MANGERE BRIDGE





DECEMBER VOLUME

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Mangere Bridge Santa Parade

The Mangere Bridge Santa Parade went off beautifully on Thursday night with a huge amount of people coming out to watch and support the Parade, the weather was nice and warm and just made the entire night

A big thank you to Kate Adams (Village Manager) and the Business Association for organising the event and all the people on the day that assisted Kate.

Below are some pictures from this years Parade.



From the Mangere Bridge website and Newsletter we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a great and safe new year, we will be back in Feburary with the next newsletter, so get us any articles you would like in the newsletter by the 23rd of Jan 2015.

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 8am to 6pm Saturday 9am to 1:00pm Sunday 10am to 2pm

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What's on in the Bridge

MONDAY

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

Mangere Mountain Education Ctr. Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall

THURSDAY Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00,

Memorial Hall

Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm

FRIDAY Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library. Playball 2-5 years 9:15-9:55am, Mangere

Bridge Scout Hall, Taylor Rd

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

SLINDAY Village Boutique Market 9am - 1pm

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

Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am Tue - Thu

Mon/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 526 0250.

Mangere Historical Soc 1:30pm St James 3rd Tue

Hall Church St

Library Book Club 7pm - 7:45pm

3rd Thurs

4th Wed Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30 4th Fri

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Village Happenings

Wow what a fantastic night we had on Thursday with our annual Santa parade.

This was my first event in my role as the manager and I was overwhelmed by the support of the community and all the people who wanted to participate in the parade.

Big thank you to all my marshals without them things would not have run so smoothly and also to funding which we received from Four Winds, Mangere Otahuhu local board, Lion Foundation and also from the business association

We had amazing weather and this reflected in the amount of people we had turned up to watch the event.

I am going to make a photo collage and have this up in the village in the next couple of weeks so make sure you stop in and have a look.

You may have noticed the tree in the main street, it's called yarn bombing, if you haven't seen it look out for it next time you're at the shops, we will be adding more to it over the next couple of weeks. Thanks to Margaret, Pauline and Sara for all your help.

Mangere Bridge Boutique markets

The markets have now expanded and will run over in Naomi and Bill Kirk Park throughout the summer months. There are some great new stalls so make sure you head down and check them out, every Sunday from 9am-1pm.

Phnom Penh

Opening this week for lunch and dinner, had a sneak peak at the menu the other day and it looks great.

Supervalue/ Fresh Choice

The New look Fresh Choice has now opened and it looks fantastic with a new store layout and a larger selection of grocery items.

Christmas day is fast approaching; I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas. Please keep safe and enjoy your holidays

You can contact me any time at info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz

kind regards Kate Adams

Village Manager Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Waterlea Primary School

Waterlea School thanks students who serve within the community: The children who have given dedicated service to the school as road patrollers, librarians and peer mediators were thanked with an outing to Rainbows End. These children have done a sterling job, displayed exemplary citizen skills and played a significant role in helping Waterlea be a great place.

Animal survival: Charlotte Thomas, a 12yr old girl with a real passion for wild life and animals, spoke to Waterlea senior students as part of their studies. She spoke about her trip to Sumatra and her visit to an orang-utan rescue centre in the middle of a devastated rainforest. She explained how the loss of the orang-utans' habitat is affecting them and the importance for people to think about 'how what we are doing effects animals and their lives'.

Waterlea's in the money!: We say a big "THANK YOU" to Blue Waters Trust, and all who all worked on the funding application as we were successful in getting a grant of \$6000.00 towards sports equipment from the Blue Waters Trust.

Athletes give their all at our Waterlea's senior athletics sports: Up, up and over! Here Tommy Redgwell prepares to qualify for the interschool's team in high jump. The Waterlea School interschool's team is strong this year – we wish them luck.



Mangere Bridge Carols by Glowlight

Mangere Bridge Carols by Glowlight is happening on Thursday 18th December at 7:30 pm until 9pm, in the village square outside the Hong Kong Bakery.

Bring a blanket, chair and the family. Glowsticks provided for the children.

Sausages available for sale from 7pm (supplied by ASB to help fund raise for community events)

There is no rain date so if raining it will not happen, a call will be made by 3pm on the day. For more details contact Lindsay on 021 546 379







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66 Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge

Kiwi Esplanade Foreshore Clean Up

The foreshore area around the playground on Kiwi Esplanade was sparkling after our November clean up. Over forty locals, including lots of children, combed the area for rubbish over a couple of hours. Karl and Alison, recent arrivals in Mangere Bridge, were pleased to have an opportunity to help out in a community they've found to be a "friendly place". Maja (10) and Jarvis (7) were keen to clean up the area to "help all the animals that are eating the rubbish". Mitchell (10), Ayden and Keegan (12) came because they see themselves as "part of a community". They enjoyed being out in the sunshine, getting muddy and hanging out with friends.

Many people were surprised at the amount of rubbish, which they hadn't noticed before. "This is where kids play and there's glass all over it. It's upsetting", said Mangere Bridge resident Coreena Kearns. All sorts of rubbish was collected during the clean up, including broken glass, beer cans, fishing equipment, clothing and nappies. Friends of the Farm who organised the event also sorted and weighed the rubbish. We collected 111kg of rubbish, of which 20 kg was able to be recycled.

Clean up participants would love the beach area to stay clean and tidy so that it can be a place where people can swim safely without fear of what's under the water or what they might step on. Some were so inspired they'd like to make this a monthly event! A big thank you to everyone who helped make our community a safer and more beautiful place.

Mangere Community Hub Christmas in Centre Park

A family event, all welcome, free entry, free activities, free concert and more!

Date: 22 December 2014

When: Mini xMas (0-12yrs) - 12pm to 3pm

Forever Young for Nanny's and Papa's - 4pm to 5:30pm

Youth xMas - 6pm to 10:30pm

141 Robertson Road, Mangere

For more information contact 275 4920

Question:

I've had a couple of people ask about the Tuesday and Thursday walking group, if anyone has the contact details please let us know at articles@mangerebridge.co.nz

Thanks



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Are you sick of the smell from the sewage plant?

PHONE: 442 2222 ext:1, This is the waste/watercare complaints centre and they will offer to send lab contractors, independent to watercare out to assess the smell and document the complaint. Alternatively you can email your complaint to: info@water.co.nz.

Mangere Bridge does not have to live with this stench, it affects our lives and property values and has got progressively worse over the past few years. Residents must voice their complaints in view of watercare taking up its responsibility and resolving this putrid issue. (The next Ponsonby MUST NOT SMELL)

Mangere Bridge Library

Friday Sing-a-long storytime at 10:30am $\,$

Wednesday 10th Dec: Library Tea & Topics 10.30-11.30

Fri 19th Dec Children's Book Club: "Family Christmas Party at the library" 3:30-5pm

Dare to Explore - Kia Māia te Whai

D2E is back with an amazing 'Out of this World' theme for summer 2014-15. Launch into reading with Auckland Libraries' FUN, FREE summer reading programme!

Sign up and collect your 'passport' from your local library. Read about imaginary and other worldly creatures, explore ideas and complete fun challenges wherever and however you spend your holidays. Visit the library to collect stamps and stickers along the way. Complete four challenges and get an invitation to a party to receive your certificate!

Dare to Explore will be available at your local library from Monday 8 December 2014 to Sunday 18 January 2015.

Register online or at your local library from 8 December.

Find out more: www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/daretoexplore or phone 09 301 0101.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Do you have a few hours per week to spare and inspire to help members of your community; be part of a great group of people; learn all about the services available in your community; gain some work experience; or just want to get out of the house for a few hours ????

Citizens Advice Bureau Mangere is looking for Receptionists (afternoon 12.30pm-4pm - one afternoon per week) for the Mangere Bureau; Bureau Interviewers (Basic Training Period involved - am or pm duties once per week); Receptionist or Bureau Interviewers for Otahuhu Town Hall Community Centre (Monday or Wednesday). If interested in any of the above positions please visit the Mangere CAB. We are open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm and situated at the Mangere Town Centre - Orly Avenue behind the Library and opposite of P'nS.

Copy Deadline for Febrary 2014

Deadline for the February Issue is the 23rd Jan 2014. To ensure that your article makes the February 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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Important contact details

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