



# Yeovue news

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# At last!

The grass on the sports ground is being cut after months of rain. **Yeovue News** reports on the process.



TopTurf workers cut the grass (at the back) while Community Works Programme (CWP) participants (in the front) rake it up and put it in bags, ready for collection.

Since the December holidays, Yeoville Community School has not been able to use the sports ground for their break periods and the community have not been able to use the ground for soccer practise. This is because, with all the recent rain, the grass grew very long and there was no arrangement to cut it.

That's all about to change. The Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust (YBCDT) and the Yeoville Sportsground Management Committee (YSMC) have been working on ways to get the field ready for use and to have an ongoing maintenance plan so that the field is always available.

TopTurf, a leading landscaping and garden maintenance company, agreed to send out a team to cut the grass as a contribution to the community. They will also consider providing maintenance on a regular basis to keep the field in good shape.

Five cutters from TopTurf, a company in the Bidvest Group, were on site on 8 March 2011 with their machines to clear the ground. They were supported by members of the Community Works Programme team, led by Neliswa Ndlovu, who raked and bagged the grass as quickly as the TopTurf workers cut it down.

The next step is for St Johns School to mark out the field - they too have undertaken to see how they can help us to turn the field into a usable facility.



YBCDT and the YSMC are looking for goal posts and working on a development plan for the field which will include a proper soccer pitch, an athletics track, toilets, stands etc.

Proposals for how to do this will be very welcome. **YN**

## Working together to make a difference

The Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust (YBCDT) is a non-governmental organisation working in the Yeoville Bellevue community. However, we are often approached by people asking for help of one kind or another, including financial assistance and charity.

It is, of course, impossible to help everyone all the time. Anyway, that is not our function. We are a development agency, not a charity organisation.

We believe it is possible for people to give rather than to take, to offer rather than to ask. We believe that our community is filled with people who have good ideas, people who can make suggestions of how to improve our environment, how to create jobs, how to assist the many youth who seem to have nothing to do (the youth themselves probably have many good ideas), how to change our area into a positive place to live and work.

The YBCDT invites people to submit suggestions, to bring ideas - and maybe we can work together to make things happen! We cannot promise anything - we ourselves do not have a lot of money and we are few people working in our office. But let's see what ideas come forward and how, together, we can make them happen. Maybe Yeoville Bellevue can show the way. **YN**

## Social Charter process continues

The Social Charter process is continuing. CORE, the service provider selected by the YBCDT to undertake this work, has already interviewed 16 different organisations and individuals.

If you or your organisation would like to talk to CORE about your vision for development for Yeoville Bellevue, please contact them directly by calling 011 8369942 or emailing them on corejhb@mail.ngo.za.

At a later stage of the proceedings, there will be public meetings and discussion groups as well. **YN**

## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor

On Monday, on my way home from work, I witnessed the most disturbing act on the corner of Hunter & Raymond Streets. I saw a man with his pants down, 'helping himself' right there for everyone to see in one of the busiest streets in Yeoville. Then he got up and walked away, leaving his shit lying there, as though what he had just done was quite normal

It reminded me of another disturbing act I saw twice last year, first on the corner of Cavendish & St. Peters, and then on Dunbar St.

Once again I am talking about a man with his pants down. But it gets worse. He was masturbating right on the street corner on Christmas morning. As a mother of a daughter, I'm very concerned about such acts happening in public where our children play or walk to school. What can we do to get such people off the street for their own safety (I think the man shitting in the street was mentally disturbed) as well as ours?

*Angry resident YN*

Dear Editor

I live in St Georges St. There are people living next door to me who are driving me mad. They had another party yesterday as they usually do almost every month.

Their friends, when they come or leave, they urinate on our walls and pavement or on a tree in broad daylight. Please give me advice: what must I do?

I tried to speak to them. They said I am not a policeman, I must not tell them what to do. The sad thing is that they are people from another country and I feel they have no respect for their new home.

Ntate, please do me a favor and alert the police about this. Conflict between people starts from things like this and we don't need conflict in our community - we need to live together in peace.

*Khaya YN*

Dear Editor

Let's renovate the world. In making some surveys, I found out that people just throw away their old clothes and the ones that they are not wearing at all. Or even keep them at home in old suitcases and all. But since I started studying at RIIMZ ACADEMY, I have learned to help out in the community.

RIIMZ academy is an institution that is ran by Arthur Marime, a young man with a great mind who helps to create brilliant futures for upcoming TV and radio presenters. I'm moved by his works because he does not only teach you how to be a TV presenter or radio, but he also wants you to reach out and

help in the community.

I have seen the TWILIGHT CHILDREN's HOME, a place where young boys are groomed to be men. It's not easy to raise a boy child, but Twilight is doing a great job, I say a big up to them.

My message is: let's unite and help the less-privileged. All I did was to collect clothes from different people, and wash and iron them. Let's all do that. Let's collect the clothes we are no longer wearing and take them to homes. Lets help out in our communities. You don't need to be a super star to do this cause I'm just a simple and ordinary lady. Lets reach out and help. You can just see the smiles on their faces, you can see that they are happy, that there is someone who cares. Let's increase the number of people who care about these boys. Let's not stigmatise them, let's love and cherish them. They are our future. Lets renovate this world!

*Amanda Banda YN*

## In the news

There were two articles about Yeoville Bellevue in the Saturday Star this week. The one was about the police station (there was no new information about what will happen to the station) and the other about alcohol.

The article said that the Yeoville Liquor Traders' Association is worried about the number of illegal liquor outlets in the area. At a recent Policing Forum meeting, they invited the CPF to attend their Association meetings to discuss this issue.

It is good and helpful that this is happening. Cooperation between legal liquor outlets, the community and the police will help to stop the problems with alcohol in our area. Of course, even the licensed liquor outlets must make sure that they are operating within the law - some think that the license they have allows them to do anything they like.

A list of all outlets, legal and illegal, will be released soon and made available to the Liquor Board, the SAPS, the Liquor Traders' Association and anyone else who would like to see it. So far there are 126 such outlets on the list. **YN**

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**Date:** Saturday, 12 March 2011

**Venue:** Yeoville Recreation Centre

**Time:** 08h00 – 15h00

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