



No, no, no!

On Saturday 13 November, councillor Nomaswazi Mohlala held her last ward public meeting for 2010. **Yeovue News** spoke to YSF Chair George Lebone and YSF Communication Officer Joseph Setloboko and other community members who were there.

The meeting started on time with a handful of people. But by 3pm, the room was full. And the debate was hot.

First on the agenda were reports from the Yeoville Stakeholders Forum (YSF), the Community Policing Forum (CPF) and the Ward Committee.

After short inputs by each of the organisations, the meeting moved onto the discussion on liquor and rezoning.

Problems with liquor

The ward committee representative for community safety reminded the meeting that Yeoville Police (and indeed police nationally) had said many times that most crime was linked to the use and abuse of alcohol. It was clear that most people in the room agreed with him.

Except for the two 'delegates' from a well-known liquor outlet in Yeo St. They tried hard to persuade the meeting that their place was 'secure and well-run'. They said they were 'benefitting' the community by creating jobs for people. They tried to convince everyone that their place was not a problem

for the community.

It was clear that most people in the room disagreed with them. The councillor reminded them of the time she was called to the premises to assist a person whose stomach had been cut open.

Joseph Setloboko spoke of his experience as a street prefect - he and his colleagues were working to educate people about environmental issues. He reminded the bar owner that street prefects were not allowed to enter his premises, that his bodyguards were very aggressive towards them. He also remembers the number of times they saw underage girls drinking there.

The YSF Chair and others complained of broken bottles in the street and bar customers urinating against the walls and trees. Everyone also agreed with him that many such 'drinking dens' cause unbearable 'dins' (noise).

The 'delegates' from the liquor outlet found it difficult to defend themselves.

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Caring for the community



The Yeoville Stakeholders Forum (YSF) is very concerned about the poor and homeless in Yeoville Bellevue.

At a recent meeting of the YSF, a decision was taken to form a Social Welfare Committee. According to convenor Connie Tsolo 'the Forum cannot ignore the plight of people, especially the old and sick, who are struggling from day-to-day. This is especially important in the festive season when many people have no means of celebrating and others have no loved ones to be with'.

The YSF does not at this stage have the means to provide assistance. It is therefore looking at ways of raising funds and getting support so that by Christmas it will be able to do something to assist at least some of the those in need.

Jumble sale and school uniforms

The first step will be to hold a jumble sale to raise funds. With these funds, the YSF will buy food parcels for those in need.

There is also a concern about school children who cannot afford school uniforms. The YSF will be looking into ways of making it possible for poorer children to get access to second-hand, donated or reduced price uniforms.

As the Social Welfare Committee develops its programme, it will put together a list of people in need of help. It will also gather information about other organisations such as feeding schemes and shelters and give that information to people who need it.

If you would like to help the YSF Social Welfare Committee with donations for its jumble sale (clothes, books, equipment, tools, anything that someone else might want to buy), then please contact Thammy on thammy@yeoville.org.za or call her on 0114870269 or bring the items to the jumble sale on the day.

First Jumble Sale:
20 November, 8am - 3pm
Yeoville Boys School Parking Area
Muller St betw Bedford and Kenmere



Street Patrollers and SAPS officials count the liquor confiscated from an unlicensed liquor outlet on the night of Friday 12 November.

Photo: Gideon Mendel

Yeovue News has learnt that Yeoville SAPS have asked the Gauteng Liquor Board to close the place down. Their submission includes a list of the criminal acts that have taken place in and around this liquor outlet over the years.

George Lebone wondered why the place had opened again when it was shut down a few weeks earlier by a special SAPS liquor unit. Many people wanted to know why the place hadn't been permanently shut down a long time ago.

According to one of the people from the bar, one of the ways they stayed open was by paying bribes to police over the years! Many people in Yeoville Bellevue had long believed that bribery is taking place in the area - it's hard to understand how else some places stay open. Nevertheless, the meeting was shocked to hear a liquor outlet owner admitting in a public meeting that he had been paying bribes!

The message from the meeting on the issue of liquor was clear: **a big NO!** to new licenses, to illegal outlets and to places that do not honour the conditions of their licenses and permits.

Rezoning of residential properties

The councillor then led the meeting through a discussion on the rezoning of properties in Yeoville Bellevue.

Speakers said they were against the rezoning of properties for business in the residential areas. "We have a problem of housing - so why should housing be used for businesses? That means less places for people to live," some said.

Yeoville Bellevue has a main business area - Rockey Raleigh St from Grafton Rd to Bezuidenhout St. Some of the side streets between Hunter St and Hopkins St are also used for business purposes.

There are also other business areas in Yeoville Bellevue

- corner of Saunders and Old Harrow,
- corner of South St and Isipingo,
- corner of Cavendish and Isipingo,
- corner of Bedford and Louis Botha,
- corner of de la Rey and Rockey,
- corner of Raymond and Dunbar
- corner of Cavendish and Dunbar
- corner of Bezuidenhout and Frances
- corner of Bezuidenhout and Becker
- corner of Joe Slovo and Becker

Not many suburbs have so many little business areas. So do we really need more and more businesses to be opened in private houses? Are we even using our business areas fully and properly?

It should be noted that, like many of the owners of liquor outlets, people who start businesses in the residential areas do not live in the area. There is the case of a woman who approached Yeovue News for information about where she could buy a house. She lived in the north and it seemed she wanted to move to Yeoville Bellevue.

She bought a house and immediately applied for rezoning so that she could open a hair salon. She still lives in the north where it would not be easy for her to open a salon in a residential area. Would she herself want to live next door to a house with a hair salon in it?

The view of the meeting: **a big NO!** to the rezoning of residential property for business.

Betting and gambling

The councillor led a further discussion on betting and gambling. The area has a betting outlet - Betxchange above Supa Saver in Raleigh St. Last year they applied to add gambling machines which was opposed by the community. They decided to withdraw the application.

Now there is a new application to move a betting outlet from Turffontein to a building on the corner of Raleigh and Kenmere, opposite the swimming pool and next to the new library.

The YSF and the YBCDT have already opposed this new application. The Gambling Board has had two hearings on the matter and there will be a third hearing on 7 December which interested community members are welcome to attend.

The YSF and YBCDT have said that having another betting outlet will not benefit the community. In fact, it is likely to make the poor people of Yeoville Bellevue even poorer because they will spend the little they have in the hope of winning a big prize. This is already happening at Betxchange (most people did not know a few years ago that Betxchange was going to open - if they had, many would have objected to it at the time).

The people who want to open the new place say they will be creating jobs. This is true. But, as someone said in a YSF meeting, 'there are two sides to every coin - here the one side is that a few people will benefit from jobs, the other side is the damage it will do to the whole community, including the risk of people squandering money for food, rent and school fees on betting and gambling.'

Do we need more betting in our area? It seems that the public meeting said **a very big NO!** and signed a petition against the new application.

The people present also agreed that the community should oppose the rezoning application for the same place which would allow gambling machines to be put into it. Again, there was **a big NO!** to any new gambling operations in the area.

The people have spoken

The message from the meeting (and from meetings of the YSF, the CPF and other organisations is clear: people in Yeoville Bellevue want to have a say

over what happens in this area.

They no longer want to sit quietly, just watching as their quality of life gets worse and worse because of the actions of a few people - people whose main aim is make money even if it means that what they do has a bad effect on the life of people in the area.

Editorial

Democracy has brought freedom to South Africans (and to people from other countries, who have come to find opportunity here). However, it is not the freedom to do whatever you want. It is not the freedom to break the law. It is not the freedom to disrespect the rights of others.

Those who claim the right to do whatever they want in the name of freedom do not understand that freedom has limits, that freedom means having responsibilities and not just rights.

South Africans should respect the constitution that we fought for and that people died for. Immigrants to South Africa from other parts of the world should respect the laws of the country that has given us a home and opportunity.

The main story is about the freedom to say what kind of community you want to live in. It also shows that people don't have the freedom to make money any way they like - they have to respect those around them, they have to obey the law.

Freedom also doesn't mean that we have the right to dirty our environment.

Today, a mother sitting in a pool hall with her friends allowed her two year old daughter to go outside and squat in Rockey St - close to speeding cars - to relieve herself. What kind of parent would allow her child to do that?

While we were talking to the mother, someone threw a bucket of soapy water into the storm water drain and end up in the Jukskei River, eventually bringing dirt and disease to the people of Alexandra.

In Raymond St, two men emptied a large dustbin of rubbish into the litter bin on the street, spilling half of the rubbish onto the pavement. Of course, litter bins are meant for people passing by to get rid of small items of rubbish - they are not meant for people to empty the rubbish from their homes and businesses.

Nearby lay the dead body of a huge rat - twice the size of the pen next to it in the picture below. It is our dirty habits that



bring rats and cockroaches into our area with the diseases that they carry.

Why do we do this to ourselves?

This is a question everyone should ask themselves, especially parents - otherwise we sending a message to out children that what we are doing is okay. And so we will help bring up a new generation of dirty, careless, dishonest people.

The community's fight should go beyond controlling liquor and rezoning and fighting the introduction of gambling. It should go into fighting in any and every way possible for a cleaner, safer, better quality life for ourselves and our children.

What role will YOU play?



Grade 11 learners Busisiwe Sikhosana (left) and Xola Mtshixa (right) of Athlone Girls High School attended an Inner City Charter Forum meeting in September. There they met Mayor Amos Masondo (centre) who encouraged them to continue their interest and to play a part in making Joburg a great city.



Recycling: Yeovue News is used to patch a broken window. We hope the owner read it first.

Shooting the past and the present

Twenty five years, photographer Gideon Mendel lived in Yeoville Bellevue. He took pictures of life in the area and showed them in an exhibition in the Market Theatre Gallery. Since then, much has changed. Gideon lives in London - he still has a small house in Bellevue - and he is back to take more pictures of Yeoville Bellevue.

He is not trying to compare the past with the present in order to say that the one was or is better than the other. He just wants to take pictures which show the new Yeoville Bellevue of 2010. He hopes to have another exhibition - this time with the pictures of 1985 and 2010. Below we show two of his pics - one from the past, one from now.



1985: A white man and a black woman sit on opposite ends of an apartheid-era bench.



2010: Worshippers on the hill behind the water tower in Yeoville

Dance to da musik

On Saturday 13 November, the Recreation Centre hall was full of dancing youth - some dressed in traditional outfits, others doing dangerous hip hop moves that had the audience screaming. Here are a couple of pics.



Yeoville Stories Exhibition

Opening | 20th November 2010 | 2pm | Yeoville Recreation Centre | Raleigh Street
Exhibition | 20th-27th November 2010 | 10am-4pm | Yeoville Recreation Centre | Raleigh Street

The exhibition will showcase several projects linked to the theme of "Yeoville Stories", part of the Yeoville Studio project. Yeoville Studio is a research and learning project driven by the Wits University School of Architecture and Planning, in collaboration with the Yeoville Stakeholders Forum and other partners.

On display will be:

- **Stories from Yeoville** (photographs, stories and maps produced by Yeoville residents);
- **How teenagers see Yeoville;**
- **Cooking and life stories;**
- **Muller Street portrait** through photographs produced by students and commented by residents;
- **Housing Stories** (life and housing paths from Yeoville residents);
- **Yeoville African restaurants guide;**
- **Four self-guided walking tours of Yeoville** (Political tour, Arts and Cultures tour, African tour, Architectural tour). In addition, a book of essays by Architecture Honours students titled "Yeoville: A Walk Through Time" will be launched.



A variety of African snacks and drinks will be served!

RSVP: Naomi.Roux@wits.ac.za



Liquor license applications

Latest two published liquor license applications for Yeoville Bellevue:

1. Sibusiso Radebe
2. Sbuda's Pub and Sport Centre
3. -
4. 70 Rocky Street, Yeoville, 2198, Gauteng
5. All types
6. N/a
7. Marcus Bottle Store
8. Private House (Liberal Catholic Church)

1. Catherine Dibakwane
2. Marcus & Sbusiso Restaurant
3. 6104010509085
4. 70 Rockey Street, Yeoville
5. Restaurant
6. N/a
7. N/a
8. N/a

References for numbers in application (above):

1. Full name of applicant.
2. Intended trading name.
3. Identity number or registration number of applicant.
4. Full address and location of the premises.
5. Type of license applied for
6. Name and nature of educational institutions within a radius of 1 kilometre from the premises in paragraph 4.
7. Names and distances to similar licensed premises within a radius of 1 kilometre from the premises in paragraph 4.
8. Places of worship within a radius of 1 kilometre from the premises in paragraph 4.

How to object

Objectors have – in terms of section 25 of the Gauteng Liquor Act, 2003 – 21 days from **3 Nov 2010 (before 24 Nov)** to lodge their objections against these applications. The objections must be delivered or sent in writing to the Local Committee of the Gauteng Liquor Board (address below) and to the applicant.

3rd Flr, Nedbank Building, 85 Main Street, Marshalltown, Johannesburg. Tel: 082 3791925

Community notices

Community Policing Forum Sector 2 Public Meeting

7pm, 23 Nov, St Aidans, 59 Regent St
Convenor: Captain Mtshali - 0824557266

YSF General Meeting

5.45pm, 18 Nov, St Aidans Church, 59 Regent St
Secretary (Cate Bompas): 079 6105909
Chair (George Lebone): 079 3894409

Liquor Management Committee

9am-11am, Sat 20 November, 18 Rockey Alley.
24 Rockey St. All welcome.
Thammy Jezile: 011 4870269

Workshop on Human Trafficking, Sex Work and Protection

9am-2pm, 27 Nov, Yeoville Recreation Centre
Lesiba: 076 7873821 Nonceba: 082 7426996
George: 0793894409
JusticeACT - Sonke Gender Justice - RHRU CAB - YSF

World Aids Day Campaign

Prevent HIV/AIDS - Stop HIV - Help Women
9am-2pm, 4 Dec, Yeoville Rec Centre & Park
Patience: 073 3792404 George: 079 3894409
All welcome to test and participate in studies
YSF - RHRU CAB - Ward 67 Ward Committee

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

7pm, Every Friday, Yeoville Recreation Centre
Cate Bompas: 079 6105909

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Big beautiful room in Louis Botha Ave, Yeoville
bus stop, clean secure building.
Only single working ladies, please.
Call Brian on 072 2809144

Women in Film and Creative Writing

Workshops, discussion groups and support for budding potential African writers.
Free creative scriptwriting workshop
22 & 23 Nov, Yeoville Recreation Centre.
Registration at 9am.
If you interested to change your life, contact us at 011 4872945 or 072 36255646

Yeoville Recreation Centre Programme of activities

Aerobics Monday to Sunday. One hour sessions starting 12h00, 17h30 and 18h30

Table tennis Monday to Sunday 15h00 weekdays, 13h00 weekends

Karate Monday to Sunday. 15h00 weekdays and 10h00 weekends

Dance Monday to Sunday. 15h00 weekdays, 10h00 weekends

Weight lifting Monday to Sunday. Mornings and evenings

Soul Buddies (Yeoville Youth Club)
Monday - Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. 15h30 - 16h30

Adult English Language Training
Monday to Thursday. 9h00 - 12h00

Maths extra lessons Weds 15h30, weekends 8h00 - 13h00

Netball (outdoors) Monday to Sunday 17h00 weekdays, 10h00 weekends

Tennis (outdoors) Monday to Sunday 17h00 weekdays, 10h00 weekends

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The CDP Trust, in partnership with the 1in9 Campaign, invites you to join us at our exhibition of visual artwork created by women activists in the CDP courses: ARTasADVOCACY (media advocacy), and the NALEDI YA MESO (women leaders supporting women). This creative, vocal work gives expression to women's lives, their self-determination, and their power as activists. It reinforces our collective commitment to the total eradication of gender inequalities, oppression, prejudices, violence and abuse of women, and our demand for an end to patriarchy and sexism in our communities and in our world.

The exhibition will be opened by Elinor Sisulu

DATE: Opening event - Thursday 25th November 2010.
TIME: 17H30 for 18H00.
VENUE: Constitutional Hill, Hillbrow

Exhibition times: Monday - Friday 08H30 to 17H00. Saturdays 9H00 to 15H00, and runs from the 25th November to 10th December 2010.

Please RSVP re catering preparation for the opening event.
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