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## Kids N' Art

Kids n' Art is an after school art class run by a qualified, experienced Art Teacher. The class offers 6-9 year old children a supportive, educational, and fun environment where they are encouraged to explore their own creative expression and use their imagination. Only 6 to 12 children per class. Advanced booking is essential!

**Next class:** Term 1 - 9 weeks from 9th Feb  
Mondays 3.15-4.45pm  
Silverstream Fire Station.

For questions or bookings please call Karen Carey on 380 1929 or email [kidsnart@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kidsnart@xtra.co.nz) for a **first FREE introductory lesson.**

Check out: [www.kidsnart.org](http://www.kidsnart.org)



# Pinehaven News

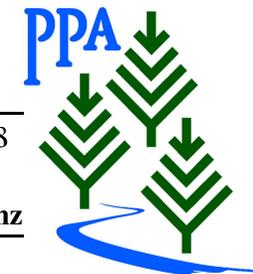
Pinehaven Progressive Association

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## Vandals in Pinehaven



Sadly, Pinehaven has recently been experiencing a noticeable increase in petty crime. There have been reports of car break-ins, theft of fencing from the Community Hall, and most distressingly, ongoing vandalism of our wonderful tennis facilities. The damage includes glass thrown onto the courts, the fence being rammed by a vehicle, and the seating area totally destroyed. The courts are locked in the evenings but people scale the fences and damage the courts with skateboards.

To those who are engaging in this behaviour (in the unlikely event that you live in Pinehaven and read community newsletters) please stop and think. By all means use the Reserve to gather with friends, or skateboard in appropriate places, but can't you find entertainment without having to damage the very places you enjoy using? The facilities that you so freely destroy are community owned - built through the hard work and generous donations of families like yours.

To the rest of Pinehaven - please be alert. If you see anyone acting in a suspicious manner do not hesitate to call the police immediately. This is our community and we all have a role in making it safe. If you see people at the hall, school, library, or tennis club who look like they are not supposed to be there, please call one of the people below who will be happy to check it out.

The PPA are writing to the council to explore the possibility of making Pinehaven Reserve a liquor-free zone as is the case with Silverstream. It seems likely that some of the increase in vandalism is caused by groups moving from Silverstream, where they can no longer drink, to Pinehaven. It is sad that the actions of a few cause such restrictions to be placed on all of us.

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## Community Contacts

### After School Care

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### Arts a Go Go

Rachel Main 977 7887

### Brownies

Tania Lock 938 6072

### City Councillor—resident

Pat Christianson 528 2710

### Cubs & Scouts

John Cavill 529 8994

### Girl Guides

Anne Elzenaar 527 8383

### Lighthouse Church & Drop In

Rita Bota 939 0442

### Pinehaven Home Group

Kate Turner 528 4415

### Pinehaven Playcentre

Chris Cosslett 972 3490

### Pinehaven Library

528 2208

### Pinehaven School

John Masson 528 4365

### Pippins

Christine Pettengell 972 7600

### Silverstream Petanque Club

Shirley 528 4639

### Pinehaven Tennis Club

Barry Yandle 528 7045

### Yoga

Maria Christensen 970 7630



## Babysitting

Holidays  
Afternoons  
Weekends

Two reliable student babysitters available for families in Pinehaven/Silverstream.

Bree Grooby 934 4443

Hana Kahu 976 5995



## JT's Holiday Help

Jake (15) and Tessa (12) are happy to collect mail, feed animals, water gardens, walk dogs etc again this year over the

summer break. Or any time of year in fact! Either Pinehaven or Silverstream area. Supported by a parent on the rounds. Rates negotiable.

Call Jo on 527 3686 for more information.



## Obituary

### John Church 1921– 2008

John came into and built at Pinehaven in the 1950's and was a member of the Pinehaven Progressive Association committee for a number of years at that time. He was also a foundation member of the Pinehaven Tennis Club from that time until 2002; holding a number of offices over that period.

A fighter pilot in WWII, his working life was in the timber industry, he was adept in a variety of sports, particularly golf, and his passion was Bridge. Although John moved to Chatsworth Road and lived there for most of his life he never lost his interest in the Pinehaven community and its residents.



## Christmas is Coming

The annual Pinehaven Christmas Concert is this weekend; a perfect opportunity to get you into the Christmas spirit. Organised by the Lighthouse Church, the concert will be held in the Pinehaven Community Hall on Forest Road, Saturday Nov 29, starting at 7.00pm. Make sure you get there early to get a seat at this popular event. Roger Tibbs, back home after successful performances at the Calgary Stampede, will once again entertain us with his fabulous country music. Gladsome Minds, a highly talented foursome, will be leading us in the carols as well as performing some of their original songs. Other highlights include the local Guide/Brownie/Pippin group, our very own Rita Bota, and, of course, you! Come and join in. Rumour has it that Father Christmas will be putting in an appearance so bring the kids.



## Recent Events

### PPA AGM

Held recently in the hall, the AGM saw a full committee elected, the achievements of the past year recognised, and the current problem of vandalism discussed. Check out the PPA web site for the full President's report and details of the elected committee.



### Art & Craft

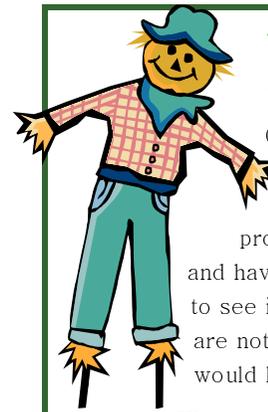
It is a while ago now, but congratulations to the organisers of this year's Art & Craft Exhibition. As we have come to expect, it was a professional show, with a wide range of work creatively displayed.

### Library

The recent authors' night at Pinehaven Library was very well attended. Thanks very much to our library staff for bringing this to our community. We all enjoyed hearing the authors read extracts from their stories (I highly recommend the book, Six Pack), and enjoyed the wine and cheese with some of Pinehaven's many literary residents.

### Pinehaven School

Congratulations to Pinehaven School on its new classroom and high roll numbers. When we all fought so hard to save the school four years ago we knew that, given a chance, this very special school would once again blossom. It is fantastic to see our faith justified so convincingly.



## Pinehaven Community Garden

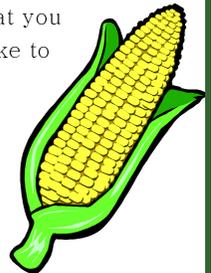
Our Community Garden is continuing to thrive and grow (all puns intended). There are now several plots with lettuce, silverbeet, corn, courgettes, potatoes, and garlic taking hold. This wonderful initiative provides an opportunity for locals to learn about gardening, share ideas, and have a plot to grow vegetables on common ground. In time it would be good to see it developing into a community drop in, with people coming along who are not necessarily participating in the gardening (but hopefully are) but who would like to socialise with their neighbours in very pleasant surroundings.

We try to meet at the garden every Sunday at 2pm and would love to see more people down there – drop in for a chat or come prepared to create your own small plot.

We now have a picnic table at the hall, and also a small wheel barrow, but we do have a wish list of items. The group currently has no funding, so is hoping for some donations from our community. Top of the list is a small garden shed – a steel one around 2m<sup>2</sup>. Any other garden accessories or tools including hose and reel would be much appreciated. We are also after fruit trees – namely feijoa and lemon, but anything would be considered. If you have anything you wish to donate, please give us a call.

We are also asking those who live on our boundaries, our immediate neighbours, to drop in when they see us there. We would like to get to know you and also ask that you keep an eye on the garden – we haven't had any problems but we would like to know of any security concerns.

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- Kate Hunter 972 3490 cosslett.hunter@paradise.net.nz
- Barb & Dave Winter 977 1449 winterfamily@clear.net.nz



## Transition Town Upper Hutt



This exciting group is part of a international network supporting sustainable and resilient communities. If you are interested in helping make Upper Hutt a sustainable community that can happily overcome the long emergencies of oil decline, climate change, and financial disruption then come along to our meetings, learn, and if inspired get involved. Check out [www.transitiontowns.org.nz](http://www.transitiontowns.org.nz) and [www.transitiontowns.org.nz/upperhutt](http://www.transitiontowns.org.nz/upperhutt), or contact me on 5288072.

*Pat van Berkel*