

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Breast Cancer Awareness Drive – Pink Ribbon Day

We urgently need volunteers to help with the annual Pink Ribbon Drive on 12 & 13th of October, if you can spare a couple of hours please contact me, all money raised in Mangere Bridge stays in our local area to help women and families affected by breast cancer. Contact: Sarah on 0274 804 954 or 622 2267

Career workshops for Parents returning to work

Fiona Brading (a local Mum), and her business partner Tracey Smith, will be holding two career focussed workshops at The Parenting Place on 5th & 12th September, 7.30pm. The workshops are designed for parents returning to work and also those wanting a change in their career but are not sure where to start. People are able to purchase tickets to just one or both sessions. The first workshop will cover knowing your interests, your skills, and the job search process including CV's and job applications. The second workshop will focus on identifying core competencies, transferable skills, and interview preparation. Workshops are \$15 each. For bookings please phone The Parenting Place on (09) 524 0025 or go to the website www.theparentingplace.com Feel free to contact Fiona on 021 2368 381 or fiona@peoplearchitects.co.nz to find out more.

Mangere Community House

Soup Kitchen for Homeless, starting Friday 7th September, clothing, blankets, food parcels, and lots of free services and programs available at the Mangere Community House.

Look the Part - Little Closet is open free to the Community, to dress you and equip you for that job interview, for that special occasion, or just need clothes, shoes, etc come and see us at the MCH. Be part of supporting us, donations by way of clothes, perishable foods, blankets, every little bit counts towards making a huge difference for someone else

Call 09 2754920 - Mangere Community House

Waterlea School Gala is coming!!

Mark this date in your diaries - Friday 2 November from 5.00pm - 7.30pm, at Waterlea School, 17 House Ave, Mangere Bridge. We have a wonderful array of food, stalls and entertainment planned for this fantastic community event! Waterlea School is raising funds to go towards outdoor play areas so that children can enjoy using these year-round. Come along and try our delicious hot Hangi, sample our mouth-watering chocolate decadence, or have a go at our crazy maze, coconut shy or smash-a-plate! Enjoy our range of craft activities, lucky dips or try the Tombola out - whatever you fancy, you are sure to have a fantastic time with your friends and family. We are also accepting White Elephant items for our stall, if you have good quality preloved clothing, books, puzzles or board games, please contact Nat Hobson on 0212109441. Please note we will not accept furniture or other household items.

Webtastix Internet Services

WIS is offering Discount VPS and VoIP services for anyone that lives in mangere bridge, both available from \$15 per month depending on plan chosen please contact shane@webtastix.net for more information. Valid for signups in September only.

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.
Wriggle & Whyne 9:30 - School Term only, MB Library
Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall
- Tuesday:** Keas 5 - 6pm
Cubs 5 - 6:30pm
- 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.
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 am- 12:30pm
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road
- Thursday:** Pippins 4:30 - 5:30pm
Bridge Art Group, 9am - Noon, Memorial Hall
Scouts 7 - 9pm.
- Friday:** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
- Saturday:** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- Sunday:** 9am - 1pm Village Boutique Market
- Mon/Tue/Thur** - Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- 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
- 1st Thu:** Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips phone 634 1062.
- 3rd Thurs** - Library Book Club 7pm - 7:45pm
4th Wed - Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30
4th Fri - Probus, Mangere Bridge - Bridge bowling club information call 634 6091

Opening Hours

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

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

There was a good crowd at NZTA's Open Days for the replacement pedestrian bridge with strong support for additions such as lifebuoys and toilets and strong opposition to a suggested decrease in the width from 14 to 6 metres. In its long term vision the business association would like to see ferry and water taxi services and requested provision for such facilities.

At a recent key stakeholders meeting to discuss the bridge and all-tide boat ramp it was hoped that the latter be delayed to tie in with the new bridge which could provide the opportunity to have the boat ramp placed on the safer, sheltered eastern side of the bridge. The final outcome of these two projects will be part of our community for another 100 years. Combined with the Onehunga Foreshore Restoration the Manukau Harbour will be transformed into the bustling, recreational asset that it once was.

New website address ~ for the Business Association is www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz and email info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz. Social media is the way of the future so please 'Like' us on Facebook.

Draft Area Plan ~ view this plan for the next 30 years, which includes an increase in housing for the expected population growth, Sunday 16 Sept at the Boutique Market, which now has a number of new stallholders.

Face Painting ~ are there any art students wanting to earn some extra money? We're looking for face painters for the market.

Mangere Floral Studio ~ please 'Like' them on Facebook too. Congratulations to the winner of the big, blue bear from their recent promotion.

Subway Gift Cards ~ looking for a healthy gift choice? Purchase a Subway Gift Card.

Hong Kong Bakery ~ have added mini pizzas to their list of favourites; HK savouries, cheese rolls and apple strudel.

MB Stationery ~ many thanks to Raewyn for her enthusiastic participation in the SPCA Cupcake Day on 27 Aug.

Yellow Card Directory ~ to be updated soon. If you have a business and live in MB you are eligible to be listed. Space is limited so it will be first-come-first-served.

Chess Club ~ there is interest to start up a chess club. If you would like to play, or teach others, please contact me.

Roll on Daylight Saving!

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*

Village Manager

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Icon Security

Whilst the Mangere Bridge Village retail area has experienced some serious criminal activity in the past, the combined efforts of the Business Association, the Police and ICON Security has thankfully seen crime reduced significantly and the crime that does occur is more of an opportunistic nature.

Opportunistic criminals (internal and external) are not typically attracted to tidy, clean and well organised businesses. To prevent your business from being targeted by the opportunistic criminal we recommend the following:

Ensure all staff valuables are kept out of sight – consider adopting a staff policy of placing all keys, handbags, cell phones etc in a locked cupboard during work time.

Ensure all company valuables are kept secure and under a regular audit regime – consider putting yourself in the place of a staff member wanting to make some extra money out of the organization, and working out how long it would take you to find out about it. Is there a perception in your company that the company will quickly find out 'what and who' when things go missing.

Remind staff to remove everything from their parked cars – thieves are more likely to steal what they can see, less likely to choose a vehicle that has nothing obvious to steal.

Remove rubbish and weeds, trim shrubs, keep buildings clean and free of out of date posters, stickers and signage. Consider a system that allows staff to make security suggestions and anonymous advice of losses.

Do not place damaged goods or product in uncovered rubbish bins or dumpsters as this will attract scavengers.

Place a chain across your driveway at the end of each business day – this adds an inexpensive layer to your security measures.

CCTV is now a cost-effective crime prevention option for all but the smallest companies. If you install a system, make sure the recording device is secure and that you can record activity and be able to identify people responsible for crime.

The money or time you spend on making good recruiting decisions is seldom wasted. Check on the previous employment of applicants, because if they stole from the last employers they will probably look to steal from your company.

If you notice suspicious activity or a crime in progress, call the Police on 111 immediately.

Gary Morrison ICON Security Group Limited

Help us get New Zealand on the roll and voting!

Registrars of Electors work all over New Zealand, and we are the local team for Manukau Electoral Office. We're here to help communities learn about enrolling, voting and taking part in elections in New Zealand.

Help us spread the word about the importance of getting on the roll and ready to vote.

Are there events or opportunities we can tap into to spread the word amongst your community to get people enrolled? Please let us know.

Contact Ms Marama Wilson on 09 262 3962 or email to tamaki@elections.org.nz.

We're here to help!

Bike Riders?

I have a reader wanting to know if anyone has details for the group of riders that ride along the esplanade on weekend mornings, if anyone has any info please let me know.

Vision Impaired Mutal Support

The Mangere Bridge VIMS group invites anyone with vision impairment in the 50+ age group to join them on the 3rd Thursday of every month for friendship and encouragement. Phone Nancy on 636 8704

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Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Assoc

About eighty people attended the annual meeting that was held on 22nd August in the Mangere Bridge School auditorium. David Lind gave an interesting talk on the removal of mangroves from the Tauranga harbour and about his research on mangroves. He has established that fish do not breed in mangroves in New Zealand waters. Other speakers from Mangawhai, Papakura and Waiuku spoke about their successes and showed videos of the before and after views. Accumulated silt and mud had been washed away and sand was back. Locals were able to hold water events in areas that had become completely inaccessible due to the mangroves. Auckland Council planners gave us an outline on what might develop in the Mangere Bridge area with the 35 year plan being developed. Residents would be able to see the initial plans and offer their own suggestions at public meetings to be held shortly. Carol Elliott our Local Board member gave us a review on activities of the board and on things coming up. She told us that the board had approved the imminent start on the modifications to the all tide ramp. The business of the AGM was quickly dispensed with. There were two new members of the executive elected. They are Francis Hancock of Kiwi Esplanade and Jon Baulcomb of Domain Rd. Both are keen community watchers and workers and will help keep Mangere Bridge a wonderful place to live in. Carol Anne the Village Manager told the meeting of past and future events in the Village and took note of several suggestions. Bill gave a report on developments on the causeway. The Ratepayers are to write to NZTA on the following issues with the old bridge removal. Firstly that a new footbridge must be at least as wide as the present bridge. The proposed six metre width is totally inadequate to cater for all activities that currently occur there. Secondly, That the bridge be built high enough to allow pleasure boats to pass underneath. Thirdly, that consideration be given to place demolition material from the bridge in the area between the bridges to provide a new location for the boat ramp, a toilet block and off the causeway parking for boat trailers. Eventual reclamation of the whole area between the bridges will provide sites for perhaps, relocated Boat Club, Waka Ama club house, and space for Park and Ride when the rail; to the airport is established. Following the meeting called by The Manukau Harbour Restoration Society last month, a letter has been sent to Mayor Len Brown asking him to delay the proposed modifications to the Mangere Bridge all tide ramp until the final plans for the replacement bridge have been approved. Ken Duff outlined the Associations proposal to lodge objections to the proposed Central Interceptor that will bring huge amounts of sewage and stormwater to the Mangere treatment plant. Any resident with legal skills will be most welcome to come to our assistance on this serious matter. We need help in the many facets of the appeal process, so if you can help please ring Ken on 6343135. The next general meeting of the R&R will be held in the St James Church hall on Wednesday 19th of September at 7.30 PM

Chess Group

Do you play chess? Would you like to play with others and/or teach others how to play? If so please leave your contact details with Pars Kebabs or contact Carol-Anne on 636 7491. We are looking at early week daytime and/or evening

Christmas Functions 2012

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ARTS & CRAFTS

Sew Styley (L1)	Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	\$5	(sewing machines provided)
Sew Styley (L2)	Monday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(sewing machines provided)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$5	(learners - advanced)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(soft tech & recyclables)
Drawing Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Create with Milly	Thursday	10.30am - 12pm	\$5	(Learn to make crafts)
Yarns	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin	(Knitting/Crochet/needlework)
Painting Classes	Friday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Onehunga Art	Saturday (3rd Sat mthly)	10.00am - 1.00pm	\$5	

ADULT INTEREST

High Notes	Monday	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Waiata (Maori Songs)	Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free	(learn Te Reo thru song)
High Notes	Monday	10.30am - 11.30pm	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Art Therapy	Friday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	\$4	(art for special needs adults)
Scene	Tuesday (1st Tues mthly)	1.00pm - 3.00pm	From \$3	(social club for 55+ adults)
Scene	Friday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin	(bowls, cards etc 55+ adults)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music Mondays	Monday	9.30am - 10.10am	Gold Coin	(pre-school age)
Looney Tunes	Monday	10.30am - 11.10am	Gold Coin	(pre-school age)
St John Youth	Monday	6.30 - 8.30pm	\$10 p/term	(6-18yrs)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30pm	\$5	(pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	11am - 12pm	\$5	(pre-school age)
Zumbatomic	Tuesday	3.45pm - 4.15pm	\$2	(5 - 11yrs)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free	(10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	Gold Coin	(pre-school age)

EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Mondays & Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5	
Zumba	Tues & Thurs	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3	(children welcome)
Zumba	Wednesday	7pm - 8pm	\$5	
Boxfx	Tuesday & Friday	12.00pm - 1.00pm	\$5	(children welcome)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free	(10 - 17yrs)
Zumba	Sunday	8am - 9am	\$5	

Mangere Bridge Plunket indoor bowling club

Congratulations to our Championship winners:

Mixed Pairs Winners – Ian Price and Gloria Maughan

Runners up – Murray Keesing and Maria Reid

Fours Winners – Marilyn Baskiville, Maryann Stipich, Mamie Finau, Eru Pairama

Singles Winner – Helen Robinson and runner up Marilyn Baskiville

Men's Singles Winner – David Sayers and runner up Fred Webster

Ladies Singles Winner – Helen Robinson and runner up Marilyn Baskiville

Championship Pairs Winners – Ian Price and Sinora Rai

Runners up – Marilyn Baskiville and Dharneesh Krishna

Championship Fours Winners – Neil Robinson, Helen Robinson, Mamie Finau and Eru Pairama

Runner up – Marilyn Baskiville, Jeannie Carey, Sue Redfern and Doris Lowe

Coming up we have our Open Businessmen's Fours Tournament on Friday 28th September and Battle of the Sexes Friday 26th October.

If you have some spare time on a Wednesday evening come along and give Indoor Bowling a go.

Important Contact Details:

Citizens Advice Bureau	275 6885
Mangere Bridge Post office	636 9645
Village Management Office	636 7491
Mangere Bridge Community Information Services	
Village Newsletter	021 815 184
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Deadline for the October Issue is the 21st September 2012. To ensure that your article makes the October issue please email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz

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