

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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MANGERE BRIDGE RESIDENTS' AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The choice of two speakers at the April meeting of the Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Association highlighted two major community concerns.

Grant Taylor, Manukau City Council Director Strategy spoke about the reform of the governance of Auckland. The meeting expressed serious concerns about the government's proposals. It is clear that the community needs to make the politicians aware of its concerns before the legislation is presented in parliament.

An Invitations has been sent to Su'a William Sio MP for Mangere and the National and Act Parties to attend the Associations next meeting on 20 May. This meeting will provide an important opportunity for the residents of Mangere Bridge to make their views quite clear to the politicians. You are invited to come to the meeting and make your views known.

The second speaker was Bruce Nicholson, Manukau City Council Group Manager Regional and City Planning who spoke about the District Plan Change 14, Mangere Gateway Heritage Area. The development of the Mangere Gateway Heritage Area is a positive development for Mangere Bridge. It recognises the cultural and historical importance of Mangere Bridge and the surrounding area so as to create a tourist attraction.

However the absence of a plan for the development of the Mangere Bridge foreshore is a serious concern. The construction of the new it was felt bridge provides a golden opportunity to develop the foreshore. Unfortunately the situation is complicated by the fact that Manukau City Council, Auckland City Council, Auckland Regional Council and the Minister for the Environment all have a say in what the plan should be. All attempts to get these bodies to develop an agreed plan that meets the requirements of the local community have failed. The Manukau Harbour is a priceless asset for the local community and the foreshore should be the jewel in the crown. If you share the Residents and Rate Payers con-

cern tell those responsible. They need your support or the opportunity will be lost.

In recent weeks a smell has been coming from the sewerage plant. If you notice it please contact the Auckland Regional Council to lodge your complaint and ensure that it is registered. When the issue was raised with Watercare they denied receiving any complaints. Next meeting will be held at: 7.30pm Wednesday 20 May 2009 Membership fee - \$5

Shopkeepers Offered Advice

Within recent months there have been a number of reports on TV and in the newspapers of armed robberies of shop keepers in the South Auckland area.

Distressingly, a number of these offences have been committed by school age children and have involved serious levels of violence. Icon Group provides half day Armed Hold-Up Safety Seminars (available at discounted rates for Village members) and in the last few years they have provided thousands of people with the skills to survive an armed hold-up.

The most important message that they say they can provide is to stay CALM. They use the mnemonic CALM to reinforce the key steps that people should follow in such a situation:

C	Calm yourself
A	Act passively
L	Listen & Co-operate
M	Make Safe/Memorise Evidence

Remember, the safety of you, your staff and your customers is of a far higher priority than trying to protect your property.

If you wish to find out more about Icon Groups Educational Services Programmes, visit www.icongroup.co.nz or contact Helen on (09) 414 9624.

What's on at the Bridge

Every Wed	Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls
Every Thu	Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
	Bridge Art Group
	9am to Noon Memorial Hall
2nd Sun's	Sunday Walking
Every Wed	Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Wed	Brownies 6 - 7:30pm
Mon	Guides 6 - 8pm
Every Mon	CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm
	Methodist Church Hall
Mon	W.I. second Monday of the month
Cub Scouts	Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm 7 1/2 - 10 1/2 years
Kea Scouts	Tuesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm 5 1/2 - 7 1/2 years
Scouts	Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30pm 10 1/2 - 14 1/2 years
Mon/Tue/Thu	Plunket Playgroup 9.00am - 11.30pm
Mon	Plunket Toy Library 11.30am - 12.15pm
Sat	Plunket Toy Library 9.30am - 10.30pm
Mon/Thu	Plunket Car Seat Rentals 12.45 - 2.45pm
	Plunket Rooms. 5 Taylor Road. M/Bridge
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
Every Fri	Sing-a-long Storytime 10.30am Library
Mon/Wed	Senior Citizens Housie, 1.00pm Bridge Crt Hall
Mon	St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm
Wed	Exercise Classes with DYNABANDS
	Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Wed	Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain
	Education Centre
Art & Craft	1st & 3rd Saturday of the month
	Village Sq Market
1st Thu	Senior Citizens Travel Club, Day Trips
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Daily	Mathematics/Mandarin Tuition
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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,
Mangere Bridge Village once again turned on a wonderful event for the wider Manukau and Auckland regions. However, some of the shops, especially at McIntyre Rd end, make a considerable sacrifice with the resulting loss in trade. Please acknowledge their valuable contribution by giving them some extra trade over the next few weeks. But what a great opportunity though to promote Mangere Bridge! Thursday night music has finished for the season. I hope you have enjoyed the wide variety. I am eager to promote local talent so please let me know of any bands that may be interested.

The Summer Entertainment Series; Thursday Live Bands, Karaoke nights, St Patrick's Day events and Autumn Festival, would not have been possible without the financial support of a number of organizations and I would like to acknowledge the following:

Creative Communities NZ, Manukau
Four Winds Foundation
Lion Foundation
Harbour Crossing Alliance
Mangere Community Board
Manukau City Events Unit
Harcourts Real Estate
Mangere Bridge Realty
United Video

Mangere Bridge Walking Group delivered 2,000 flyers

Ben R and Ben T, Queens Café, helped pack up and store the hired tables & chairs and helped put them out again the next morning.

Harry, Harley, Paul, Lance, plus Bruce Manning, with the clean up afterwards. Many thanks to the bands that have entertained us each week, plus Mark Wenski, Niteshift Promotions, for the very popular Karaoke nights. Let's do it all again next year!

kind regards *Carol Anne Armitage*
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Silver Sneakers Attract Interest

2009 has brought with it renewed interest in exercise.

The Silver Sneakers Seniors workout has welcomed new enquiries and members, with people seeking professional and affordable exercise with a fun group.

These workouts concentrate of health through movement (and music), and are living proof that every body can exercise.

They incorporate rhythmic stretching, strengthening and cardio training, all rolled into one enjoyable exercise session (that's never boring!).

Try their first class for **FREE**, thereafter \$4 donation per class.

Venue: Onehunga Senior Citizens' Hall, 3 Pearce Street, Onehunga. **Day/Time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30am to 10.30am. Their new Mid-fits class is still recruiting new

members and is suited to the younger senior, those looking for slightly more of a challenge. The workout provides all of the above, but the tempo is faster, the choreography is easy-to-follow, the impact is low to mid, and the target age is mid-life.

Cost is \$5 donation.

Mid-fits Venue: Onehunga Senior Citizens' Hall, 3 Pearce Street, Onehunga. **Day/Time:** Mondays at 9.30am (to 10.30am). All classes use standing exercises - there is no floorwork.

Enquiries encouraged,
Phone Kimi Witty 09-6300629 or email kimi.witty@xtra.co.nz

ONEHUNGA MANGERE SOCCER CLUB

Official registration days have already taken place but it's possibly not too late to play if you're quick.

Senior Mens,

ONEHUNGA MANGERE SOCCER CLUB
Women's, Junior and Youth games commenced on Saturday 4th April.

For details go to www.omuafc.org.nz or contact Barbara 6368626 or email admin@omuafc.org.nz

Boots, socks and shorts are all available through Champs Sports in Panmure.

GIRLS IN SOCCER - new programme this year!

Onehunga Mangere Soccer Club is running a soccer programme for girls of all ages playing soccer at the club this season.

Call Angela Valamaka on 021546221

Waterlea School Responds to Parents Request

Following parental requests to have swimming provided for the children at Waterlea School Penny Jensen, the Deputy Principal - Senior, has organised lessons for all children.

As part of the Manukau Field of Your Dreams Programme the Middle School students qualify for free lessons.

The children will be bussed to the Moana Nui pools free of charge. Sadly the rest of the school have to pay for their lessons.

The Senior School swimming lessons will be held this term and the lessons for the Junior School have been arranged for the last term.

Children who manage themselves by following the Waterlea Way get to take part in a Happy hour.

The Junior School had a disco and a picnic lunch afterwards to celebrate their Happy Hour. Some parents joined in the fun.

Daryl Kirman, the Caretaker kindly decorated the hall with fairy lights and a disco ball

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ANY OLD BOTTLES

A fascinating story of glass

Mangere Historical Society members and friends packed the St James Church Hall on Tues 21st to listen to Lee Urquhart the popular Mangere Bridge Butcher speaking on his hobby of collecting old bottles.

He explained how the Egyptians had discovered that lightening strikes on sand made this glass like substance and how glass was made to replace the hollow stones, gourds and earthen ware containers previously used by primitive man and how the Romans made early glass containers for wine and perfumes. While the glass making knowledge was almost lost in the centuries that followed it was only by the middle ages that the art of glass making was preserved by the Monastery monks, making window glass.

Lee described the selection of bottles he had brought with him, many of a different colour, and shape; some embossed with the names of the pharmacists - Gillman, Turnbolls, and Macklows from Onehunga - as well as merchants whose wares had been displayed inside the containers.

There were bottles with a marble inside that had contained mineral water, ink wells of differing shapes, square Gin and Schnapps bot-

tles, torpedo shaped bottles that had been popular for drink bottles as they were easily stored, transported and their corks stayed moist.

Blue bottles often indicated poison.

There were also two toned earthen ware containers on display, as well as Whitcombe and Stevens chutney jars, very early Breweries bottles with many of these stirring memories in of the past

A number of people came forward with bottles of their own and learned more about their history.

The selection of bottles collected by Lee had come from swamps on a local farm, muddy creeks and harbour areas as well as rubbish tips and under old houses in many localities. Bottles are swapped with other collectors while many can be highly esteemed and expensive to buy.

Latest from Flying Fit Health Club

Did you know that the Flying Fit Health Club have a squash court? You don't have to be a member to use it and the cost is \$3.00 per person per half hour. Bookings essential.

They are currently offering a \$99 special membership for 6 weeks for Mangere Bridge residents. You can use this membership in either of two ways.

Six Weeks Gym Membership

Ten Sessions at our new Butts, Abs and Thighs classes. These classes will be run by Suzanne every Tuesday morning at 10.00am, commencing Tuesday 12 May 2009 for ten weeks. Following on from the fantastic successes last year, Kaye is running another Fitness 15 Health & Weight Management Programme commencing Monday 11 May at 6.00pm.

You do not have to be a member of the gym to participate. If you feel it is time for a change in attitude to food and exercise then call now. Numbers limited and bookings essential.

To book any of the above please phone Flying Fit on 275 5747.



Te Kaunihera o
MANUKAU
City Council

Mangere Community House Programmes

Whare Koa (MCC Operated) MCC
141 Robertson Road, 275 4920
joanna.keane@manukau.govt.nz

Tai Chi Wednesdays 1.00-2.00 Gold Coin

In House Counselling Friday am Ph 277 5337 to make an appointment.

Games Morning Scrabble, Thursday 10.00-11.30 all welcome

Driver Licence Beginners, Restricted, Full & HT ph 257 2099

AA Aroha Sundays 7.00pm Ph 636 8281

Al Anon Wednesdays 10.00am

Parent Trust - Being the Mother you Want to Be This 2009 8 week programme is to help make parenting even more enjoyable ph 376 0400

Presentations from WINZ; Working for Families, Welcome Home, Community Law Centre

FREE Te Tiriti o Waitangi course running in May "Find out what the Treaty is all about. This is offered free to all NZ citizens and permanent residents

FREE Sustainable Living find out about building and renovation, Heating Efficiency, Shopping choices plus more...ring 275 4920 to register your interest.

Mirimiri Clinic ph 275 4476/2570142 to make an appointment

Rooms for Community and Private hire. Community office space for hire

Please view their website or phone Joanna 275 4920 for more information on any of the above.

Developing programmes to meet the needs of the community, they welcome your ideas, please give them a call. www.manukau.govt.nz
Keywords community houses

MANGERE BRIDGE PLUNKET INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

It was good to see new members coming into the club, so far the Club has welcomed Geoff Slee, Frank Lovett, Anne Morris and June York.

Championship Winners:

Triples Winners - Marilyn Baskiville, Helen Robinson and Dolly Lowe

Runners up - Nessie Thomson, Maryanne Stipich and Judy Maguire

Mixed Pairs Winners - Charlie Toft and Helen Robinson

Runners up - Alison Smith and Jeanne Carey

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Hospice Faces On-going Challenge

Volunteer services at Hospice South Auckland are continually challenged in their ability to maintain and provide existing services with the availability of volunteers to carry out these functions.

All the volunteer services at Hospice are carried out 'free of charge' that is, at no cost to the patient or their families and whilst there is a very strong core base of volunteers, just to maintain services at the existing levels means continuing to look to the community to assist in the on-going need for drivers, home visitors and the many other roles Hospice provides. Community needs are increasing. In these extreme times sometimes the most generous gift is the one of time.

Give thought to the possibility of becoming a valued Hospice Volunteer – you get to choose the level of commitment – give the Volunteer Services at Hospice a phone call – Chris DDI 640-0219 Sally DDI 640-0220 to chat this over.

SPCA Invite Schools and Groups to Visit

With Term 2 now upon them, the Auckland SPCA still has morning and afternoon sessions available for kindergarten's (children 4+ years), school and community groups wishing to visit the Auckland SPCA Education and Conference Centre in Mangere.

For a small donation on the day, the Auckland SPCA Education Department will provide an informative presentation targeted to the age or study area of your group. The group will then be given a guided tour around the adoption areas and be given the opportunity to get up close with the resident animals of George's Barn.

For more information or to make a booking, please contact Haley Easterbrook on (09) 256 7312, haley.easterbrook@sPCA.org.nz

Scenes From the Food, Wine & Jazz Festival



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