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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUB

Back in October 2018 a public meeting was held to establish the Grenada Village Community Emergency Hub under the auspices and support of the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO). The Hub operates out of the Community Hall in Mandeville Crescent.

Community Emergency Hubs are developed to promote a community-led response to the challenges communities will face during a disaster. They act as a place for the community to coordinate their efforts to help each other and link with the emergency operations centre both during and after the disaster. In a major event, 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, the emergency services will be stretched to a point where they must prioritise the most urgent call-outs and it is most unlikely they will be able to attend to the needs of individual suburbs. There are now 127 Hubs spread across the Wellington Region.

Communities now must take responsibility for themselves. This decision was made by the emergency management authorities as a result of the aftermath of the Christchurch earthquakes, and is being applied nationwide.

In March 2019, the Grenada Village Hub held an activation exercise. This full simulation was very realistic and gave residents a great chance to get to learn about how the community could respond to the challenges of an emergency and to practice how the scenario might unfold during an actual event.



In October 2019, a familiarisation exercise was held on how to open the community hall and activate the Hub Kit and Hub Guide provided by WREMO. A practice run was also held of the distribution manifold for the 25,000 litre emergency water tank to ensure everyone was familiar with its operation. The manifold is a section of pipe on a stand that has built in ports with six taps to distribute the water. This is connected to the tank using a special hose and couplings.

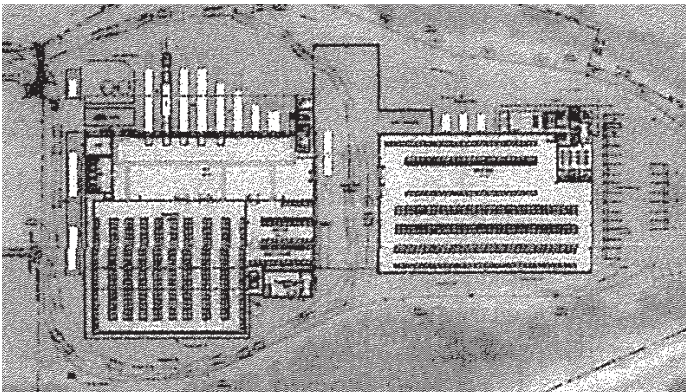
A further Hub Activation Exercise was programmed to be held in April/May 2020. But unfortunately due to Covid-19, it could not take place. This is now being planned to be held later this year and further details will be provided in the next Newsletter.

Although there are now about 15 residents who can activate and operate the Hub, many more are needed and WREMO and the Grenada Village Community Association are on the lookout for individuals who would be interested in being part of the group working to help build community resilience in the Grenada Village area. If you would like to be involved or like to know more, please either get in touch with Bruce Patterson (Grenada Village Community Association) at b.patterson4784@gmail.com or Pooja Kulkarni (WREMO Emergency Management Advisor) at pooja.kulkarni@wrwmo.nz

NEW DEVELOPMENT

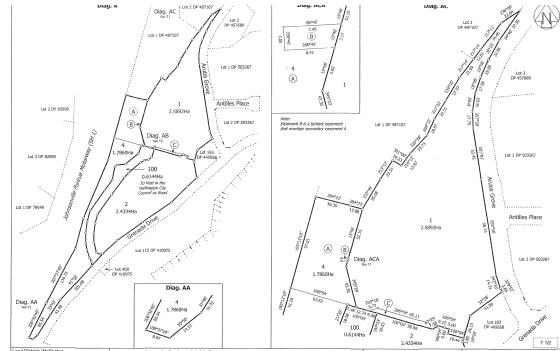
A Resource Consent Application has been lodged with Wellington City Council for the establishment and operation of a food storage and distribution facility for Bidfood Limited at Lot 1, 11 Grenada Drive. This area consists of the balance of the three lot commercial subdivision that was approved in 2019. Lots 2 and 3 are presently being developed by NZ Post to establish and operate a courier sorting and processing hub/facility that is expected to be opened in 2022. The access road to these two premises is via Carmel Terrace (a single cul-de-sac road off Grenada Drive). While Lot 1 backs on to Aruba Grove, due to the significant difference in ground level between the site and Aruba Grove, the development will have no direct relationship with this road frontage and no vehicle access via Aruba Grove.

The design incorporates an industrial storage building (two buildings joined by a loading canopy between them) with ancillary office and staff amenity facilities, car parking areas and truck stop areas with associated truck loading docks. The total building coverage area is approximately 7,500sqm. This building will enable Bidfoods to maintain and improve their storage, supply and distribution service for dry, chilled and frozen food products to wholesalers and retailers across the wider Wellington Area. No manufacturing or processing activities will be undertaken at the site or within the building. The building is designed to protect perishable and nonperishable food products and will have a large cold-store, chiller, produce area and an environmental loading area.



Hours of operation will be up to 24 hours 7 days a week. Staff numbers will be 127 staff spread over staggered

24/7 daily shifts. Daily vehicle movements are expected to be 55 truck movements in and 55 truck movements out comprising of 45 Bidgood trucks along with 10 other trucks. There will be 69 parking spaces available at the northern end of the site. Appropriate landscaping will be placed where necessary to visually soften any distant view of the proposed buildings. Although adjoining Aruba Grove, the roof of the building will be below the road level due to the significant difference in ground level.



NEW ROAD SIGN

Due to restricted sight lines from the right when turning right from Portmore Place onto Grenada Drive, a 'Stop' sign has now been erected in Portmore Place. With the curvature of the road near the intersection coupled with the outcrop of rock, there is extremely limited visibility and residents have advised the Council of their concerns about the safety of turning traffic at this intersection. The actual design of this intersection is poor and dangerous. Also of concern is the speed at which vehicles travel along this section of Grenada Drive coming up to the intersection with Portmore Place.

The following has been received from the Council:

"The stop control on Portmore place has now been installed.

We have traffic counts scheduled for this month on Grenada Drive north of Portmore Place. This will provide data on the current speeds on Grenada Drive and allow us to assess what traffic calming measures might be needed at this location.

We have issued instruction to our contractors to install a Curve Warning sign with Concealed supplementary sign on Grenada Drive leading to the Portmore Place intersection and expect this to be completed in the next four weeks".

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..

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COMMUNITY PATROL

The Wellington North Community Patrol began operating in 2007 and over the years has been extremely successful in their endeavours. This is a well organised group that has high standards and proven procedures.

Community patrols are a nationwide community-based initiative brought about by a desire to reduce crime. They are made up of local citizens who are prepared to give something back to their community. Patrollers are volunteers who work alongside and assist the Police to build a safer environment to live in. They are not additions to, or replacements for the Police. There are more than 170 community patrol groups in New Zealand with over 5,000 patrollers.

The patrols travel in pairs in a marked community patrol vehicle principally acting as the 'eyes and ears' for Police, observing and reporting incidents. They take notes and gather information reporting any signs of suspicious activity. They are not expected to leave their vehicles and are non-confrontational. They are able to contact the police directly in an emergency.

Prospective community patrollers undergo background checks, Police vetting and interviews, and once accepted receive observation and driving training. Once this has been completed, patrollers are expected to contribute four hours on patrol once a month. The requirements of being a patroller are being over 18 years old, passing the necessary vetting, being relatively mobile, being observant and being committed. Drivers licence preferred. After being approved, each patroller is issued with a formal photo identification card. During patrol all the necessary equipment is provided.

All community patrols are part of the Community Patrols of New Zealand which is a national organisation that was formed in 2001.

The Wellington North Community Patrol are always keen to talk to people interested in becoming members. If you would like further information, please contact Grant Signal on **022 597 0100** or email **grant.signal@outlook.com**. This is about the community taking a little bit of responsibility within their area.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (JP'S)

On occasions, residents of Grenada Village require the services of a Justice of the Peace for a variety of reasons.

Justices are available at no charge to undertake duties in their homes, workplaces and service centres. These services include certifying copies, taking affidavits and affirmations, statutory declarations and witnessing signatures.

In Grenada Village there are four JP's who are available anytime but it is necessary to call for an appointment. The website of the Wellington JP Association is: **www.jpwellington.org.nz**



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BITS & PIECES

Since 1st April 2021, there has been a spate of car burglaries and thefts in Grenada Village. These have occurred overnight and have resulted in high speed racing around the streets.

Messy Minis are now holding sessions in the Grenada Village community hall every second Thursday morning 10.00am - 10.45am. Messy Minis is a sensory rich 45 minute unstructured play session of messy play for babies and toddlers between the ages of 6 months (or sitting unaided) and 5 years old. Cost: \$10 per child / \$5 additional children. Remember to bring along a spare set of clothing and a towel for clean up afterward. For further information and session dates please telephone Carla: 022 029 7415.

As long as we remain in Covid-19 Alert Level 1, the Additional Conditions of Hire for the Community Hall will continue to apply. These conditions relate to contact tracing via the mobile app or by manual form, and sanitising/cleaning protocols both on arrival and again on departure. As hirer of the hall, the health, welfare and wellbeing of all attendees is the responsibility of the hirer.

The construction of the new building in Grenada Drive for NZ Post to establish and operate a courier sorting and processing hub/facility is really advancing with some of the exterior walls now in place. The complex is expected to be opened in 2022.

The new private Exclusive Brethren School that is being constructed in lower Aruba Grove next to the Exclusive Brethren Church's Place of Assembly (also known as the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church) is also well underway. As this is not a school open to the general public, we are not aware of the completion date.

The Wellington Police Dog Team often use Mark Avenue fields for training, particularly for the terrain and the environment. If you see several police vans beside the fields and a team of Police Officers running with dogs, there is no need to be alarmed. We hope to have a special article about their training in our next issue.

Good to see that Grenada Village has formally been identified by the NZ Transport Agency in their new direction signage on the motorway. The extension of Mark Avenue to connect with Grenada Drive began operating in October 2008 and it was requested at that time that proper signage be provided near the off ramps indicating the exit to Grenada Village. In 2015 we managed to get a small sign erected in each direction, and were advised 'that was it', so to now be part of this large new sign is very pleasing.

POLICE REPORT

2 April 2021, unlawful taking of a vehicle. A Mazda stationwagon was stolen from Montserrat Place. It was recovered only a few hundred metres away in Guadeloupe Crescent with damage to the ignition and the rear quarterlight window smashed.

1 April 2021, unlawful taking of a vehicle. A white Nissan Wingroad stationwagon was stolen from Sandino Place. It was recovered from Karepa Street, Brooklyn, with the ignition pulled and the left rear quarterlight window smashed.

24 January 2021, theft. The house owners on Havana Rise watched a car pull up along their driveway and a female get out. She pulled out three solar lights from the garden, got back in the car and drove off with them.

10 December 2020, burglary. A house in Mark Avenue was broken into by pulling open a side window. The place was given a rummage search and a Macbook laptop and an Xbox 1 was stolen.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The financial year of the Association is 1 October to 30 September each year. A copy of our 2020/2021 membership form is included in this newsletter. A further copy of the form can be downloaded from the Grenada Village website: www.grenadavillage.org.nz. Alternatively, telephone Dawn on 478 4221 for a copy. For those who have already paid, thank you for your support.

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**

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0001444-00. This is stated on the Membership Form.

VANDALISM

The vandalism on the Community Hall and the Children's Play Area that has taken place since March 2020 still continues. We have now had damage to the children's boat in the play area which is part of a fort and two slides. The two steering wheels look as if they have been manually cut off (or smashed off) at each of the three spokes on both of them with one wheel then being thrown over the fence into the tennis courts and the other somewhere else yet to be found.

PLAYGROUP

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Grenada Village Playgroup went into recess and has not been operating while the Alert Level restrictions remained in place. It is now considered that this requirement can be lifted and sessions begin again. Obviously however, should the Alert Levels change, it will not be permitted to operate and will be placed back into recess.

Recommencing the playgroup will now be dependent on a parent coming forward and running the sessions either solely or on a shared basis using a roster system (has worked well in the past). Full details of what would be required to run the sessions and guidance for the first few weeks would be provided to that parent.

The playgroup is normally held weekly (previously Thursday mornings but this would now have to change) during the school term between 9.30am and 11.00am at the Grenada Village Community Hall.

If no-one came forward to do this, the decision may reluctantly have to be made that the playgroup remains in recess.

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