

Community Contacts

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Pinehaven School



“A Great Place to Learn”

To visit please phone
John Masson 528 4365

Thanks



Thanks to the generosity of the people of Pinehaven, the PPA's collection earlier this year raised well over \$2,000 for the hall roof. Special thanks to Julie & Rob Scott and Anne Wiltshire, non-committee members who helped with the job of collecting.

Silverpine Guides

We are lucky in Pinehaven to have a well run guiding group for all ages: Pippins, Brownies, and Guides. Congratulations to our Pippins for winning their section of the New Zealand national biscuit selling competition! A great achievement reflecting a lot of hard work and effort.



Other activities lately have seen Pippins learning about living with disabilities, and visiting the UH Police Station and Golders Cottage; Brownies doing a programme with rainbow activities; and Guides working on leadership skills, including a night entirely run by the girls. Congratulations too, to the five Brownies who have moved up to Guides after finishing the top Brownie level award - the Challenge 9.

Extra adult hands are always needed so, if you have some spare time and are interested in finding out more, give Jane a ring on 971 9959.

Guildford Update

Visit the PPA's web site and follow the links to a letter from the developers, SKM, on the progress for subdividing the hills surrounding Pinehaven.

Pinehaven News



Pinehaven Progressive Association

June 2007

President: Ella Kahu 976-5995

Secretary: Dominic Baron 970-9147

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Welcome to Pinehaven

There seems to have been a lot of houses sold in Pinehaven recently and so it is an opportune time to welcome new residents to our community and also to reflect on what makes Pinehaven so unique. In particular, I would like to introduce the PPA: all residents can be members and the organisation is run by a small group of volunteers. I see our primary function as helping keep Pinehaven special. We meet monthly, make submissions to council and government on local issues, manage and maintain the community hall, provide a Pinehaven web site, and communicate with the community through this newsletter.

The PPA has been running since 1941 and has, over the years, achieved many great things for the people of Pinehaven. In 2000, a lack of committee members resulted in a proposal to discontinue the organisation. A special meeting was convened and, from a large turn out, enough people volunteered to ensure its continued existence. This proved very fortuitous as shortly after that both the school and library were threatened with closure and the PPA was central to the success of both fights.

Pinehaven is special. Its landscape, with the enclosing hills and reserve and school at the centre, engenders a feeling of community. But communities are made of more than just beautiful landscape and buildings. Communities are made up of people, and it is the people that have always made the

Pinehaven community so unique. Increasingly however, people are living individual lives, keeping themselves separate, living behind closed doors, and spending all of their time working. In doing this we risk losing the connectedness and sense of belonging that living in a strong community can create.

We can all contribute to keeping Pinehaven special. There are many wonderful volunteers involved in organisations such as the playcentre, the guides and brownies, the school, tennis club, and Lighthouse church. Each and every one of them deserves our thanks for their contribution.

But even those who cannot commit on a large scale can make a difference. Every time you invite a new neighbour over for a welcoming coffee, put a Happy Birthday sign on the noticeboard, take a book out of the library, pick up a piece of rubbish, keep an eye on the kids walking to school, lend a hand to an elderly neighbour, or just smile and say hello to a fellow dog walker, you are helping to keep Pinehaven special.

So welcome to Pinehaven, whether you are new or old, and remember, it is special because we make it so.

Ella Kahu

PPA President



Pinehaven Library News



Following on from the council's commitment to keeping Pinehaven Library open, it was disappointing to read in the Leader of the drop in usage. The PPA have met with the recently appointed manager of Upper Hutt Library, Debbie Duncan. It was a great meeting and wonderful to hear her commitment to improving Pinehaven Library and once again making it a truly community focused library. But we need to do it together:

Questionnaire: The library staff are interested in what you want from a community library so have put together a few questions. Please, whether you currently use the library or not, take a couple of minutes to fill in the enclosed form and drop it off at the library.

Stock Levels: One of the complaints that people have made is the low stock levels. The shelves are once again full and if you want more of a particular type of book then talk to the staff and they will bring you a selection and ensure that there is a regular turn over in that category. We have wonderful caring staff at Pinehaven so use them!

Hours: In the past, people have said they want a morning session. While we cannot have more than the current 16 hours, we can move them around. So if we want to trade Saturday for a morning, or shift an afternoon to a morning, it can be done. What about changing Friday afternoon to Friday 1030 to 230 for example? That way we get a bit of each. Have your say on the questionnaire.

Returns: Finally, a small request. With the increased opening hours at the central li-

brary some families are taking the opportunity to go there on the weekend and issue a family sized pile of 20-30 books! However, they are then returning the great big pile to Pinehaven. While this is officially allowed, it puts a large physical strain on Pinehaven's wonderful staff. So if you have a large pile, if you can, please wait until your next visit to the central library to return them.



Storytellers Wanted

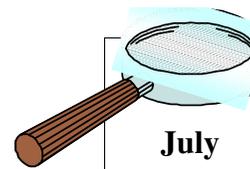
No experience required!
The library cannot fund any more hours or staff, so if we want school holiday programmes or a regular story time, we need to help ourselves. The central library will provide the resources and the programme so it is just a matter of people power. We need someone to organise a roster and some volunteers. Perhaps you are a teenager who would like to give something to the kids in the holidays; perhaps retired and looking for something new and different; or perhaps you are a parent yourself and willing to share your story reading experience with others. Whoever you are, please contact the PPA and let's put something together for the kids.

OPEN

Mon, Wed, Fri 12.30pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Saturday 10.30am - 12.30pm

Featured Books

A new library offering is a monthly feature section of both fiction and non-fiction. Come in and see.



	Fiction	Non-Fiction
July	"Midwinter Murders" Detective/Mystery	Cooking
August	Literary Award Winners	Biographies
September	"For the Men" Thrillers/War/Sea	Crafts

Coffee, Company, and Conversation



On a cold winter's day it can be hard to get out of the house but the warmth of the welcome at the Drop-In Centre is well worth the effort. New faces are always welcome - not that we are tired of the old ones!

If you are at home on Wednesdays during the winter months, do come along and we can guarantee that you will enjoy yourself. Anyone who is new to the district, this is a great way to meet people in a very non-threatening environment. We start at 10.30am and go till about 2.30 pm. Lunch is provided and there is something for everyone: cards, scrabble, crafts, conversation and, of course, tea and coffee. See you there!

Rita: 939 0442.

Wanted

New president for the Pinehaven Progressive Association.
Start date: October 2007
Remuneration: Fun and satisfaction
I believe change in leadership is necessary to the health of any organisation. I have been president for four years and it is time for me to let someone else have a go. It is not an onerous role, takes no more than a few hours each month, and you will have the support of a great committee (and past-president!) Interested in getting involved? Ring me for more information.
Ella : 976 5995.

Yoga

Tuesday nights
PPA Hall
7pm - 8.15pm
All Welcome

Please phone Maria if you are interested in an early Saturday morning Yoga/ Meditation class,
Maria: 970 7630.

