

## PROJECT MILESTONES

### AMANDLA EDUFOOTBALL UPDATE

The Amandla Edufootball Youth Café is in the last two months of construction. At present, progress is on track to complete the building by the end of March 2016.



### GUNYA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH UPDATE

The Mayoral Urban Renewal Programme (MURP) have allocated an amount of R687 000.00 to the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Outreach project for promotion of ECD, training of ECD practitioners and caregivers, as well as childcare and nutrition. The project covers Harare area in Khayelitsha, Gunya and Lotus Park. The Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP), a government funded, temporary work programme that provides poverty and income relief, have appointed 25 fieldworkers for the project.

### GUNYA ALCOHOL HARMS REDUCTION: UPDATE

The Alcohol Harms Reduction strategy aims to reduce alcohol-related harms in targeted areas in the Western Cape such as car accidents, violence, and damage to property as a result of alcohol. Three pilot areas for implementation of the Alcohol Harms Reduction strategy have been confirmed in Gunya - Hlazo Village, Lusaka and KTC. 28 Community NHW members have been selected to form part of the Alcohol Harms Reduction strategy. Baseline data collection activities began in December 2015, including an audit of liquor outlets in the community.

Ten Gunya Community NHW members received Grade E & D Security Training from Department of Community Safety (DoCS), with the rest of qualifying Community NHW members to receive training in the course of February 2016.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS FEBRUARY – MARCH 2016

On 21 March 2016, a Human Rights Commemoration event has been organised by the Nyanga Community Policing Forum (CPF) in partnership with a variety of stakeholders.

The event will take place at the corner of New Eisleben and Govan Mbeki Roads.

The venue of the event is symbolic, as it shall positively occupy a problematic space that is considered as a crime hotspot.

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## VIOLENCE PREVENTION THROUGH URBAN UPGRADING

### NYANGA YETHU HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 19 AND 20 DECEMBER 2015



The Nyanga Yethu Lotus Park Holiday Programme was held at the Lotus Park Neighbourhood Centre from 19 to 20 December 2015. 98 young people participated in the programme on Saturday and 67 young people participated on Sunday.

Young community members were very excited about the opportunity for local artists such as poets and musicians to entertain the crowd with games and performances.



### MEETINGS HELD JANUARY - MARCH 2016

- 21.01.16: Safe Node Area Committee (SNAC) Meeting
- 04.02.16: Gunya Technical Working Group meeting at Fezeka Sub Council Chambers
- 06.02.16: Gunya Safe Node Area Committee (SNAC) Review Audit at Endlovini Community Hall
- 11.02.16: Gunya SNAC Organisational Development (OD) Session
- 13.02.16: Safety Planning workshop
- 25.02.16: SNAC Meeting
- 10.03.16: GUNYA OD Session

### UPCOMING MEETINGS MARCH 2016

- 19.03.16: Reference Group Meeting
- 19.03.16: Imbizo at the Department of Justice
- 21.03.16: Human Rights Day Event as awareness raising on crime
- 24.03.16: SNAC Meeting

**SNAC meeting:** A monthly meeting of the elected Safe Node Area Committee members.

**OD Session:** Organisational Development meeting that VPUU conducts follow-up support and training to Safe Node Area leadership.

**Diamond Meeting:** A monthly meeting of safe node area SNAC members and VPUU work stream representatives.



## NYANGA YETHU YOUTH PROGRAMME - UPDATE

On 30 January 2016, VPUU Placemakers, Lotus Park Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and volunteers from the Lotus Park Mighty City Netball Team supported the Nyanga Yethu Activators and Department of Community Safety (DoCS) staff to host a Saturday Event at Zolani Centre in Nyanga. Close to 400 children and youth, between 6 and 15 years old, took part in the programme and enjoyed movies, water slides, the splash park, jumping castles and a variety of games. We hope to plan more joint events in the future – with the idea to offer Open-Mic nights at more locations in Gunya.



### Highlight from Gunya Technical Working Group Meeting

The City of Cape Town Public Lighting and Street Lighting department have been using Community Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) volunteers to provide security for the maintenance teams who are fixing and maintaining the lights across Gunya. Public Lighting have reported that they were very happy with the performance of the NHWs so far and look forward to working with the different NHWs as they conduct the repairs and maintenance of street lights throughout Gunya.

In April 2016, the Gunya Safe Node Area Committee (SNAC) will hold a three day leadership training as part of the Gunya SNAC Organisational Development (OD).

The leadership training will cover the following learning areas: Leadership, Communication, Financial Management, Planning and Conflict Management.

You may directly contact Dumisani Ncapayi from the Mayoral Urban Renewal Programme (MURP) for information on the event.

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## GUNYA SNAC CHAIRPERSON'S 2016 ADDRESS

On behalf of the Gugulethu-Nyanga Safe Node Area Committee (SNAC) I would like to wish the community a Blessed 2016. Let us look forward to an exceptional year in development.

The Gunya SNAC is composed of:

- Early Childhood Development (ECD) Forum
- Youth Clubs (Arts and Culture)
- Elderly people
- Community-Based Organisations (CBO)/Non-Profit Organisations (NPO)
- Civic community representatives/Area committees
- Sports Organisations
- Safety and security Community Policing Forum (CPF) as ex-officio members
- Business Organisations

We have portfolio heads for:

- Infrastructure (2 representatives) and a sub-group
- Economy (2 representatives) and a sub-group
- Safety and security (2 representatives) and a sub-group
- Institutional (2 representatives) and
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) (2 representatives) and a sub-group

There are currently no representatives from People with disabilities, Environmental Forums and Church-based organisations.

SNAC always feeds back to the community through the Reference Group Meetings held quarterly. That's where we our successes, challenges, highlights and Goals for 2016 are shared. Our next Reference Group Meeting is on the 19 March 2016.

Stakeholders who want to be part of the Reference Group Meeting (RGM) can contact Marc Matebe or Dumisani Ncapayi at Fezeka MURP offices.

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## A MESSAGE FROM A COMMUNITY MEMBER

Walking and talking to community members around Lotus Park and Khiki area during January month, just after the festive season, I was deeply touched by the positive comments made by a few people about the great work that was done by the Neighbourhood Watch members. They were temporarily tasked to keep our area secured and safe so that we can enjoy the Christmas Festive Season without having sleepless nights due to crime, which is perpetrated by those who have negative and destructive actions. It was encouraging to hear that the visibility of patrols made a huge difference in people's lives and has brought hope that we can have peace and harmony in our areas.

As communities we would like to appeal to powers that be to continue with the Neighbourhood Watch programme. We believe that the patrols project will not only create jobs but also help to combat the rate of crime, uplift the standard of living and create a sense of belonging in our communities. I appeal to members of the public to work together with the patrols and keep our communities free of crime, drugs, abuse of any sort and become a vibrant community that strives for a better future for the present as well as generations to come.

Warm regards,  
Sugars Qinga (Amandla Edufootball)

## SAFETY PLANS/ SAFETY VOLUNTEERS

### GUNYA ALCOHOL HARMS REDUCTION: COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

The Ward 39 Alcohol Harms Reduction Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) team was deployed on 2 December 2015 under the leadership of Bongani Msindo (33 years old), who is a youth leader from Hlazo Village. The NHW team are based in the Lusaka Hall in one of Councillor Khaya Yozi's offices, which is a generous offer from the leadership.

One of the team's first tasks was to complete a cellphone app-based audit of liquor outlets in this ward and to inform residents of the project through a door-to-door campaign visit. The team also received an interim patrolling uniform of caps and t-shirts to start the process.

On 20 December 2015, the team was devastated to find out about the death of their leader Msindo, who died of a stab wound while stopping a fight in his community. A well-attended memorial service was held at Hlazo Hall on 30 December.

This Gunya Newsletter is dedicated to Bongani Msindo and all Gunya community members who continue to fight crime and protect their communities from violence and danger.

## 2015 FESTIVE SEASON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH DEPLOYMENT

60 Community Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) members (20 in Gugulethu and 40 in Nyanga) were deployed in crime hotspots throughout Gunya over the Festive Season from the 15th of December to the 3rd of January (21 days). The feedback received was that the visibility of Community NHW members gave a sense of security for community members and really brought about safety and security in Gunya over the Festive Season.