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Community Newsletter

TEMPORARY RELOCATION AREA STRUCTURES COMPLETED FOR 3C OCCUPANTS



Aerial view of Joe Slovo Phase 3 Temporary Relocation Areas

At the end of 2017, 63 Temporary Relocation Area (TRA) structures were completed to house the occupants of 3C in Joe Slovo. At the start of 2018, however, only 5 occupants from 3C had occupied the TRA structures due to the builders holiday in December.

The contractor has, however, returned to site and relocations of the remaining occupants have resumed. It is expected that the remaining occupants of 3C and the agricultural area will be relocated during the month of January.

The contractor has also started with the bulk infrastructure for the additional 205 TRA structures (TRA D) and will, at the end of January, start with the relocation of occupants from 3B 1, 2 and 3.



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TEMPORARY RELOCATION UNITS MADE AVAILABLE FOR BENEFICIARIES IN JOE SLOVO PHASE 3



In 2017, the Housing Development Agency (HDA) managed the construction of Temporary Relocation Area (TRA) units in Joe Slovo Phase 3, 251 of which were complete and awaiting occupation by December, last year.

This January, a fire swept through the 3B area, destroying several structures and leaving many residents of the area homeless. Following this unfortunate incident, discussions were held between the City of Cape Town's Ward Councillor, the Provincial Department of Human Settlements, the HDA and community leaders about providing assistance to the victims. It was agreed that fire victims should be accommodated in Joe Slovo Phase 3.

The HDA has so far managed to relocate 76 of the fire victims as the remaining fire victims have refused to relocate to TRA 6 for various personal reasons.

To date, there are 175 units still available for the remaining occupants of the 3B area. Councillor Samkelo John spoke on the relocation of residents to Delft, saying, "The reason the City is relocating people to Delft is because they want to develop the Joe Slovo area."

“The City is still in talks with the Province to speed up the process,”

The Councillor also emphasised that they are still waiting for other organisations to come on board and assist the affected victims.



BENEFICIARIES

An updated Joe Slovo Phase 3 list is available at the HDA offices at 31 Heerengracht Street, 6th Floor, Piers Place, Foreshore in Cape Town and at HDA site offices to keep beneficiaries informed of their status. Those with pending cases are requested to come to the HDA site office to bring outstanding documents in order for the Provincial Department of Human Settlements to process their applications. Internal relocations have been slow due to the non-co-operation of occupants in 3C and 3A.

GOVERNMENT INTERVENES TO EASE WATER CRISIS

The Cape Provincial Government has fast-tracked plans to increase the water supply to Voëlvlei Dam from 2024 to 2019 in order to help with Cape Town's water crisis. The scheme involves pumping winter rainfall from the Berg River into the dam. Voëlvlei is Cape Town's second biggest dam, while Theewaterskloof is the largest. Together they make up over 70% of the city's water supply. Their current levels are 20.6% and 16.8% respectively, compared to 49.5% and 39.2% last year.



Speaking to GroundUp, Sputnik Ratau, spokesperson for the Department of Water Affairs, said the project would be accelerated to get underway by 2019.

According to the Department's National Water and Sanitation Management Plan, the Voëlvlei project is one of a handful of "projects of national importance" and is set for "urgent implementation".

Ratau said that, in addition to the Voëlvlei Dam project, the following measures were being put in place by the Department:

- Monitoring of heavy water users
- Making contact with the Borehole Water Association of South Africa to raise awareness about the drought
- The department is on emergency standby to urgently implement dredge canals in the Voëlvlei Dam in order to access the last 10% of water that cannot be used at the moment

Asked what the department would do if Cape Town should run out of water at the end of April 2018 as estimated by the City, Ratau said that "we are not at Day Zero" and the date was just a projection.

Ratau however added that the department had put "intervention plans" in place.

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PROJECT UPDATES

JOE SLOVO PHASE 3 UPDATES

- In December 2017, 134 approved beneficiaries from TRA 6, 3B Holding Area, 3C, 3A, Open Spaces and Intersite were relocated to the 134 completed units in 3C (98 units) and 3D (36 units).
- In 3A, 6 occupants are still to move to the Temporary Housing Area (THA) to allow the contractor to start with the construction of 129 service sites
- In 3C, 37 occupants to move to the THA to allow the contractor to start with the installation of 88 sites
- The contractor is constructing the remaining 173 units at 3D



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- Ngo Desemba ka 2017, abaxhamli abavunyiweyo abayi 134 abasuka kwi kwisiganga nangaphakathi kwesayithi kwa TRA 6, nase 3B Holding Area, nase 3C kunye nase 3A bafuduselwe kwizindlu eziyi 134 ezigqityiweyo eziyi 98 zise 3C eziyi 36 size 3D Izakhiwo
- e3A, abahlali abayi 6 kusalindelwe ukuba bafudukele eTemporary Holding Area (THA) ukunika indawo nesithuba ukontraka azokwazi ukufakela iinkonzo eziyi 129
- e3C, abahlali abayi 37 bazofudukela eTHA ukunika ukontraka isithuba sokuba kuqaliswe ufakelelo zeesayithi eziyi 88
- Ukontraka wakha izakhiwo ezishiyekileyo eziyi 173 e3D

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO PRESERVE THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME?

Your house is an asset that, if properly maintained, will increase in value over time. And, as the value of your house increases, so does your personal wealth.

The easiest way to maintain the value of your house is by responding to small issues as and when they arise, before they become big problems.

Below are a few tips on things you can do to make sure that your house is preserved in tip top condition over time.



1. Paint your house inside and outside periodically – painting your home once every 3 – 6 years, including the roof preserves your home by protecting the exterior walls from retaining water, which can cause unhealthy moulds to form.
2. Replace broken window panes immediately – when a window is not replaced immediately, it can be forgotten and left exposed for years, exposing your home to rain water that can spoil your interior
3. Repair cracked walls, ceilings and leaking taps – using materials from your local building supply store, you can easily repair wall and ceiling cracks by yourself
4. Remove blockages from toilets, baths, sinks, washbasins – this can be done using easily accessible chemicals from any grocery store or even using home-made solutions
5. Repair or replace broken roof plates or tiles – a professional tiler or roofer can help you to replace missing or broken roof tiles that can allow water to seep in and damage your roof trusses
6. Repair your solar heating system when broken – this can help you save energy and money, and also increase the value of your home
7. Protect your foundation - planting anything within 20 centimetres of your home is risky for your foundation because the plants and soil will create constant moisture that can lead to serious rot within the foundation of your house

To find out more about the HDA, or for more information about any article in this newsletter, Contact the HDA on 021 481 2900.



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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergencies:

When a life or property is threatened:

107 from a (landline)
OR 021 480 7700 (cell phone)

Fire Department (General information):

021 590 1900

The Housing Development Agency Helpdesk:

021 481 2900

City of Cape Town matters:

0860 103 089

Eskom Customer Care:

0860 037 566

Western Cape (WC) Government (general enquiries):

0860 142 142

WC Social Development Hotline:

0800 22 0250

Department of Social Development Disability Programme:

021 483 4015

Master of the High Court (for deceased estates):

021 410 8300

Childline:

0800 55 555 or

021 762 8198

Stop Woman Abuse Hotline:

0800 150 150

Rental Housing Tribunal

0860 106 166

Waiting list database

021 444 0333

