

Our Home

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Dear residents,

Ang Mo Kio GRC and Sengkang West SMC held our annual tree-planting day last month, but this year's was different. Instead of planting trees on solid ground, we planted mangrove saplings on turf that floated on the waters of Punggol Reservoir, which will improve water quality. We have to thank Dr Lam Pin Min, who introduced this concept and worked with PUB to make it happen.

Besides cleaner and greener surroundings, residents can look forward to a better living environment too, with ongoing schemes like the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme and the Home Improvement Programme.

As the year draws to a close, it is a good time for us to reflect on what we have accomplished, and think about how we can serve residents better in the coming year. We welcome all of you to continue to give us support and feedback through our

various feedback channels and during our house visits.

To welcome the new year, this issue of *Our Home* comes with a 2017 calendar, which you can fold and place on your desk. I wish you and your families the very best for the new year.

GAN THIAM POH

Adviser to Ang Mo Kio GRC
Grassroots Organisations



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亲爱的居民：

上个月，宏茂桥集选区和盛港西单选区举行了别开生面的常年植树节活动。今年，我们不在陆地上种树，而是在榜鹅蓄水池的浮动泥床种植红树林植物，让这些树净化水质。我们感谢蓝彬明医生提出这个概念，并与新加坡公用事业局联手达成这项创举。

除了更清洁和绿化的环境外，居民也可期待持续推行的邻区更新计划与家居改进计划，把你们的居家环境变得更加美好。

今年已接近尾声，是时候总结一下我们完成的计划，并思考如何在来年更好地为居民服务。我们希望大家继续给予我们支持，并欢迎你们通过各种反馈管道以及在我们登门拜访时，提供宝贵的意见。

为了迎接新的一年，本期《家园》附送2017年桌历。我衷心祝福你们和你们的家人，在新的一年里万事如意。

颜添宝

宏茂桥集选区基层组织顾问

Penduduk sekelian,

GRC Ang Mo Kio dan SMC Sengkang West telah mengadakan hari menanam pokok tahunan bulan lalu, tetapi tahun ini adalah berbeza; acara menanam pokok tidak dilakukan di atas tanah seperti biasa, sebaliknya, anak pokok bakau ditanam di atas tapak yang terapung di atas air di Kolam Air Punggol, yang mana ia dapat meningkatkan mutu air. Kita harus berterimakasih kepada Dr Lam Pin Min, yang memperkenalkan konsep ini dan bekerja bersama-sama PUB untuk menjadikannya satu kenyataan.

Selain pekerja pembersihan dan keadaan sekeliling yang lebih menghijau, penduduk juga bakal menikmati sekitaran kehidupan yang lebih baik, dengan beberapa skim kini sedang dilaksanakan seperti Program Pembaharuan Kejiranan (NRP) dan Program Peningkatan Rumah (HIP).

Sedang tahun bakal berakhir, kini adalah masa yang baik untuk kita menilai apa yang telah kita kecapai dan fikir tentang bagaimana kita dapat membantu penduduk pada tahun mendatang. Kami mengalu-alukan anda semua untuk terus memberi sokongan dan maklum balas menerusi pelbagai saluran maklum balas dan semasa kunjungan kami ke rumah anda.

Sebagai menyambut tahun baru, isu *Our Home* kali ini disertakan dengan kalendar 2017, di mana anda boleh lipat dan meletakkannya di meja anda. Sempena tahun baru yang bakal menjelang, saya mengharapkan anda dan keluarga menikmati yang terbaik untuk tahun baru yang bakal tiba.

GAN THIAM POH

Penasihat Pertubuhan-Pertubuhan
Akar Umbi GRC Ang Mo Kio

அன்பார்ந்த குடியிருப்பாளர்களே,

அங் மோ கியோ குழுத்தொகுதியும் செங்காங் வெஸ்ட் தனித்தொகுதியும் வருடாந்தர மரம் நட்டும் தின நடவடிக்கையைச் சென்ற மாதம் நடத்தின. ஆனால், இவ்வாண்டு நிகழ்ச்சி வித்தியாசமானது. திடமான நிலத்தில் மரங்களை நடுவதற்குப் பதிலாக, பொங்கோல் நீர்த்தேக்கத்தின் நீரில் மிதக்கும் புல்லில் சதுப்புநில நாற்றுகளை நட்டு வைத்தோம். நீரின் தரத்தை மேம்படுத்த இது உதவும். இந்த யோசனையை அறிமுகப்படுத்தி, இதைச் சாத்தியமாக்க பொதுப் பயனீட்டுக் கழகத்துடன் சேர்ந்து செயல்பட்ட டாக்டர் லாம் பின் மின்னுக்கு நமது நன்றி.

தூய்மையான, பசுமையான சுற்றுச்சூழலோடு, அக்கம்பக்கப் புதுப்பிப்புத் திட்டம், இல்ல மேம்பாட்டுத் திட்டம் போன்ற தொடர் திட்டங்களுடன், மேம்பட்ட வாழ்க்கைச் சூழலையும் குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் எதிர்பார்க்கலாம்.

ஆண்டு ஒரு நிறைவுக்கு வரும் இவ்வேளையில், நாம் செய்தவற்றைப் பற்றி சிந்தித்துப் பார்க்கவும், எதிர்வரும் ஆண்டுகளில் குடியிருப்பாளர்களுக்கு மேம்பட்ட சேவை வழங்குவது எப்படி என யோசிக்கவும் இதுவே தகுந்த தருணம். எங்களது பல்வேறு கருத்துரைப்பு வழிமுறைகள் மூலமும் எங்களது இல்ல வருகைகளின்போதும் தொடர்ந்து எங்களுக்கு ஆதரவும் கருத்துகளும் அளிக்குமாறு உங்கள் அனைவரிடமும் கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம்.

புத்தாண்டை வரவேற்க, *Our Home* இதழின் இந்தப் பதிப்புடன் 2017 நாள்காட்டி இணைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. நீங்கள் அதை மடக்கி உங்கள் மேசைமீது வைத்துக் கொள்ளலாம். உங்களுக்கும் உங்கள் குடும்பத்திற்கும் புத்தாண்டு சிறப்பாக அமைய எனது மனமார்ந்த வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

கான் தியாம் போ

அங் மோ கியோ குழுத்தொகுதி அடித்தள
அமைப்புகளின் ஆலோசகர்

Plant a tree, keep the waters clean

What: Tree Planting Day

Where: Punggol Reservoir

When: 13 November 2016

Tree Planting Day took on a new twist this year when Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong planted mangrove tree saplings on floating turfs of soil instead of on solid ground.

The trees will float on the waters of Punggol Reservoir, with their roots suspended in the water to soak up nutrients, depriving algae of food. This will reduce the amount of algae and improve water quality in the reservoir.

Residents and grassroots leaders also lent a hand in planting trees along the river.

The tree planting effort was initiated by Singapore's Founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew in 1963 and has become an annual nationwide movement to preserve the greenery of our city.

Part of the activities that day also involved kayakers rowing their vessels in the reservoir, picking litter off the surface of the water.

About 1,000 people turned up that day to play their part in keeping the environment clean and green. There was also a carnival with booths teaching people about protecting and safeguarding the environment.

“The waterway clean-up activity was very meaningful.

Our activity guide told us there's a regular volunteering stint with the Waterway Watch Society and I'm thinking of signing up for that.”

**Neo Wen Bin, 25,
one of the kayakers**



水上植树 洁净水源

今年的植树活动别出心裁。李显龙总理不在陆地上植树，而是在水上浮动泥床栽种红树林植物。

这些树浮在榜鹅蓄水池上，它们的树根会吸收水藻所需的养分，从而减少水藻的繁殖，改善水质。

居民与基层领袖也一起动手，在蓄水池边植树。

当天的活动还包括划皮艇捡起飘在水面的垃圾。大家全情投入，为保持环境的清洁与绿化尽一分力。



TANAM POKOK, PASTIKAN AIR KEKAL BERSIH

Hari Menanam Pokok kali ini dijayakan sedikit berbeza dengan Perdana Menteri Lee Hsien Loong menanam anak pokok bakau di atas tapak yang terapung atas air dan bukannya ditanam di atas tanah.

Pepohon ini akan terapung di atas air di Kolam Air Punggol, dengan akarnya tumbuh dalam air bagi meresapi setiap zat, sekaligus mengurangkan sumber makanan untuk alga. Ini akan mengurangkan jumlah alga dan menikmati mutu air di kolam air.

Penduduk dan pemimpin akar umbi juga saling membantu dalam menanam pokok di sepanjang sungai.

Sebahagian daripada kegiatan pada hari itu turut melibatkan pengguna kayak mendayung kanu di kolam air, memungut sampah di permukaan air.

மரம் நட்பு, நீரின் தூய்மை காக்கலாம்

மரம் நட்பும் நாள் இவ்வாண்டு வித்தியாசமான முறையில் நடைபெற்றது. பிரதமர் லீ ஹ்சியன் லூங் திடமான தரைக்குப் பதிலாக நீரில் மிதக்கும் மண் திட்டிகளில் சதுப்புநில மரக்கன்றுகளை நட்பு வைத்தார்.

இந்த மரங்கள் பொங்கோல் நீர்த்தேக்கத்தில் மிதக்கும். நீருக்குள் இருக்கும் அவற்றின் வேர்கள் ஊட்டப்பொருட்களை உறிஞ்சிவிடும் என்பதால், நீர்ப்பாசிகளுக்கு உணவு கிடைக்காது. இதன்வழி, நீர்ப்பாசிகளின் அளவு குறைந்து, நீர்த்தேக்கத்திலுள்ள தண்ணீரின் தரம் மேம்படும்.

ஆற்றோரமாக மரங்கள் நடுவதற்குக் குடியிருப்பாளர்களும் அடித்தளத் தலைவர்களும் உதவி புரிந்தனர்.

மரம் நட்பும் நாள் நடவடிக்கைகளின் ஒரு பகுதியாக, கயாக் படகோட்டிகள் நீர்த்தேக்கத்தில் படகோட்டிச் சென்று, நீரின் மேற்பரப்பிலிருந்து குப்பைகளை அள்ளி சுத்தப்படுத்தினார்கள்.

KNOW MORE



The mangrove tree saplings planted on floating turfs of soil are known as *Avicennia alba*.

What is *Avicennia alba*?

- It is commonly referred to as api-api putih
- Api (fire) refers to the fact that this plant attracts fireflies and putih (white) refers to its leaves which are white on the underside
- It can be found in our mangrove forests such as Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve
- The wood can be used to build furniture while its leaves and seeds are edible



Photos of *Avicennia alba*: Courtesy of Ms Ria Tan, founder of WildSingapore

Dispose of bulky items for free

Doing year-end spring cleaning and need help with discarding unwanted bulky items? The Town Council can help you.

It has arranged for a free daily service to help remove bulky items (except renovation debris) during the following periods:

- 19 December 2016 (Monday) to 2 January 2017 (Monday), 7am to 3pm
- 16 January 2017 (Monday) to 27 January 2017 (Friday), 7am to 3pm

To dispose of your big items, please look for the sign (right) at the void deck of your block and leave your items there.

市镇会将在以下时段，每天为居民免费搬移大型物件：

- 2016年12月19日（星期一）至 2017年1月2日（星期一），早上7时至下午3时
- 2017年1月16日（星期一）至 2017年1月27日（星期五），早上7时至下午3时

只需把要丢弃的大型物件（不包括装修杂物）放置在组屋底层的指定收集箱即可。



CONTACT US

Bulky items left along corridors, stairwells and common areas may create obstruction, cause unsightliness and are potential fire hazards. If you spot any bulky items placed in non-designated areas, please contact the Town Council at 6453 0511.

Congratulations to the 10 winners of Ang Mo Kio Town Council's Giro Promotion Campaign!

1. Tan Toh Chin	Sxxxx444I	6. Quek Boon Key (Guo Wenqi)	Sxxxx262A
2. Chong Fook Choon (Chong Fook Lin)	Sxxxx029Z	7. Lee Yong Heng Raymond	Sxxxx284F
3. Tan Meng Kwee (David Tan)	Sxxxx569E	8. Kho Yam Song	Sxxxx190J
4. Sim Sok Cheng (Shen Shuqin)	Sxxxx795J	9. Ho Mun Weng	Sxxxx401E
5. Yeo Lee Huat	Sxxxx535D	10. Soh Siew Lay	Sxxxx252J

How to redeem your prize

Bring along your identification card and the prize redemption letter to the Ang Mo Kio Town Council Office at Block 342 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1, #01-1561 from 8.30am to 5pm on Mondays to Fridays.

The next qualifying period is from 1 October to 31 December 2016 and the next draw date will be on 13 January 2017. For more information on the campaign, please visit Ang Mo Kio Town Council's website at www.amkto.org.sg.



2017 calendar

● **1 Jan** New Year's Day *
 ● **28, 29 Jan** Chinese New Year *
 ■ **11 - 19 Mar** School holidays
 * The following Monday will be a public holiday

January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 初四	2 初五	3 初六	4 初七	5 初八	6 初九	7 初十
8 十一	9 十二	10 十三	11 十四	12 十五	13 十六	14 十七
15 十八	16 十九	17 二十	18 廿一	19 廿二	20 廿三	21 廿四
22 廿五	23 廿六	24 廿七	25 廿八	26 廿九	27 三十	28 一月
29 初二	30 初三	31 初四				

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 初九	6 初十	7 十一	8 十二	9 十三	10 十四	11 十五
12 十六	13 十七	14 十八	15 十九	16 二十	17 廿一	18 廿二
19 廿三	20 廿四	21 廿五	22 廿六	23 廿七	24 廿八	25 廿九
26 二月	27 初二	28 初三				

March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 初八	6 初九	7 初十	8 十一	9 十二	10 十三	11 十四
12 十五	13 十六	14 十七	15 十八	16 十九	17 二十	18 廿一
19 廿二	20 廿三	21 廿四	22 廿五	23 廿六	24 廿七	25 廿八
26 廿九	27 三十	28 三月	29 初二	30 初三	31 初四	



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Sengkang West Office
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 #01-01, S(790410) Fax: 6634 9219

Ang Mo Kio-Hougang Service Centre
 Block 662 Hougang Avenue 4,
 #01-415, S(530662) Fax: 6387 4052

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Pull the calendar page out of the newsletter

Step 4

Slot one side of the cut lines into the other side and you have your calendar!

Step 2 ↑ Fold along the horizontal dotted lines ↑

Step 3

← Cut along the vertical dotted lines →



July	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 初八	31 初九	4 十一	5 十二	6 十三	7 十四	8 十五	1 初八
2 初九	3 初十	10 十七	11 十八	12 十九	13 二十	14 廿一	15 廿二
9 十六	16 廿三	17 廿四	18 廿五	19 廿六	20 廿七	21 廿八	22 廿九
23 闰月	24 初二	25 初三	26 初四	27 初五	28 初六	29 初七	

August	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6 十五	7 十六	8 十七	9 十八	10 十九	11 二十	12 廿一	1 初十
13 廿二	14 廿三	15 廿四	16 廿五	17 廿六	18 廿七	19 廿八	2 十一
20 廿九	21 三十	22 七月	23 初二	24 初三	25 初四	26 初五	3 十二
27 初六	28 初七	29 初八	30 初九	31 初十			4 十三

September	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 十三	4 十四	5 十五	6 十六	7 十七	8 十八	9 十九	1 十一
10 二十	11 廿一	12 廿二	13 廿三	14 廿四	15 廿五	16 廿六	2 十二
17 廿七	18 廿八	19 廿九	20 八月	21 初二	22 初三	23 初四	3 十三
24 初五	25 初六	26 初七	27 初八	28 初九	29 初十	30 十一	4 十四

Meet-the-people sessions

ANG MO KIO-HOUGANG

宏茂桥—后港

Mr Darryl David

杰乐先生

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#01-28, S(530632)

Time: 8pm - 9.30pm,

every Thursday

Tel: 6282 6567



CHENG SAN-SELETAR

静山—实里达

Mr Ang Hin Kee

洪鼎盛先生

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#01-4100, S(560533)

Time: 8pm - 9.30pm,

every Thursday

Tel: 6454 0951



JALAN KAYU

惹兰加由

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殷丹博士

Block 556

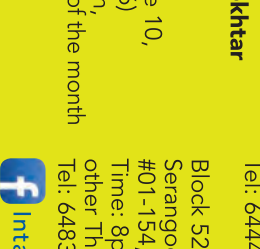
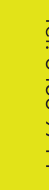
Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10,

#01-1902, S(560556)

Time: 8pm - 9.30pm,

every first Thursday of the month

Tel: 6456 9714



Block 987B Buangkok Green, #01-33, S(532987)

Time: 8pm - 9.30pm, every last Thursday of the month

Tel: 6444 0810



MPS will not take place on public holidays and eves of major festivals

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 十二	2 十三	3 十四	4 十五	5 十六	6 十七	7 十八
8 十九	9 二十	10 廿一	11 廿二	12 廿三	13 廿四	14 廿五
15 廿六	16 廿七	17 廿八	18 廿九	19 三十	20 九月	21 初二
22 初三	23 初四	24 初五	25 初六	26 初七	27 初八	28 初九
29 初十	30 十一	31 十二				

November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 十七	6 十八	7 十九	8 二十	9 廿一	10 廿二	11 廿三
12 廿四	13 廿五	14 廿六	15 廿七	16 廿八	17 廿九	18 十月
19 初二	20 初三	21 初四	22 初五	23 初六	24 初七	25 初八
26 初九	27 初十	28 十一	29 十二	30 十三		

December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 十四					1 十四	2 十五
3 十六	4 十七	5 十八	6 十九	7 二十	8 廿一	9 廿二
10 廿三	11 廿四	12 廿五	13 廿六	14 廿七	15 廿八	16 廿九
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24 初七	25 初八	26 初九	27 初十	28 十一	29 十二	30 十三

Meet-the-people sessions

SENGKANG SOUTH 盛港南

Mr Gan Thiam Poh
颜添宝先生

Block 443 Fernvale Road, #01-411, S(790443)
Time: 8pm - 9.30pm,
every first and third Friday of the month
Tel: 6636 6816

Block 535 Hougang Street 52, #01-18, S(530535)
Time: 8pm - 9.30pm,
every second, fourth and fifth Friday of the month
Tel: 6386 4055



ganthiampoh



SENGKANG WEST 盛港西

Dr Lam Pin Min
蓝彬明医生

Block 303A
Anchorvale Link,
#01-81, S(541303)
Time: 8pm - 9.30pm,
every Tuesday
Tel: 6312 2961



LamPinMin



SENGKANG WEST 盛港西

Mr Lee Hsien Loong
李显龙先生

Block 322
Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3,
#01-1928, S(560322)
Time: 8pm - 9.30pm,
every Wednesday
Tel: 6552 6055



leehsienloong



YIO CHU KANG 杨厝港

Dr Koh Poh Koon
许宝琨医生

Block 644
Ang Mo Kio Avenue 4,
#01-850, S(560644)
Time: 8pm - 9.30pm,
every Thursday
Tel: 6458 7376



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2017 calendar

- 14 Apr Good Friday
 - 1 May Labour Day
 - 10 May Vesak Day
 - 25 Jun Hari Raya Puasa *
 - 27 May - 25 Jun School holidays
- * The following Monday will be a public holiday

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 初五						1 初五
2 初六	3 初七	4 初八	5 初九	6 初十	7 十一	8 十二
9 十三	10 十四	11 十五	12 十六	13 十七	14 十八	15 十九
16 二十	17 廿一	18 廿二	19 廿三	20 廿四	21 廿五	22 廿六
23 廿七	24 廿八	25 廿九	26 四月	27 初二	28 初三	29 初四

May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 初六	2 初七	3 初八	4 初九	5 初十	6 十一
7 十二	8 十三	9 十四	10 十五	11 十六	12 十七	13 十八
14 十九	15 二十	16 廿一	17 廿二	18 廿三	19 廿四	20 廿五
21 廿六	22 廿七	23 廿八	24 廿九	25 三十	26 五月	27 初二
28 初三	29 初四	30 初五	31 初六			

June

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4 初十	5 十一	6 十二	7 十三	1 初七	2 初八	3 初九
11 十七	12 十八	13 十九	14 二十	8 十四	9 十五	10 十六
18 廿四	19 廿五	20 廿六	21 廿七	15 廿一	16 廿二	17 廿三
25 初二	26 初三	27 初四	28 初五	22 廿八	23 廿九	24 六月
				29 初六	30 初七	

Essential contacts

POLICE 999	CITY GAS 1800 555 1661	HDB 1800 225 5432	BCA 1800 342 5222	MUNICIPAL SERVICES OFFICE (MSO) 6325 7811
SCDF 995	PUB 1800 225 5782	NEA 1800 225 5632	NPARKS 1800 471 7300	PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION 6344 8222 (Monday - Friday, 9am - 6pm)
NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE 1777	SP POWERGRID 1800 778 8888	LTA 1800 225 5582	AVA ANIMAL WELFARE/ NUISANCE 1800 476 1600	NCPC 'X AH LONG' HOTLINE 1800 924 5664 (Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm)



E-version of the calendar
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Keeping the corridors clean and safe

Mention the festive season and you will think of parties, celebrations and gifts. But would you think of clutter? Unfortunately, bulky items tend to be dumped along the corridors of HDB blocks when residents do spring cleaning.

A group of 12 students from Anderson Secondary School want to help change that. On 9 November, they took time off from their schoolwork to visit residents living in Blocks 501 to 509 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 5 to spread awareness about corridor obstruction.

Going tirelessly from house to house, the students explained to the residents the dangers of leaving clutter along corridors and also distributed brochures with guidelines on the use of common areas.

Hazel Lye, 15, said it was her first time taking part in such a programme and it turned out to be an interesting experience for her. "Sometimes when people come knocking on

our doors to spread community awareness, we get a bit irritated. But now that I've been in their shoes, I've come to appreciate their hard work," she added.

The students also did their part for the community by picking litter in the common areas in the estate.



DO'S & DON'TS



Keep a clear space that is at least 1.2m wide so that wheelchair users and ambulance stretchers can pass



Use a small shoe rack for placing shoes



Install a fixed laundry rack along the corridor



Store flammable items such as cardboard boxes and newspapers



October 2016

Inspect, listen and serve

Over three weeks, Chairman of Ang Mo Kio Town Council Mr Ang Hin Kee and vice-chairpersons Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar and Mr Darryl David conducted estate inspections throughout all divisions so as to serve residents better.

They checked on potential mosquito breeding sites, looked out for defects and made sure the amenities in the neighbourhood are kept in good shape. They also spent time talking and listening to the residents.

During the inspections, they made suggestions to property officers on issues they spotted, such as advising residents not to feed stray cats and to remove unused bicycles from the bicycle racks.



19 October 2016

Friendship blossoms between neighbours

When Grassroots Adviser Dr Lam Pin Min went on his house visits at Block 416C Fernvale Link, he came across these two neighbours who are also firm friends.

The neighbours, one Chinese and the other Malay, made the effort to reach out to each other, and now they help to watch out for each other's houses when either family goes travelling.

It is encouraging to hear stories such as these of neighbours who become friends.



22 October 2016

Connecting with residents

When Grassroots Adviser Dr Koh Poh Koon visited Block 619 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 4, residents gave him feedback about issues such as spalling concrete, leaking pipes and pigeons causing environmental problems.

Dr Koh listened to the residents' feedback and urged the Town Council to take note of the areas that need improvement. He also advised residents not to feed the pigeons.



30 October 2016

Celebrating a newborn "baby" in the garden

Community gardeners working in a garden managed by Sengkang South Zone H Residents' Committee had reason for great joy – they were welcoming a newborn "baby" in the form of a huge winter melon that weighed 11.8kg and was 55cm long.

They invited Grassroots Adviser Mr Gan Thiam Poh to harvest it during his estate walk. The melon was then cut and shared among residents.

Chong Boon welcomes revamped market

What: Chong Boon Market and Cooked Food Centre Reopening Carnival

Where: Block 453A Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10

When: 20 November 2016



When Chong Boon Market and Cooked Food Centre reopened after a six-month upgrading, a carnival was held to mark the occasion.

The market, which was built more than 30 years ago, is now better ventilated for everyone's

comfort. The stalls have low partition walls to separate them and new circuit breaker boxes were also installed for safety.

THUMBS-UP FOR THE REVAMP

"The space is more hygienic after the revamp, and I like that each stall has its own space."

Tan Teo Hong, 65, chicken seller

"The market is cleaner and brighter now. The wider spaces are also good because it won't feel so squeezey when people are shopping."

Samikanu Felix, 64, Teck Ghee resident



Ageing flats get a facelift

What: Launch of Home Improvement Programme (HIP) Exhibition and Polling for Blocks 470 to 476 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10

Where: Block 476 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10

When: 5 November 2016

Seven blocks of Teck Ghee flats that are more than 30 years old were offered HIP, and the programme received strong support from residents, with an average of 90 per cent of them voting in favour of it. The residents can look forward to a rejuvenated environment by 2018.



HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (HIP)

Introduced in 2007

Covers flats that were built in 1986 or earlier

ESSENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Promises improvements such as repair of ceiling leaks and spalling concrete

Fully funded by the government

OPTIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Subsidises improvements such as upgrading of toilets, new entrance doors and refuse hoppers

Government pays up to 95 per cent of the cost

ENHANCEMENT FOR ACTIVE SENIORS (EASE)

Subsidises elderly-friendly features in flats such as grab bars, ramps and slip-resistant treatment for toilet and kitchen tiles

Government pays up to 95 per cent of the cost

Building a better home and future

As we wrap up the year, *Our Home* shares with you some of the major town improvements that took place in 2016 as well as some things to look forward to in the next two years.

2 visions

Building a senior-friendly town

The installation of ramps, handrails, benches, non-slip flooring, adequate lighting and bigger block number signs is an on-going project to help seniors age in place

Transformation of Ang Mo Kio into a walking and cycling town

4km cycling path that loops around Ang Mo Kio Avenues 1, 3 and 8

1km walking and cycling corridor connecting Ang Mo Kio MRT station and Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park

BY 2019 1.6km walking and cycling corridor linking Ang Mo Kio MRT station and Yio Chu Kang MRT station



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programmes

Three blocks of flats have been selected for the **Neighbourhood Renewal Programme**, 99 blocks of flats have been offered the **Home Improvement Programme** and 20 blocks of flats will undergo the **Lift Upgrading Programme**

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new social support centres

25 JUNE Comnet Cluster Support, Youth Infinity and Family Services @ Yio Chu Kang and Teck Ghee opened to better cater to the needs of families, seniors and youth

5 key things to look forward to

- » Six new pre-schools to be built by 2017
- » 1,697 units of built-to-order flats in Jalan Kayu and Sengkang West will be completed by 2017
- » Under the HDB's Greenprint programme, Blocks 401 to 421 and 456 to 476 in Teck Ghee will be equipped with environmentally-friendly features by 2018
- » A new polyclinic in Ang Mo Kio Central 2 and Sengkang General and Community Hospital are expected to open by 2018





Have you seen the 2017 calendar included in this issue? Now show us your creativity by snapping a picture of yourself or your loved ones with the calendar and you could **win yourself a \$30 voucher!**

Simply send us your photo with a caption of not more than 16 words.

There are five vouchers to be won, and winning photos will also be featured in the next issue of *Our Home*.

Rules:

1. Open to Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents living in Ang Mo Kio GRC or Sengkang West SMC.
2. Entries must be submitted no later than **13 January 2017**.
3. Photos must be in digital format and at least 1MB in size.

Please e-mail your entries together with your name, address, NRIC number and contact number to feedback@amktc.org.sg.



The walk home.
ZENACIA KEONG



I want to learn how to fish on my own, so don't pass me your fish.
MAGGS LIM



Artists in the making at Jalan Kayu's Dew Garden.
LILY SING



There's always a rainbow after the rain.
LU SHI HUA



Light well within the block at Hougang Street 92.
LEE SENG HUI