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People helping People

Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter for this year. Its been a busy time with all our holiday programmes over the month of January. Finally here in February we are just settling back into our weekly routine. Its lovely to have our regular groups such as knitting and Tai Chi return. I have been doing a stint of driving our van for the after school pickups from Pukete and Te Rapa Schools. What I have noticed in my travels is the large amount of parents and caregivers who are walking the children to and from school. I am sure it is quality time to chat together.

We have decided to put our 'mini movement' class on hold for this term. We are up for any suggestions on what physical activity we could do for our under fives. We are also having some community education classes such as cooking and in June we are doing a course of do it yourself classes. We have also confirmed hearing tests on 11 May., these will be by appointment only.

Also starting on 6 May we will be trialling Saturday care for children between the ages of 5 and 12. These sessions will run from 9am to 4pm at a cost of \$10 per hour. There will be a discount for those children booked for the whole day. A light lunch will be provided. Updates for this service will be on our Facebook Page.

We had our first planning meeting to celebrate being an Incorporated Society on a Saturday in February. We are marking the date of 28 October 2017. We are not sure what form this will take as yet. We have a core sub-committee to start the ball rolling, If you would like to be part of the organising committee or if you have any memorabilia can you please get in touch with me.

Please make the effort to sign the Community Policing Petition. This is a resource that our communities really need. We do have copies available here is you want to pop in and sign.

Trust we get a bit of summer shortly! Jane

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Daylight Savings

Reminder

Clocks go back one hour at 3am on 2 April 2017



Holiday Programme

Our next holiday programme starts on 18 April and runs through to 28 April. Our times are 7am till 6pm. We have three programmes: Senior 9 - 14years, Middle 7 - 9 years and Junior 5 - 6 years. Cost is \$45 per day which includes all activities, trips and food. There are limited spaces available, making bookings essential. Please visit our website for programme details and follow us on Facebook for the latest updates.



COUNCILLORS CORNER

Hi Puketehi Community. I thought I introduce myself to you as this is my first term as a City Councillor. I moved from Germany to the Waikato in 1985 with my Kiwi husband, and have lived in Hamilton since 1986. I am a qualified hospitality professional – having received a degree from a tourism institute in Salzburg, Austria – and my professional experience also includes working in the health and well-being industry and early childhood education sector. In addition I helped run a number of small businesses with my husband. I have been active on various local issues during my 30 years in the region, including founding member of Nawton Play Centre, championing a walkway around Hamilton Lake and making submissions to both regional and district councils and central government. I have a strong interest in environmental issues (including the use of pesticides and herbicides in public places), and we live in a unique eco-friendly straw-bale house we built. I retain an involvement with Rotary, Parents Place and an international business networking group, and enjoy the natural environment through cycling and walking pastimes. We have three adult children and travel frequently to visit two of them who live in Europe. Some of you might have noticed that my car has still got my name on it, as I try to be visible so people can approach me and have a chat. And as I am not perfect and you see me doing something a bit dumb on the road, please forgive me, I try to do my best. But if there is anything you want to talk to me about please feel free to either call/txt or email me. And looking forward to seeing you sometime at your lovely scone Wednesday.

0278085155 or siggi.henry@council.hcc.govt.nz

We have a new Council, with a new attitude of open-ness and transparency; working in it is like a breath of fresh air compared with the last six years. Already your new Mayor Andrew King has attended community meetings in this area, along with several other Councillors.

If you are having any problems with your parks, streets or pipes, and finding it hard to get answers from the Council - feel free to ring up Council and ask to speak to a Councillor, or get our Council cellphone numbers off the website and call us direct. Its the job of Councillors to be available to the public.

You might have heard that Council is in the middle of applying to the Government for a very large (\$240M) loan as part of its 'Housing Initiative Fund' to open up and build infrastructure (roads, pipes, bridges, etc) in major new housing areas of the city. One of the two areas we are focussing on is the Rotokauri 'growth cell' - the area immediately to the west and north of The Base and the Wintec Rotokauri campus.

As well as the commercial premises springing up between the railway line and the Expressway, there will be a large housing area with several thousand residents on the west of the Expressway, with schools, shops and parks and a major storm water system in the area as well.

If we get the Government support, the Council will be able to fast-track development in this area, with the first houses starting to go up within the next couple of years - initial approval was supposed to be known by April this year, although we are waiting for some of the bureaucracies in Wellington to recognise the same urgency for more housing that the Council and Government well understand. Watch this space!

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City Councillors Clinic

Would you be interested in having a time slot where you could come and speak to one of the West Ward Councillors.? Just a forum where you can speak to them directly. If there is enough interest I will arrange this.



Pruning

Small trees and shrubs, roses, fruit trees. Affordable rates with 30 years experience give Keith a call 027 622 3195

Vegetable Co-op

Here at the "House" we have a vegetable co-op which means we do a bulk order so we can get more produce for your money. It is a mix of fruit and vegetables with a different combination each week. At the cost of \$12 it keeps the grocery bill down, please give us a call to order on 07 849 1115. All orders need to be in by 4pm on Wednesday, pickup after 9.30am Thursday, must be picked up by 5.30pm Thursday.



Give us back our Community Constables Petition launched!

Community based police services have been dismantled piece by piece over the past 4 years. There are no longer community constables assigned to any defined areas within Hamilton and all the policing centres we had in our neighbourhoods are no longer accessible to the public or offering the services they once did.

For almost 25 years I have worked very closely with Police particularly in the Hamilton west area and seen the value of this specialised and needed role. Community constables become highly respected and trusted officers with them being ingrained in the day-to-day life of the neighbourhood they look after. They have their finger on the pulse and gain local knowledge that enables them to respond quickly using key local networks and resources to solve local issues and challenges. I and thousands of other residents across Hamilton want them back!

To sign the online petition visit

www.labour.org.nz/community_policing_petition

Neil Tolan

Western Community Centre



A NEW LIFE Support refugee families settling into Hamilton. By donating your unwanted goods e.g. blankets, pots and pans, cutlery, toasters, kettles and more. Phone Juergen Pothmann on 07 849 0285 or DDI 07 850 4663 or juergen.pothmann@redcross.co.nz. Thanks for your support.

Scone Wednesday

Do you enjoy beautiful scones and chatting to others in the community? Scone Wednesdays are for you. Jo our cook makes scones that are always raved about. Everyone is welcome, come down to the "House" at 12 noonish on selected dates. The next few are 29 March, 12 April and 7 May. Please see our website or phone to get put on our email tree. All welcome

As always we would like to thank our Sponsor for the donations and grants. These keep your local community house running and enable us to provide services.

Lottery Grants Board, COGS, Trust Waikato,
Hamilton City Council, Ministry of Social
Development,
Tindall Foundation, Len Reynold's Trust



Do you have unwanted items?

Dress ups, paper, toys or cardboard boxes or cereal boxes. We do our best to reuse most items whether in craft or as a resource. Give us a call, or drop at reception.



Don't forget our Equipment Hire—Are you having a party, wedding or function?

We have trestle tables and plastic chairs for hire during weekends. \$1 a chair, \$5 a table. We also have a punch bowl for \$5, pie warmer for \$20, and gazebo's \$20. Pickup is Friday after 4pm and they need to be back by 12pm Monday. We charge a \$20 bond which is refunded if everything is in tact. Please call us 07 849 1115

Margaret's Lemon Cheesecake

- 1 packet of malt thins
- 4oz butter
- Crush biscuits and melted butter and combine.
- Shape into a 9inch tin bake at 175c for 10 minutes
- Bowl 1: 225 grams creamed cheese (Philadelphia)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- Bowl 2: 1 cup cream
- 1 tsp vanilla
- Beat until thick
- Bowl 3:
- 1 Lemon Jelly
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice dissolved in one cup of boiling water
- Combine all three bowls together and place into the cooked biscuit. Set in the fridge overnight.



We have taste tested this very yummy cheesecake.



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Driving—find us just off State Highway 1, Ashurst Park, 43 Church Road, Hamilton



REGULAR COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER—Craig Wills is our Family Support Worker. Craig will advocate for you with Work and Income, Housing NZ, ACC. Craig is also a Justice of the Peace. He is available at the "House" for JP work. You can contact Craig on 850 4013 or email pukete3@hnpl.net, or txt/ring 027 7106485.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE—Every week day afternoon 3pm—6pm. Have your children well supervised until you finish work. Includes a great afternoon tea—craft—sports—homework assistance. CYF Approved—Work and Income Subsidies available.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE—Every morning from 7am—8.30am. Breakfast and transport to school provided.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES—Senior, Middle and Junior programmes available 7am—6pm—all food and activities included for just \$45 per day—Limited spaces available—bookings essential.

WALKING GROUP—Meets every Thursday morning at 'PNH'. Leaving at 9.30am. All levels of abilities welcome. Once finished, come on in and enjoy a cuppa and a natter—Gold coin donation

KNITTING AND UNFINISHED OBJECTS—CRAFT GROUP—Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12noon, in term time. Bring that unfinished project and work on it with like minded people—have a cuppa and a natter.

VEGETABLE CO-OP—The veggie co-op has been running for at least fifteen years. The \$12 box of assorted veggies and fruit is exceptionally good value. Ring the "House" 849 1115 before 2.30pm on a Wednesday to order. Pickup is after 9.30am on Thursdays. Please provide a box.

MEAT—a \$20 Meat pack is available you can order this at the same time as your veggies—collect on Thursday.

PLAYGROUP—We have a very enthusiastic group of parents/caregivers and children every Tuesday morning during term time from 10-11.30am. Come along and enjoy the fun—it's a very relaxing time to spend with your child, and its free.

NORTH CENTRAL NETWORK MEETINGS—The next meeting is at 12pm 5 April and then 7 June and 2 August, at the Pukete Neighbourhood House, at the Te Rapa Sportsdrome. Please come along if you are a service provider in our area. We would like to hear and share about the work you do.

Light refreshments provided.

WORM FARM—Our worm farms have been producing lots of Worm Wee. Grab a 1l bottle that is ready to pour on your garden for just \$2. We also have worms for sale if you want to start your own farm.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE—With Niemand Peebles Hoult. Friday mornings by appointment only. Please ring the House to make an appointment.

BOOK EXCHANGE—There is a great selection so come on down and get your books. \$1 when you bring a book to exchange. \$3 to purchase (no book to exchange). If you have unwanted books, we would love them.

OFFICE SERVICES—Colour photocopying and laminating - very reasonable costs

NORDIC WALKING: Total Body Workout using poles. Wellbeing one step at a time. Classes or 1-to-1 instruction. Check nordicwalking.winksmith.co.nz or call 021 418 695.

TAI CHI- Here at the Sportsdrome 9.30am on Wednesday and Friday—Cost \$5. All enquiries call Trevor on 022 322 3410

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