

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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The Mangere Historical Society

The Mangere Historical Society met for their October meeting and enjoyed a very apt speaker in Lucy Malcolm who has started her own company "No Ordinary Life". Lucy connects professional writers with people wishing to write their own life story but feel they do not necessarily have the abilities or time to put pen to paper.

This is so in accordance with the Society's aims of writing your own history. Don't keep putting it off. Your grandchildren may have questions they would like answered and remember that what you may think of as "ordinary" certainly won't be to them. It was a completely different world and these priceless memories should be kept for future generations. Lucy mentioned her son interviewing his grandparents who told him they had eaten brains on toast, got the cane at school and worst of all did not have any television when they were young. He was horrified.

The writers visit people at suitable times and various questions are used to help bring back memories. Music is also a great memory enhancer. The books that result can be printed with photographs in as few or as many copies as are required.

The Society meet on the third Tuesday of each month, except December, at 1.30 pm in the St James Church Hall, Church Road, Mangere Bridge. Contact details are President, Janet Presland (636 8386), Secretary, Val Payne (636 9261)

Christmas Homes with Flowers

Come along and enjoy a day out viewing nine venues including The Prenzel Factory, Whitford Church and various beautiful homes with floral displays in the Howick/Whitford area.

All profits go to the Hospice South Auckland. Tickets only \$30.00.

To purchase a ticket or find out more please contact Sue (09)535 4593 Email: barmy@ihug.co.nz

Road Closures & Detours

SANTA PARADE

Thursday 3 December

Domain Road closed 5:30 - 7:30pm -

Detour; Church, Mountain, Millar and Wallace Roads

Church, McIntyre & Taylor closed 6:30 -

7:30pm - Detour; Crawford, Hastie, Mountain, Millar, Wallace Roads.

Coronation Rd from # 19-33 closed 6:30

- 9pm - Detour; Crawford, Hastie; Millar & Wallace

No parking outside shops from 5:30pm

No Parking in Domain Rd 5:30 - 7:30pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Onehunga Community

House

An innovative and imaginative program which runs from the 21st to the 24th December. Program includes Christmas activities, Sports Day, Trip to the Maritime Museum and a Christmas party. Program runs from 7.45 to 6pm. Other hours are by arrangement. WINZ subsidy available. A separate program will also run from the 18-29 January 2010.

Please contact Tony Broad 83 Selwyn Street Onehunga Phone 636-9900 e-mail othouse@xtra.co.nz.

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
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 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

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe that it's almost time for the Santa Parade! Please take special note of the road closures and detour routes. It's not too late for any groups that want to take part in the parade but you will need to contact me by 25 Nov at the latest.

Guess the Shopkeeper Competition - During November you will see posters in some shops along with entry forms. Each of the shops on the poster has supplied a photo of a staff member from their primary school years. There will be prizes for those who can match up the most photos with the correct shops.

Santa Parade & Entertainment - The Parade will start from Domain Road at 6.30pm and travel down through the Village and back up again. The road will remain closed between the ASB and United Video until 9.00pm for family entertainment afterwards in the Village and Naomi & Bill Kirk Park. There will be Bouncy Castles, Train Rides, Pony & Cart Rides, Puppet Show, Art & Craft stalls and more. Come early to get a good spot along the parade route.

Live Music - We are still awaiting the outcome of funding applications. Keep an eye on the notice board.

CCTV - The CCTV is proving quite successful with footage from a number of incidents being forwarded to police which has resulted in favourable outcomes.

Village Focus - Now is the time to put in your order to the Village Butchery for their very popular Christmas Hams. Have you tried their Gourmet Sausages yet? Lee makes a good range.

Post Office - Don't forget to check out the overseas posting dates for Christmas mail at the Post Office.

Management Office - To contact me please phone 636 7491 and leave a detailed message, or email: mbvillage@maxnet.co.nz.

kind regards

Carol-Anne Armitage

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

The Valerie Vili Rose Garden

Olympic champion Valerie Vili recently launched a special campaign to help Hospice South Auckland continue to deliver a very high standard of care to approximately 700 patients and families in the area each year, with the planting of a golden-yellow rose named in her honour.

With a special commitment to the Hospice dating from when her mother was cared for there in 2000, the campaign will focus on a new Valerie Vili Rose Garden being developed in the hospice's extensive grounds, of which the new rose will be the first step. Valerie said she had always been glad of being able to spend occasional quiet time in the Hospice surrounds when she had been there with her mother.

The new rose by Matthews Nurseries will be

available for purchase by the public at a future date. This beautiful, bright yellow beauty "will add a gold medal to the Valerie Vili Rose Garden."

Hospice supporters are invited to sponsor a paver, retaining blocks and seating in the new garden as it is developed and fully takes shape. The donation of a paver at \$100 will support the community palliative nursing service, whilst the donation of a retaining block at \$500 supports the in-patient service.

The certificate can be individually worded as a sponsorship or in memory of a loved one. Please visit www.hospice.co.nz or to find out more ph Jo Pavletich On (09) 640 0025

Mangere Community House Programmes

Mangere Community House –
Whare Koa (MCC Operated)
141 Robertson Road PH 275 4920
joanna.keane@manukau.govt.nz



TERM 4 Programme

Vegetarian Cooking - demonstration 17 Nov 6:30pm Cost: \$10 Phone: 476 0529

Mens Support Group - Ph Dave 027 697 6346

Kindy Rock - Thu 10am \$5 per family Ph: 292 2121

Lily's Ladies - Tue 10am Learn new dancing moves, siva hula.... Ph: 255 5113

Bollywood Dancing - For boys and girls 13 - 18yrs - Fri 6:30 - 8:30pm \$20 - 8weeks

Tai Chi - Wed 1 - 2pm Gold coin donation

In-House Counselling - Fri AM - Ph 811 5337 to make an appointment

Games Morning - Scrabble Thu 10 - 11:30am ALL WELCOME

Driver Licence - Beginners, Restricted, Full & HT Ph: 257 2099

AA Aroha - Sun 7pm Ph: 636 8281

Ai Anon - Wed 11am

Wairua Mirimiri Clinic - Ph: 275 4476 or 257 0142 to make an appointment

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Joanna 275 4920 www.manukau.govt.nz (keywords community houses)

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MANGERE BRIDGE SCHOOL CAR BOOT SALE

When: Saturday December 5th

Where: Mangere Bridge School

Costs: \$10.00 per car

If you would like to sell anything please book your spot by phoning Annette 636 9520

Ambury Farm Day

We had hoped to have an article about how Ambury farm day went this year but sadly we were not sent anything, if you have anything about it for next months newsletter please email it to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz

KEEP MANGERE BRIDGE BEAUTIFUL

Once again the hanging baskets are in place in the village.

They have become quite a feature and draw many admiring comments. Thanks are due to Dolly who heads the group of local helpers.

Also to George who watches over the baskets and the watering system.

Lavender Lane is an absolute picture of colour. The cherry trees, lavender, roses and bougainvillea make a stunning statement.

Cherry Trees recently planted in Boyd and House Avenues are a welcome sight. However, drying out in the summer is a real risk to these trees that were planted in September. Their survival will be ensured if local residents undertake to keep them watered during this first summer. If you live in these streets perhaps you could water the trees on your frontage.

We look forward to more very pretty streets in the future. Many thanks to all.

THE LIONS ARE COMING!

Papatoetoe Lions Club are going to establish a new Lions Club in Mangere Bridge.

Residents will be able to see the lions float in the Santa Parade on Thursday 3 December

and will have a chance to find out how a Lions Club can benefit Mangere Bridge from a stall associated with the parade.

Anyone interested in finding out more please contact Lions :

David Fox Ph 270 9343 or Graham Gauld Ph 268 2245

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Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Association

The Association continues impress upon the Mayor the importance to the community of the development of the foreshore of Manukau Harbour now that the construction of Mangere Bridge nears completion. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the community to reclaim the foreshore that has been lost to the community for a generation. The Onehunga Enhancement Society (TOES) has led the way in this campaign strongly supported by the Residents and Ratepayers Association. It is an effective alliance with TOES lobbying the Auckland City Council and our lobbying the Manukau City Council. The Mayor of Manukau City has indicated his strong support. At the meeting on 21 October the Association asked the Chairperson, Roger Baldwin, to seek a meeting with the Mayor to review the progress towards reclaiming the foreshore for the community.

The close cooperation between TOES and the Mangere Bridge Residents' and Ratepayers' Association demonstrates the common identity of Mangere Bridge and Onehunga that comes from a shared history and connection to the Manukau Harbour. The final decisions are about to be made about the Governance of Auckland City and the community board boundaries. It is important that the residents of Mangere Bridge make clear their opinion about which community board will best reflect their

interests.

Protecting the quality of Manukau Harbour and ensuring public access are recurrent themes at the Association's meetings. Watercare and the Auckland Airport Authority have control a significant proportion of the foreshore in the local area. The need for improved public access to beaches near the stone fields was raised at the recent meeting and will be pursued with Manukau City Council and the Auckland Regional Council.

Crime is always a concern for the community and the community patrol is just one example of the community caring for itself. The Association welcomes the increased funding for the community patrol and its links with the Auckland wide organisation. The point was made at our October meeting that the best solution is for the community to care for itself by being vigilant, looking out for each other and by reporting concerns. The same principle applies to caring local for the environment.

This is a role the Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Association seeks to fulfil by providing a voice for the local community.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 18 November 2009 at 7.30pm in St James' Church Hall.

Guided Walks on Mangere Mountain

Come along and discover how the mountain was formed and explore the history of the people who lived on the mountain. Mangere Mountain is one of the best preserved volcanoes in Auckland. There is much evidence remaining of the people who lived there. Mangere Mountain Education Centre will be providing guided walks on the mountain for the summer season 2009/2010, dates as below:

Saturday 07 November 2009	10am – 12 midday
Monday 23 November 2009	10am - 12 midday
Saturday 12 December 2009	10am - 12 midday
Monday 18 January 2010	6pm – 8pm
Saturday 30 January 2010	4pm – 6pm
Saturday 13 February 2010	4pm – 6pm
Monday 01 March 2010	10am – 12 midday

Meet: Mangere Mountain Education Centre
100 Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge
(15 minutes prior to commencement of walk)
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Pippins 5-7years meet Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm
Brownies 7-10years meet Wednesday 6.00-7.30pm
Both at Waterlea Park in House Avenue.
For more information please contact Annette 636 9520

Onehunga Mangere United Association Football Club

Annual General Meeting

WHEN: Monday 23rd November

WHERE: 7pm at Clubrooms, Mangere Domain

For all other details check out

www.omuafc.org.nz

Copy Deadline for December 2009

Deadline for the December Issue is the 23rd Nov 2009. To ensure that your article makes the December issue email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz Fax: 634-4251 or they can be dropped into Harcourts Mangere Bridge between 9 and 5.

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