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Give 67 minutes (or more) to your community

Eleven days from now is International Nelson Mandela Day. On that day, people all over the world will give at least 67 minutes of their time to commemorate Madiba's 67 years of dedicated and selfless commitment to the struggle for a democratic society, free of all forms of exploitation, oppression and discrimination. So what will YOU be doing on 18 July?

Nelson Mandela gave 67 years of his life in the struggle for justice. In honour of his contribution, International Nelson Mandela Day was established in 2009 and is celebrated each year on Madiba's birthday - 18 July. It is an invitation to people everywhere to give some of their time to community service to mark Mandela Day – you can start by giving a small amount of your time (67 minutes) and then go on to 'make every day a Mandela Day'.

The theme of this year's Mandela Day is **Take Action. Inspire Change. Make Every Day A Mandela Day.**

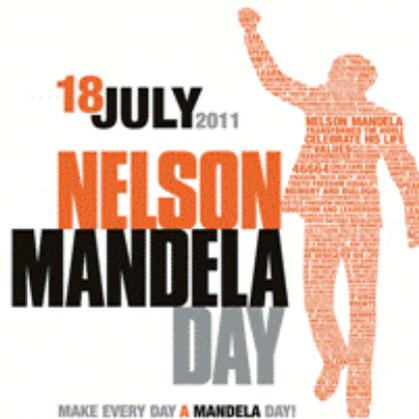
This is a relevant theme for Yeoville Bellevue. Every day in the YBCDT and through Yeovue News, we learn about what makes people in our area unhappy. People want change. They want an improvement in their lives. They want solutions to the problems they face every day.

Some of these problems are big, such as the housing crisis and unemployment. Some are a lot smaller, like noise pollution or somebody parking on the pavement in front of your house.

Following the Mandela Day theme, each person can make a difference in their own way.

The theme says: "Take Action". It does not say do something BIG. It just says do something. Everything starts with a small beginning and can grow over time.

The next part of the theme is "Inspire Change". This is very important. In communities like ours, people want change but they don't know what they can do to bring change or they would rather wait for someone else to do something. If you take action - starting with whatever you feel you can do - you will motivate people around you to do something as



well. Then, as more and more people start to do things, maybe even start working together, change will begin to happen.

The final part of the theme is "Make Every Day a Mandela Day". It is very good to do something for 67 minutes or more on Mandela Day. It is even better to do something for the community on Mandela Monday, which is another part of honouring the legacy of Madiba.

But the best thing is to find a way to do something positive in and for your community every day. Imagine if everyone did that. We would be living in a Yeoville Bellevue free of many of the problems we experience today.

It is also important to remember that Mandela Day is not only for South Africans. Mandela Day is an international day because people all over the world recognise the contribution that Nelson Mandela has made. So people in other countries will also be doing their 67 minutes to 'inspire change'.

This means that in Yeoville Bellevue, Mandela Day is not only for South Africans. It is for all people who live here and would like to be part of making Yeoville Bellevue a better place for all.

So: what are YOU going to do on

Parking confusion

JMPD have been giving fines to people parking on the right hand side of Rockey St because they say no-one is supposed to park there. But who knew?

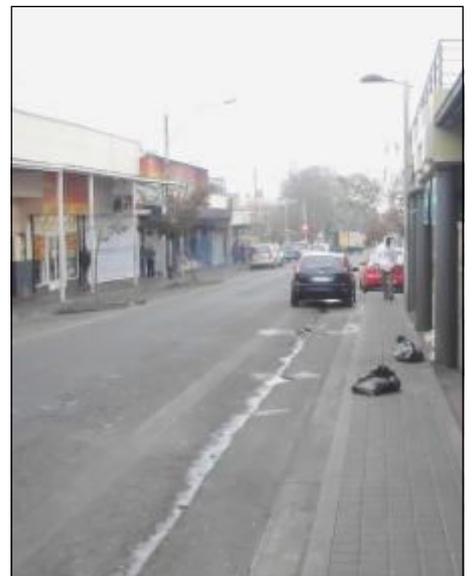
Every day, the right hand side of Rockey St is lined with parked cars. This has been the case for many years.

But over the last few weeks, the Metro Police have been giving tickets to cars parked on that side of the street. Yeovue News asked them why.

They said people should only park on the right where there are bays - other parking is on the left where there are bays and signs that say you can park for one hour.

But there are no road markings or signs saying that people cannot park on

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Rockey St early in the morning. The JMPD says people should not park on the right unless there are parking bays. The first car on the right in this picture is therefore parked illegally. The ones after it are okay. But there are no road markings and no road signs telling people not to park here.

the right hand side. This is also the first time in many years that the JMPD have given people tickets for parking there.

This is a general problem in Yeoville Bellevue where we have people who have come from all over South Africa and all over Africa and other parts of the world. How is everyone supposed to understand the laws of Johannesburg if no-one advises them? Secondly, if there is weak law enforcement, people will believe that what they are doing is acceptable.

The solution is: more communication and ongoing law enforcement. Then people will start to take the law seriously.

But there is an additional problem. There is already a shortage of off-street parking in our business district. If the Metro Police succeed in stopping the public form parking along the right hand side of Rockey St and in other areas where parking is not allowed, where are they going to park? This is a problem that is not going to go away, unless people start riding bicycles! So an off-street parking solution is going to have to be found.

Note: Yeovue News and YBCDT have written to Joburg Roads Agency (JRA) asking them to come to Yeoville Bellevue and make sure that all of our roads are marked correctly and that there are road signs where necessary.

Joburg building inspector arrested over bribery claim

A building inspector for the City of Johannesburg was this week arrested for allegedly accepting a bribe. The story was reported in a number of newspapers (including The Times)..

The man allegedly received a bribe from a building owner in exchange for not reporting that her building was dilapidated and had not been repaired fast enough.

The building owner reported the inspector and a sting operation was set up. He was arrested on Monday after he was handed money.

An investigation into whether he has done this previously is underway.

What a pity we cannot trust some of the officials that are there to protect us and guide us on the law. Such corruption is one of the reasons people have lost faith in the SAPS and other enforcement units.

Invitation to a language campaign

Joburg is a cosmopolitan city that reflects a myriad of communities, languages, cultures and nationalities. The policy of the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) on the integration of migrants into South African society is based on the idea that the process of integration is as a two-way process that involves both new arrivals and local people.

New arrivals need to make a genuine effort to integrate, which amongst other things entails learning South African languages, understanding the socio-cultural context of the host city, and respecting and complying with legislative requirements and the norms and standards of the community in which they live.

Locals need to make a genuine effort to welcome newcomers and to get to know and understand their cultures and histories, perhaps learning their languages as well. Locals also need to understand their own city and to respect and comply with the law and with community norms and standards. In so doing, they can help newcomers to understand our city more and to integrate more easily.

The CoJ aims to provide newcomers with the basic tools that they need to find their place in South African society. This includes training opportunities in local languages, a basic knowledge of Joburg, civic training (understanding bylaws and how Joburg works) and other tools that will prepare them for full participation in South African society in Joburg. In order to inform the community about the establishment of the Language Centre, there will be a Language Awareness Campaign. See below for the details of when and where it will happen.

DATE: THURSDAY 7 JULY 2011

VENUE: YEOVILLE RECREATION CENTRE, RALEIGH ST

TIME: 10am to 12pm

COME ONE COME ALL, YOUR OPINION IS MOST VALUABLE!!!

Extract from the 2011 budget speech of Community Safety MEC Faith Mazibuko

Our province's law enforcement agencies will continue their focus on liquor outlets that are both illegal and/or are known to contribute substantially to local crimes in communities.

We are now convinced that the damage caused by these places to our social fabric outweighs any economic arguments about alcohol retail as an economic activity.

Whilst government recognises the existence of law-abiding, decent and professionally-run outlets, the vast majority of outlets do not comply with license conditions which include trading hours, selling of alcohol to minors and school kids in certain instances and

disturbing the peace by playing loud music at night.

We are determined, working together with our law enforcement agencies and community structures, to descend on these outlets through regular raids.

We are working together with our sister departments in the province and municipalities to ensure compliance with by-laws and where necessary, to withdraw licenses from non-compliant operators. We want to ensure that alcohol trading in the province is properly regulated and, in particular, that together with other interventions, we can stem the tide of alcohol abuse in the province.

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Yeoville Boys School opens new entrance

One of the problems caused by the closing of Hunter St after the Telkom explosion is that taxis now travel along Muller St past the main entrance to Yeoville Boys School. This puts the school boys at greater risk of being knocked down.

Because of this, the school has decided to open a gate into the property from Frances St. All boys and visitors to the school will be expected to enter through this gate.

One of the benefits of the new arrangement is that Frances St will be cleaned up.

“The short section of Frances St behind our wall has been in a bad state”, principal Lindelani Singo told Yeovue News. “There are homeless people living there, there is an illegal glass recycling skip and the place was being used as a dump.”

Since the school began working on the new gate, the area has already improved. The people sleeping on the pavement have told Mr Singo that they will move before the school opens on 18 July.



The new entrance into Yeoville Boys School from Frances St. The area is already looking much cleaner.

Working on noise

Since writing our first article on noise, YBCDT has been trying to find out what laws are used to deal with noise. The COMMUNITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE spoke to Daniel Masekamani from Environmental Health at the City of Joburg.

The City of Joburg does not have its own noise regulations, according to Daniel Masekamani, who is a pollution inspector in Environmental Health. He investigates cases of noise, air and water pollution.

He says the City of Joburg uses a notice and regulations that were passed by the Gauteng Provincial Government in 1999 in terms of the national Environment Conservation Act 73 of 1989. The notice explains how to deal with noise pollution. The notice talks about two main types of

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noise pollution:

- noise which is a **nuisance** because it disturbs or impairs or may disturb or impair the convenience or peace of any person;
- noise which is a **disturbance** and whose loudness can be measured with a noise level meter.

In both cases, the council can take action against the person or organisation creating the noise. The main difference is that

- in the case of noise nuisance (eg a barking dog), there will be a complainant who will testify that a particular noise is a nuisance to them;
- in the case of noise disturbance (eg loud music from a club or a church), the council will measure the sound level after a complaint and, if it is too high, they will take action without the complainant having to testify.

The main point here is that people **can** take action against noise pollution,

especially where someone is clearly breaking the law. For example, clause 13 (2) of the Act says that “no person may stage an open-air music festival or similar gathering without the prior written consent in writing of the local authority”. This means someone cannot play music outdoors where it so loud that it can be heard by people who have not chosen to listen to it.

So if you are sitting in your garden listening to your radio, with the volume low so that it cannot be heard by your neighbours, that is fine. But if you have a sound system on the roof of a building and you play loud music that can be heard by people other than your customers, then you can be fined or prosecuted. Your equipment can also be taken away.

Anyone with noise issues can contact Yeovue News and we will record the information and pass it on to the council. Otherwise you can call Daniel directly on 073 5589235.

Community Directory

Community-based organisations

- **African Diaspora Forum** 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Yeoville Bellevue - Marc Gbaffou 083 5147367
- **ANC Joe Slovo Branch (Ward 67)** Sihlwele Myeki (secretary) 076 5174596
- **Congo Heart of Africa** Bienvenu Ingila 082 6675969
- **Congress of the People (COPE)** Nolitha 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
- **Refugee Help Desk** Jean Pierre A Lukamba Om 17 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Bellevue 083 8751256 refugeesa@gmail.com
- **Union for the Reconstruction of Congo (UREC)** Claude Kabambi 083 4865795 clkabambi@webmail.co.za
- **Urania Village Community Forum** Sector 3 Community Policing Forum keithspeacock@gmail.com 011 6480367 082 4649458
- **Ward 67 Ward Committee** Sihlwele Myeki 076 5174596
- **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

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 Zarembo 072 1416411
- **Lesbian and Gay Equality Project** 011 4873811 info@equality.org.za
- **NOAH's Ark Resource Centre, Yeoville** Gloria Nhlabathi 079 2330030
- **Nazareth House** Sister Lorraine 011 6481002

Institutions

- **Grace Community Centre** Claude Nkebi 076 6310180 claude.nkebi@yahoo.com
- **Observatory Girls Primary School** Cnr Regent St and de la Rey St Tel: 011 4871100
- **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
- **Yeoville Community School** Martha Mente (principal) 011 6489163

Public services and facilities

- **Region F Stakeholder Management & Liaison** Zaabe Magwaza 082 4679411
- **Urban Inspectors**
 - **Yeoville North** Fikile Mdlalose 083 4448517
 - **Yeoville South** Basetsana Bogopane 083 3811359
 - **Bellevue/Bellevue East** Lettie Rasebeka 083 3811435
- **Ward 67 Community Development Worker (CDW)** Neo Setloboko 083 9537053
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- **Ward 67 Councillor** Sihlwele Myeki 076 5174596 myekis@vodamail.co.za
- **Ward 73 Councillor** Marcelle Ravid 084 3550826 mravid@axxess.co.za
- **Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust** 18 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St, Yeoville Bellevue Tel: 011 4870269 Fax: 086 5514992 ybcdt@yeoville.org.za Maurice Smithers 082 3737705 maurice@yeoville.org.za Thammy Jezile 0730222421 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
- **Yeoville Swimming Pool** Corner Raleigh St and Kenmere Rd Tel: 011 6489359

Other contact numbers

- **Black Sash** Tel: 011 8348361/5 For advice and help with your rights
- **City Power** Tel: 011 4907900
- **Emergency Connect** Tel: 011 3755911
- **Emergency Management Services** Tel: 011 4076374
- **Hijacked Buildings hotline** 0860 111381 innercityhotline@joburg.org.za William Tudikavekewa 011 3768645 083 4612996
- **Joburg Connect** Tel: 011 3755555 (always ask for reference no.) joburgconnect@joburg.org.za
- **Toll-Free Presidential Hot-line** Tel: 17737

Information available

An objective of Yeovue News and the YBCDT is to provide people with information. We hope this information will help people to make a difference to their own lives through acting on what they learn.

We have copies of Yeovue News, other newspapers, City of Joburg magazines and leaflets, newsletters from the Public Protector's office, information on bylaws and so on, all for free. You are welcome to come to 24 Rockey St to get copies. And if your organisation has documents it wants to give to the public, we are happy to take them and distribute them from the office.

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