



Community News

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

A very big welcome this month to our new secretary, Christine MacKinder of Scenic Drive, and also to our new Community Centre Custodian and Cleaner, Mary Crosbie.

Please contact Mary for bookings on phone 814-9858.

COMMUNITY DINNER

On 3 October, at the Waiatarua Hall, we are holding a dinner at which we will say farewell and thank you to Bob Langley. The occasion will be an ideal opportunity to meet more of the people living in the area and catch up with those you have not seen for a while.

The Playcentre is catering for this function to raise money for their building fund, so this is yet another reason why you should support this evening.

Tickets which are limited, are available for \$20 from committee members, including Margaret Blumhardt 849 West Coast Rd ph. 814-9843, Cathie Prangnell, Quinns Rd, ph. 814-9601, or from the library. Please book as soon as possible.

LIBRARY NEWS

Did you enjoy "Room with a view" on the box? Why not read the book! Did you see a review of Doris Lessings "London Observed", Lauris Edmonds "Quick World", or Anderson's

"Portrait of the Artist's Wife"? ---- why not read the books and see if you agree with the critics!

* If you have read a really enjoyable book recently write to the newsletter and let us know about it, or perhaps about one you feel would be better unread, let us know about that too.

* Do you wish to read the context in which Paul Theroux was rude to Dame Cath? We have that book also.

REFERENDUM

On the 19th September you can cast your vote at the Waiatarua Community Centre.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A meet the candidates meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 16th September at the Waiatarua Community Centre commencing with a cup of tea at 7pm.

The Mayoral and Community Board candidates for our Waitakere Ward will be speaking and answering questions at this meeting.

On 15th September, the previous evening, at 7.30pm, the eleven candidates seeking to represent us as Councillors will be at a similar meeting at the Oratia Settlers Hall.

Please make an effort to attend so that you can cast an informed vote in the Council elec-

tions. These are always very interesting and informative evenings. Having candidates answer the same questions and state their policies is so much better for comparison than just reading their pamphlets.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES

V.F. Bryers; A.K. Corban;
R.A. Harvey; R.B. McNaughton;
V.S. Neeson; T.R. Shadbolt.

COUNCILLORS, 3 from;

J. Bridges; L. Goding;
H.M. Haslam; P.J. Lowe; M. Pua;
T.R. Shadbolt; C.A. Stone;
G.R. Sunde; I. Timms; I.M. Wells
K.J.P. Witten-Hannah.

COMMUNITY BOARD, 6 from;

B. Hales; B.P. Hanson;
D.C. Harre; L.A. Hibberd; O.A.D
Hughes; P. Hulse; K.J.P.
Witten-Hannah.

CULVERTS & WALKWAYS

Your committee wrote to the Council expressing concern at the state of the culverts and walkway in the area and enquiring about future maintenance. A reply was received from the roading and traffic manager, Mr Roger Ward, stating that a facilities management contract has been awarded to the WCC Commercial Services Dept., to ensure regular maintenance of these channels. This year the amount of money has been increased and a planned regular programme is being evolved. He continues, "However there will always be areas that require a higher level of maintenance or that have specific problems. Please do not hesitate to bring these matters to either myself on phone 836-8000 ext 8736, or Tony Miles ext 8739, so that we can ensure that the work is carried out with a minimum of delay."

NEWS FROM HELEN HASLAM

City Futures

In order to manage the overall

city development in a co-ordinated manner for the next 20 years, Council is preparing a Strategic Plan which provides an overview of strategic issues facing the city, and measures to address them. This will ensure that big decisions will be soundly based, done in the right sequence and that they will be financed within anticipated budgetary limits. The plan must be flexible enough to allow for changes in the national economy, regional policy shifts in direction, and the review of each incoming Council every three years. Council's Annual Plans and the District Plan (previously known as the District Scheme) must reflect the directions of the Strategic Plan.

The Draft Strategic Plan outlines Council's stance in nine major policy areas. They are:-

- * urban development options
- * economic developments
- * infrastructure (sewers, water reticulation, roading, foot-paths)
- * environmental policy
- * city image and town centre upgrading (New Lynn, Henderson, Titirangi, Glen Eden, Te Atatu)
- * community services and leisure activities
- * Treaty of Waitangi
- * asset management
- * financial strategy

The Draft Plan will be released for public comment later this year. Submissions will be received early in 1993.

Waitemata Electricity

- where to from here?

A recent well attended meeting at the Civic Centre considered Waitemata Electricity's proposal to allocate shares to individual consumers. Serious concerns were expressed that the proposal will result in loss of control and ownership by local people. A recommendation was passed that moves towards privatisation should cease, and

that the assets of Waitemata Electricity should be invested in a Community Trust administered by local people. We will keep you informed of developments.

Waitakere Ranges Parkland amendment

The ARC has requested public comment on whether their recently adopted Parks Management Plan should be amended to allow for large organised events in remote wilderness areas e.g. should fun runs of several hundreds of people be permitted at Whatipu? The Community Board has strongly opposed any such large events in remote areas, and has recommended that the Parks Management Plan remain unchanged.

Annual Plan

Do you have ideas for projects and works in your area (or citywide) which you would like Council to consider? Submissions for the 1993-94 Annual Plan and budget will be heard by Community Boards and Council in November and December this year. Individuals and groups are warmly welcomed to make verbal and/or written submissions.

Councillor Helen Haslam
Ph 812-8890.

Many thanks to Helen for supplying Council news every month. Councillor Haslam is very aware that we do not receive the Western Leader and so miss this avenue of communication and it is pleasing that she is keen to report back to the people she represents in this way.

Editor.

TENNIS

Glen Eden Tennis Club is starting a Veterans Club for players who are 40 plus years on Friday mornings from 9am - noon. Enquiries phone Susanne Timms 814-9346 evenings

WELCOME to Steve and Chris Shadbolt of Raroa Terrace.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is the first time I have submitted anything to this newsletter, but as we at 782 West Coast Rd find, it is an excellent line of communication throughout our community.

After the last six months, I felt compelled to write to you all.

Since the beginning of the year, we have lost two cats on our corner and our third little female has lost a leg. A devastating year for both of us who are avid animal lovers.

After losing our second little fellow, Noah, at the tender age of seven months, one of the comforting facts throughout the whole tragedy was that someone had taken the time to place him at the side of the road to minimise the chance of more damage being done.

Just two days later, setting out on our way to work we came across another victim. Someone's beautiful black and white cat that had been hit and carelessly left to die.

I was sickened at the sight and having to break the news to the family wasn't easy.

It is hard to stop and address the situation in hand when you have just heard or felt something go under your wheels, but if you find yourself in this situation, I hope my letter springs to mind.

It may be just another moggie or it may be somebody's only companion. Either way they don't deserve to die painfully and alone. Before I close, I would like to thank the parties involved in the accidents with our three little ones, for just stopping and in one way or another, checking the situation. It made things a little

easier on us.

Signed, we at 782.

* Some of you may not be aware that in the neighbourhood we have a vet. Neil Pullan and his wife Margaret make a wonderful team.

Time is critical in these situations and Neil is right at hand for those of us out this way. It might pay to make a note of Neil's number, 814-9504 and his address is 892 West Coast Rd.

ORATIA FOLK MUSEUM

This community asset down in the valley has been brought up to scratch with lots of hard work from a variety of sources. Now needed are a couple of people to fill a two monthly roster so that the museum can be opened from 2pm-4pm on Sunday afternoons. This is not a very onerous commitment. If you can help with this roster, or would like to help in some other way, please phone David or Barbara Harre on 818-7816. The museum is opened on request to groups by contacting the Harres.

EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE

We would like to have the names of tradesmen, specifically, electricians and plumbers, who would be available for emergency call-outs to the Community Centre. If you would like to be included, please phone Marilyn on 814-9266. Do remember that if you have a business in the area you can have a mention in this newsletter free of charge every now and then as long as you are a financial member and there is space available. Sorry no display ads or inserts. Just contact the Editor.

ADVERTISING. Free to members.

Public Typing. 7 day service. Very reasonable rates, urgent

while-you- wait if required. Phone 818-6462, or see Margaret or Michelle at Oratia Superette. A photocopier is wanted at a reasonable price for public use

Household help wanted. \$5 hour. Phone 814-9440

Sunnyvale Scouts wish to thank all firewood customers. Supplies have now sold out. Coal is still available. 849 W.C.Rd.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Keep those subs rolling in! 130 memberships so far this year....let's make it 200. If you have any queries please phone Marilyn Trubuhovich, our Treasurer on phone 814-9266. All receipts for this financial year, Jan. - Dec.92, are available for collection in the Waiatarua library.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER. Copy needs to be in the hands of the Editor, Margaret Blumhardt, 849 West Coast Rd., opposite Raroa Tce., by Wednesday Oct 7th. Thanks to the Longley family of Longley Printing for once again printing our newsletter.

<p>Please accept my subscription to the Waiatarua Ratepayers and Residents Assoc. for 1992</p> <p>I enclose \$7 Household, \$4 Single Occupant</p> <p>Name.....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Phone.....</p> <p>To Treasurer, W.R.R.Assoc., 911 West Coast Rd., Waiatarua. or leave at the library.</p>

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