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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

When: Monday 9 December 2024 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Where: Community Hall, 4 Mandeville Crescent

For the past 31 years, the Salvation Army Band led by Ross McMillan has played at our community carol singing. The evening is multi-denominational and is a great occasion, particularly for children who can sit close to the members of the brass band.

The Association provides a light supper and Christmas cake afterwards. Please come along and enjoy the spirit of Christmas.



GVCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Wednesday 11 December 2024 - 7.30pm

Where: Community Hall, 4 Mandeville Crescent

The 46th Annual General Meeting of the Grenada Village Community Association Incorporated is to be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday 11 December 2024** in the Community Hall, 4 Mandeville Crescent.

An invitation is extended to residents to attend this meeting. This will enable you to catch up on the Association activities during the past year and also to discuss any issues you may have relating to this area.

The Association was established in 1978 with the prime objective being to provide the residents of Grenada Village with an officially recognised body that identifies, represents and advocates for the overall interest of the Grenada Village community.

Some of our current committee will not be seeking re-election to the executive committee at this AGM, so some new members of the community who would consider joining the Association's 2024/2025 committee are needed. Our meetings are held every second month unless required, then monthly. The meetings usually take about one and a half hours. It is not an onerous position and it is chance for you to give back to our community.

If you think you may like to join, please do put your hand up at the AGM, or if you cannot be there on the night, please give Bruce Patterson a call on 0275 234 221 to talk further about what is involved, or email him at: b.patterson4784@gmail.com.

We really appreciate the community's support at the AGM, so please come along.

GRENADA VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL

Since April, the community hall in Mandeville Crescent has been closed while the Wellington City Council has been undertaking a substantial renovation of it. Unfortunately, the council’s progressive maintenance programme applying to the hall faltered for a number of years, resulting in the overall renovation now required being far greater than normally would be the case. Sadly, due to the council’s financial constraints this did mean that not all the necessary maintenance that had been identified as needed, could be completed at this specific time with some being deferred until 2026 and 2028.

However, in saying that, the amount of renovation that has been completed to date has been tremendous.

The complete roof of the building has been replaced and the entire interior and exterior has been painted. The water-damaged ceilings in the kitchen and toilet areas have been replaced. The hot water cylinder overflow system has been changed. The locking mechanism on both sets of the porch doors has been changed. The gas heater has been made compliant. Extractor fans have been installed where required and a toilet flushing system timer has been installed. New towel dispensers in both toilets are to be replaced.

Still remaining to be completed is:

- All the floors are to be sanded and re-stained (2026)
- Linoleum flooring in toilets to be replaced (2028)
- Black roof beams in main hall to be painted (to be advised)
- A new set of kitchen cabinets - cupboards/drawers etc (to be advised)
- Possible underfloor insulation to be installed (to be advised)
- Cleaning of exterior concrete in both porches (in next scheduled building wash)

On behalf of the Grenada Village community, we have expressed our thanks and appreciation to the Wellington City Council for this much needed renovation.



There are now close to 700 homes in Grenada Village with a population of approximately 2,200 residents and with new developments now forthcoming, it is expected that this area will increase reasonably fast over the next five years. We estimate that over the course of any one year, there already is approximately 3000/4000 people (possibly more) that attend some sort of function or event at the hall.

The Grenada Village Community Hall is a highly valued community asset and must be retained for the community, but in a ‘fit for purpose’ condition. It is administered and managed by the Community Association and is used by residents for a variety of events and occasions throughout the year. It is the focal point of our community. It is a place for people to have social connection and interaction with others, which in turn, helps build a better community. Community facilities such as this play a vital role in society.

Prime use of the hall by residents has, in the past, been for children’s birthday parties, family gatherings and celebrations, meetings, playgroup, dance lessons, music lessons, meditation groups, craft groups, yoga groups, church groups, children’s Christmas parties, and personal practice sessions. Under special circumstances, the hall is hired out for other activities which have included defensive driving classes, business training sessions, study groups, special interest meetings, etc. The hall is also the base for the Grenada Village Community Association Inc. and since 2018 the hall also has been an officially designated Community Emergency Hub under the auspices and support of the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO).

Facilities at the hall available to users include full kitchen facilities being a stove/oven, refrigerator, microwave, gas heating, and various trestle tables and chairs. No adult parties are allowed however due to the close proximity of houses, unless agreed under specific arrangements.

HALL HIRE

The Community Hall is available for hire for various social activities.

Charges levied by the Association are \$12.00 per hour for financial members and \$20.00 per hour to non financial members.

No adult private parties are allowed due to the close proximity of houses, unless agreed under specific arrangements..

For more information contact
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023/2024

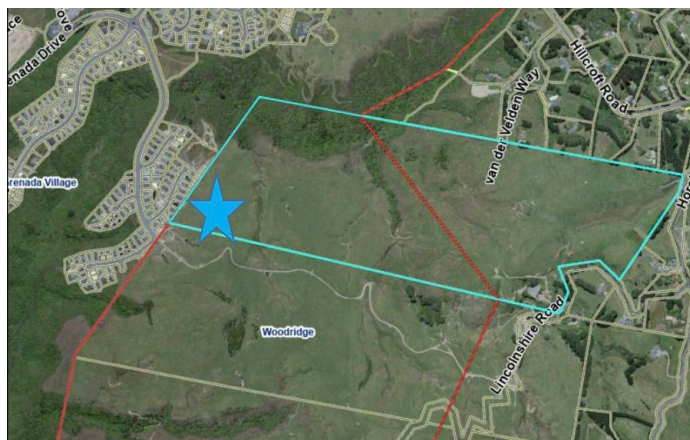
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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

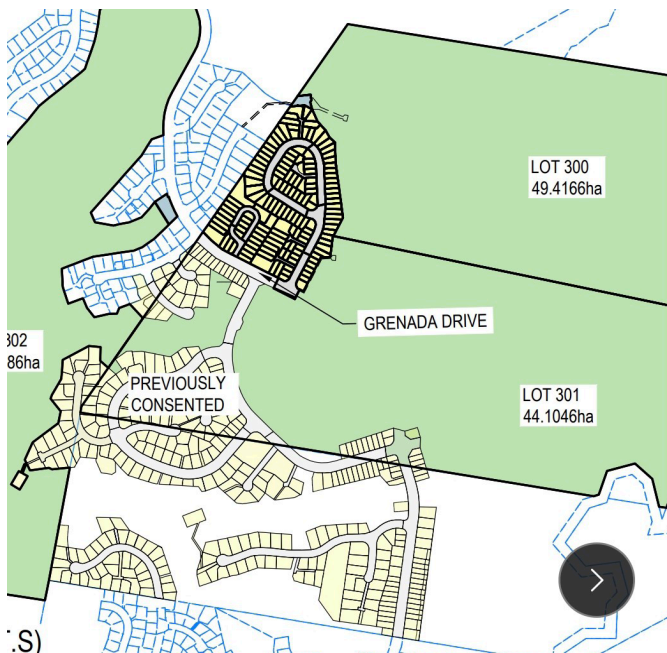
Lincolnshire Farm - After more than 40 years, the development of Lincolnshire Farm on the eastern hills of Grenada Village is about to begin. Several Resource Consents have been applied for over the past few years for various housing subdivisions on a number of sites.

The principle sites involved in the most recent consent application have a combined area of 106,679 hectares and have numerous legal road frontages including Grenada Drive, Lincolnshire Road and Horokiwi Road. It is also expected that there will be a road linkage through to Woodridge

We are aware however, that only the necessary earthworks are being completed at this point in time and when building eventually does commence, it will be completed in various stages over several years.



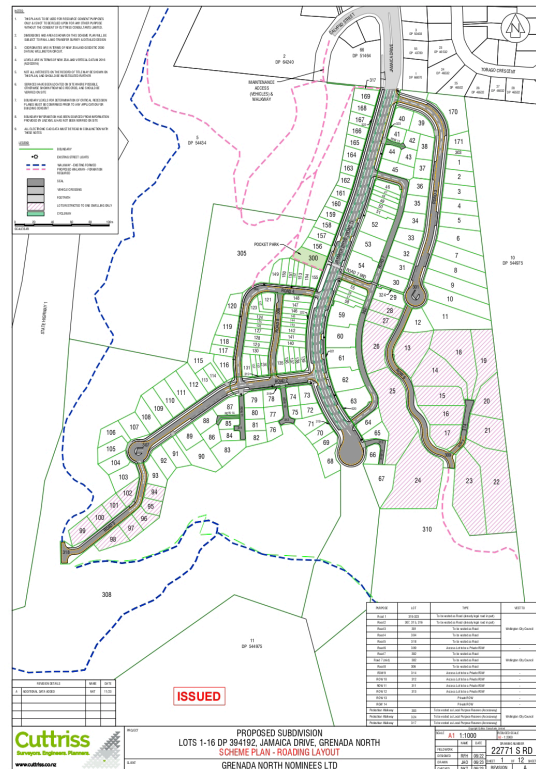
Part of the latest Resource Consent does however cover a subdivision of 149 lots to the south of Stony Hill Place and along a southerly extension of Grenada Drive. The site will provide for compact medium density residential homes that will provide housing variety and a choice within the suburb.



Jamaica Rise, Grenada North – While this new 7.2 hectare mixed residential 220 lot subdivision will not be located in Grenada Village, it is to be developed at the southern end of Jamaica Drive in Grenada North, just across the small valley separating the two suburbs. It will be visible to most properties in Havana Rise and its surrounding streets.

Furthermore, the Resource Consent anticipates that Mark Avenue will be extended northwards to provide a road linkage between the two areas.

Most of the development will have architecturally designed residential units, including 43 semi-detached town houses, eight three-storey apartments and two standalone dwellings. As well as new roads, there will be public reserves and an artificial wetland area. The five year construction period is expected to start soon.



McMud Earthworks Ltd - Resource Consent has been approved for McMud Earthworks Ltd at 26 and 36 Aruba Grove (off Grenada Drive) to deposit and stabilise cleanfill material along with the expansion of an existing topsoil screening and recovery operation

In the past, there has been quite a bit of controversy regarding the McMud operation, primarily due to dust management, sediment control, mud tracking on roads and truck noise. A wheel wash has since been installed and trucks are supposed to be covered when they leave the site.

Dust control/contamination is hard to overcome and the company has several water sprayers operating during windy conditions to ensure the ground remains moist. While this system often works, it doesn't always and it can be particularly difficult to alleviate. The problem here is that the McMud site has been operating since 2004 and for many years they were alone at the bottom of a valley with nobody around other than the Northern Landfill. Nowadays, it has all dramatically changed and there is 100 or more residential homes, several commercial premises, a large bus depot, a church and a private school, all downwind of their operation in the prevailing northerly wind. This often leads to complaints, as not only can exposure to dry earth dust be a health hazard, residents have stated they cannot leave windows or doors open without the dust continually blowing inside their homes. One way to mitigate the situation is to cease all dust generating activities if site dust is observed blowing beyond the site boundary.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

It is with regret that we advise that our traditional Children's Christmas Party will not take place again this year (the past three years were cancelled due to Covid). We appreciate this decision may be disappointing to many in the community, however we have said in previous years that the continued future of this party will now be dependent on a number of matters, one of which included the required manpower to organise it, and then to run it on the day.

Last February we held a most successful Family Fun Day/ Neighbours Day that also celebrated the recent renewal of the children's play area and we intend to continue with this summer event each year.

TENNIS COURTS

As in past years the Mandeville Crescent tennis courts will remain locked to prevent them from being misused, particularly by those from outside the area. Access is provided by obtaining a key from any of the key-holders listed below.

The key-holders are:

Bruce Patterson Tel: 478 4221
William Nobelen Tel: 027 426 6504
Barry Kooistra Tel: 477 3472

It is well appreciated that the courts are not in a tip-top condition, but they are playable and we are working on it.

These are not general public tennis courts, but are for the use of Grenada Village residents only. Our agreement with the council is that due to the close proximity of the surrounding houses, we, as administrators of the courts, must ensure they are not misused. To do this we have to regulate their use and be aware of who is using them. This is because at times in the past there being some behavioural issues from non-residents including unacceptable rowdiness, drinking, vandalism, rubbish left behind, and damage to the courts

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and equipment. If the gate was left unlocked, anyone, from anywhere, at any time, could use them without our knowledge. We are aware that there has been in the past some questions as to why the tennis courts are locked.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The financial year of the Association is 1 October to 30 September each year. A copy of our 2024/2025 membership form is included in this newsletter. Alternatively, telephone Dawn on 478 4221 for a copy.

All Grenada Village residents are invited to financially assist the Association by contributing the \$10 per household annual subscription that enables us to carry out our various activities on behalf of the Grenada Village community.

Our Internet banking is Westpac Johnsonville – Grenada Village Community Association Inc. **Account No. 031 536 0001444-00**. This is stated on the membership form.

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