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2011 elections mean change for Yeoville Bellevue

In 2010, we debated the new demarcation of Yeoville Bellevue. We said that it would not be good for the area. We said we were going to consult with a lawyer to find out if we could fight the decision of the Municipal Demarcation Board. But are the changes really bad for the area? Could they actually mean a better future for Yeoville Bellevue?

Since 2000, there have been four wards within the boundaries of Yeoville Bellevue. Ward 67 had by far the biggest part of the area, so the councillor for Ward 67 was the only one really involved in Yeoville Bellevue. The councillors for Wards 64, 66 and 73 mostly left it to her to look after the interests of all constituents.

In 2009, the community learnt that the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) had decided to take a voting station out of Ward 67 and give it to Ward 66. The maps show the situation before and after the new demarcation.

This has changed the situation completely. The Ward 67 and Ward 66 sections of Yeoville Bellevue are now almost the same size. Ward 64 has a piece which is about half the size of Wards 66 and 67, with Ward 73 having a much smaller section.

This means that the Ward 67 councillor can no longer be the only one to work in the area. From now on, the councillors for Wards 64, 66 and 73 will also have to take responsibility for the future of Yeoville Bellevue.

This is true for economic development because the main business street - Rockey Raleigh St - is now divided between Ward 66 and 67. Decisions on economic development will therefore have to be taken jointly.

There are other issues to think about. Everyone who lives in Yeoville Bellevue uses the Yeoville Recreation Centre, the Yeoville Library, the Yeoville

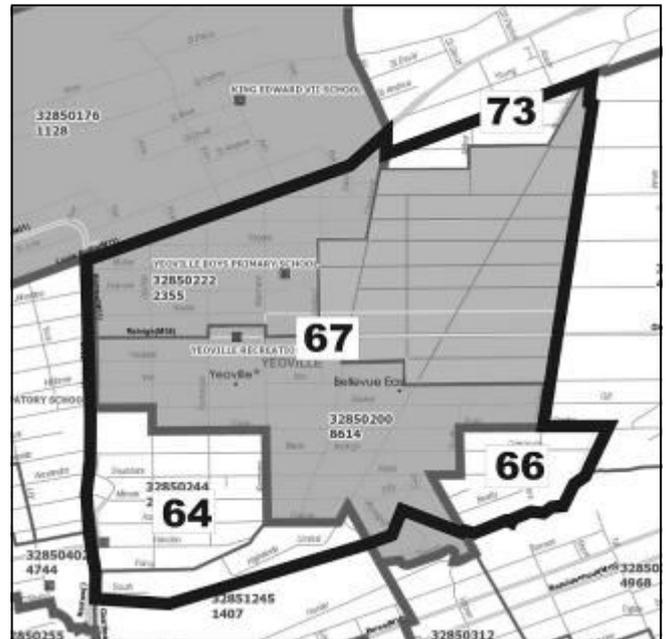
Clinic, and the Yeoville Park (including the tennis and basket ball courts). These are in Ward 67. What will this mean for Yeoville Bellevue people who are now in Ward 66? Will they have any say over decisions affecting these facilities?

On the other hand, the Market is now in Ward 66. Will those who live and work in Ward 67 be able to influence decisions taken on the future of the Market? How will the City of Johannesburg decide on the future of informal trading in the area? They surely cannot consult only one ward or consult wards separately. It is more logical to have joint ward meetings to discuss such issues.

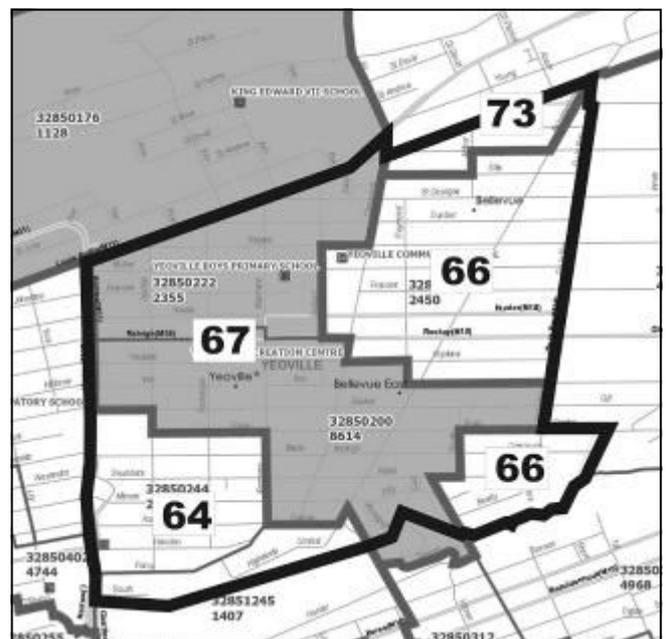
In other words, development in Yeoville Bellevue should be area-based and not ward-based. So whenever discussions on the development of the area are held - economic, social or cultural development, development related to accommodation or issues of crime and grime - all of the people living within the geographical boundaries of Yeoville Bellevue should be involved. This includes Yeoville, Bellevue, Bellevue East, Highlands, Randview and the portion of Lorentzville at the top of Stewart's Drive.

It is very possible that different political parties will win the different wards. In the past, Ward 64 and Ward 67 had ANC councillors and Ward 66 and Ward 73 had DA councillors. What will happen

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Yeoville Bellevue wards: 2000 - 2010



Yeoville Bellevue wards: 2011 onwards

More school break-ins



Broken classroom window at Sheikh Anta Diop primary

YEOVUE NEWS reported in March on the theft of equipment and chairs from Yeoville Community School. Sheikh Anta Diop's primary and high school were also burgled recently.

In the case of the high school, suspects were caught thanks to the watchful eyes of CPF member Wilfred Dudula and his tenant, Thulani Malinga. They saw people carrying chairs from the school and caught them, recovering the chairs and delivering the thieves to the SAPS.

The primary school had three break-ins in one week. On two occasions, neighbours saw what was happening and raised the alarm.

On the third occasion, the thieves broke in during the night. One was clearly hurt climbing over the spiked fence as blood was found on the ground.

A strange thing: 28 chairs were stolen from Community School and 28 from Sheikh Anta Diop. "Are these 'orders' being placed for chairs, maybe for shebeens or something?" wondered Sheikh Anta Diop primary principal, Lorraine Musengi.

The question is: for how long are we going to allow our children to be robbed like this? How can community members help to protect our schools? What can parent bodies do to play their part?

CPF member Wilfred Dudula and his tenant Thulani Malinga show how they captured the chair thieves



2011 local government elections in Yeoville Bellevue

On 12 April, 2011, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) published the names of the political parties and their ward councillor candidates - as well as independents - who are standing for the elections which are to take place on 18 May 2011. In this issue of YEOVUE NEWS, we are publishing details of the candidates relevant to Yeoville Bellevue to assist you to prepare for the day you cast your vote. In our last two issues, we invited all candidates standing in the area to provide us with a photograph, a paragraph of 100 words summarising their (or their party's) manifesto, and their contact details (cell number and email address). Where we have not received this information for a candidate, we have simply included his or her name, party and ward, unless we already have some of the required information on file already.

Some basic information

In local government elections, there are two types of candidates. There are those standing as ward councillors and those standing as proportional representation (PR) councillors. So on election day, you have two votes. Your first vote is for a ward councillor to serve in your ward (who could represent a political party or could be an independent). The second vote is for a political party.

The ward candidate who gets the most votes in the first vote wins the election and serves as a ward councillor. The political party which gets the most votes in the second vote gets the greatest number of PR councillors. PR councillors are not linked directly to a ward although a political party can decide to deploy a PR councillor to do work in a ward where the ward councillor represents another political party.

On the right are the names of all the candidates that have registered with the IEC as ward candidates in Wards 64, 66, 67 and 73. On page 3 are the details and manifestoes of candidates that have submitted information about themselves to Yeovue News. Below are the basic details of some candidates who did not submit information about themselves to us, but whose contact details we had or were given. Those candidates who are not featured on page 3 can still send in their information and we will try to include them in future issues.

Party	Ward	Candidate
African Christian Alliance	All 4	Jacoba Johanna Marais
African Christian Democratic Party	64, 65	Maureen Louw
African Christian Democratic Party	Ward 67	Phillip Fortuin Basson
African Christian Democratic Party	Ward 73	Wayne Kenneth Sinclair
African National Congress	Ward 64	Matsemela Phineas Madisha
African National Congress	Ward 66	Keith Stanley Peacock
African National Congress	Ward 67	Sihlewele Myeki
African National Congress	Ward 73	Nomaswazi Phyllis Mohlala
African People's Convention	Ward 64	Joyce Thabisile Ngcobo
African People's Convention	Ward 66	Ntsieni Florence Tahulela
African People's Convention	Ward 67	Joseph Rankgakile
African People's Convention	Ward 73	Manzobi Paulina Ngwevu
Azanian People's Organisation	Ward 64	Mdibaniso Sanderson Twetwa
Azanian People's Organisation	Ward 66	Michelle Jocelyn Rasoul
Azanian People's Organisation	Ward 67	Sipho Goodenough Yende
Azanian People's Organisation	Ward 73	Jabulani Samuel Tshabalala
Christian Democratic Party	Ward 64	Adri Pretorius
Christian Democratic Party	66, 67	Johannes Lodewickus Pretorius
Christian Democratic Party	Ward 73	Rachel Catharina le Roux
Congress of the People	Ward 64	Louise Marie Fouche
Congress of the People	Ward 66	Ben Hasani Mabasa
Congress of the People	Ward 67	Nomawethu Xhonti
Congress of the People	Ward 73	Peter Ernest Herman Weir
Democratic Alliance	Ward 64	Nathaniel Mzimkulu Ndlela
Democratic Alliance	Ward 66	Carlos Manuel Dias da Rocha
Democratic Alliance	Ward 67	Victor Penning
Democratic Alliance	Ward 73	Marcelle Ravid
Freedom Front Plus	64, 66	May Sylvia Mong
Freedom Front Plus	67, 73	Franco Carel de Lange
Independent	Ward 64	Wellington Mqweba
Independent	Ward 66	Zola Mtsi
Independent	Ward 67	Nomhle Patience Phirwa
Independent	Ward 67	Nofumene Winniefred Mqweba
Inkatha Freedom Party	Ward 64	Emily Mmakgetsi Ramoitheki
Inkatha Freedom Party	Ward 66	Themba Moses Jabulane Mnisi
Inkatha Freedom Party	Ward 67	Thabani Gift Khumalo
National Freedom Party	Ward 64	Zanele Renold Hadebe
National Freedom Party	Ward 66	Sabelo Zephania Buthelezi
National Freedom Party	Ward 73	Kholeka Francina Alexander
Pan Africanist Congress of Azania	Ward 64	Mosele Sarah Monare
Pan Africanist Congress of Azania	Ward 66	Setabi Joseph Thosago
Pan Africanist Congress of Azania	Ward 67	William Mosimane Tlhabayane
Pan Africanist Congress of Azania	Ward 73	Stanley Mthunzi
SA Progressive Civic Organisation	64, 67	Mogamat Zane Williams
United Democratic Movement	64, 66, 67	Lucas Deda Wata
United Democratic Movement	Ward 73	Christobel Thandiwe Nontenja

Ward 64 - COPE - Louise Marie Fouche - 0726447793

Ward 67 - ANC - Sihlewele Myeki - 076 5174596 - myekis@vodamail.co.za

Ward 67 - COPE - Nomawethu Xhonti - 079 7641530



If elected as councillor for ward 64, I promise to fight grime and crime in Yeoville, Berea and Hillbrow. Monitoring these three areas will be difficult for one person, so I will need the help of members of the community. Taking care of the ward is in my best interest because I am a home owner in Yeoville. Just last week there was a pipe burst in Yeoville and water was all over the place I reported the matter to Joburg Water, the burst pipe was fixed. I will also be able to assist in controlling crime as I sit in the Yeoville CPF.

Ward 64 - DA - Siphon Ndlela - 076 4279918 - zindlela@hotmail.com



I have served as a councillor in Johannesburg for the past 10 years. Formerly the ward councillor for Ward 66 from 2000 to 2006, I am currently serving as a PR councillor. I believe that Yeoville residents deserve much better service than they receive presently. Slum-like conditions prevail in some parts of Yeoville as a result of the poor performance of council officials. Conditions can only improve if officials dedicated to the well-being of residents are appointed and held accountable by an effective ward councillor.

Ward 67 - DA - Victor Penning - 082 4901171 - victorpenning@telkomsa.net



As an independent candidate, I will focus on stopping evictions from residential properties, a housing and building audit, full home ownership with title deeds, an end to overcrowding, write-offs of electricity and water arrears, relocation of street traders, a youth and community information centre, skills development, community and school safety, illegal liquor outlets, making provision for the poor and vulnerable, and promoting integrated community building. Local government is not a politicians' battlefield, but for service delivery.

Ward 64 - Independent - Wellington Mqweba - 076 5174596



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Ward 67 - Independent - Nofumene Mqweba - 082 6397717 - nofumene.mqweba@gmail.com



A councillor represents all residents in a ward irrespective of their status or political views - that is my starting point. We all know the problems in our suburbs - we just need the solutions. By working with community organisations and individuals in the ward, these solutions will be found and pushed through Council until they are implemented. My ANC branch is very supportive and the research and work they have done during the period that we have had a DA councillor has put us in a position to have a community plan for each suburb.

Ward 66 - ANC - Keith Peacock - 082 4649458 - keithspeacock@gmail.com



I have been a nurse for 23 years of my life. I have done a lot of community health work, especially with people with HIV&AIDS. I have won awards which have recognised my passion, loyalty and integrity. One organisation that recognised by contribution was Siyophila in Yeoville Bellevue. I joined the Yeoville Housing Development Forum in 2010 and was nominated by them to stand as an independent in the elections. My main concerns are corruption and poor service delivery in the community of Yeoville Bellevue.

Ward 67 - Independent - Patience Phirwa - 084 3550826



I have lived in Yeoville Bellevue for twenty years, interacting with the community on a number of issues. I therefore feel qualified to stand as councillor. My focus is development and growth with: Job creation through local economic development, provision of housing to residents, controlling the illegal shebeen problem, fighting crime, getting of queues at the clinic and ensuring a regular supply of medication, promoting equal education for all kids and ensuring that the Recreation Centre is maintained for continuous use.

Ward 66 - COPE - Ben Mabasa - 071 9756788



I have been a Johannesburg City Councillor since 1994 - PR for 5 years and then Ward Councillor in Yeoville Bellevue for 10 years. I was also the Whip for Finance. If elected to Ward 73, I will focus on house hijackings, illegal use of land (including the demolition of illegal structures), crime, jobs and economic growth. To deal with these issues effectively, I will work hand-in-hand with various City of Joburg departments, with provincial and national departments where appropriate, and, of course, with the community of Ward 73.

Ward 73 - ANC - Nomaswazi Mohlala - 083 2972936 - mwdups@mweb.co.za



I have worked in Bez Valley and Bertrams for the last five years as a resident, then as a ward committee member, long before I was a political candidate. I have achieved a lot in those areas and I intend to make a difference in Bellevue East, now part of Ward 66. My aim is to ensure better service delivery for all. My community has always come first in the past, and will always come first in the future. I will always serve my community regardless of who they are, like I always have done. The people of Ward 66 deserve it.

Ward 66 - DA - Carlos da Rocha - 083 4473648 - darocha.carlos@gmail.com



As a proud South African and Joburger, and having grown up in your neighbourhood, it seems natural for me to want to better the community that has given me so much but receives so little. I know what can be done if you have the will, I know that communities have the power to change situations. That's why I am standing for council. Most South Africans feel disempowered, yet in this election there is a real possibility that the power of one vote can change the direction of our city and even our country. Help empower me to empower you!

Ward 73 - COPE - Peter Weir - 076 4567115 - peterw@congressotp.co.za



As an independent candidate, I will focus on stopping evictions from residential properties, a housing and building audit, full home ownership with title deeds, an end to overcrowding, write-offs of electricity and water arrears, relocation of street traders, a youth and community information centre, skills development, community and school safety, illegal liquor outlets, a designated taxi rank, making provision for the poor and vulnerable, and promoting integrated community building. Local government is not a politicians' battlefield, but for service delivery.

Ward 66 - Independent - Zola Mtsi - 071 4119845



Illegal land use makes the lives of residents a misery - shops or entertainment spots cannot open all of a sudden in residential areas. Poor by-law enforcement and a lack of maintenance are just some of the problems. Recent flooding would have been minimised if storm water drains were cleared. I am worried that pavements have been decimated by continual digging for cables and not re-instated properly. Departments of council are just not working properly and we have to change that. I am going to continue carrying the fight to city council.

Ward 73 - DA - Marcelle Ravid - 084 3550826 - mraavid@axess.co.za

if there is the same outcome this election? Will the DA and the ANC be able to rise above party political interests and focus on the development of Yeoville Bellevue for all the people who live and work there, whatever political party they support?

We hope so. It should be possible because, once a councillor is elected in a ward, even if elected by supporters of a particular political party, he or she is supposed to serve the interests of the entire constituency of that ward.

Some ward councillors might find it difficult to separate the interests of the community from the interests of their own political party. But they must try or the people of Yeoville Bellevue will simply become hostage to political battles and their right to a safe, clean, prosperous and sustainable environment will be at risk.

Yeovue News and the Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust therefore call on all ward candidates to think about this issue. It would be useful for them to remember that service delivery is a right that all must enjoy, not just the members of their own political party.

We hope the successful candidates in Ward 64, 66, 67 and 73 will be open, mature and flexible and serve the community of Yeoville Bellevue fairly and correctly. We will do what we can to assist them, in the pages of Yeovue News and through the work of the YBCDT.

Good luck. May the best candidates win, the best candidates being those who will prioritise the interests and needs of the broader Yeoville Bellevue community.

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Reminder of latest applications

Gambling machines

A pub called Al's Tavern (also known as Kutlwano's) located at 29 Raleigh St, Yeoville, has applied to install gaming (gambling) machines. Objections must be made within one month from 11 April. Objections to: CEO, Gauteng Gambling Board, Private Bag 15, Bramley 2018,

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.

Migrant's Rights Concert

Residents of Yeoville, Bellevue and surrounds

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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Call for Africa Week Festival participants

Preparations for the 2011 Africa Week Carnival and Festival are underway. The organising committee calls on interested performers (all types), especially those from Yeoville Bellevue, to come and register at 17/18 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Bellevue. "We ARE NOT committing to contracting anyone at this stage because we are still trying to raise funds for the event. But we will take the details of performers and contact them when we are ready to sign contracts," the committee explained.

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