

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Mangere Bridge Emails: Webtastix is offering @mangerebridge.co.nz email address's for Community groups based in the bridge for their use free of charge, to apply for one please email Shane at shane@mangerebridge.co.nz with your details



We are currently taking preorders for the Auckland Entertainment book 2011/12, everyone that preorders and pays before March 30th also gets an additional sheet of special offers valued at over \$125 and can be used straight away, if you would like to order one please email shane@mangerebridge.co.nz or call 021 815 184

I would just like to say a quick thanks for the help Jackie has given over the last year with rewriting articles for the Newsletter, It has been such a good help. We have someone new lined up to help out which I will be talking to for next month... Thanks again.

Waterlea Primary

Waterlea started the year with a very successful Whanau day linked to our Feet First launch. Children, Whanau and teachers weaved thier way along the waterfront as they headed to Ambury Farm



While at Birkenhead Leisure Centre the Senior School children experienced a day of personal challenges and exciting activities that helped them with thier team work, building friendships and getting along with others.



Both the Junior and Senior playgrounds have had an extreme makeover with the laying of new safety matting. We are indebted to The Four Winds Foundation, NZCT, ASB Community Trust and the PTA for making this possible with thier generous funding Our caretaker, Mr Kirman made some more raised garden beds. The children are enjoying helping to plant these up and are hopeful of having something to eat from their labours



What's on in the Bridge

- Monday:** Guides 6 - 8pm.
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm.
Tai Chi All ages, \$6 for students - 7pm
St James' Church Hall - Phone 266 7473.
- Tuesday:** Pippins 4:30 - 5:30pm
Keas 4 - 5pm
Cubs 4 - 5:30pm
- Wednesday:** Brownies 6 - 7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30am - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall.
Exercise Classes with *DYNABANDS* Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 am- 12:30pm
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road
- Thursday:** Bridge Art Group, 9am - Noon, Memorial Hall
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm.
- Friday:** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
- Saturday:** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- Mon/Tue/Thur -** Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- Mon/Wed:** Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall
- 2nd Sun's:** Sunday Walking
- 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
- Mon/Wed:** Chen Style Tai Chi, all ages - 10am
St James Church Hall - Phone 266 7473
- 1st Thu:** Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips
phone 634 1062.
- 1st & 3rd Sat:** Village Square Market.
- Contact Details for Scouts - 0800 Scouts

Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5:30pm
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Saturday 9am to 1:00pm

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

At the time of writing our thoughts are with the people of Christchurch. As a Business Association we are very aware of the effect on the business community; owners, staff and their families. The enormity of the task before them must be almost overwhelming but they have a great community spirit and I am sure Christchurch will arise again like a Phoenix from the ashes; however it may never be the Christchurch that we remember.

Here in Mangere Bridge, we have that same community spirit; of supporting and encouraging one another. The Business Association faces many challenges in the year ahead under the 'super city'. Many things have changed and this will continue for some time. One of the major hurdles we are facing is the issue of funding so that the association may continue to be in a financial position to employ a manager to look after the day-to-day affairs of the Village. Currently, the position is only funded until 30 June 2011.

Thursday Night Live Music March:

From 6.00pm - 9.00pm by the cafes.

- 10th - Chicane Duo
- 17th - Drops of Brandy
- 24th - The Acoustic DeSotos
- 31st - R.O.A.R.

St Patrick's Day Wed 17 March

Market Day from 9am - 2pm

Irish Music, from 12.15pm - 2.15pm and 6.00pm - 9.30pm.

The cafes are taking bookings and will be licensed for BYO. Pars Kebabs is already fully licensed...and don't forget to wear something green!

Jazz & Blues Fest Sat 17 Apr - There will be nine bands playing from 5pm - 10pm in three performing areas throughout the village. The main stage will be in Naomi & Bill Kirk Park and the other areas are; the Village Square and in front of the cafes. It's a magical night so come along and invite some friends.

Food & Wine Festival Sun 18 Apr - There will be a full road closure between the roundabouts at McIntyre and Church Roads from 11.00am - 4.00pm. There will be over 50 food and craft stalls spread throughout the Village.

I'm available by appointment on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. My position is only part time and I often have to attend meetings so please first phone 636 7491 or email: village@mangerebridge.co.nz.
kind regards Carol Anne Armitage

Village Manager

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Onehunga Mangere United AFC

President's Corner: The Winter season for Football (Soccer) is again fast approaching. Your local club has completed official registrations but don't worry if you missed - there may still be spaces available but you'll need to be quick.

For who? 5 year olds through to Seniors; Mixed teams up to 15th Grade (approx 14 year old), Separate Men's and Women's teams available after that.

Enquiries to our Registration Officer: Barbara on: blindsay@vodafone.co.nz or Ph 6368626 AH OR go to www.omuafc.org.nz

The lions are roaring

Papatoetoe Lions are holding a project event called Shrove Tuesday Pancake day on the 8th March 2011 in the Papatoetoe Library carpark from 5:30pm for a couple of hours of fun.

Lions Mangere bridge Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month 1st meeting 8th March at yacht club on Kiwi Esplanade 6:30pm

The club is still looking for members so if you are interested or know of any projects in the community that lions could support come along and attend a meeting or call; Ian 636-9520 or David 270-9343

Icon Security

Again it is pleasing to report that it has been relatively quiet on the security front.

One issue that our security patrols report on frequently in the area is the poor lighting of some shops at night. Whilst there is an obvious cost of electricity, well placed and appropriate lighting is a very cost effective security measure for preventing break-ins and general unsavoury behaviour such as graffiti and littering.

Lighting should cover the shop frontage and any other points of entry such as rear doors and windows as potential offenders will avoid the possibility of being seen by passersby etc.

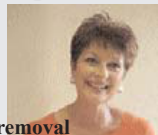
The other security measure that we strongly recommend is a monitored alarm. Alarms can be purchased for under \$1,000 and the monitoring cost is around \$1 per day so they should be mandatory for all shops and businesses (plus you will probably qualify for a discount on your insurance!)

When the alarm is monitored you have the option of having the monitoring company phone you on any activations and you can then decide whether to send a response company (ICON Security) to attend or look after it yourself. Remember that if you do attend yourself, never put yourself into a dangerous situation. The ICON Security patrols are trained on how to handle such situations and have immediate access to a duress button, RT communications and backup where you do not. The other point to remember is that if you want to test your alarm, ensure that you contact your monitoring company first and notify them that you will be testing the system and not to despatch a security patrol.

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Silver Sneakers

This exercise class will recharge your batteries, raise your expectations, and raise your spirits. Forget those negative stereotypes associated with aging, and instead think about remaining active, becoming stronger and wiser, and continuing to step up to new challenges and experiences.

Come along; the company's great, we have some fun. Kimi's endless variety of exercises are purposefully chosen to stretch, strengthen, address imbalances, energise, destress and focus your mind

Silver Sneakers Group Fitness - Tues & Thurs 9:30 - 10:30am
Senior Citizen's Hall, 3 Pearce St, Onehunga Phone Kimi 630 0629
kimiw.nz@xtra.co.nz - First class FREE, thereafter \$4/class

A new SCENE for retirees.

The Onehunga Community Centre is launching a group for retired locals, hoping to fill the gap created when the Onehunga Senior Citizens club disbanded at the end of 2010. The club had struggled for a few years with an aging and declining membership, but the remaining members wanted to maintain a version of the group. Discussions with OCC staff have resulted in the formation of SCENE – Senior Citizens Events and Expeditions. The group is to be facilitated by Shirley Rutley, who will coordinate events and take care of the day to day organisation.

Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, with the first being held on March 1st. As we go to press the organisers are hoping for a successful open day with a free lunch, a speaker, a performance from the Onehunga Waiata group and entertainment on the keyboard provided by Russell. Thanks to Honey and Herbs and Driving Miss Daisy for their support of this event. The monthly meeting will continue at the Pearce Street Hall from 1pm to 2.30pm and will aim to include a speaker, entertainment and afternoon tea.

SCENE will also include a regular Friday social gathering where participants can play indoor bowls. This group is looking for ideas to expand, and plans are in place for a cards group and a gardening group. Any suggestions for other interest groups would be welcome – come along between 1pm – 2.30pm and see what is possible.


All meetings of SCENE members will take place in the Pearce Street Hall. For further information call Shirley on 5242908, email her on shirley.michael@xtra.co.nz or drop in to the Onehunga Community Centre. The group is looking for sponsorship from local businesses – anyone from hairdressers to the local butcher. If you are able to help, please contact Shirley.

Onehunga Community House

Saturday May 7th – Historical movie night. Life's a riot. [The 1931 Queen street riots part of which was filmed in the Community House] and the Maori Battalion.

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Thursday: Zumba @ Waterlea School, 7pm to 7:55pm (first class \$5, then \$7 per class) contact Leanne 02102338891.

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