



## New community group set up to empower the public

Community members have a new organisation to help them to have a voice in Yeoville Bellevue. YEOVUE NEWS spoke to the interim chair and secretary to get more information and to find out what makes this organisation different to other organisations in the area.

Simphiwe Naki and Maurice Smithers are not new faces in Yeoville Bellevue. Both are in the Community Policing Forum, Simphiwe has been a Street Patroller and a Block Prefect, and Maurice was a founder member of the Yeoville Stakeholders Forum (YSF) and is now head of the Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust (YBCDT).

But Simphiwe, interim chair of the Yeoville Bellevue Community Action Committee (YBCAC) and Maurice, interim secretary face different challenges with this new structure.

The aim of the YBCAC is to empower people in Yeoville Bellevue to have a say in what happens in the area, especially in cases where applications are made to the Liquor Board, the Gambling Board, and the City of Joburg Planning Department.

### Democracy and the right to choose

Democracy gives people the right to decide what they want in their community, their city and their country. There are different ways in which people can exercise this right.

In a city like Joburg, people have the right to accept or reject proposed changes in their community. They can do this because such changes can only happen if an application is made to the government agency which can give the applicant the right to do what they want to do.

For example, if someone wants to change the zoning of their property from Residential (meaning people can only live there) to Business (meaning they can run a business from that property), they have to apply to the City of Joburg.



Draft logo of the YBCAC - what do you think of it? Give us your comments.

If someone wants to open a spaza shop, they have to apply to the City of Joburg.

If someone wants to have a church, a school or a guest house on their property, they have to apply to the City of Joburg.

If someone wants to sell liquor, they have to apply for permission from the Liquor Board.

If someone wants to open a place where any kind of gambling takes place, they have to apply to the Gambling Board.

When someone applies for any of these things, they have to advertise their application. They do this by:

- Putting an advertisement in one or more newspapers
- Putting a notice in the Government Gazette
- Putting a notice up on the property for which they have made the application
- Delivering notices to the neighbours next to and near to the property

Once the application has been advertised, members of the public have the right to object if they do not want the

application to be approved.

If one or more persons or organisations object, the agency involved must have a hearing. At the hearing, they listen to the views of the applicant and to the views of the objector(s). They then decide whether to support the applicant or whether to agree with the objectors that the license or permission should not be granted.

If the license or permission is granted, the person or people who got the license must still make sure that they obey the law and follow the terms and conditions of that license or permission. If they do not, then their license can be taken away and/or they can be fined.

### How can the Community Advocacy Committee help?

Many people do not know their rights. They also don't know how to exercise those rights. They don't even know when applications are made.

So when someone makes an application, no-one knows about it and so no-one puts in an objection. Then suddenly one day people see that there is a bar or a gambling place or a new spaza shop that has opened next to them or near to them and it is too late to object.

Of course, it is still possible to oppose the place. If a bar doesn't comply with the terms of its license, if a spaza does something wrong, or if a gambling place causes problems in the community, it is possible to lay a complaint and, in some cases, the place will be shut down. But it is much more difficult to shut a place that is already open. If you don't want such a place in your community, it is better to stop it opening and you can do this by objecting.

The Advocacy Committee can help by telling people when applications are made. This is already happening. As soon as an application appears in the Government Gazette or the newspaper, Yeovue News publishes this information and reminds people that they can object.

The Advocacy Committee meets and decides whether to object or not. They also inform other organisations so that those organisations can decide whether to object or not.

It is also possible to get a number of people to sign a petition - a petition is a notice to the government agency saying that all of the people who have signed do

not want the licence or permission to be given. The Advocacy Committee can draw up a petition and people can take it away and get it signed.

The Advocacy Committee also meets with government agencies like the Liquor Board to find out more about people's rights. The Committee also collects information in the community which can be given to the authorities. For example, the Community Policing Forum and the Advocacy Committee recently drew up a list of all places selling liquor in Yeoville Bellevue. So far, they have counted over 100 places. They have handed the list to the SAPS for investigation. They will also be meeting with the Liquor Board to find out which ones are have licenses and which ones are not licensed.

In 2009, the YSF, the CPF and others called for a moratorium on all new liquor licenses until all illegal liquor outlets in Yeoville Bellevue have been closed and until legal outlets are complying with the terms and conditions of their licenses. The Advocacy Committee supports the call for a moratorium and urges the Liquor Board to take the wishes of the community seriously. The Committee also supports government's plans to curb alcohol abuse.

### Who is the Advocacy Committee?

The Advocacy Committee is made up of ordinary Yeoville Bellevue people, either people who live here or people who do business here.

There are members of the Yeoville Community Policing Forum and the Yeoville Stakeholders Forum who are members of the committee. There are church members and NGOs. There are ordinary Yeoville Bellevue residents who are not members of other organisations.

Anyone can join. The only requirement is that you should care about the community and that you should want to help people to make Yeoville Bellevue a safe, caring and law-abiding place.

The YBCAC is not affiliated to any political party or to any faith-based institutions. The aims of the YBCAC are to inform people of their rights, to provide them with information about developments in the area, and to make representations to the authorities on behalf of its members.

If you want to join the YBCAC or to find out more about it, you can come to 18 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St. You can make a call to 011 4870269 or send an email to ybcdt@yeoville.org.za.

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## Letters to the editor

### Street trading

*In our last issue, we spoke of the challenges around street trading in Yeoville Bellevue. Here are some of your responses.*

Dear Editor,  
Street trading is here to stay and there's no way that we can wish it away. The solution is to integrate them into the existing market.

Integration plan

- Close down Raleigh Street between Raymond and Bedford Streets.
  - Make the area into a pedestrians only zone (no cars)
  - Add more trading stands
- This way street trading can be managed.

Regards

*Bongani Khumalo*

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Dear Editor,  
We love Yeoville Bellevue. Let's keep it clean. We need more markets and to try to eliminate street trading.

*A resident*

Dear Editor,

I think these issues are not small. To solve them, we need to collect opinions from everyone.

First, the government must increase the number of markets, we cannot have only this one market and ask street traders to leave and not sell on Rockey Raleigh St. I think we must give these people more space to sell.

Secondly, if people get a new place where they can make their business, we can tell the Metro to monitor. Then no one can complain because they will have a stand to sell their goods.

We must just look at the appearance of Yeoville Bellevue. The place is not clean, it is dirty. One reason is that the people on the street who sell are making the area dirty.

The way Metro are doing their job is also not good. I was once on my way to college at around 7am near Ponte (UJ). I saw three cars with police arresting sellers on the street, but when I came back at around 1pm, I saw the same sellers selling in the same place. I am asking how much those people had to pay before they got back their goods? Under what arrangement did the Metro give them back their goods?

Help us to keep JHB clean.

*MMA (Merlin Amba)*

### On potholes and parks

Dear Editor,

Thanks, I appreciate the job well done for fixing potholes.

But across the streets of Yeoville Bellevue, grass has grown like a savannah and people are litter in this grass. Nothing is being done to cut the grass. Why?

Is it the municipality or what?

Thank you. Good weekend.

*Clement Muteb*

*Editor's note:*

*Recently, I spoke to someone about the long grass and rubbish on the pavement outside his property. He asked me: 'Is it my responsibility?' I told him that the municipality is supposed to cut the pavement grass, but property owners should also take some responsibility.*

*The person I spoke to then decided not to cut the grass, but to dig it up and to cover the area with concrete. I am not even sure that what he has done is legal. And people from his property still throw rubbish on the pavement, so it is not only long grass that causes people to put rubbish on the pavements.*

*If you look around the area, you will see that there are people in the community who do look after the pavements in front of their properties. There are good examples in Dunbar St between Bedford and Kenmere, and in Ellis St between Cavendish and Arthur. If we as residents do not take pride in our area, then we cannot complain if the place is neglected and dirty.*

Dear Editor,

Great issue. This (stealing of park fencing) is not happening only in Bellevue, it is also happening in the Berea area. Even though there seems to be security stationed at the park, things have a way of disappearing.

About monitoring the activities in the parks, City Parks are not bothered about the parks or what takes place in them. I have on numerous occasions phoned them about the park in Berea being taken over by people who smoke dagga there.

I even went so far as to call the police, and, although they have jacked up their patrols, they sit in their vehicles and do not even go into the parks. It also seems that the security in the parks are hesitant to confront these people. There are hardly any children playing in the parks and those I do see are either smoking their dagga or hanging around with those who are.

It really is a waste to see our youth doing nothing but smoking and drinking on a Saturday afternoon.

*James*

# Africa Week Carnival and Festival 2011

Yeoville Bellevue will be hosting the Africa Week Carnival and Festival again this year. Over the next weeks, we will give you more information about the event. We will also be inviting community members and performers to participate in the event. In the meantime, we include below a message to all shop owners in Yeoville Bellevue.

## Chers commerçants de Yeoville Bellevue,

C'est à nouveau le temps de préparer le deuxième Africa Week Carnival and Festival !

Cet événement se déroulera le samedi 28 mai 2011 de 10h à 17h. Une nouvelle fois, nous célébrerons la diversité des cultures africaines de Yeoville Bellevue.

Pour que cela ait lieu, nous avons besoin de vous !

- Nous aurons besoin de votre accord pour la fermeture des rues de 6h du matin à 5h du soir, le samedi 28 mai 2011. Cela permettra aux piétons de marcher librement et en toute sécurité dans les rues pendant le festival. L'attrait de plus de personnes dans Rockey Raleigh Street le jour-même signifiera plus d'affaires potentielles pour vous! Une équipe passera dans vos boutiques pour vous donner plus d'informations et pour recueillir vos signatures.
- De plus, ce serait formidable si vous pouviez soutenir cette initiative financièrement ou par des dons en nature. Tous les donateurs se verront attribuer un espace publicitaire dans et autour de Yeoville Bellevue, via différents media.

Nous avons hâte de travailler avec vous pour faire d'Africa Week Carnival and Festival un événement majeur de l'agenda culturel de Joburg.

## Dear Yeoville Bellevue shop owners,

It's that time of the year again as we prepare for the second annual Africa Week Carnival and Festival!

The event takes place on Saturday 28 May 2011 from 10am to 5pm. Once again, we will celebrate the diversity of African cultures in Yeoville Bellevue.

To make it happen, we need you!

- We will need your agreement for the closure of roads from 6am to 5pm on 28 May 2011. This will allow pedestrians to walk freely and freely during the festival. The attraction of more people to Rockey Raleigh Street on the day will mean more business for you! A task team will come to your shops to explain more and to collect your signatures.
- In addition, it would be wonderful if you could support this initiative through financial and other kinds of donations. All contributors will be guaranteed advertising space in and around Yeoville Bellevue using various media formats.

We look forward to your participation in building the Africa Week Carnival and Festival as a major event on the Joburg cultural calendar.

*The area of operation will be the same as in 2010 - Rockey Raleigh St between Grafton and Bezuidenhout with cross streets closed from Hunter to Hopkins (see map below) The Recreation Centre, Library and Park will be focus areas, as will the Market*

## Sanibonani! Siyanibingelela nonke osomabizinisi base Yeoville nase Bellevue,

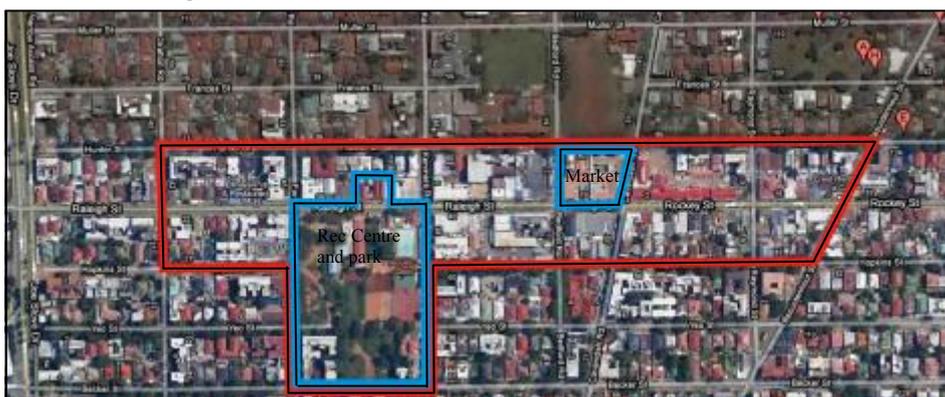
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Sikulindele ngezandla ezimhlophe ukuba khona kwakho kulomgubho we Africa Week Carnival ne Festival eyingxeny ebalulekile kwikhulenda yezamasiko yase Joburg.

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### Liquor license

Foodtown, 64 Raleigh St, Yeoville, has applied for a Grocer's Wine License for their shop. Objections must be sent or delivered to Johannesburg Local Committee, Gauteng Liquor Board, 3rd Flr, Nedbank Building, 79 Main St (cnr Simmonds), Johannesburg within 21 days of 1 April.

## Community notices

### Attn: Residents of Yeoville, Bellevue and surrounds re Migrant's Rights Concert

Please be advised that the African Diaspora Forum and CMFD (Community Media for Development) Productions is planning to hold a free afternoon concert on Freedom Day, April 27, outside the Yeoville Recreation Centre. The concert will include bands from across Africa, as well as local performers. Entertainment will be from approximately 1pm - 5pm. If there are any objections to this event, please contact Pedro Simão at 072 090 4632 or Pitsi Ragophala at 084 023 3229 no later than April 18, 2011.

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- **African Diaspora Forum** 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Yeoville Bellevue - Marc Gbaffou 083 5147367
- **ANC Joe Slovo Branch (Ward 67)** Sihlwele Myeki 076 5174596
- **Congo Heart of Africa** Bienvenu Ingila 082 6675969
- **Congress of the People (COPE)** Noliitha Majola 082 0509464
- **Democratic Alliance (DA) Ward 67 Branch** Jerry Moseta 079 0694188
- **SA Disabled Musicians Association** Johannes Dube 083 6897194
- **Ivorian Community** Marc Gbaffou 083 5147367
- **National Association of Yoruba Descendants, Southern Africa** Prince Adesina Al-Amin, National Youth Leader 076 6928060
- **Nigerian Union South Africa Mathias Folabi** Sagbo, Secretary (Gauteng) 0833033007
- **Observatory Ratepayers Association** Louise Denysschen 011 2746825 [secretary@gmail.com](mailto:secretary@gmail.com)
- **Refugee Help Desk** Jean Pierre A Lukamba Om 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Bellevue 083 8751256 [refugeesa@gmail.com](mailto:refugeesa@gmail.com)
- **Union for the Reconstruction of Congo (UREC)** Claude Kabambi 083 4865795 [clkabambi@webmail.co.za](mailto:clkabambi@webmail.co.za)
- **Urania Village Community Forum** Sector 3 Community Policing Forum [keithspeacock@gmail.com](mailto:keithspeacock@gmail.com) 011 6480367 082 4649458
- **Ward 67 Ward Committee** Nomaswazi Mohlala 083 2972936
- **Yeoville Community Policing Forum** 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Bellevue Mbuyiseni Khoza 082 2657435
- **Yeoville Environmental Organisation** Joseph Setloboko 073 7339083
- **Yeoville Muslim Community** Hussein Musa Baza-Awe 083 9565363
- **Yeoville Stakeholders Forum** George Lebone (chairperson) 079 3894409 Cate Bompas (secretary) 079 6105909
- **Yeoville United Artists** Bongzi 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
- **People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA)** 011 6424345/6
- **Self Help Christian Refugee Association** Xavier Bulimwengo 078 4251650
- **Curriculum Development Project** Charlotte Schaer 011 6241025
- **Christians for Peace in Africa** Pastor Thomas-Rene Kitutu 072 2625302
- **Yeoville Market Micro-Retailers** Sebastian Zaremba 072 1416411
- **Lesbian and Gay Equality Project** Phumi Mtetwa 011 4873810/1
- **NOAH's Ark Resource Centre, Yeoville** Gloria Nhlabathi 079 2330030
- **Nazareth House** Sister Lorraine 011 6481002

### Institutions

- **Grace Community Centre** Claude Nkebi 076 6310180 [claudenkebi@yahoo.com](mailto:claudenkebi@yahoo.com)
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- **St Aidan's Anglican Church** Father Neo 011 4871112
- **St Francis Catholic Church** Cate Bompas 011 6488794
- **St John's College** Tsepo Matubatuba 083 7737382
- **Sheikh Anta Diop School** Jemadiri Kilele 011 6488122
- **Sophiatown Community Psychological Services** Children and Families on the Move 20 Derby Street, Bertrams. Tel 011 6145242
- **Trinity Congregational Church** Zama Mpambani 079 4274838
- **United Church Schools** Helenne Ulster (principal) 011 6484727
- **Yeoville Baptist Tabernacle Church** 011 6487325
- **Yeoville Baptist Tabernacle Youth Dept** 011 6487325

- **Yeoville Boys School** Lindelani Singo (principal) 011 6489901
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- **Ward 67 Community Development Worker (CDW)** Neo Setloboko 083 9537053
- **Ward 67 Councillor** Nomaswazi Mohlala 083 2972936
- **Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust** 18 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Yeoville Bellevue Tel: 011 4870269 Fax: 086 5514992 [ybcdt@yeoville.org.za](mailto:ybcdt@yeoville.org.za) Maurice Smithers 082 3737705 [maurice@yeoville.org.za](mailto:maurice@yeoville.org.za) Thammy Jezile 0730222421 [thammy@yeoville.org.za](mailto:thammy@yeoville.org.za)
- **Yeoville Community Clinic** Kenmere Rd, corner Hopkins St Tel: 011 6487979
- **Yeoville Police Station (SAPS)** 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
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