Funds collected from the sale of
clothing will be used for food
parcels and other support for poor
people in the community.
Donations of jumble welcome.

Place: Yeoville Recreation Centre
and Yeoville Market
Date: Saturday 4 November
Time: 8am – 11am

For more information, please contact:
Thammy – 011 4870269
Cate: 079 6105909

'Support our project and make
a difference in someone's life'

Sector Policing

New SAPS Gauteng Provincial Commissioner
Mzwandile Petros is strengthening sector
policing and increasing visible policing. All sector
police cars now carry cell phones so that they can
be called directly if they are needed by the
community. For the Yeoville Police Station, the
following numbers apply:

Sector one (Yeoville):
071 6756028 071 6756030

Sector two (Bellevue, Bellevue East):
071 6756031 071 6756035

Sector three (Observatory):
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Yeoville Recreation Centre Programme of activities

Aerobics Monday to Sunday. One hour
sessions starting 12h00, 17h30 and 18h30

Table tennis Monday to Sunday 15h00
weekdays, 13h00 weekends

Karate Monday to Sunday. 15h00 weekdays
and 10h00 weekends

Dance Monday to Sunday. 15h00 weekdays,
10h00 weekends

Weight lifting Monday to Sunday.
Mornings and evenings

Soul Buddies (Yeoville Youth Club)
Monday - Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
15h30 - 16h30

Adult English Language Training
Monday to Thursday. 9h00 - 12h00

Maths extra lessons Weds 15h30,
weekends 8h00 - 13h00

Netball (outdoors) Monday to Sunday
17h00 weekdays, 10h00 weekends

Tennis (outdoors) Monday to Sunday
17h00 weekdays, 10h00 weekends

Community-based organisations

- African Diaspora Forum**
17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Yeoville Bellevue
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Sihlewele Myeki 076 5174596
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- Yeoville Community Policing Forum**
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- Yeoville Environmental Organisation**
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- Yeoville Muslim Community**
Hussein Musa Baza-Awe 083 9565363
- Yeoville Stakeholders Forum**
Cate Bompas (secretary) 079 6105909
- Yeoville United Artists**
Bongi Kubheka 082 7594987
- Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU)**
9a Raymond St (corner Rockey St) 073 3718741

Non-governmental organisations

- ACTION Support Centre**
Positive action to transform conflict 011 3396332
- Mother Johnson International**
Mother Johnson 011 4870309

Community Directory

- People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA)**
011 6424345/6
- Self Help Christian Refugee Association**
Xavier Bulimwengo 078 4251650
- SA Nat. Council for Alcoholism & Drug Abuse
(SANCA)** 011 8362461
- Curriculum Development Project**
Charlotte Schaer 011 6241025
- Christians for Peace in Africa**
Pastor Thomas-Rene Kitutu 072 2625302
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 - Observatory Girls Primary School**
Cnr Regent St and de la Rey St Tel: 011 4871100
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 - St John's College** Tsepo Matubatuba 083 7737382
 - Sheikh Anta Diop Schools**
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 - Sophiatown Community Psychological Services**
Children and Families on the Move
20 Derby Street, Bertrams. Tel 011 6145242
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- Yeoville Police Station (SAPP)**
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
- Other contact numbers**
 - Black Sash**
Tel: 011 8348361/5
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