

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Official Mangere Bridge Opening

Sunday the 25 July was a beautiful Auckland day in which the official grand opening of the new bridge took place, PM John Key cut the ribbon which was then followed by us all walking across the bridge before the public who got to walk over it from 10am to 2pm,

photos can be found at www.mangerebridge.co.nz/gallery



Hey guys, this is just a reminder that all 2009 / 10 Entertainment books expired on 1st of June, meaning if you haven't yet got a new 2010 / 11 book now is the time to do so, we currently have 8 books left so get in quick to order one.

Call Shane on 021 815 184 or email shane@mangerebridge.co.nz

The Lions are roaring

In June, some four hundred New Zealand Lions joined 15,000 from around the World at the 93rd Lions Club International Convention in Sydney. It was truly a great occasion for a Lion attending their first International Convention. Over a period of 5 days there were many highlights including the 2 ½ hour Parade of Countries that were represented in Sydney.

As well our out-going International President Eberhard J. Wirfs announced that our organization had a net increase of some 27,000 new members in the year.

The keynote address was by Airline Pilot Chesley B. (Sully) Sullenberger 111 who was responsible for saving all the passengers and crew when he brought his plane safely down in the Hudson River earlier this year. Our 2010/11 International President Sid L. Scruggs 111 gave an encouraging address about what Lions can do for our Countries and Communities.

On the home front Mangere Bridge Lions completed the painting of the girl guide hall. They are now looking forward to the next major project which is raising \$9,800 for a six year old boy from Mangere Bridge who needs a Hart-Walker.

If you would like to find out more about Lions please feel free to contact Ian 6369520 or Alan 6366260.

Next meetings: Tuesday 3rd & 17th August 7pm – Anglican Church Hall, Church Road, Mangere Bridge.

SILVER SNEAKERS – Group Fitness

Beat the slump, fight low energy, knock out sleep problems, defeat depression ... join us, step lively, and move forward. Fitness classes developed for those wanting a careful and thorough workout.

The company's great, we have some fun and Kimi's endless variety of exercises are purposefully chosen to stretch, strengthen, balance, energise, de-stress, and focus on you. Come along, slap on a smile, sing-a-long and dance your way to a better outcome.

Tues & Thurs 9.30-10.30am Senior Citizens' Hall, 3 Pearce Street, Onehunga

Ph: Kimi 6300629, kimi.w.nz@xtra.co.nz First Class **FREE**, thereafter \$4/class

What's on in the Bridge

Monday: Guides 6 - 8pm.
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm.
Tai Chi All ages, \$6 for students - 7pm
St James' Church Hall - Phone 266 7473.

Tuesday: Pippins 4:50 - 5:30pm
Keas 4 - 5pm
Cubs 4 - 5:30pm

Wednesday: Brownies 6 - 7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30am - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall.
Exercise Classes with DYNABANDS Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 am- 12:30pm
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road

Thursday: Bridge Art Group, 9am - Noon, Memorial Hall
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm.

Friday: Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.

Saturday: Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am

Mon/Tue/Thru - Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am

Mon/Wed: Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall

2nd Sun's: Sunday Walking

Tue - Thur: Mangere Bridge Walking group 9:00am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road

3rd Wed: R & R Meeting 7.30pm St James Church Hall

Mon/Wed Morning Tai Chi, all ages - 10am
Chinese Comm Centre - Phone 266 7473

1st Thu: Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips
phone 634 1062.

1st & 3rd Sat: Village Square Market.
Contact Details for Scouts - 0800 Scouts

Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5:30pm
Thursday - Friday 9am to 6:00pm
Saturday 9am to 1:00pm

Phone: 09 636 4249

Ph/Fax: 09 636 6228

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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

The Business Association is facing challenging times as we move into the 'super city'. The main issue is financial sustainability as they are going to lose a considerable amount of funding. Since becoming a Business Improvement District (BID) in 2005 there have been great improvements in the shopping area. With the introduction of bins for recycling the service lanes are now much tidier and we have very little illegal dumping. There has also been a considerable reduction in the amount of graffiti.

Since the introduction of nightly security patrols by Icon Group in 2006 this has greatly reduced the amount of unsociable behaviours at night. Before the patrols started 66% of people in Mangere Bridge did not feel safe in the Village after dark. That has reduced to 23%, and when further funding has been secured to complete the CCTV System throughout the Village we expect this to improve even further.

Due to our isolation the Village used to be seen as an easy target and a good place for youths to hang around after dark. Since the introduction of these security measures, and successful apprehension of some offenders, that is now no longer the case.

Events such as St Patrick's Day and the Autumn Festival Weekend promote our area to the wider Auckland region. It's a wonderful opportunity to introduce visitors to the area and show-case a successful BID, one of the best performing in Manukau.

Our thanks go to those of you who attended the planning workshops. The people in the community are the 'end users' of the products and services we supply so it is important to have your input towards our new Business Plan.

If you haven't been down to the village in a while you will find a good selection of shops; everything for your day-to-day needs plus some excellent cafes and bakeries. Another little gem is the new "Bit of Everything" gift shop at #34. They have a good selection of arts and crafts made by NZ designers, plus Maori carvings and a great selection of books; from new and used to rare and recent. Pop in and have a browse and chat to Ted and Tara. Open 7 days.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*
Village Manager
Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

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Hillsborough Baptist Church

Hillsborough Baptist Church have been running "QUENCH" for three years, providing craft, coffee, calories and childcare once a fortnight (during school term) for parents of preschoolers or school age children. Over this time, a fantastic range of crafts have been created and many friendships formed.

New faces are most welcome, come along join in. Costs only \$5 which covers food, childcare and craft materials. Join us on 24th August or 7th September – or see you at both!

179 Hillsborough Road – 9.30am Ph: Raewyn 6255050 x704



Mangere COMMUNITY HEALTH Trust Free cooking demonstration

Want to learn how to cook easy, cheap, healthy food?

(eg: corned beef & potato bake, spicy pumpkin soup, Apple & blueberry strudel)

WHERE: Kowhai Court, behind Mangere Town Centre (next to Lab Test)
follow signs

WHEN: Saturday 21st August & Saturday 18th September

TIME: 9.30 – 11.30am

Ph Julie 254 4177 for more info, leave a message or just come along and join in.

Mangere Bridge Scout

Group

The Mangere Bridge Scout group will be having a job week in September, if any locals have any jobs suitable for 10-14yr olds (for a small fee) could please contact Patrick McGinniss in the evening on 275 1107. Any funds raised will either go towards Mangere Bridge Scouts, or the Scouts Jamboree.

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Advertising plays a huge part in this newsletter and without the Business's advertising in the newsletter we wouldn't be able to keep it going, if there is any business that would like to go on the waiting list to advertise in the Mangere Bridge Newsletter or would like to advertise on the Mangere Bridge website please get in touch with me at shane@mangerebridge.co.nz

Mangere Bridge Village Pharmacy

Mangere Bridge now has a choice of 2 doctors surgeries to service the medical needs of its residents. The new Mangere Bridge Village Family Health Care has its own in-store pharmacy, providing prescription medicines, and a reasonable range of family medicines. The pharmacy is available to everyone, not just the patients of the medical centre.

Pharmacist Amir Meshresky has just become a father for the second time – yes one of each! Amir is currently doing post graduate studies in clinical pharmacy practice and medicine management which means he is able, in consultation with your doctor, to offer a comprehensive review of your medicines. This ensures you get the maximum benefit from your medicine(s).

Feel free to call in and speak to Amir and see how he can help you.
Ph: 2544250 Fax: 2544251

TOITU TE WHENUA COMMUNITY GARDENS

Do you want to become a gardener but don't know where to start? Mangere Mountain Education Centre has a Community Garden available for those families/individuals who are interested in growing their own fresh vegetables? We provide everything (land, tools, seeds, knowledge) at **no cost**, all we require of you is your time and energy. **What ever you grow is yours!**

Registrations now being accepted for summer gardening intake.


Mangere Mountain Education Centre #2

We are looking for an experienced, efficient, reliable cleaner who will be responsible for ensuring the Mangere Mountain Education Centre – Admin block and immediate grounds are in good condition. This is a permanent part-time position working a minimum of 6 hours per week. If you are interested please forward your cv to:

Mangere Mountain Education Centre
Po Box 59099
Mangere Bridge
Manukau City

Applications close: Friday 20 August 2010

For more information please contact centre staff.
Ph: 09 364 7305 Email: mangeremountain@xtra.co.nz
Or visit us at 100 Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge




Troup Funeral Home is situated on the corner of Kolmar Rd and Weston Ave in Papatoetoe but they are available to serve all areas of Auckland.

Dianne Troup is a qualified Funeral Director with many years experience and she is joined by Karlene who is also a Funeral Director and for many years worked with grieving families at Middlemore Hospital.

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Copy Deadline for September 2010

Deadline for the September Issue is the 21st August 2010. To ensure that your article makes the September issue please email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz

We cannot guarantee a definite delivery time for the Village Newsletter, however we will do our best to have it delivered before the advertised upcoming events

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Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

Winners so far:

Triples Winners: Fred Webster, Alison Smith, John Bowman
Runners Up: Charlie Toft, David Sayers, Geoff Slee

Mixed Pairs Winners: Fred Webster, Judy Maguire
Runners Up: Murray Keesing, Gloria Maughan
Fours Winner: Marilyn Baskiville, Angela Leslie, Judy Maguire, Emily Reece

Singles Winner: Marilyn Baskiville

Runner Up: Helen Robinson

Men's Singles Winner: David Ward

Runner Up: David Sayers

Ladies Singles Winner: Angela Leslie

Runner Up: Maryanne Stipich

Pairs Winners: Neil Robinson, Jeanne Carey

Runner Up: David Ward, Joshua Smith

Manukau Championships:

Runners Up Triples: Neil Robinson, Helen Robinson, Jeanne Carey

Winners Fours: Murray Keesing, Marilyn Baskiville, Ian Price, Averyl Jolly
President: Charlie Toft Ph: 622 3254 Secretary: Marilyn Baskiville Ph: 634 2241

Mangere Bridge Toy Library

Did you know that we have a book library right here in Mangere Bridge?

Of course you did... oodles of books, friendly staff, great facilities, it's the perfect solution for an avid reader.

But did you know that we also have a toy library in Mangere Bridge?

That's why there's Toy Library Awareness Week! Running for the week between 9 and 15 August this year, many toy libraries nationwide will be showcasing their toys and the Mangere Bridge Toy Library is no different. Affiliated with Plunket, the Mangere Bridge Toy Library is run by volunteer parents and a hyperactive librarian. They will have an open day on Saturday 14 August between 9:30am and 1:00pm. If you look after preschool children, don't miss out on the opportunity to check out all the toys held on site, ask questions and see how it all works (in a nutshell: 1. Choose a type of membership and pay the annual fee, 2. Grab toys - no borrowing fees, 3. Bring them back unchewed and unslobbered, 4. Get more toys). And if you're not interested in the toys, come anyway! Why? Because there will be the obligatory sausage sizzle, yummy cakes, a clown and animal balloons, a bouncy castle, face paint, and you'll get to meet other parents from the neighbourhood. So see you then!

What: Mangere Bridge Plunket Puzzle and Toy library open day

When: Saturday 14 August 9:30 - 13:00

Where: Plunket rooms, 9 Taylor Rd, Mangere Bridge

Who: Parents, grand-parents, child carers

Mangere Mountain Education Centre

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