

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Annual Car Boot Sale

WHO: Ambury Riding Park Centre for Riding Therapy
WHERE: 66 Wellesley Road, Mangere Bridge
DATE: Saturday 6th March 2010
TIME: 830am – 12.30pm

Bric-a-brac, beaded jewellery, plants, cake stalls, sausage sizzle, pony rides and much more.

Stall Holders: \$10.00 per vehicle

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Contact: Vernice 09 6369377 or 09 6340763

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Dust off your sneakers people! Start 2010 on the right foot. Silver Sneakers group fitness classes for the mature adult have returned with great enthusiasm for 2010.

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3 Pearce Street, Onehunga

Ph: Kimi 630 0629, kimi.w.nz@xtra.co.nz

First class FREE, thereafter \$4 per class

Mangere Community Law Centre

Want to learn about the law? Want to know your rights?

Law in our Communities Education Programme.

This is an 8 week course covering important aspects of law.

Starting 10 February to 31 March 2010

Wednesday mornings 9.30am – 12.30pm

Total of 8 weeks.

Costs: \$40.00 (includes – manual, all materials and afternoon tea)

This course is for members of the public and community workers who would like to learn more about their rights and the law. No qualifications are needed. A certificate of completion, ceremony at the end of the programme.

Interested? Please contact Vinita or Ida at Mangere Community Law Centre

Ph: 275 4310 Fax: 275 4693 Email: Vinita.seneviratne@mangereclaw.org.nz

Or ida.tupaea@mangereclaw.org.nz

At: Mangere Community Law Centre

Unit 9, Shop 27

Mangere Town Centre

ALL WELCOME.

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

Mon & Wed Morning Tai Chi all ages - Chinese
Comm Centre, 99 Taylor road - Phone 266 7473

Mon Tai Chi All ages, \$6 for students - 7pm St
James' Church Hall - Phone 266 7473

Do you have a regular event you would like to list here? please email it to newsletter@mangerebridge.co.nz

Old copies of Village Newsletter

The Manukau Research Library is trying to locate old copies of the newsletter, if anyone has any of the following can you please get in touch with me at newsletter@mangerebridge.co.nz or 021 815 184
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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Happy New Year! I trust you all had a relaxing break. No doubt those of you with school aged children will welcome the start of the school year.

Upcoming Events

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

St Patrick's Day promotion: 17 March

Autumn Festival Weekend with:

Jazz & Blues Fest Sat 17 Apr

Food & Wine Festival Sun 18 Apr

Live Music - We are awaiting results of funding applications so that the Live Music on Thursday nights can continue during the summer months. Updates will be on the notice board.

Facebook - We now have our own Facebook page which contains news on upcoming entertainment

Guess the Shopkeeper Competition - This created a lot of interest and fun in the lead up to Christmas. The winner of the Christmas Basket was J. Manuera.

Public Toilets - What a difference the new toilet block has made to the area between the shops and the library. We are grateful to Manukau City Council Properties Dept for this and the new pocket park it has created.

Notice Board - Mangere Floral Studio has the key. All notices should be dated and removed after one month. Please keep notices to a maximum A4 size.

Craft Market - If we have enough interest the market will start again from February. 9am - 1pm during summer and 10am - 2pm during winter, weather permitting. Please contact the management office if you want to book a space. Cost is \$5.

Village Focus - Hong Kong Savouries, apple strudel and tarts are some of the many favourites at the Hong Kong Bakery. The Golden Sunrise Bakery is also making a name for itself further afield with good reports about their bread and pies. It's good to see the quality of these bakeries being appreciated by customers from outside of the area.

Mangere Bridge Fruit & Vege shop at 37 Coronation Rd is open until 6pm Mon - Sat and midday on Sun. They also have a very nice selection of flowers.

Super Value has increased their shelf space and created more room. They offer a free grocery delivery service.

kind regards

Carol Anne Armitage

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

The Lions are Roaring!

A successful meeting introducing LIONS to Mangere Bridge residents was held at the St James Church Hall, Church Road, with some 25 people present. A second meeting to be held at the same venue will be on Tuesday 02 February at 7pm at which there will be further information and details of the setting up procedures of a new club.

At the last meeting residents of Mangere Bridge put forward ideas and one project of interest is the painting of the Girl Guides Head Quarters. What a wonderful project to involve a Mangere Lions Club - so let's make it happen!

It is hoped that all those present at the last meeting plus if anyone that missed it wants to hear more about the setting up of this club they will be most welcome to attend and hear more.

For further information please contact Reg 278 3715 or Graham 268 2245

Your Business Association wins another award

At the end of year function for Business Improvement Districts, which was held at Villa Maria Estate, the Mangere Bridge Business Association and Mahunga Drive Business Association were jointly presented with the most Innovative Project Development Award for 2009.

The two business associations worked together on a proposal for funding under Manukau City Council's CCTV Funding Policy which allowed for a 50/50 split towards the cost of CCTV initiatives with organisations such as theirs. As a result of the proposal MCC amended their policy to enter into partnership with the two business associations. The funding proposal has now been approved and once the funds have been received Stages 4 - 7 in the Village will be completed and two cameras will be installed at either end of Mahunga Drive.

The cameras already installed have provided the police with good footage of a number of incidents. With the completion of the surveillance system throughout the village, the cameras at Mahunga Drive and at the Manukau Harbour Crossing site the movements of suspicious vehicles and persons in the area can be tracked and CCTV footage quickly supplied to the police and Icon Security.

This is just a reminder to check out the Official Mangere Bridge Website, for things happening around the village, photos of events.
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Icon Security Update

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As licensed private Investigators, ICON Group often gets called in by our customers to investigate the loss of stock or cash. One of the first considerations for us is the background checking of staff as our experience shows that approximately 80% of all such losses are internal based.

The simple fact is that if you employ a thief, you are opening your business to the potential of a significant loss.

Simple steps that you can take to minimize your risk:

1. Implement a mandatory policy that ALL new employees must be vetted as part of your employment process
2. Checks that should be conducted as a minimum include:
 - Credit History
 - Criminal History
 - Prior employer reference checks
 Other checks should include Drivers License Checks if driving a company Vehicle and Educational Qualification Checks if they are required for a Position
3. Look for gaps in employment and seek explanations
4. If possible, consider implementing background checks for existing employees Who have not been previously screened (note: this is normally subject to the Agreement of the staff)



Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

The club is now back up and running and are ready for another year of bowls. The first night back will be Wednesday 10 February and the AGM will be Wednesday 03 March.

New members most welcome, so come along and give Indoor Bowling a go on Wednesday evenings around 7.15pm. Three games played with supper after the second game. Costs \$2.00 an evening, first night free, and a yearly sub of only \$18.00. Soft soled shoes required for walking on mats.

For further information please call: Charlie 622 3254, Marilyn 634 2241 or Fred 275 6623. See You There!

Harcourts Mangere Bridge Sales Consultant



Jackie Kirk

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Term 1 Programme 2010

Interested in Sustainable living – Ph 275 4920

Stop Smoking - Thursday am - Ph 263 8040 ext 735

Anger Management Programme – Ph 275 4249 Varna

Yoga – 275 4920

Coffee 'n'Chat – 1.00 -2.00pm

Men's Support Group – 027 697 6346 Dave

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

Bollywood Dancing for boys and girls

Tai Chi – Wednesdays 1.00-2.00pm 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 275 04920

AA Aroha – Sundays 7.00pm Ph 636 8281

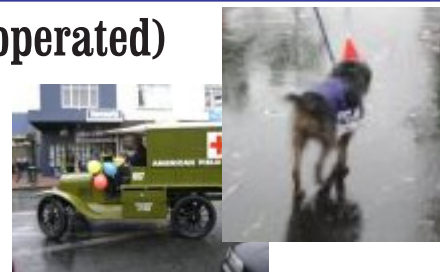
Al Anon – Wednesdays 11.00am

Wairua Mirimiri Clinic – Ph 275 4476/257 0142 to make appointment

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Copy Deadline for March 2010

Deadline for the December Issue is the 22nd Feb 2010. To ensure that your article makes the March 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

Art Exhibition

Where: Onehunga Community House

83 Selwyn Street, Onehunga

Ph: 636 9900 Fax: 6368376

Email: ochouse@xtra.co.nz

www.ochouse.co.nz

When : Thursday 18 February 2010 (one night only)

Time : From 5pm – 7.30pm

Featuring: New works, Textile Paintings by Elemaria Cabral

Light Refreshments will be served

RSVP to Tony Broad, Coordinator

Onehunga Community House

Mangere Historical Society

During the December-January period the Mangere Historical Society members have been meeting informally with shared lunches at member's homes. This group of friendly folk is always happy to greet visitors and new members. We have interesting speakers and activities and are pleased to share with others. If you would like to come along and join please contact:

Val Payne 636 9261 or Janet Presland 636 8386

Held at: St James Hall, Church Road, 3rd Tuesday of each month

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