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GRENADA VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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PUBLIC MEETING

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUB ACTIVATION EXERCISE

Date: Sunday 31 March 2019 - Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Venue: Community Hall, 4 Mandeville Crescent

(BBQ Sausage Sizzle from 1:30 pm)

The Grenada Village Community Hall at 4 Mandeville Crescent is now an officially designated Community Emergency Hub under the auspices and support of the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO).

Community Emergency Hubs (formerly known as Civil Defence Centres) are places for the community to coordinate their efforts to help each other during and after a disaster.

GRENADA VILLAGE – NEIGHBOURS DAY

All residents are invited to our Neighbours Day Picnic

Date: Sunday 14 April 2019 - Time: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Venue: Play Area, 4 Mandeville Crescent

Free sausages (with vegetarian option) and juice provided.

You may wish to bring some traditional finger-food to share. Treasure hunt for the children.

To be held wet or fine. If the weather is not good, we will be using the Community Hall.

Our three Northern Ward Councillors, Peter Gilberd, Malcolm Sparrow and Deputy Mayor Jill Day will be attending and possibly the Mayor, Justin Lester and our local MP's, Greg O'Connor and Brett Hudson.

This is a chance to meet your neighbours and other residents of Grenada Village.

Please come along – all welcome.

Our many thanks to William Yip (Team Yip Harcourts Johnsonville)
for kindly sponsoring our two advertising signs.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUB

As advised in our October 2018 newsletter, Community Emergency Hubs will be opened by people within their community, not official staff, when there is a need for the community to help itself, such as when there has been widespread infrastructural damage to buildings and roads, loss of lifelines (power, water, gas) or communication networks are down for extended periods. Communities now must take responsibility for themselves, come together and coordinate their efforts to help each other during and after a disaster. This is people helping people with what they have available.

WREMO have provided the hub with an Emergency Hub Kit that includes a radio to communicate with the official Emergency Operations Centre along with other necessary items including basic first-aid equipment, maps etc. There are no caches of emergency supplies at Community Emergency Hubs. Included in the Hub Kit is a copy of the Emergency Hub Guide which describes the most efficient way to run the Hub. The old style Civil Defence Centres with their specific structures and responsibilities (and as a place of refuge) no longer exist but a hub can provide a safe gathering place for members of the community to support one another.

A Hub Activation Exercise is to be held between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Sunday 31 March 2019 (as per the cover of this newsletter). The scenario will be that an 8.2 earthquake on the Wellington Fault struck two days ago at 9:00 am.

Following a brief discussion with WREMO staff, the main exercise will take place. Participants will be told that a large earthquake has struck the Wellington region. You have just made it home and checked on

your family and neighbours. What do you do next?

The group will then open and operate the Community Emergency Hub as if a major earthquake has just occurred.

- Your first task will be to locate the Hub Kit and familiarise yourself with the hub roles.
- Next you will be tasked with setting up the facility to act as a Community Emergency Hub.
- WREMO staff and some community members will be actors and will provide the Hub Team with injects to progress the scenario further.

The Community Emergency Hub Exercise is a great chance to: learn about how your community can respond to the challenges of an emergency, to get to know your local Community Emergency Hub, to practice how it might unfold during an event, and to meet your neighbours.

Before the exercise from 1:30pm, there will be a barbeque, which is a great chance to meet the WREMO team as well as some other local Grenada Villager's.

WREMO and the Grenada Village Community Association are also on the lookout for individuals who would be interested in being part of a group working to help build community resilience in the Grenada Village area. If this is something you would like to be involved with or like to know more about, please either get in touch with Chris Moore (WREMO Emergency Management Advisor) at chris.moore@wremo.nz or Bruce Patterson (Grenada Village Community Association) at b.patterson4784@gmail.com

COMMITTEE COMMENT

We would like to welcome all new residents to Grenada Village. We hope you enjoy living here.

This newsletter is produced by the Grenada Village Community Association Inc. A few articles such as the hall hire, playgroup, association membership, or the tennis courts etc. are mainly for information purposes and need to be repeated in each issue for the benefit of new residents coming into the area.

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
Dawn Patterson

Telephone 478 4221

RE-SEALING OF MARK AVENUE

It was very disappointing to find that parts of the new chip-seal laid in Mark Avenue in late February deteriorated within a few weeks of the job being completed.

We have discussed this with Wellington City Council and all the unsatisfactory areas will be remedied soonest. They also are very unhappy with this situation.

If you have any specific concerns, please telephone WCC - Peter Hamilton (Roading Engineer)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2019/2020

Bruce Patterson (Chairman)	478 4221
Sonia Bellingham (Treasurer)	477 1790
Paul Emley (Secretary)	478 7044
Dawn Patterson	478 4221
William Nobelen	478 1091
Steven Archer	478 6352
Susan McFadyen	021 060 8385

GRENADA VILLAGE RADIO STATION

We have our own radio station in Grenada Village.

Edwin Hermann who lives in Mark Avenue has expanded his hobby and interest in radio and began broadcasting from his home on 1st September 2016.

The station is called MixFM (Wellington's Best Music) and broadcasts 24 hours a day on **87.9 MHz** (FM) and can be picked up throughout Grenada Village, Paparangi, Churton Park as well as parts of Johnsonville, Newlands, Woodridge and Glenside.

Apart from broadcasting across the FM airwaves, he also broadcasts online. You can do this via his website: <https://mixfm.nz>

MixFM is commercial free so it is all music, mainly contemporary with a blend of pop/rock ranging from the 80's through to today's latest hits. Edwin says his mixture of music provides something for everyone. He is very happy to mention or discuss on air, events or activities of local groups within the broadcast area to help in promoting their cause. His email address is: mixfm@www.co.nz .

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The Wellington City Council has received the following resource consent applications.

Bus Depot: A new northern bus depot and service facility is to be established in Antilles Place in the area behind Plumblin Ltd and Prestons Coolstore. Antilles Place is the street off Aruba Grove running between these warehouses. As well as providing hard stand parking for up to 130 buses, the servicing facility will include a bus wash, refuelling/servicing/grooming area and temporary portacom buildings. Diesel storage will be up to 42,000L for re-fuelling. The site will be fully fenced for security reasons and will incorporate three lights situated on poles along the western boundary up to 10.2m in height.

The depot will operate 24 hours a day, Monday to Sunday, however the majority of activity on the site will occur between 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. Re-fuelling will principally occur between 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm seven days a week. Cleaning of buses will be carried out between 6:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday to Friday and 8:00 am to 9:00 pm on weekends. This will be done using a drive-through building through an electric powered automatic wash system.

There will be up to 110 drivers operating from the site, ten full-time office staff, 11 workshop staff and four cleaners giving a maximum total of 135 staff. However they will not all be present on the site at the same time and will work in AM/PM shifts. The portacom buildings are only temporary structures to enable the establishment of the use of the site and medium-long term the intention is to construct a purpose built office and workshop in the south-east corner of the site.

There is a statement in the consent which we thought you may be interested in.

'The proposal does not include any retail component therefore the use is consistent with the policies that seek to protect the viability of the surrounding centres including Johnsonville, Churton Park and Tawa'.

New Private School: A new private school is to be built in lower Aruba Grove by the Wellington Education Trust on an 8,459sqm site next to the Brethren Church's Place of Assembly. The site will incorporate the main school building providing a senior open learning area and a junior open learning area, a separate gymnasium, outdoor learning areas, sports fields, and 20 car parks along with five drop-off parks. The school is expected to have six to eight staff.



POLICE REPORT

3 March 2019, **unlawful taking of a vehicle.** A grey 2007 Mazda Axela hatchback was stolen from Tyrico Way.

6 February 2019, **burglary.** A householder in Mark Avenue was surprised to hear someone tampering with the front door lock just after midnight. The door was opened and the victim confronted the intruder who immediately ran to a nearby car and drove off. Police were called and details of the vehicle were given to them. Police stopped the car at a service station in Porirua and arrested the occupant.

2 February 2019, **burglary.** A house in Trinidad Avenue was entered through a forced rear bedroom window. On returning home the owner found the interior ransacked as the result of a search by the intruders. At the time of reporting jewellery is the only property stolen.

WORKING BEE

The Committee are holding a working bee from **9.00am to 12.00pm on Saturday 6 April 2019** to clear up the area in and around the tennis courts in Mandeville Crescent. We do this twice a year and any help you could give us on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please note the date in your diaries.

PLAYGROUP

The Grenada Village Playgroup for all preschool children living in Grenada Village is held every **Thursday morning** between **9.30 am and 11.00 am** at the Grenada Village Community Hall, 4 Mandeville Crescent, next to the children's play area.

Playgroup is open to any children from newborn to preschool age. Morning tea is provided for the children (fruit, biscuits, crackers and water) along with tea and coffee for the adults. This is a fun playgroup. There is a good variety of children's toys and there are many activities during the session like play-dough, drawing, painting books and music. A gold coin donation per child is requested to cover the cost of the morning tea.

The playgroup has its own Facebook page - 'Grenada Village Playgroup'

At present the sessions are kindly being run by Ang Strand but she would very much like some help. If you were available to assist by being part of the session roster, please contact Ang on 021 0292 4942.

For further information please telephone Dawn - 478 4221.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The financial year of the Association is 1 October to 30 September each year. A copy of our 2019/2020 membership form is included with this newsletter. For those who have already paid, thank you.

To maintain representing your interests in Grenada Village, it would be appreciated if each household contributed the

\$10 per family annual subscription to help finance the Association's activities. Becoming a financial member of our Association does not mean you are being asked to become a committee member or to commit yourself any further.

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

TENNIS COURTS

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

These are not general public courts. We are responsible and accountable for the management and administration of them as well as some general maintenance. If you wish to play, all we ask is that you assist us with their day-to-day upkeep by becoming a member of the Association.

This year's key-holders are:

Bruce Patterson	Ph: 478 4221
William Nobelen	Ph: 478 1091
Barry Kooistra	Ph: 477 3472

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Email: ammegget@gmail.com

text **022 600 4291** or call **478 8573**