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GRENADA VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Further to our letterbox drop

GRENADA VILLAGE – NEIGHBOURS DAY

All residents are invited to our Neighbours Day Picnic

Sunday 30th April 2017, 12.00 to 2.00pm

Playarea, 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.

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

Our three Northern Ward Councillors, Peter Gilbert, Malcolm Sparrow and Jill Day will be attending and possibly the Mayor, Justin Lester as well.

National Neighbours Day Aotearoa is a nationwide event which aims to bring people together to build good relationships and better neighbourhoods. While the official event is celebrated at the end of March, communities are encouraged to hold it on a different date if that is most suitable to them.

Please come along – all welcome.

GRENADA VILLAGE WEBSITE

The re-write of the Grenada Village website has now been completed and we think the result is spectacular. Please have a look at it. It is a responsive website which is able to be seen on any device.

The address is: www.grenadavillage.org.nz

The site details the Grenada Village community and provides information on the facilities and services available to the community's residents. It also outlines some of the history and development of the area.

It is a reference point for past, present and future residents of the community. It also conveys the role, objectives and activities of the Grenada Village Community Association Inc.

The site overall is quite large with several drop-boxes off the prime categories in the navigation bar. Please take the time to explore it.

Our thanks to Anyware WebMarketing Ltd and Freshfields Design.

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BUS SERVICE

As we have advised previously, the bus route for Grenada Village is to be extended northwards to a new terminus at the corner of Mark Avenue and Grenada Drive to serve the new houses in the area. This has also provided the opportunity for Metlink to make some minor refinements to the timetable.

The new service is effective from **Sunday 30 April 2017**.

The following has been provided by Metlink.

More frequent buses in your area and a new start to your journey coming in April. A message from Metlink

Grenada Village is growing rapidly and we want to make sure that public transport continues to meet your needs. We have extended your bus route to a new start/end point at the corner of Mark Avenue and Grenada Drive which will alter the 55 bus route and make it more direct.

These changes will start on Sunday 30 April 2017. At that time, your timetables will be adjusted to include the Mark Avenue extension and to improve bus connections at Johnsonville.

The extension and improvements are part of the overall Wellington Network changes which are planned for 2018, so you can expect even better services in the future.

What does this mean for me?

When travelling from Grenada Village to either Johnsonville or Wellington, buses will depart from the new terminus (start/stop point of the route) at the corner of Mark Avenue and Grenada Drive and travel straight down Mark Avenue. This means that residents of Guadeloupe Crescent will need to board buses at bus stops on Mark Avenue.

When travelling from either Wellington or Johnsonville to Grenada Village, buses will travel up Mark Avenue, then turn into Guadeloupe Crescent before turning back on to Mark Avenue to the new terminus on the corner of Mark Avenue and Grenada Drive. This means that residents in the middle section of Mark Avenue and those on Buccaneer Place will need to use bus stops at the lower section of Mark Avenue or Guadeloupe Crescent to return home.

To see a map of these changes go here:

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/service-updates/metlink-is-improving-your-journey-in-johnsonville-west-churton-park-and-grenada-village-from-sunday-30-april-2017/>



Greater Wellington's public transport network
0800 801 700 www.metlink.org.nz
@metlinkwgtn

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.

Note: Rates increased from 1 January 2017.

For more information contact
Dawn Patterson

Telephone 478 4221

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2016/2017

Bruce Patterson (Chairman)	478 4221
Sonia Bellingham (Treasurer)	477 1790
Paul Emley (Secretary)	478 7044
Dawn Patterson	478 4221
William Nobelen	478 1091
Barbara Davy	478 7359
Steven Archer	478 6352

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4 MANDEVILLE CRESCENT, GRENADA VILLAGE

How was this decision made?

A growing suburb is great news; however growth can create some challenges in accommodating everyone's public transport needs. To better meet more customers' needs we have created a new terminus for the journey and a more direct route through Mark Avenue when travelling to Wellington or Johnsonville. This is the most efficient bus route for residents and as Grenada Village grows we will need to extend the route further north. Making the route more direct is important to ensure as many people can access it as possible. We heard from you that losing the service around Guadeloupe Crescent would be detrimental for some of you, so we adjusted the route to include the loop in the return journey to Grenada Village. No one likes to have to walk further to a bus stop, however we have tried to make decisions thinking about the best services for the whole neighbourhood and every effort has been made to lessen the impact of these changes. As a compromise, we looked at the incline and the extra distances some customers would have to walk. Any additional walking required from Guadeloupe Crescent bus stops will be mostly downhill.

Where can I get more information or talk to someone about this?

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Metlink at info@metlink.org.nz or 0800 801 700.

We delivered a flyer on 12 April, to residents in Grenada Village affected by these changes. Information about the changes will also be posted on the affected bus stops pole.

You can find more information on timetables, journey planning and the 2018 Wellington Bus Network at www.metlink.org.nz.



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We would suggest you may wish to download the Metlink Commuter App (available for iPhone and Android) so you can get the information as soon as it goes live. This is an excellent site providing accurate information (real-time).

DOMINION POST - CLARIFICATION

Following the article in our last newsletter that gave details of the proposed new subdivision in Grenada Drive, the Dominion Post printed a story on the 9th December 2016 based on a telephone interview with Bruce Patterson (Chair of the Grenada Village Community Association). The story was incorrect, mis-reported and mis-leading.

The reporter involved did not record the discussion and nor did she take formal detailed notes but relied on her abbreviations and memory to cover the issue. Furthermore, during editing a substantial section of what she had actually contrived was deleted due to limited availability of space and that which remained was completely out of context to the issue originally raised and what was discussed.

On 20 March 2017, the Dominion Post printed the following:

Clarification

In December last year, the Dominion Post reported on the concerns of the Grenada Village Residents Association to a proposed development of 150 affordable homes in the area under the Wellington Housing Accord. The comments

attributed to association chairman Bruce Patterson that the development was "socially unacceptable" and that he was "appalled" at the concept, were made in the context of his concerns around the proposed density of housing and livability issues for the new residents. The comments were not made out of a fear of change or wanting to exclude certain types of people. The error is regretted.

The facts discussed, but not reported, covered the subdivision being of extensive density coupled with the lack of any of the expected standard facilities that should be provided for a proposal of this type, style and size. Residential intensification programs need a social infrastructure for families to thrive as they traditionally have in the past. This proposal provides no viable area of green-space, a recreational area, a playground, a community facility of any type, or public transport and yet intends for 400 to 500 people to live there. It could be expected that this could include 150 children. Such high housing intensification in such a confined space requires these matters to be paramount in the development.

We have always promoted this site to be used for housing or a retirement village and will continue to do

so, but not on the scale of density now being put forward and particularly without the necessary social infrastructure which is critical to the well-being of its residents.

SETON NOSSITER PARK

Since 2001 Seton Nossiter Park has been an official dog exercise area. There has recently been some confusion regarding the current boundaries applying for on-lead and off-lead areas.

The official off-lead area is: the valley floor, not including the Mark Avenue access path, up to the stream crossing adjacent to the Paparangi School boundary and the stand of titoki and tawa. This stand is clearly marked as a rejuvenating remnant forest.

All other areas including the paths down to the valley floor (from Mark Avenue, Bushland Grove and Colchester Crescent) are on-lead areas.

The Wellington City Council is to renew the current signage as it is too small and is not easily visible. The signs in the valley floor indicating where dogs can be 'off-lead' or need to be 'on-lead' are very small symbol type only attached on the side of some small posts. Many people miss seeing them or don't know they are even there.

BITS & PIECES

A number of residents have enquired as to what were the buildings currently being constructed in Aruba Grove near the intersection with Grenada Drive.

As we advised in our last newsletter, one resource consent was issued to Preston's Limited, who on a 1.2 hectare site, are to operate a cool store and distribution centre for frozen and chilled meat supplies (carcass or boxed).

The other resource consent was issued to Plumblin Limited to operate a 4,470 sq metre warehouse and distribution facility for use as a distribution centre for plumbing supplies.

PLAYGROUP

The Grenada Village Playgroup for all pre-school children living in Grenada Village is held every Monday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am at the Grenada Village Community Hall, 4 Mandeville Crescent, next to the children's play area.

A variety of children's toys and other activities are available. Gold coin donation per child please to help cover expenses. For further information please telephone Dawn - 478 4221.

POLICE REPORT

27 March 2017, burglary. A quantity of electrical cable was stolen from a house under construction in Belize Grove. Several drums of cable were taken and other installed cable ripped from the walls. Some cable had the cover stripped from it before being taken, the covering being left behind in bins.

26 March 2017, unlawful taking of a vehicle. A blue Toyota Corona saloon parked unlocked on the street overnight in Mandeville Crescent, with a spare key in the glove box, was stolen. It was later found in a carpark in Mark Avenue. Nothing is reported stolen from the vehicle.

13 March 2017, theft. A stack of framing timber left on the site of a house construction site in Portmore Place was stolen.

11 March 2017, wilful damage. An attempt was made to force an entry into a house still under construction in Havana Rise. An aluminium window frame was damaged by a jemmy and a latch was broken, but no entry gained.

18 February 2017, unlawful taking of vehicle. A grey Mitsubishi Pajero stationwagon parked in Havana Rise was stolen. It was later found on a beach and recovered.

11 February 2017, burglary. A house under construction at Trelawney Crescent was entered and building paper and a quantity of plywood sheets was stolen. Similar material was also stolen from another house under construction in Portmore Place.

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