



The 2011 Africa Week Festival is happening! From 21 - 28 May. See inside for details.

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# Yeovue news

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## Election results for Yeoville Bellevue:

Ward 64



ANC



Matsemela Phineas Madisha

Ward 66



DA



Carlos da Rocha

Ward 67



ANC



Sihlwele Myeki

Ward 73



DA



Marcelle Bloom-Ravid

It's all over. The 2011 local government elections have come and gone and Yeoville Bellevue has three new councillors in Wards 64, 66 and 67. In Ward 73, the previous councillor has been re-elected. Over the next weeks, we will know who the new Mayor of Johannesburg is, and we will be told who is on the Mayoral Committee.

Much has been said about service delivery during this election campaign. There has also been a major emphasis on job creation.

Both issues are very important for communities everywhere. And Yeoville Bellevue has had its own share of problems with both over the last ten years.

There are improvements. Waste management is better than it was back in 2000. The involvement in JDA has meant that we have a new Library, an upgraded Recreation Centre and a working swimming pool. There are EPWP programmes creating jobs.

But our upgraded Yeoville Park is very poorly maintained. Many of our new street lights in the streets are not working. Some of our new pavements, were badly laid, others are in a bad way after less than three years. There is a skills centre which is standing idle.

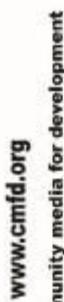
There are illegal shebeens and unauthorised spaza shops. People litter

and urinate in the streets. Pedestrians have to walk in the street because there are cars parked on the pavements.

These things can change. But it is up to us as the community to see that they do. Our councillors are accountable to us. Let's hold them accountable. Let's work with them, as individuals and through our community organisations.

Some people say you have no right to complain if you don't vote. But you also cannot complain if you are not involved in your community. And you certainly have no right to complain if you are one of the many people in our area who ignores bylaws and laws every day.

What positive thing have YOU done for your suburb today?



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**Many Faces, One Africa**  
**Migrant Rights Are Human Rights Concert**  
**Date:** 21 May 2011  
**Time:** 11h00 to 17h00  
**Venue:** Yeoville Recreation Centre



**Free performances**

Zolani Mkiva (Poet of Africa) practising kubonga (praise singing)

Sigauque Project, singing music produced across Africa

Mazola (Lion Silver Dread), featuring **Dokota Band**

Blue Boy Pantsula-Entertainers from Katlehong

Seeds of Lights: SA guitarist and two percussionists



Commemorating 2008 xenophobic attacks - celebrating diversity in 2011

# Yeoville Bellevue election debate a success

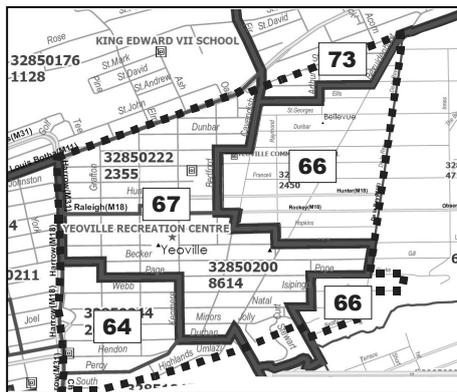
Yeovue News and YBCDT hosted an election debate on Saturday 14 May. The main aim was to present the candidates for the four wards (64, 66, 67 and 73) to the community and to ask them some important questions. Journalism student DAVID McCORMICK was there and wrote this report.

In a final attempt to woo voters, local government election candidates gathered at the Yeoville Recreation Centre on Saturday 14 May to participate in a Yeovue News-hosted election debate. Yeovue News editor Maurice Smithers, who was chairing the event, started off explaining that, because of the new demarcation of wards in the Yeoville Bellevue area, Yeovue News wanted to put the issue of future cooperation between different ward councillors on the agenda.

In the past, Ward 67 covered most of Yeoville Bellevue and so the councillor for that ward took most responsibility for the area. This is no longer the case, as can be seen from the map, and so, if there is to be one development strategy for the whole of the Yeoville Bellevue area (the area on the map that is inside the dotted lines), then ward councillors would have to put aside their differences and work together in the interests of the broader community.

From the four wards that make up Yeoville/Bellevue, there were 12 candidates present: from the ANC, Matsemela Phineas Madisha (Ward 64), Keith Peacock (W66) and Sihlwele Myeki (W67); from the DA, Siphon Ndela (W64), Carlos da Rocha (W66), Victor Penning (W67) and Marcelle Bloom-Ravid (W73); and from COPE, there was Ben Mabasa (W66) and Peter Weir (W73). There were three independents, namely Wellington Mqweba (W64), Nofumene Mqweba (W67) and Patience Phirwa (W67). Nomaswazi Mohlala (ANC W73) and Zola Mtsi (Ind W66) gave apologies. Other parties could not be contacted or said they did not want to attend. These are the parties that eventually got the smallest number of votes.

In reply to the first question of the debate: 'What are you going to do for the people of Yeoville/Bellevue?', there was general consensus among the candidates on the urgent need to create job opportunities in the community, better



The four wards that are part of Yeoville Bellevue housing and clean streets.

The second question addressed the fact that the area was now divided between four wards and challenged candidates on what this would mean. All candidates said that they would be willing to work with each other to ensure growth and development in the Yeoville/Bellevue area, the ANC pointing out that, for example, their candidates for the four wards had already begun working together on issues around the Yeoville Market.

Candidates were in agreement once again for the final set question: 'What is your message to migrants in the community, voters and non-voters?' This was always going to be a big question

because of the underlying xenophobia tensions in the area. All confirmed that they would be happy to work with and in the interests of migrants, but in most cases they made it clear that they would not tolerate criminality. This reveals a general belief that migrancy is linked to crime, a view that probably needs a little more thought because there are many migrants are not criminals at all. Anyway, as more than one candidate said: 'We are all migrants.'

Questions from the floor challenged the ANC's service delivery in the area, but also questioned whether the other parties could or would do any better. The debate was exciting and interesting, though there were moments when sections of the audience did not want to allow candidates from parties other than their own to speak. But generally there was a good spirit and there was little need for the Street Patrollers to do anything except watch the proceedings for any signs of trouble, moving in to control people only when really necessary.

Otherwise, this was democracy at work and voters went home from their 'town hall' debate with a little more information to help them decide where to put their crosses on 18 May.



Thank you, Bongani Khumalo of Cash Crusaders, for supplying free sound equipment for the Election Debate.

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# YEOVILLE AFRICA WEEK FESTIVAL PROGRAM

Date: Saturday 21st to Saturday 28th May 2011 Venue: Yeoville Recreation Centre (Raleigh Street between Fortesque & Kenmere)

## Many Faces, One Africa Migrant Rights Are Human Rights Concert

Date: 21 May 2011 Time: 11h00 to 17h00 Venue: Yeoville Recreation Centre  
African Diaspora Forum - community media for development - Foundation for Human Rights

### FILMS - Grace de L'Alliance Francaise, Johannesburg (Fespaco, Burkina Faso 1972 - 2005 Winners) Upstairs in the Yeoville Recreation Centre 21 - 27 May

	5.30pm Film 1		Film 2 7.30pm
Mauritania – 'Heremakono' (95mins) Abderrahmane Sissako	21	South Africa – 'Angels on Fire' (15mins) 'Yeoville in 2 Genres' (15mins) Gillian Schutte	
Morocco – 'Ali Zaoua' (90 mins) Nabil Ayouch	22	Mauritania – 'Heremakono' (95mins) Abderrahmane Sissako	
Congo DRC – 'Pieces d'Identites' (97mins) Mzweze Dieudonne Ngangura	23	Morocco 'Ali Zaoua' (90mins) Nabil Ayouch	
Burkina Faso – 'Buud Yam' (99mins) Gaston J-M Kabore	24	Congo DRC 'Piece d'Identites' Mweze Dieudonne Ngangura	
Mali – 'Guimba - Un Tyran, Une Epoque' (93mins) Cheick Oumar Sissoko	25	Mali – 'Buud Yam' (99mins) Gaston J-M Kabore	
Burkina Faso – 'Tilai' (81mins) Idrissa Ouedraogo	26	Mali – 'Guimba - Un Tyran, Une Epogue' (93mins) Cheick Oumar Sissoko	
Ivory Coast – 'Au nom du Christ' (82mins) Roger Gnoan M'bala	27	Burkina Faso – 'Tilai' (81mins) Idrissa Ouedraogo	

### SPORTS - Chess, Table Tennis, Tennis, Netball and (5-a-side Football - tbc)

22 - 28 May 3 - 6 pm Yeoville Recreation Centre and Multi-Purpose Sports Courts (between Yeoville Clinic and Yeoville Police Station)  
Timetable updates: Yeoville Recreation Centre Info Board, Yeovue News and Facebook page: yeovilleafricaweekfestival@groups.facebook.com

### OTHER PROGRAMS

For further developments and updates in this slot, please check Yeovue News and our Facebook link

25 May 6.30 - 7.30pm Yeoville Recreation Centre – 'Cornerstone Church' (Bedfordview) presents a skit, poems and stories

25 May 9am onwards Walter Sisulu Freedom Square hall in Kliptown, Soweto - Afrika Liberation Day Celebration 2011  
Under the theme "Bashonaphi uBuntu We – MaAfrika?" (*what happened to humanity, Africans?*) young people from around Johannesburg will gather at Walter Sisulu Freedom Square, Soweto, to celebrate Africa Liberation Day through poetry, debate, panel discussion and cultural expression.

### AFRICA WEEK FESTIVAL 28 May 10am - 3pm (First half)

#### THE AFRICAN MARKET

The African market will be in the Atrium space (between the main hall & aerobics hall) and along the wall on the right side of the outside entrance.  
Sights and smells of African craft and food markets will assail your senses.

Craft partners - Art, Crafts and Books etc

Tresor Bib Shambu (DRC) – Raffia & Wood objects for perusal and sale  
Isaac Majawala (Zimbabwe) – Knitted and Special Craft Objects and Designs  
Brice Narcisse KANDEM TAMO (Cameroon) – Africa All Stars Magazine and T-shirts  
Khanya College (South Africa) – Books and Educational Material  
HaRT (South Africa) – 'Cornerstone Church' Crafts and Art

#### Food

Yeoville Market Merchants of Tropical African food from the DRC and West African regions  
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South African traditional dishes cooked by Jane Nonyane and Monica Khumalo (*of the Yeoville Market*)

Seminar on the issue of Human Trafficking (local and international)

28 May 9am - 1pm Yeoville Recreation Centre

Organised by the Migration Unit in the City of Johannesburg Department of Human Development, in partnership with Christians for Peace in Africa

Theatre, Poetry & Acoustic Music, Yeoville Recreation Centre - Main Hall

12.30 - 1.30pm	'Comedy Corner' - Khanyisani Vilakazi
1.30 - 2.15pm	'Fashion Show' designer Yolanda (tbc)
2.15 - 2.30pm	'FIRM' a play by Tebogo Sehlabani and Khanyi
2.30 - 2.45pm	'Sello & YRC Youth Drama' (tbc)
2.45 - 3.30pm	'Soul Buddies' Sheikh Anta Diop Primary & College learners, coordinated by Zandile Rasi

### AFRICA WEEK FESTIVAL 28 May 3.30 - 6pm (Second half)

Party time! DJ - Ndumiso Khumalo Stage Manager - Siviwi (Note: all artistes will have 15mins OR 2 tracks)

Ntombizodwa String Quartet  
Walter Dikgali (South Africa) – Jazz & Contemporary Pianist  
Tony T – Hip Hop  
S.O.T.E. (South Africa) – Rap  
Rebel Price – Ragga  
Dos Santos Alexio (Mozambique) – Afro-Jazz Beats  
Snazz (South Africa) – Rap  
Xolani Ncobeni - Maskandi  
Roicka Styla Habibelan – Rap DRC, Kwassa, Ndombolo etc

9.30 - 10am Ama-Afrika Aqotho Arts - drummers 6 - 6.30pm

#### Closing session

6.30 - 10pm Yeoville Recreation Centre - Continental African Dance Party with Jean-Pierre Lukamba & friends

For changes, updates and additions, please check yeovilleafricaweekfestival@groups.facebook.com, Yeovue News and YBCDT on 011 4870269.

## Event to celebrate Africa's diversity

Ahead of Africa Day, this Saturday two of Africa's great passions – music and sport – will feature at a multi-cultural event in Yeoville to celebrate diversity and tolerance. Organised by the African Diaspora Forum (ADF) and CMFD (Community Media for Development) Productions, with support from the Foundation for Human Rights, "Migrant Rights Are Human Rights: A Pan-African Celebration," will kick off with a multi-nation soccer tournament, followed by a day-long free concert featuring local and international musicians – all in the name of focusing attention on migrants' rights as human rights.

"Migrants experience discrimination and xenophobia almost daily," says ADF Chairman Marc Gbaffou, "but Africa Week, and this event, are a way to celebrate diversity and remind us that we are all together on this continent."

Audiences will be treated to the pan-African songs of the Mozambican-based group Sigauque Project; noted Congolese musicians Marco Don K1st and Blanco du Pouvoir; West and South African reggae from Mazola (Lion Silver Dread); Katilehong entertainers Blue Boy Pantsula; and the South African classical sounds of Seeds of Lights.

The event will also feature Zolani Mkiva, the renowned Poet of Africa, one of the youngest practitioners of one of the oldest oral traditions in Africa, kubonga, or praise singing.

According to CMFD's Deborah Walter, music provides a powerful medium for change. "Some of this music includes lyrics specifically about the xenophobia and human rights violations people experience," she says, "but more importantly, music brings people together, it helps people know and enjoy each other's cultures, and that encourages people open up their hearts and minds to each other."

Organisations serving migrants interests will also be on hand with information, offering advice on everything from xenophobia to health services. Along with the hundreds of people expected to attend from the local community, which is home to Africans from all over the continent, special guests from organisations, government and embassies are expected to be in the audience.

Africa Day is celebrated annually on 25 May to mark the 1963 founding of the African Union. The 21 May event will also commemorate the xenophobic attacks that rocked South Africa in May 2008, reminding people that such violence must never happen again.

## Africa Week kick-off

The global spotlight of last year's World Cup is now a part of African history, but the glory is far from forgotten. So, on Saturday 21 May, local soccer players and sports fans representing four countries – South Africa, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Ghana – will meet on the pitch to fight for championship in the opening event of Africa Week.

The tournament is part of the "Many Faces, One Africa: Migrants' Rights Are Human Rights Pan-African Celebration," and is the latest in an ongoing series of friendly matches organised by ADF meant

to foster good relations among all Africans living in the community. "Sport, soccer in particular, can bring people together to celebrate their 'Africaness,'" says tournament organiser and ADF member Ikani Cyprian. "It is a chance to celebrate African unity in diversity."

The contest will take place from 8.00am to 11:00 a.m., at the Yeoville Boys Primary school. All soccer fans are invited to bring their vuvuzelas to cheer on their favourite team and add their voices to the call for unity. The winning team will be awarded at a ceremony during the event at the Yeoville Recreation Centre.



Yeoville Bellevue voting on Election Day

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## Letter to the editor

Dear editor

I would like to challenge all political parties to remove their posters, especially those which have been pasted against walls, within one week. If candidates made a commitment to a clean city, they need to lead, win or lose.

*Ex-Candidate Keith Peacock, Ward 66*



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