

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas from Webtastix

I would like to take this time to wish you all a very happy christmas and a very happy new year, this is our last issue for the year and we will be returning with our first MBCIS Newsletter around the first of February 2010.

Santa Parade

Despite heavy rain and thunder earlier in the day, the weather was fine and mild for the annual Santa Parade. With flashing lights and sirens blaring, the police patrol car announced the start of the parade at 6.30pm sharp, followed by the City of Manukau Pipes and Drums. The crowds lining the footpaths enjoyed watching over 40 floats as they slowly made their way down one side of Coronation Road and back up the other.

Participating groups this year included a variety of vintage cars, American Field Ambulance, jeeps and speedway cars, Manukau City Parks, Ambury Farm Park, Papakura Coastguard, Mangere Bridge Yacht Club, Cook Island Dance group, Kiwi Bank car, Lions Club, St John Youth Division, Mangere Bridge Play Centre, St Anthony's Church, SPCA Dog Squad, Variety Book Bus and Super Value. These were interspersed by groups representing Mangere Bridge Walking Group, the Mangere Mountain Education Centre, Mangere Bridge Primary School, Cubs and Keas, Walking School Buses, the Mangere Bridge Pony Cub plus Jiggles the Clown.

The always popular Bananas in Pajamas, with their friends Puss 'n Boots and Donkey, Po and Laa-Laa, Bat Man and Robin, Darth Vader, Tin Man, Penguin and Bob the Builder boogied their way along the parade route giving an impromptu dance routine with their mini P.A. system and posing for photographs along the way. Bringing up the rear was Santa himself, this year aided by two of his elves who helped him hand out lollies afterwards.

With the miniature train out of action for repairs this year a red, double decked, bus carried parents and children from Mangere Bridge Plunket and was kept busy afterwards giving free rides. There were also queues for Pony and Cart rides, The Puppet Man, face painting and Bouncy Castles.

There was plenty to see with a variety of stalls and the crowd didn't go hungry with Mangere Bridge Scouts and Kindergarten running sausage sizzles, plus French Crepes, takeaway shops and cafes. As the crowds thinned those who remained were treated to some great entertainment from the Frank E. Evans Band.

The Business Association acknowledges the Mangere Community Board, the Four Winds Foundation and The Lion Foundation. Without their financial assistance this popular parade for the children of the Mangere Ward would not be possible.



Onehunga Mangere United Sports Club Inc

Annual General Meeting

When: Sunday 13th December 09 at 2.00pm

At: Clubrooms, Mangere Mountain

Usual items of business as well as presentation of 3 year and annual strategic plan.

Refreshments provided afterwards.

Enquires to Secretary Peter Judd Ph 634 0675 or

Email: Onehunga.mangere@gmail.com

What's on at the Bridge

Every Wed	Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
Every Thu	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
Wed	Plunket Toy Library 9:30am - 10:30am Non-recycle bin week
Sat	Plunket Toy Library 9.30am - 10.30am Every Week
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 every first Thursday Phone 634 1062
Daily	Mathematics/Mandarin Tuition Phone 622 2688 or 021 135 0368
Mon/Wed	Free Seniors Tai Chi, 10:30am Chinese Comm Centre - Phone 266 7473

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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

At the time of writing this column I am still recovering from the Santa Parade! What a fabulous time we all had. Many thanks go to all who took part and contributed to the success of the event. Special thanks goes to members of Rotary and the Manukau Harbour Crossing Alliance who assisted as marshals to direct the traffic at the start/end point. It was much better organised chaos this year.

Spot the Shopkeeper Competition - 35 shops are taking part in this. Each has provided a photo of a staff member when they were young. The person who can match the most photos to the correct shop will win a Christmas Basket. Pick up an entry form from participating shops and copies of the poster from the library. We hope you enjoy this fun competition.

Free Entertainment - What better way to enjoy summer evenings than have a relaxing meal/coffee at the Village. Pars Kebabs is fully licensed and Bridge Café and Gourmet Rockz have a Special License for Thursday night entertainment when some great bands will be playing. If we want to have this type of top quality entertainment in Mangere Bridge we need the community to support it so please invite friends and family along. It is the only event of its kind in Manukau City.

Village Focus - Lucky Café is open late on Thursday till 8.30pm, until the week before Christmas. As well as their blackboard menu they also have a special evening menu.

Queens Burgers is under new management and is now Gourmet Rockz. Their hours will be 10.00am till 10.00pm Tuesday - Sunday. Check out their gourmet pizza and burger menu. Please support our café scene as it has become a special feature of the Village.

Craft Market - In recess during January

Graffiti - Phone 262-5104 as soon as you spot any graffiti. The secret to winning the battle is to get it removed quickly.

The Management Office is closed from 18 Dec till late January. Messages can be left on 636-7491 or email mbvillage@maxnet.co.nz.

On behalf of the Business Association may I wish you a Happy Christmas, safe holidays and best wishes for 2010.

kind regards

Carol-Anne Armitage
Village Manager

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Waterlea School

September 23rd and 24th saw Waterlea once again producing an outstanding Senior Musical, this year - "The Scrunch Who Stole Music". Both nights were a sell out as the children raised the roof with some fantastic drama, singing, and dancing. What a great way to end the term.

At the beginning of October all of Waterlea were out skipping to raise money for the Heart Foundation on Jump Rope Day. Thanks to all our generous supporters for sponsoring the children.

Waterlea Year 4 girls spent a day learning about self defence and life skills for keeping themselves safe.

Iron Brian and his BBQ Road show paid Waterlea a visit to talk to Waterlea children about the importance of eating a well balanced

diet. They were then rewarded with a heart tick approved beef burger. Yum!

The Senior School spent a day at Arataki in an 1880 Bush Camp learning about the lives of NZ pioneers. The children, teachers and parents dressed in period clothes, drank billy tea, cooked girdle scones over open fires and had a go at sawing logs. What a great day.

Coming up in the run down to Christmas we have our junior school learning to swim at Moana Nui Pools, Inter school athletics at Mt Smart, a trip to Rainbow's End for our school helpers, our Year 6 Dine and dance and our Year 6 Graduation.

Waterlea School would like to thank our community for all their enthusiastic support over the year. We wish you all safe and enjoyable holidays and see you at the Gala in 2010!!



Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

Games, drinks and nibbles were enjoyed at prize giving held on 11 November 09. There was also a presentation of Life Membership awarded to Nessie Thomson, Murray Keesing and Charlie Toft for outstanding service to the club. These three have been members for 25 years!

Thanks goes out to Mr Gordon Ward of NZ Wheel Clamping who was a sponsor and presented members with a cheque for just under \$1800.00 which was raised from tournaments held during the year.

The evening ended with raffles, door prizes and a lovely supper. Thanks goes out to all the committee and members for another great year and the club is looking forward to seeing everyone back on the 10th February 2010.

For information on joining please contact Charlie 622 3254 or Marilyn 634 2241

Have a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

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Along the Watercare Coastal walkway the NZ dotterels are busy making nests and laying eggs, please take care near these as a few have already been disturbed by predators. There has been a sighting of three young chicks but as this is a dangerous time for newborn we are hoping they will survive. Please be a responsible dog or cat owner. Keep all dogs out of the area and if possible please lock cats in for the night if you live close to the park or watercare. Report any concerns to either the Mangere Treatment Plant or the Ambury Ranger.

During the summer months the park gates are locked at 8.30 so come on down for a nice summer BBQ - use your own or one of the park ones. Bring a ball or bike and enjoy the lovely summer evenings in this beautiful park.

For information on the Draft Regional Parks Management Plan for Ambury please be sure to check it out either online at arc.govt.nz or your local library. Submissions close 23rd December 09. An informal chat about this plan will be held at Ambury in the coming weeks to register your interest call Janine on 636 6118.

ALL STAFF AND MANAGEMENT FROM AMBURY FARM WISH YOU A VERY MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Icon Security Update

As we are heading towards Christmas now is the time to spend an hour or so planning your security requirements.

The holiday period brings different challenges for different businesses. Some firms have extended shut down periods, others are running extra shifts and carry additional materials and stock. In both cases the security risks are considerably heightened.

Icon Security recommends the following:

- Check your emergency call out/contact list with your monitoring company and ensure that the staff listed will be contactable and able to respond
- Make arrangements to remove or secure valuable stock and equipment such as laptops, projectors etc over the holiday period (ensure not left visible through windows)
- Ensure that loose materials and stocks are not left unsecured on the on the property even when in a fenced area (this becomes attractive to cut the fence)
- Conduct a walk through audit of your business to ensure external lights, fences and gates are in good working condition, locks are appropriate for use and that the alarm systems have been serviced and checked.
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For assistance or guidance with your security needs, please contact either Brian Pullen (mob 021 883579) or email bpullen@icongroup.co.nz or Doug Parlane (mob 021 994242 or email dparlane@icongroup.co.nz)

We need some help He guys, i need some help, i need someone to help put news articles and whats on in Mangere Bridge onto the Mangere Bridge website, You need to have access to the internet as its all webbased, anyone that has a few hours a month to update these please let me know shane@mangerebridge.co.nz or 021 815 184

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Anger Management Programme – Ph 275 4249 Varna

Yoga – 275 4920

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Men's Support Group – 027 697 6346 Dave

Lily's Ladies – Tuesday 10.00am Learn new dance moves Siva hula Ph 255 5113

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Tai Chi – Wednesdays 1.00-2.00pm Gold Coin

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