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St Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration

Village Square Mangere Bridge

Mangere Bridge Village will be ringing to the lilt of Irish laughter during the weekend of March 15th and 16th for this year's St Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration. The event starts on Saturday morning with a Paddy's Market in the Village Square which will have a variety of craft stalls, including the Mangere Bridge Art group. Village Manager Carol-Anne Armitage reports that the area boasts some fine artists who will have their art work for sale on display. The Irish Band Jig's r Us will be playing around the village from 10.30am until 1.30pm.

On Sunday the Boutique Market will have an Irish theme and the very popular Irish duo Drops o' Brandy will be playing during the same time frame at the cafe strip. "This unique market draws many visitors to the area along with the regular café and restaurant patrons so they are in for a treat" says Ms Armitage.

Enter into the spirit of the occasion and wear something green. If the luck of the Irish is with you a 'pot of gold' could be yours by way of a spot prize.

Mangere Bridge School is celebrating 125 years.

Friday May the 16th, Saturday May the 17th 2014

To register goto
mbs125celebration.weebly.com

or pick up a registration form from the
Mangere Bridge Library or at the School Office.

Check out our Facebook page "Mangere Bridge School 125th"
or contact mb125celebration@gmail.com



The wonderful Entertainment books are coming out soon for 2014-2015! we are now taking pre orders to assist with running the newsletter for the year... please contact me to pre order one, the books will be available sometime in April.,
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What's on in the Bridge

- MONDAY** Guides 6-8pm.
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth - 6:30-8:00pm.
Wriggle & Whyme 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 9:30 - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm
Mangere Mountain Education Ctr.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls
Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
- THURSDAY** Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00,
Memorial Hall
Scouts 7-9pm.
- FRIDAY** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
- SATURDAY** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- SUNDAY** Village Boutique Market 9am - 1pm
- Mon/Tue/Thu Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- Tue - Thu Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am
- Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri
Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
- 2nd 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 phone 634 6091 for information

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 8am to 6pm
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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

It's the first day of Autumn and at the time of writing the editor is champing at the bit waiting for my column. February has been submissions month; first with the Auckland Plan and last week the Unitary Plan the latter being very important for Auckland as it will be the guiding document for the next 30 years. The volume of documents to be read was enormous and the business association has put in a comprehensive submission.

Our café strip was targeted by a group of burglars recently. Thanks to our excellent CCTV footage the police were able to link this group to other offences and all four males have been charged. We would like to acknowledge the Four Winds Foundation for funding towards CCTV repairs, maintenance and monitoring costs as the business association's budget is not large enough to cover these.

St Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration

Sat 15 Mar - 9am - 2pm Paddy's Market

10.30am - 1.30pm Irish Music

Sun 16 - 9am - 1pm Boutique Market

10.30am - 1.30pm Irish Music

Get into the spirit of the occasion and wear something green on both days. There will be Spot Prizes!

Food & Wine Festival

Sunday 27 April 10am - 4pm

This year the event falls on ANZAC Weekend and with it being the Centenary Year will have a Salute to the ANZACs theme.

HOP Cards can now be purchased and topped up at Top Dairy in the Harcourts block of shops.

Mangere Bridge Pharmacy has further extended their hours. From 9 March they will also be open on Sundays from 10am - 2pm in addition to 8am - 6pm Mon to Fri and Sat 9am - 1pm. You will be able to have prescriptions filled plus general pharmacy. Cold and flu weather is just around the corner! They also carry a small gift range. It is good to see local businesses catering for the needs of those who are working.

Physiotherapy is now available at the Family Medical Centre three days a week. More hours will be added as the practice grows. So spread the word as this is something the community has been asking the business association to add to its services.

Rental Agency services have been added to the Harcourts Real Estate office, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Contact Fred.

I can be contact through the business association's website: www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz or phone 636 7491 to leave a message.

kind regards

Carol-Anne Armitage

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Bridge Park Tennis Club

Do you want to make a difference in your community? Are you interested in supporting the growth of children, young people and families in Mangere Bridge? We are looking for two new committee members to complete the team at Bridge Park Tennis Club. Our membership has increased at a phenomenal rate over the past two years. To accommodate for this new growth, we are looking for two people who have previous governance experience, are passionate about the community and are not afraid of some hard work. The volunteer role is around 5 hours per month and includes reading relevant documents, attending monthly committee meetings, corresponding with other committee members and completing any delegated tasks. If you are interested, please forward a brief C.V and cover letter to: bridgepark.tennis@gmail.com or call 634-9023 for more information.

We are also pleased to announce that the 2014/15 season will mark the club's diamond jubilee. While providing quality programmes that enrich our member's lives is our primary focus, we aspire to be a part of the development of New Zealand's first ever world tennis champion. Come and live that dream with us.

Playcentre Awareness Week

Playcentre, New Zealand's home-grown early childhood educator, celebrates nearly 80 years of service with Playcentre Awareness Week, from the 2nd to the 9th of March. Playcentre is a non-profit, cooperative charity whose pioneering learning methods are centred around the concepts of parents as the first educators and learning-through-play. All around New Zealand Playcentre runs half-day early education sessions for mixed-age groups of children from birth to school age, providing 16 play areas from carpentry to confidence courses, paint to pretend play. Parent teams guide and talk with small groups of children, join in with their play and help them make the most of the learning opportunities.

Parenting can be a tough job and the old saying that it takes a village to raise a child is true, and Playcentre provides a community network of support. Parents are also offered free NZQA recognised training in children's learning and play, child behaviour, management skills and basic Māori language.

For a taste of the Playcentre experience and philosophy visit us between 9.30am - 11.30am at Mangere Bridge Playcentre during our open week, Monday 10th, Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th of March. We are located at 17 Domain Road, please contact 6349141 or email mangerebridgeplaycentre@gmail.com for more information. Or join in the public event with typical education-through-play sessions on the Auckland Waterfront, daily from 10am-1pm March 3rd-7th at 'Te Wero' by Silo Park, on the city side of the drawbridge.

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Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

The first meeting of the year was well attended with 30 residents. The meeting was pleased to have the attendance of one of our councillors, Alf Filipaina who spent some time discussing Mangere matters. He had spent some time with officials over the proposed Central Interceptor. He supported our objections to this out dated and expensive way of dealing with combined sewer and stormwater disposal. He would support the application from the Ratepayers for the total reclamation of the area between the Motorway bridge and the old Mangere Bridge. Several members had attended the Local Board's meeting at the War Memorial Hall that had been called to listen to residents suggestions for projects for the next three years. One written suggestion was for the Board to support the long proposed suggestion that the area between the bridges be reclaimed. With the opening of the new boat ramp there was going to be a need for more parking, and the demolition of the old Mangere Bridge would provide a huge amount of solid fill. A circular about aircraft noise was circulated at that meeting. This notice included Mangere Bridge as an area that suffered from overseas aircraft noise. There was no support from that meeting. The matter was discussed at our meeting, and it was resolved we write to the authors of the circular saying that as there was only isolated complaints about airline noise in Mangere Bridge, we ask that Mangere Bridge be not mentioned as a suburb affect by airline noise in any further public statements or circulars put out by that organisation. Mr Filipaina was thanked for his attendance and it was hoped he would visit us monthly. It was noted that a letter had not been sent to Airways Corporation suggesting that Barrier Airlines that regularly circles our area awaiting a landing clearance should be required to overfly the airport and hold to the south in the harbour area. This letter would be sent. Carol Anne Armitage, the Village Manager, showed the meeting the various proposals for the intensified housing in the Mangere Bridge area. Objections to the plans can still be made. Forms at the library. Ken Duff spoke about the Central Interceptor proposal. Letters had been sent by the R&R and Manukau Harbour Restoration Society to the Minister for the Environment seeking an enquiry into the hearings process where Auckland Council appointed and paid the commissioners to hear objections to its own project. It was noted that work appears to have started on the new road to Puketutu Island. A new road is needed as Watercare intend to extend the Treatment plant to the south of the present road that runs beside the plant. It appears that the new road will start midway between Ascot Rd and the present start of the road. The new Local Board has decided their monthly meetings will now be held on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 5 pm. As this will clash with our meeting it was decided that our meetings would be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Brian Very, a local resident wood sculptor showed us a work in progress. He is working on the carving at the Sunday Market in the Village. The carving covers many factors of life in Mangere Bridge. The finished work will be raffled, and proceeds will go towards costs of resource consents for mangrove removal in our area. *The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 March at the St James Church Hall at 7.30pm*

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Sew Style (L2)	Monday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(sewing machines provided)
Flax Weaving	Monday	10.30am - 11.30am	Free	(beginners/introduction)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	Free	(intermediate - advanced)
Creative Kids	Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free	(art classes for 8-12yrs)
Art Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Yarns	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	gold coin	(Knitting/Crochet/needlework)
Onehunga Art Club	3rd Sat/month	10.00am - 1.00pm	\$5	

ADULT INTEREST

High Notes	Monday	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Waiata (Maori Songs)	Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free	(learn Te Reo thru song)
Dance 4 Us	Tuesday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	gold coin	(Dance for special needs adults)
High Notes	Thursday	10.30am - 11.30am	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Art Therapy	Friday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	\$4	(art for special needs adults)
Scene	1st Tues/month	1.00pm - 3.00pm	from \$3	(social club for 55+ adults)
Scene	Friday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	\$2	(bowls, cards etc 55+ adults)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Active Music & Movement (Class 1)	Monday	9.30am - 10.10am	gold coin	(pre-school age)
Active Music & Movement (Class 2)	Monday	10.30am - 11.10am	gold coin	(pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am	\$8 (\$45 for term)	(pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	11am - 12pm	\$8 (\$45 for term)	(pre-school age)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	gold coin	(pre-school age playgroup)

EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Monday	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5	
Zumba	Wed/Thur	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3	(children welcome)
Zumba	Wednesday	7pm - 8pm	\$5	
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Zumba	Sunday	8am - 9am	\$5	

FOOD & COOKING

Milly's Kitchen	Thursday	11.30am - 1.00pm	\$2	(Learn to cook traditional kiwi meals)
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Important contact details

Citizens Advice Bureau	275 6885
Mangere Bridge Post office	636 9645
Village Management Office	636 7491
Community Constable	634 2208

Mangere Bridge Community Information Services

Village Newsletter	021 815 184
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