



The work of Ward Councillors is underway, Yeoville Studio works on street trading: see inside.

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Yeovue News to stop: funding has run out

Yeoville Bellevue's local newspaper cannot carry on for now. There isn't enough money. The Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust (YBCDT), publishers of Yeovue News, will try to get more funds. But, for now, this will be the last issue.

Yeovue News has been going since November 2008. In that time, we have published 113 issues - this is number 114.

But we have to stop for now. Our funding is running out and we cannot go on until we get more money.

We have tried to get advertising for the paper, but we have not been successful enough. We are not sure why. We believe that it makes good business sense to advertise in Yeovue News. But it seems that business owners do not agree.

Every week, we print 10 000 copies of the paper. It is delivered to every household in Yeoville Bellevue. Copies are left in places like Supa Saver, Shoprite, the Recreation Centre and the Police Station.

We send the paper by email to another 400 people.

Over the years, people have told us that they really like Yeovue News. They have told us that Yeovue News gives them information. They say that Yeovue News helps them to understand what is happening in Yeoville Bellevue and in the City of Johannesburg.

Others have used Yeovue News to reach out to the community. Schools, churches, organisations and individuals

have used the pages of Yeovue News to tell people what they are doing.

The SAPS have published information about crime in the area. They have also reached out to people, calling on them to assist in fighting crime, to provide the SAPS with information that will help them to fight crime.

We have used Yeovue News to tell people about by-laws. We have explained the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

There is information in Yeovue News that people cannot get anywhere else. For example, we give the community the dates, times and venues of meetings in the area. There is no other way to get this information, except through being a member of that organisation - and even then sometimes the message doesn't get out to members.

We publish information about the work that organisations are doing. If we don't, very few people get to know about that work.

We have put faces to the names that people hear about. For example, most people did not know who their ward councillor was or what the councillor was doing. Through Yeovue News, they are able to see what the ward councillors look like and to know about their plans

and projects.

Information is power - and people in Yeoville Bellevue need more power - the power to change things, the power to speak out, to exercise their rights.

Yeovue News will not stop forever. We are trying to get more funding for the YBCDT which will help Yeovue News to keep going, we will try and get more advertising.

It would help if you tell us what you think. Do you want Yeovue News to continue? Why? How can it be a better paper? Can you buy advertising space in the paper? Do you want to support the paper financially as your contribution to community development? Have you got ideas of where we could get funding? Do you see Yeovue News as your paper?

Let us know. Your thoughts will be very welcome. Your support might help us to get more funding and to be able to continue. You can be sure of one thing - we plan to be back!

If you would like to write to us, please do. Our contact details are on the back. If you want to give financial support to the YBCDT or to Yeovue News, you can deposit into ABSA account number 4076107935. All help will be appreciated.

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Poor advertising support for Yeovue News

We thought that businesses in Yeoville Bellevue and businesses that sell to people in Yeoville Bellevue would want to use Yeovue News to reach the customers. We were wrong. So far.

Bongani Khumalo is different to most business people in Yeoville Bellevue. Bongani is the owner of the Cash Crusaders outlet on the corner of Rockey and Bezuidenhout.

He is different because he is one of the few business people in our area who understands the value of advertising. He is also one of the few business people who realise the importance of supporting local community organisations and initiatives.

Bongani has advertised weekly for months. He has also provided free sound services for a number of community meetings.

The new optician in Bellevue Pharmacy has also been very good to Yeovue News. She has advertised every second week for a long time. She also knows that, to get business, you have to give people information about what you do and where you are.

Clive Korope of Captain Dorego was another lover of Yeovue News. He advertised in Yeovue News and he even provided free lunch for the people distributing the paper.

We don't expect people to advertise in Yeovue News because they feel sorry for us. We want them to understand that it makes good business sense to advertise in a paper like Yeovue News.

Some of the biggest companies in the world are big because they advertise. That's how they keep people aware of their products.

If you open a new business selling baby clothes in Rockey St, how will people know you are there if you don't tell them?

If you own a salon - and many people do - how are you going to get people to come to you instead of going to another salon in the area?

But it is not just private businesses that can reach people through Yeovue News. Government has a responsibility to communicate with the people of the country. If they don't, people will not understand government policies and programmes. They will not know the law. They will not their rights and responsibilities.

Through Yeovue News, government - local, provincial and national - would be able to reach every household in Yeoville Bellevue. In this way, government would be helping people to become better citizens.

It would also be able to reach the many

foreign nationals in the area and help them to understand how South Africa works and what rules they need to follow when they are here.

Rethabiseng Thamae has been trying for the last year to get people to buy advertising in Yeovue News. But very few businesses have been willing to do so. We believe Yeovue News is a good product. That is why

people like it. Many people look forward to reading it each week. They are the same people who will see your ad, who will use your services, who will buy your products, who will get your message.

Do yourself, your business, your organisation a favour - advertise in Yeovue News. It could be the wisest decision you make.

Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising."

Mark Twain



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Yeoville Studio organises a workshop with Rockey Raleigh Street Traders



As part of its commitment to finding sustainable solutions for integrated trading in Yeoville Bellevue, Yeoville

Studio (a partnership between Wits School of Architecture and Planning, YSF and YBCDT) offered to facilitate workshops for street traders as well as for market traders, to debate on various traders' issues and propose locally-adapted design solutions.

Street traders have taken up the offer,

and Yeoville Studio organised a workshop to discuss the designing of street vending stalls that would work both for traders and for pedestrians in Rockey Raleigh Street.

The workshop took place at the Yeoville Recreation Center on 25 August 2011. About 50 street traders participated the workshop, together with a group of 10 Wits Architecture students, coordinated by Kirsten Doerman from Wits.

Students collected views and stories from traders and, together with a team of urban designers, will take measurement of the pavements along Rockey Raleigh and then propose a set of designs for stalls that will be presented to street traders in a second workshop (date and venue to be announced).

The aim of these workshops is to interactively design a variety of stalls, going from temporary and no-cost stalls to mobile or fixed stalls at reasonable cost. Ultimately a selection of pilot stalls will be constructed and exhibited to the Yeoville Bellevue community at large for public debate, in a Yeoville Studio final exhibition (to come in mid-November 2011).

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Website www.bit.ly/yeoville

A street trader's story

E. has been selling in the street for seventeen years. She used to be a mobile trader, selling in Rosebank, Melville, Yeoville, Norwood. Now that she is getting old, she sits in Yeoville.

She used to be creative about her business, making dolls and napkins herself for sale. But because street trading in Yeoville has been made illegal, she now only sells socks - the loss is less devastating if her stock gets confiscated by the Metro police.

It was difficult for her to imagine a stall beyond escaping the police - a stall that would allow her to grow her business and contribute to a diversified and vibrant trading offer for Yeoville.



Councillor Sihlewe Myeki (standing left) listens to the points being made by African Diaspora Forum chairperson, Marc Gbaffou (standing right), during the recent Ward 67 public meeting

Community attendance at Ward 67 Public Meetings improving

Things are looking good for Ward 67. Firstly, interest in public meetings is very high. On Saturday, councillor Sihlewe Myeki had to move the meeting from a committee room to the main hall to accommodate the large number of attendees.

Secondly, clr Myeki, who has only been in office since the May elections, seems to be taking to his new job with commitment and competence. He handled the Saturday meeting calmly and maturely. He understands the challenges he faces and he has made it clear that he cannot deal with these challenges alone. He has stated publicly that he needs the support of the community and of civil society organisations. But these are not just words. He has shown that he is serious through his interactions to date with, amongst others, the Yeoville Community Police Forum and the YBCDT.

Saturday's meeting focussed on reports from the Home Affairs Stakeholder Forum, the CPF and the YBCDT. The councillor also gave an update on the City of Johannesburg's Growth and Development Strategy. Watch this space!

Bellevue and Bellevue East improvement initiative

Ward 66 Ward Councillor Carlos da Rocha

Bellevue and Bellevue East are, or let me rather say were, new territory for me. It is also probably the area in my ward that needs the most work.

This last week, I have undertaken to track down water leaks. I have photographed them and reported them to Joburg Water.

I covered the whole of Bellevue and Bellevue East. I found more than 20 water leaks - that is a high number in my opinion. These leaks are costing the city thousands of rands that could otherwise be used for improvements in the area.

I also found during my walks in Bellevue and Bellevue East that there seem to be situations where substantial sewage is running out of buildings. This is not something that Joburg Water can fix. It is the building owner who is responsible for fixing such problems - remember that it is completely illegal to have sewage running down the street from any private property.

I have had people approaching me to

complain about non-working street lights, and I also noticed a lot of dumping on street corners. This could be an indication that many buildings don't have rubbish bins.

The area has many blocks of flats and landlords have no choice but to have bins in the buildings.

I think the situation is very simple. The people in the area don't know who to contact about any council breakdowns or just don't have the facilities to do so. That would easily explain the water leaks and all the dumping in the street corners, and even the non-working street lights.

Nevertheless, if we work together, we can overcome these problems. I am hereby giving you my phone number and I would like the community of Bellevue and Bellevue East to help me with the upliftment of the area. Take pride in suburbs, and SMS me any service delivery problems that you have. My number is 0834473648. Please make sure that you give me your name and number so I can contact you and, of course, the full address of where the problem is that you want me to help with.

Join the YCPF now

Remember: only CPF members can vote in meetings and elect executive members. All applications to join the Yeoville CPF have to be made in writing.

You can join by attending a Sector Forum meeting and filling in an application form there. See below for details of when your Sector Forum is meeting.

Contact the Yeoville CPF at 17/18 Rockey Alley, 24 Rockey St. You can also email us at ycpf@yeoville.org.za asking to join. We can mail you a form to fill in. Otherwise write to YCPF, P O Box 94146, Yeoville 2143.

Join the CPF. Help fight crime.

Yeoville Community Police Forum

Sector Forum Meetings

Sector 1 (Yeoville): Thurs 22 September

Venue: Elijah Barayi Centre, 2/4 Saunders St

Sector Manager: W/O Mbambo 082 7577781

Sector 2 (Bellevue/Bellevue East):

7pm Tues 20 September

Venue: St Aidans Church, Regent St (between Bedford and Cavendish)

Sector Manager: Const Cebekhulu 073 2241580

Sector 3 (Observatory): 7pm Thurs 29 Sept

Venue: Habits Coffee Bar, Sacred Heart School

Sector Manager: Const Phala 072 2163373

Police Sector Cell Numbers

Sector 1: Yeoville

071 6756035

071 6756038

Sector 2: Bellevue/Bellevue East

071 6756031

071 6756033

Sector 3: Observatory

071 6756032

071 6756036

If you do not get a quick response or good service from your sector police, report your concerns to Yeoville Community Police Forum chairperson Mbuyiseni Khoza on 082 2657435 or ycpf@yeoville.org.za or to Station Commander Col Lubisi Motaung on 083 7483095 or YeovilleSAPS@saps.org.za.



Policing report

There were 15 suspects arrested over the weekend of 10-11 September, four for common assault, three for assault GBH, two for theft, one for malicious damage to property, one for possession of dagga, one for infringement of copyright, one for interference with police in the course of their duty, one for dealing in second hand goods without a permit, and one for murder.

On Sunday 11 September, a male was stabbed to death at the corner of Raleigh St and Bedford Rd at about 7.30pm. It is alleged that the suspect and the deceased were having an argument during which the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed the deceased. Members of the community helped the police to arrest the suspect a few metres away and he was charged with murder.

Frequently-asked questions about the YBCDT

The YBCDT gave a brief presentation at the Ward 67 Public Meeting on Saturday 10 September 2011. To make things easier, the YBCDT handed out a short leaflet with the answers to questions that people often ask about the organisation. The leaflet is shown below.



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What is the Yeoville Bellevue Community Development Trust (YBCDT)?

- It is an independent NGO, registered as a Trust with the Master of the High Court (Reg No IT355/10).

Is it a community-based organisation?

- No. It does not have members like a community-based organisation (CBO).

So why it called a 'community' development trust?

- Because it's purpose is to work for the economic, social, infrastructural and institutional development of the Yeoville Bellevue area which will benefit the community at large.

What is the relationship of the YBCDT to the community?

- The YBCDT cannot work alone. It tries to consult widely with ward and PR councillors, with community organisations such as the YSF and the CPF, with institutions such as schools and faith-based bodies, and with other stakeholders such as property owners, businesspeople and government at all levels. For example, it is busy with a Social Charter process to gather the opinions of a wide range of stakeholders in the community.

What does the YBCDT do?

- Research, communication, capacity-building of community organisations, information centre, some advice services, networking, participation in City of Johannesburg forums, fund-raising, project proposals etc

Where does the YBCDT get its funds?

- From government, funding agencies, corporate and individuals. We have so far had funds from the provincial government, the City of Johannesburg, the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Gauteng Tourism Authority, two small funding agencies and a number of individuals.

Who is the YBCDT accountable to?

- The YBCDT office is accountable to a Board of Trustees. The Trustees are
 - **Ishaam Abader (chairperson)**, a lawyer and DDG in national government
 - **Popo Maja (dep chair)**, ex-MK and Robben Islander, Communication Manager at the IDT
 - **Fana Jiyane**, CEO of the Freedom Trust in Tshwane
 - **Geci Karuri-Sebina**, Executive Manager: Programmes at SA Cities Network
 - **Itumeleng Sedite**, Accountant, SA Social Services Agency
 - **Phillip Harrison**, Wits University and member of the National Planning Commission, and
 - **Sherry Maclean**, a community development consultant.
- The Trustees have to make sure that the Trust is accountable to funders for how their money is spent.

Do the Trustees get paid?

- No. The founding documents of the Trust say that Trustees cannot be paid and they cannot get paid work through the Trust. They can claim transport costs for coming to meetings (but none of them do).

Who works in the YBCDT?

- Maurice Smithers initiated the project and has been appointed as Executive Director by the Trustees. Thammy Jezile started work as a volunteer and is now employed as an administrator. There are temporary employees delivering Yeovue News and helping with research and other work.

Can I get work in the YBCDT?

- When funds permit and if there are specific projects taking place, the YBCDT will advertise locally and more widely and then go through normal interview processes. The YBCDT is committed to employing local community members wherever possible.

What projects is the YBCDT currently doing or planning?

- Yeovue News, Africa Week Festival, sports ground, informal trading (with CoJ), liquor issues (with CPF), research, tourism (with GTA), City Improvement District, Area Improvement District, Advice Office etc.

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- If your birth or the birth of your child is not yet registered with the DHA, you can come to one of our LRB days and get registered. You will be issued with a birth certificate for free.
- You can also apply for an ID book.
 - If it is your first application for an ID, you will get it for free.
 - If you have damaged or lost your ID, you can apply for a replacement at a cost of R140.
 - For ID applications, please bring two colour photos or you can have them taken on the day for R30.

Sat 17 September 2011 9am-3pm

Yeoville Recreation Centre

Tues 20 September 2011 9am-3pm

Yeoville Recreation Centre

Tues 27 September 2011 9am-3pm

Hofland Park and Bez Clinic, cnr. 4th St and 5th Ave, Bez Valley

Tues 4 October 2011 9am-3pm

Maurice Freeman Recreation Centre, cnr Fuller St and Thames St. (near Bertrams SPAR Supermarket)

For further information, please contact:
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CDW Neo Setloboko - 083 9537053
CWP Neliswa Ndlovu - 072 2938876
CWP Dan Dinga - 071 5859721

Bez Valley Bertrams residents:

Clr Carlos da Rocha - 083 4473648
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CDW Jeanette Masemola - 079 8255103
ANCYL Modise Masheane - 071 1093399

PLEASE NOTE: there will be pre-registration briefing sessions for people who want to learn more about the requirements for registration. These sessions will take place as follows:

Yeoville Recreation Centre

Thurs 15 September 2011 9am-12pm

Hofland Park

Thurs 22 September 2011 9am-12pm

Maurice Freeman

Thurs 29 September 2011 9am-12pm



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