

Parking attendants and the Road and Traffic Safety By-Law:

Parking attendants, or "car guards", often appear out of nowhere with promises to keep a close eye on your unattended vehicle where it is parked until you return.

Chapter four of the Road and Traffic Safety by-law talks about parking attendants. No-one is allowed to pretend to be a parking attendant on any public road or place unless they are registered as a security officer under the Private

Security Industry Regulation Act, 2001. They must also have written permission and be registered with the municipality.

How does one know that a parking attendant is who they claim to be? Parking guards who are employed by a registered organisation will be dressed in a jacket or bib and will wear an identity card that is given to them by the municipality.

Project Updates:

Soweto-on-Sea Rectification

- 2 034 of 2 500 houses have been rectified to date

Chatty 1380

- 1 192 houses have been completed and have Final Unit Reports issued by NHBRC
- 1 056 houses have been handed over to approved beneficiaries who have signed Client Handovers
- 1 345 foundations, wall-plates and roofs have been completed
- "New Norms and Standards" - that include internal plaster, gutters and downpipes - have been installed in 655 houses
- 145 houses remain invaded

Joe Slovo West 4040 (Services)

- All 4040 sites have been serviced
- The last Completion Certificates were issued on 03 September 2014

Chatty 1060, Chatty 491, JSW 4000 (Top Structures) & 500 Soweto-on-Sea/Veeplaas Unbuilt Sites

- All 4 projects in procurement stage
- A public tender advert - for the appointment of Principal

Agents/Structural Engineers - was advertised in the Government Gazette dated 20 June 2014, The Sunday Times dated 22 June 2014 and The Herald dated 20 June 2014. All tenders closed on 15 July 2014 and are being adjudicated by the HDA. The services will include the design, contract administration and close out processes for the construction of approximately 6 051 houses

- Relocations to Chatty 1060 and Joe Slovo West 4000 were stopped by the community
- Serviced sites have been invaded in the Chatty 1060 component project

Soweto-on-Sea/Veeplaas 380 Toilet/Bathroom attachments

- The project is in procurement
- A public tender advert for contractors appeared in the Government Gazette on 25 July 2014, The Sunday Times on 27 July 2014 and The Herald newspaper on 28 July 2014. Tenders closed on 05 August 2014 and the HDA is evaluating bids
- The project is targeting around ten SMME's to contract directly with the HDA

Useful contact numbers

The Housing Development Agency: 041 393 2600
 Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality:
 Customer Care (All hours): 041 506 5555
 Service Delivery Centre (All hours for water, sanitation and all other services): 0800 205 050
 Human Settlements Eastern Cape: 043 711 9500
 Emergencies: (From cell phone): 112
 Childline: 08000 55 555
 Eskom Customer Care: 0860 037 566
 Public Transport Information: 0800 656 463
 Land Invasion:
 Macdonald 082 410 5066
 Hlela 079 490 0531
 Fire: 041 585 2311
 Water leaks, Power outages etc. 0800 205 050
 General Emergencies: 041 506 2735

Clinics

Chatty Clinic in Dullisear Street: 041 481 2111
 Veeplaas Clinic in Kani Street: 041 464 1529
 Zwide Clinic in Johnson Street: 041 464 1732
 Soweto-on-Sea Clinic in Mbanga Street: 041 464 6021
 Booyens Park Clinic in Auburn Road: 041 506 2700
 Booyens Park Clinic 2 in Booyens Park Drive: 041 483 1590

Police Stations

Booyens Park Police Station: 041 404 3000
 071 475 1938
 Kwazakele Police Station: 041 408 7743
 Zwide Police Station: 041 405 4712



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The Zanemvula housing project launched in 2006. It is an informal settlement upgrading and human settlement project in Nelson Mandela Bay. The project is located in the Chatty, Joe Slovo West, Soweto-on-Sea and Veeplaas areas and involves the relocation of residents from the floodplains of the Chatty River, backyard dwellings and other stressed areas around Nelson Mandela Bay to decent human settlements. The project will deliver 13 500 houses.

Changing houses into homes

Many beneficiaries in the Zanemvula projects have invested a lot of time and money in making their houses comfortable, attractive spaces where they can gather with family and friends.



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"Not long after we moved in, I built a fence around our home. Over the years I've changed the doors, tiled the floors, made a concrete stoep and path, planted grass and started a garden. I carried out all of these renovations myself. It's a good feeling to have a house that looks beautiful; and is an investment."

"We need to look after our houses and keep them as clean as possible. It's not easy to get a home; they are gifts from government."

Nontobeko Mavis Jack and Roderick Kholisile Makasi live a few doors away from Vuyani. They've stayed in Chatty for about four years now.

"We can spend all day planting and working in the garden," says Roderick. "Nontobeko and I have also done all of the renovations."

"We are very happy that our house is beautiful," says Nontobeko. "It is important that people find a home attractive, and want to spend time there."

Yoliswa Zonke moved into Chatty with her husband and children in 2010. She says they have spent a lot of time and money making sure their home is a safe environment for their children to grow up in.

"We've fenced off our property and built a wall in the front so that our children can play inside and not in the streets



Nontobeko Mavis Jack and Roderick Kholisile Makasi.

where cars drive up and down."

The Zonkes fitted burglar bars to the windows as an extra safety measure. Yoliswa explains how their living conditions have changed since they moved into their new home four years ago:

"We used to live in a shack and had mats on the floor. In our house we've tiled the floor; tiles are so easy and convenient to keep clean and we also save money because we don't have to keep buying mats."

To find out how to keep your house looking good, read "How basic home maintenance can save you money" on page 2.



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How basic home maintenance can save you money



A well-looked after house is the pride of any homeowner. Regular maintenance can save a homeowner a few rands and, ensure that their home will be enjoyed as a place to gather for family and friends for years to come.

Here are a few basic home maintenance tips to consider as the summer months approach:

The roof:

- Remove leaves and other debris that may have accumulated during winter from the gutters. Clean gutters mean water from the roof will flow away easily and not affect paintwork
- Check the roof for damaged, missing or loose tiles; not fixing or replacing them could lead to leaks or water damage in your home. Leaks can result in damp spots that need to be watched because they can cause the ceiling to sag or even collapse

Windows:

- Replace broken or cracked window panes as soon possible because they allow drafts into the house and they also pose a safety hazard, especially if there are children around

Painting:

- Paint makes a house look good and also protects metal from rust and wood from being damaged by the sun and from rot. Check window frames, gates and doors to look for bubbled, peeling or cracked paint and repaint the item if necessary

Lights, power points and electrical fittings:

- Use energy-saving light bulbs
- Do not overload electrical power points by plugging too many appliances into one socket

It is also a good idea to check taps that are fitted on the exterior of the house for leaks. This will avoid wastage, and a high water bill.

A new multi-purpose centre for Chatty



An artist's impression of what the MPCC could look like.

Residents of Chatty will soon see development begin on their very own multi-purpose community centre (MPCC).

The facility is being built on the Chatty Link Road that ties Chatty 1347, 1380, 1060 and 491 together.

The centre is the first of its kind in Chatty. It will have a main hall that will seat 500 people, an ablution block, a guard house, a reception area and a caretaker's house. More than 4000 households will be able to use the MPCC for different kinds of functions including weddings and meetings.

It is expected that it will take 13 months to complete. At this stage, the procurement process is complete and the contractor is on site. Efforts are also underway to obtain permanent fencing to enclose the building site.

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Vuyani Zonke.

"In the evening, it takes more than an hour to get home. Before, the taxis used to come into Chatty early; but now they wait at the ranks until most commuters have been transported before they leave to come into the surrounding areas."

When it's cold and rainy outdoors, Vuyani says the commute is more difficult.

Public transport in Zanemvula

Vuyani Zonke has lived in Chatty with his wife and their children for about four years.

He works in North End and relies on public transport to travel to and from his job every day.

"Fortunately for me, I am able to leave home at 06.45am. It's about a 15 minute walk to where I catch a taxi, and I arrive at work just before 08.00am – that's when my work day starts."

"The taxis don't come into Chatty because the road is muddy so I have to walk further or wait longer."

He says many of his neighbours also rely on public transport. "I think it would be nice if we had a choice of buses or taxis; and if they were able to come into Chatty. This would make life a little easier and we wouldn't have to walk too far to catch transport."

Mr Sicelo Duze is the Chief Executive Officer of the Algoa Bus Company that operates in all major areas within the Nelson Mandela Bay metro.

"We do have services that operate in the Zanemvula projects of Chatty, Joe Slovo West and Soweto-on-Sea. Bus stops are situated at areas that are the most convenient places for our passengers. However, the suitability of conditions in any area do determine whether or not we are able to build a stop there."

Mr Duze adds that they are constantly re-evaluating their services to identify where there is a need to add or extend their routes.

October is Transport Month

Transport Month was first introduced in October 2005. It is aimed at raising awareness about the important role transport plays in the economy and about efforts that are underway to provide a safer, more affordable, accessible and reliable transport system for South Africa.

Road safety in the spotlight

Road safety is not just about motorists and vehicles; it's about everyone who uses the roads including cyclists, pedestrians and motorcyclists.

Be a responsible driver:

- Do not drink and drive
- Ensure everyone in the car wears a seatbelt
- Do not use your cell phone while driving

Stick to the speed limit:

- 60 km/h on a public road in a residential area
- 100 km/h on public road outside an urban area which is not a freeway
- 120 km/h on a freeway

Streetwise pedestrians:

- Walk on the pavement; never in the road
- Wear reflective clothing to be more visible to motorists
- Use pedestrian bridges where possible

Safety for cyclists:

- Be cautious at traffic intersections and circles
- Ride in single file, at least 1.5 metres from the pavement, and always wear a helmet
- Be visible and wear brightly coloured or reflective clothing so that motorists can see you

