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More liquor license applications in Yeoville Bellevue

According to a survey done by the Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust (YBCDT), with the help of the Community Policing Forum (YCPF) and the Yeoville Police Precinct Street Patrollers, there are more than 120 places in Yeoville Bellevue selling alcohol. Yet this month alone, three more places are applying for licenses.

A recent study by the YBCDT has revealed that there are more than 120 places selling alcohol in Yeoville Bellevue. This includes bottle stores, restaurants, pubs, taverns, clubs, guest houses, supermarkets and shebeens.

It would seem that more than half of these are not legal. The list will be handed to the Gauteng Liquor Board for checking. Once they have confirmed which have licenses and which don't, the list will be handed to the SAPS who have confirmed that they will ensure that all illegal outlets are closed down. They will also make sure that those with licenses or permits operate within the law.

This should help to satisfy those community members who signed a petition in 2009 calling for action to be taken against illegal selling of alcohol in the area.

But the community went even further in its demands. It said there should be no new licenses awarded until the problems of existing outlets are sorted out.

Nevertheless, new applications continue to be made. This month, February, three new applications were published in the Government Gazette and in the newspapers.

They include a license application by a car wash in Louis Botha Avenue, a restaurant in Kenmere Rd, and a tavern in Times Square. The details appear on this page.

All applications must include information like the name of the applicant and the planned outlet, its address and the type of license.

Each application must also say whether the planned outlet is within 1km of any

faith-based institutions, any places which have a similar kind of license, and any educational institutions (items 6, 7 and 8 in an application).

In almost every application, this information is not complete. In some cases, like one of the applications this month, the applicant says that there are no faith-based institutions, no similar licensed premises and no educational institutions within 1 kilometre of the place where they want the new license.

Anyone who lives or works in Yeoville Bellevue knows that there are a number of educational institutions and churches in the area. There are also, as we have said above, more than 120 liquor outlets.

It is therefore not possible for any applicant to answer None to questions 6, 7 and 8.

Why do applicants not give correct information? Is it because they are worried they won't get the license? Is it because they believe the Liquor Board won't check their information properly? Is it that they don't expect anyone to object to their application, so there is no need to waste time filling in the application properly?

It is not enough to complain to friends or to raise issues at a public meeting. The system allows for community members to make their feelings known through the objection process. That is the only way the Liquor Board can know what the community feels about an application.

If you are not happy with the applications, then you can object, either as an individual or as a group of individuals or as an organisation. Objections must be submitted to the Gauteng Liquor Board (Johannesburg

New applications in February

1. **Johnson Rondo Emekpo**
2. Our Choice Tavern.
3. 651010 7390 082
4. Erf 1045, cnr Louis Botha Avenue and Grafton Road, Yeoville.
5. Tavern License.
6. None.
7. None.
8. None.

1. **Thomas Mampaka.**
2. KM Speed Tavern.
3. 2009/083590/23.
4. 3/13 Raleigh Street, Ground Floor, Time Square, Yeoville
5. Tavern.
6. Barnato Park High School, within a radius of 1 kilometre from the premises
7. Zebra Pond Tavern, within a radius of 1 kilometre from the premises
8. Missionary Centre Church, within a radius of 1 kilometre from the premises

1. **The Bekoe's African Corner Restaurant CC.**
2. African Corner.
3. 2002/086060/23
4. Genoa Court, Shop No. 2, No. 27, Kenmere Street, cnr. Hunter Street, Yeoville, Johannesburg, 2098.
5. Restaurant Liquor Licence (on-consumption), alternatively such licence that the Board, in its discretion, will deem appropriate.
6. To the best of my knowledge, the following educational institutions are within a radius of 1 kilometre from the premises: United Church Private School; Sha'Arei Torah's Primary School; Yeoville Boys Primary.
7. To the best of my knowledge, the following similar licensed business are within a radius of 1 kilometre from the premises: Within the Yeoville Square, Mi-Vami
8. To the best of my knowledge there are no places of worship within a radius of 1 kilometre from the premises: Word of Life Assembly.

Local Committee) within 21 days of the application being made. These applications were made on 2 February, so objections must be in by 23 February.

Objections must be hand-delivered to 3rd Floor, Nedbank Building, 85 Main St (cnr Simmonds St), Joburg during working hours. They can also be posted.

If you hand-deliver, get the officials there to sign for your document, so you have proof that they received it. A copy should also be delivered to the applicant's address. **YN**

Update

Social Charter

As reported in a previous Yeovue News, the Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust (YBCDT) is going to conduct a Social Charter process to find out what people in the community of Yeoville Bellevue feel about development issues in the area.

The YBCDT advertised in Yeovue News and on the internet for a service provider to carry out the Social Charter survey. They have appointed CORE, an NGO focusing on community development and empowerment issues. CORE will be writing about the Charter process in Yeovue News and will be contacting organisations and individuals in Yeoville Bellevue to engage with them and get their views. We will keep you updated. **YN**

Gambling license

The YBCDT is still trying to get full details of how the Gambling Board decided to award a gambling license to Supabets. It is possible that the YBCDT will challenge the Gambling Board's decision in court, especially after community organisations like the YSF and the YCPF objected to the application.

In the meantime, we learn that Supa Saver, owned by the same people who own Supabets, said they are 'not interested' in advertising in Yeovue News. Could this be because the YBCDT - which publishes Yeovue News - was part of the team that opposed the gambling application? **YN**

Community Advocacy Group

A Yeoville Bellevue Community Advocacy Group (YBCAG) has been set up. This group, which is made up of representatives from organisations and individual community members, is looking at ways of mobilising community support around issues like liquor licensing, gambling and rezoning of properties. These are issues that affect everyone, not just certain organisations, which is why this has been set up as a separate group.

The group will familiarise itself with relevant legislation and suggest campaigns and actions that can be taken to highlight the concerns of ordinary Yeoville Bellevue people on these matters.

Anyone can join the YBCAG. If you are interested, please contact Thammy on 011 4870269 or email her on thammy@yeoville.org.za. Even if you don't join YBCAG, you can let Thammy know your views and concerns on these issues. **YN**

Community notices

Yeoville Community Policing Forum

On Saturday 19 February, 9am - 2pm, the YCPF will have a table on the corner of Raleigh and Bedford (outside KFC, opposite Shoprite). Come and talk to the YCPF about crime and solutions to crime in Yeoville Bellevue. Special focus on assault, domestic violence and the Victim Empowerment Centre. You can also visit the YCPF at 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St in the week during working hours. Play a part in combating crime in Yeoville Bellevue - support the YCPF.

Yeoville Stakeholders Forum

General members meeting
Thursday 17 February 2011
St Aidans Church, 59 Regent St

Editorial

Community organisation is a challenge. Most people have responsibilities in their lives - work, family - and find it difficult to get involved in community work as well. They cannot attend meetings or make the time to get involved in community activities.

At the same time, many people are not happy with what is happening in their community. They expect the government, especially the local municipality, the councillor and the police to do more to improve things.

This is understandable. But unfortunately life does not work like that. We as a community must play our part in supporting government, in pushing them to do more, to do better. We also have to do what we can to improve our lives.

'What's the use of complaining', some people say. 'Nobody is going to listen.'

Of course, complaining is not enough, but complaining can help, if complaining is done with a loud voice. It is therefore important to join community organisations, to support them, to share your views with them.

United, we stand and can provoke change. Divided, we can do nothing to make change happen.

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Dance Mon - Fri 15h00, 10h00 weekends

Weight lifting Daily. Mornings and evenings

Soul Buddies (Yeoville Youth Club) Mon - Wed, Fri and Sat 15h30 - 16h30

Adult English Language Training Mon - Thurs. 9h00 - 12h00

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

Netball (outdoors) Mon - Fri 17h00, 10h00 weekends

Tennis (outdoors) Mon - Fri 17h00, 10h00 weekends

Chess All who would like to play chess please register at the Recreation Centre office

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