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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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The Newsletter

Hi guys, We are in desperate need of more articles for this newsletter, this month we have been sent only 4 articles which for a village our size is very sad... I know for the last few years we have had competition which majorly affected the articles we were sent, but we really do want this to keep running, but for that to happen we need your help! - Please if you know a group or school or anything like that, that the community would love to hear about please get us some news.

Friends of the farm

Love Cooking? - Are you 8-13 years old? Do you want to learn how to cook a tasty and healthy seasonal meal? Come to the Ambury Farm barn kitchen to join us in making delicious pumpkin soup and hot chocolate (suitable for vegetarians and vegans).

When: Sun 21 Aug, 1-3pm - Gold coin donation.

Places are limited so email friends@fof.nz to register

Class run by Maja, Awat and Khalat (with some adult helpers!)

Speed is the single biggest road safety issue in New Zealand today.

In the wider Mangere community 98 people were injured and 8 were killed by speed related crashes from 2011 to 2015*.

The faster you drive the worse any injuries are likely to be. A pedestrian hit at 70 km/h has a 96% chance of dying, compared with a 40% chance at 50 km/h and only 5% at 30 km/h*.

Being part of a community is looking after each other. Driving at a safe speed for the conditions means you are less likely to cause injury to yourself or someone else.

Let's tackle speeding together by driving at a safe speed for every person around us. Our community hero's, schools and childcare centres have got together to help change our culture of speeding.

*New Zealand Transport Agency, Crash Analysis System Data

Love Being a Local Slow Down



Copy Deadline for September 2016

Deadline for the September Issue is the 22nd August. 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.

Opening Hours

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

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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
Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road

TUESDAY

Keas 6-7pm / Cubs 5-7pm
Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
Mangere Bridge Walking Group 9am
Meet @ Village noticeboard - 027 201 1981
Mangere Historical Soc 1:30pm
St James Hall Church St [3rd tuesday]
Library Bookclub 10:30am [2nd tue]
Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road

WEDNESDAY

Brownies 6-7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mtn Education Ctr.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls
7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
R&R Meeting 7.30pm [2nd wed/month]
St James Church hall
Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30
[4th wed/month]

THURSDAY

Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
Art Group, 9am - 12:00, Memorial Hall
Scouts 7-9pm.
Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
Senior Citizens Travel Club, Day Trips
phone 526 0250 [1st thur of month]
Mangere Bridge Walking Group 9am
Meet @ Village noticeboard - 027 201 1981
mainly music 9:30am
Bridge Community Church - 622 2807

FRIDAY

Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
Playball 2-5 years 9:15-9:55am,
Mangere Bridge Scout Hall, Taylor Rd
Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
Probus, Mangere Bridge bowling club
phone 634 6091 [4th Fri of month]

SATURDAY: Plunket Toy Library 9:30-10:30am
SUNDAY: Village Boutique Market 9am-1pm

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What's on in the bridge

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village happenings

with Kate

village focus

We are delighted to let you know that the first stage of the new Mangere Bridge Village CCTV system is fully operational. This system provides excellent coverage of the entire village and allows immediate access to footage and allows us to identify when any part of the system is down in real time.

Finally, after lots of emails and meetings the carparks outside the new Beauty shop have been turned into public parking. Police signs have been taken down.

The Business Association has also been accepted to take part in The Auckland Heritage festival that begins in September. Our Topic being "Our Land Our Peoples" this will include live demonstrations of weaving, cloak making, carving, Ta Moko, bike and walking tours and information in the form of banners around the Village telling the story of the settlement of the area. More details on this will follow.

Mangere Bridge Fun Run 2016

Mark your calendars for our new event the Mangere Bridge Fun Run. It will be held on October 16th - further info to come.

Rosbake Bakery

Along with their specialty breads and cakes Ros Bake makes fresh Sushi every day. Perfect cakes for all occasions.

Boutique Market

The Sunday Boutique Market now has a core group of stalls, depending on the weather the markets run every Sunday - we have not had many days off for rain this year!!

It's great to see how well it has grown and the number of visitors it attracts to the area. If you haven't been down to the Village on a Sunday for a while, make sure you stop in and check out the stalls.

I can be contacted on email: info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz or you can visit me at my office on Wednesdays and Thursdays (at the Harcourts office)

kind regards

Kate Adams

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

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Mangere Bridge Art Group

The Spring Exhibition of the Mangere Bridge Art Group will take place at St James Church Hall, Church Rd, Mangere Bridge on Sat 20th and Sun 21st of August from 10am to 4pm.

All works are for sale. The exhibits are produced by the local art group.

A variety of media including oil, watercolour, pastel, acrylic, and pen and ink are represented. A wide range of work will be available including scenes depicting your local Auckland / Mangere Bridge neighbourhood.

This is the twelfth year this group have organised this popular event so why not come along and enjoy the efforts of your local artists. It's a great opportunity to purchase original artworks at affordable prices.

Over 200 works are for sale at this two day event. Entry is free.

- Mangere Bridge Arts Group - Spring Exhibition
- Free Entry
- St James Church Hall, Church Rd, Mangere Bridge
- Sat 20th and Sun 21st AUGUST
- Open 10 am - 4 pm
- All Paintings for sale

Mangere Historical Society

In spite of a rather damp and cold afternoon, St James Church Hall was full of smiling Historical members enjoying their time together. Business matters were short and then we thoroughly appreciated Julie Benjamin (one of our own) talking about interviewing and writing about the West Coasters Club. She spoke to six local people and heard how they all felt about their local surroundings and all they meant to them. Several other members had been to the West Coast and told us about how isolated this beautiful part of New Zealand was. The locals looked after each other even to the point of the bus driver telling a young lad he needed to get off the bus because the driver knew there were police waiting for him at the next stop.

Earthquakes, such as the Murchison earthquake in 1929 and Hansens fire in 1935 were well noted as were other natural disasters. Her interviewees were asked to speak of their memories of "Sounds" as towns disappear or lost purpose but sights, smells and sounds evoke rich memories. The wind, the sound of the sea, the noise of trains coming and going, heavy hard rain thundering on the iron roofs, the siren at eight o'clock in the morning and which could be used as a bomb warning in the war, the horrible noise of processing flax were some clearly remembered. Cows, horses and nature in general memories were vivid. Birds played a large part in everyone's memories such as bell birds, thrushes and blackbirds who were many.

Julie's writings are now being held in the Alexander Turnbull Library.

Janet Presland - President

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Library Events

Family History Month - Tea and Topics: Lois Francis from Papakura Library is doing a talk on Family History and how she goes about it.

When: Wednesday 24 August 2016, 10:30am

Call 6366797 to find out more.

Funtastic Fridays - When: Every Friday, from 3.30pm

Where: Mangere Bridge

Cost: Free

Drop by after school for a variety of fun activities on Friday afternoons.

This event is a regular Friday activity club, suitable for 5-13 year olds, with a focus on learning through making and creating.

First Friday: Block party

Second Friday: Yarn with kids

Third Friday: Minecraft club

Fourth Friday: Children's book club

This event will run from February - December

Poetry Day - Friday 26 August is National Poetry Day. Alongside our normal events, we are hosting the launch of Helen Tau'au-Filisi's poetry book "Pacific Hibiscus" that day. More details to come.

We will also be highlighting poetry in our Funtastic Friday's book club that day!

In all instances the contact details are 09-6366796, or email mangerebridge.library@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

The Mangere Bridge Rocks

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Library Book Chat!

2nd Tuesday every month
10:30am

Our monthly book club meets to discuss what they've been reading – good or bad. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and some lively discussion!

Opening Hours

Mondays	9am-5pm
Tuesdays	9am-5pm
Wednesdays	9am-5pm
Thursdays	9am-7pm
Fridays	9am-5pm
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Sundays	9am-1pm

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What's a house worth and what does it have to do with interest rates?

Ask any Joe average real estate agent what is a house worth and they will tell you it's the price the buyer and seller agree on. And that is mostly right except for the part where it's wrong. Try this as an alternative - a house in Auckland, or Mangere Bridge for that matter, is worth only what a lender agrees it's worth. Think about it. The majority of us buy a home with a lot or a little help from our friendly bank. Believe me because I know from years of experience that lenders do refuse to fund if they believe the purchase price is too high in comparison to the state of the market. Now get this part - politicians and expert journalists are running around crying to anyone who will listen "bubble, bubble, watch out for the bubble!!". Yet the banks keep lending and lending and lending. So who is wrong and who is right?

Well, maybe they both are, well at least partly. Remember that politicians and journalists absolutely need to be listened too and the more outrageous the statement the more they think people will listen. As an Aucklander I don't like this property inflation anymore than the next guy. It is true that lower income earners are being priced out of some areas but honestly, when haven't some areas been beyond the reach of starter home buyers. Just about everybody has their heart set on a home they can't really afford and it always feels like it's somebody's fault. There's nothing wrong with that because it is human nature and always been like that in real estate. But what's different now is there are voices in parliament and in the media who are telling Auckland home buyers there really is somebody to blame - foreigners.

Now for the part the banks understand and the media and politicians always seem to gloss over. We are simply stamping more immigration visas than we are pouring foundation slabs. Less houses being built than the number of new Aucklanders. It really is a simple example of supply and demand economics - on one side of the graph you have the housing supply and the other the number of buyers wanting those houses. Where the two lines cross we have a sale price and when the bank likes it too then we have finance clause satisfied and a settled sale. At the moment the banks really, really like where those lines cross otherwise you wouldn't be seeing interest at such record lows. The percentage of interest a lender charges for your home loan directly reflects the amount of risk they believe they are taking by giving you that money. However, there is always a however, banks are in business to make money and like any business. Their job is to maximise return on shareholder investment and not the best social policy for New Zealand. You hear talk about cooling the Auckland market. Well, if the banks all decided to set a cap on the price of an Auckland house it would be more like throwing the whole market in an ice bath. Of course they can't and they won't do that and so they will continue to lend and politicians and media will continue to blame and the Auckland property market will roll on.

So, the banks are partly right because this is not a bubble and so are happy to lend, the media and politicians are partly right because it is foreigners driving up the price of houses in Auckland. Between the two extremes is the reality of our situation. A family walks through airport immigration as foreigners, they make an offer on the house you have listed with me, the bank agrees with risk of the deal, the house settles and they move into Mangere Bridge. This is the amazing bit - they are no longer foreigners but have become Aucklanders and your new friends and neighbours in the Bridge. Their kids will go to school with your kids, you will talk over the back fence complaining about the government, banks, and real estate agents. Because a developer didn't lay a foundation for a new house on the day that family arrived we still had a shortage of housing stock which meant the line crossed another few thousand dollars higher than the sale we made yesterday. And tomorrow the same thing will happen again, and the next day.

Take care and thanks for reading. - Interested in a chat about the market over a cup of tea? Just give us a ring 0274 766 947.



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