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Our Home

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Happy 48th Birthday, Singapore!



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Burn Well

The burning of incense and lighting of candles, especially during the seventh lunar month and the lantern festival, are Chinese tradition everyone respects.

What we cannot respect is the tradition that has resulted from the burning – the shaking of heads as we come home to charred grass, strewn paper and candles melted into the sidewalk.

Incense burners are provided by the Town Council below most blocks – or you can buy one quite cheaply from a joss shop. You'll find litter bins below every block as well. That's where the plastic wrappers go.

- Please use the incense burners provided, or your own, when burning offerings.
- Please do not burn offerings directly on the ground, or leave candles to melt into the ground. This damages the common property we all enjoy.
- There is no need to throw joss paper in the air for prosperity. Please burn it instead.
- Please attend your burning or lit candles, and put nothing but joss into the burners to avoid accidental fires and explosions.



Photo: Jonathan Frazier on Flickr



A new SCDF fire post has been built at Block 423 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3 for even faster response to emergencies – emergencies we should all work to prevent by burning well!

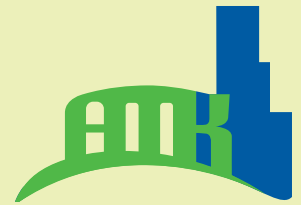
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Fifth in a **“Share It”** series:



Students from Nanyang Poly left a literally indelible message to recycle at Block 546 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10 on 13 July.

Under the guidance of school staff, grassroots leaders and Dr Intan, dozens of students set to work with pencils, brushes and the odd ladder to complete murals all around the block.

To make sure everyone got the message, the students also made house visits.



Two shades of green

Almost three hundred students from Deyi Secondary learned how to work together and the efficiency of a production line – when they took on the challenge of greening

fifty blocks on 20 July.

Armed with flyers, they went door to door to spread the green message of reduce, reuse and recycle. They also collected recyclables from the households that had them.

They ended up with a staggering pile of newspapers, old clothes and scrap. Working smart, everyone formed a human chain from the pile to the truck, and everything was loaded up in no time at all.



Though it's just (for now) a CC at the void deck of Block 662, our Ci Yuan CC punched well above its weight at its open house on 21 July.

With the CC making full use of the space around the block, we enjoyed a great variety show, all kinds of food, and sampled just about all the courses the CC had to offer.

Mr Yeo Guat Kwang joined our party, and announced some very good news. In 18 months, we would have a new CC just across the road! We listened, we blinked in disbelief, and we smiled. What amazing news!

Good times, Great news

By mid-2015, the new Ci Yuan CC will be completed at the open field opposite Block 662, Hougang Avenue 9. In addition to all the convenience the CC will provide, the new facility will have:

- A hawker centre
- A multi-storey carpark
- A performing arts centre
- A medical care centre

Now, it's an empty field in front of Block 924. In 18 months, this space will house the new Ci Yuan CC – along with scores of new facilities.



Why so dirty? Look up.

At a glance, it's obvious who litters the most. Their ledges collect the most mold and stains.



Meet Mr Choong Kwee Syn – a cleaning supervisor working for the Ang Mo Kio Town Council. Ah Chong to his friends. Twenty years in the cleaning business has taught him not to walk in the open behind blocks.

Ah Chong now manages 37 cleaners over 50 blocks – 601 to 649 Ang Mo Kio Avenues 5 and 6 – and the stories he has to tell will make you cringe.

“We get a lot of complaints that we don’t clean enough. We do. The workers start in the morning and clean from bottom-up. By the time they

reach the top and come down, there is litter again. In two hours, it’s dirty.

“While they’re cooking, any scraps go straight out the window, along with whatever else they want to throw. Bags of curry, sanitary pads, and in the case of one unsound resident, faeces. Sometimes, they aim for the cleaners.”

Ah Chong still does his job with a smile. If you live within Blocks 601 to 649 and see him around, let him know if you spot any problems. “I can have workers there very quickly!”

Bulky refuse from one block fills two carts in just one day.



Ah Chong is happiest taking calls directly from residents, so he can get to the problem faster.



Here is the foot of Block 647, freshly cleaned (for the second time in a day) at about 3pm...



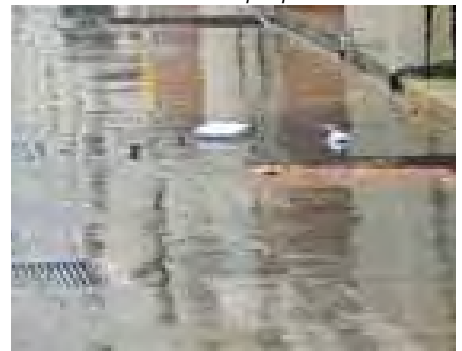
...And here is the same block, just an hour later.



On a rainy morning at 10 am, here's the difference between a block that doesn't litter...



...and one that does. The time of day and weather has no effect on people's habits.





Proving there's nothing wrong with asking somebody to go fly kite, the kite festival organised by the Teck Ghee CCMC drew some 2,000 of us over 20 and 21 July.

There were kites of all shapes, colours and sizes. From the classic two-satay-stick ones to the most professional (and expensive!) looking ones, we saw and loved them all.

Of particular interest were the

indoor kite flying demonstrations. With skill and precision, the demonstrators manoeuvred their windless kites to great heights. It was fascinating to watch, and handy for anyone with a five-storey hall.

Fancy flights aside, what the parents enjoyed most was probably the sight of their kids running gleefully face-first into the wind, holding a kite. Some things are timeless.

Flying High





During the month of Ramadan, Muslims all over the world fast from dawn to sunset. The feelings of hunger and thirst help them appreciate what they have, and also help them be more empathetic to those in need.

Muslims and non-Muslim grassroots of Sengkang West embraced this spirit over Ramadan this year.

Working together, they cooked and distributed porridge for those in need over three sessions in July and August.

This inaugural effort by our grassroots is planned to become an annual activity, bringing together people from all walks of life through the spirit of sharing and caring.

Ramadan Sharing



Superbowl!

Almost eighty veteran bowlers packed the Hougang Superbowl on 17 July for our inaugural Active Agers Bowling Meet. Bowlers over fifty years old from Ang Mo Kio GRC and Sengkang West SMC formed 19 teams for friendly competition and great fun.



Our National Day Celebrations

Through the month of August, we celebrated Singapore's 48th birthday in all kinds of ways all across Ang Mo Kio GRC and Sengkang West SMC.



ratulations



Congratulations to our grassroots leaders who have been conferred the following titles by His Excellency, The President of the Republic of Singapore on 9th August.

Public Service Star (BBM)

- Ronnie Lim Ah Bee, PK, PBM, PBS – Auditor, CSS CCC
- Harbans Singh, PBM, PBS – Vice-Chairman, KB CCC
- Philip Tan Seng Leong, PBM – Chairman, KB CCC
- Lim Tiam Seng, PBM – Patron, YCK CCC
- Thio Kong Bin, PBM – Chairman, Anchorvale CCMC

Public Service Medal (PBM)

- James Lee Song Chiew – Treasurer, Ci Yuan CCMC
- Dr Tey Leong Hua – Asst Secretary, Ci Yuan CCMC
- Ng Siew Loo – Chairman, JK Zone 7 RC
- Daniel Ling Chee Kiong – Chairman, YCK CSC
- Cynthia Ng Poh Hong – Chairperson, CS Zone E RC
- Lau Lai Meng – Chairperson, TG Zone D RC
- Chang Wee Jan – Chairman, JK NC
- Eddie Ong Fong Wah – Chairman, TG Zone F RC
- Imran Chng Pia Ser – Chairman, SW Zone A RC

Our National Day Awards Recipients



Ang Mo Kio Town Council wishes all Muslim residents

*Selamat Hari Raya
Aidilfitri*

It's Showtime!



Hundreds of us out for dinner at Ang Mo Kio Central on 27 July enjoyed an unexpected treat. Youth Time was on – an action-packed series of performances that had all of us enchanted.

We cringed as the magician leapt onto broken glass. His warnings against trying it at home were quite unnecessary.

We gasped as the stunt bike team leapt up and down the stage – and right across the prone bodies of some nervous volunteers.

We laughed as the comedy juggling duo worked their magic on volunteers from the audience.

And we unce unced along when the dancers took us through a very engaging performance.

By the end of the night, our main question was – when do we get to see it all again?

Maids of Honour



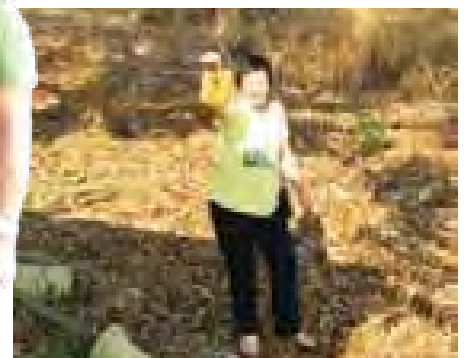
For the third year running, we honoured hard-working domestic helpers at our Jalan Kayu Maids of the Year awards, held in July at the Jalan Kayu Hall. We recognised ten maids for their good work this year, who were nominated by their employers with a 50-word accolade.

These maids come from all over the world – Indonesia, the Philippines, Myanmar and Sri Lanka. Reflecting this diversity, we also celebrated racial harmony at our party, and our maids got to sit back and relax while we put on performances for them.



Makan Malacca

Our RCs of Cheng San took 140 of us on a 2D1N tour of Malacca and Muar on 20 July. We enjoyed great food, visited historic sites and shopped our little hearts out. A highlight of our trip was a visit to a durian plantation. You haven't had durian till you've had durian freshly fallen off the tree! Helmets advised.



Our Town Hall meeting on 23 June was moved because of the haze and most of our questions concerned the haze. But in addition to some very straight answers, the Prime Minister had good news to share with us: an upcoming HIP



The Advisers: Mr Seng Han Thong, Yio Chu Kang; Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Teck Ghee; Dr Lam Pin Min, Sengkang West.

No hazy answers to our questions about the haze

Our Town Hall Meeting was moved from the void deck of Block 220 to the CC, just up the hill. In his opening remarks the Prime Minister said, "We were going to talk about Ang Mo Kio. But now it's the haze!"

He explained that there was little governments could do about it. "The burning area is very big, bigger than Singapore," he said. We should try to get on with our lives. The government



Afterwards, Mr Lee distributed N95 masks.

was helping with masks and subsidizing doctor's visits for the needy who are affected.

In answer to questions from the floor, he said that a comparison with the fight against SARS was interesting, but the haze won't kill you and it's not infectious. In the short term, he said, Indonesia has to put out

the fires and prevent more. In the long term, Singapore is working with Indonesia on a project that demonstrates how to plant without burning.

Another question from the floor asked if more could be done to help those suffering from the haze, like subsidizing the cost of running air-conditioners. Mr Lee's summary, "You're saying you're very grateful for what you have and asking for a little bit more!" drew laughter.

Wrong attitude

"I don't think we should have the attitude that everytime something happens the government will distribute money. If you have air-con, you are not so poor!" he said.

Then the questions moved to other topics: Could we have polyclinics for animals? Could we have a special tax to be paid by couples who do not have children? And why can't my son get a job?

Finally, the eighth question let Mr Lee release the news he had originally planned to start the meeting with: Blocks 218 to 220 had been selected for the Home Improvement

Programme (HIP).

He listed the improvements that would be made to our flats, fully funded by the government, and extra work we could order at a heavily subsidized cost.

He recommended that we all, including those who are not getting the HIP, look into the benefits – such as grab bars and no-slip flooring – available to all HDB residents under the Enhancement for Active Seniors scheme (EASE).



During the haze, cleaners from the Town Council carried on working with masks.



Congratulations to our prize winners

- Angela Tan
SXXX699H
- Jasline Tan
SXXX914Z
- Hang Loo Ming
SXXX065C
- Rebecca Ang
SXXX122G
- Lai Chee Wee
SXXX445Z
- Isaac Loh
SXXX820Z
- Morries Lim Kian Huat
SXXX468A
- Chole Chung Jia Min
TXXX879I

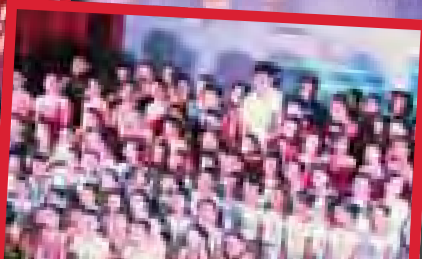
A big thank-you to all who took part in our National Day photo contest. All winners have been notified by post. In the meantime, have a look at some of the entries from photographers all across our Town.

Our Photo Contest Winners

The Chinese character for dance, as you'll see to the left, is flowing, elegant and complex. And you'll probably agree, a troupe of young ballerinas in their tutus doing the Gangnam Style is nothing but flowing, elegant and complex.

We saw that unusual medley of styles at the inaugural Kebun Baru Ballet Dance Recital, held 6 July at the CC. Four hundred of us enjoyed the performances by over a hundred young ballerinas. It was a tremendous night.

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Events coming up

Cheng San-Seletar

For further information, please call the
Cheng San Community Club,
6 Ang Mo Kio Street 53 on 64588222 or 64595280

Mid Autumn Festival

on Saturday, 14 September, 7-10pm
at the Cactus Park

Mid Autumn Festival

on Sunday, 15 September, 7-10pm
at the Cheng San CC

Jalan Kayu

For further information, please call the
Hwi Yoh Community Centre, Blk 535 Serangoon
North Ave 4, on 64840338

Jalan Kayu Community Day

on Saturday, 5 October, 9.30am-12.30pm
at Hwi Yoh CC, Jalan Kayu Hall

Jalan Kayu EP Day

on Saturday, 9 November, 3-6pm
place to be confirmed

Active Agers Dance Fiesta

on Saturday, 16 November, 6.30-10pm
at Hwi Yoh CC, Jalan Kayu Hall

Sengkang West

For further information, please call the
Anchorvale Community Club,
59 Anchorvale Road, on 64894959

Active Ageing Singing Sensation

on Sunday, 22 September, 1.30-4.30pm
at the Anchorvale CC Hall

Community Music Time

on Sunday, 29 September, 2-5pm
at the Anchorvale CC Hall

MAEC Batik Painting Workshop

on Sunday, 29 September
at the Anchorvale CC Kingfisher Room

Teck Ghee

For further information, please call the
Teck Ghee Community Club, 861 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10,
on 64567124 or 64567123
or the Ang Mo Kio Community Centre,
795 Ang Mo Kio Ave 1, on 64529644 or 64566536

Molly Bus Visit

on Saturday, 28 September, 1-4pm
at the Teck Ghee CC

Community Music Time

on Sunday, 27 October, 5-6pm
all across Teck Ghee division

Yio Chu Kang

For further information, please call the
Yio Chu Kang Community Club, 50 Ang Mo Kio Street 61,
on 64570414

Silver Infocomm Day

on Saturday/Sunday, 21/22 September, 9am-5pm
at the ITE College Central

Zone 7 Autumn Flea Market

on Sunday, 22 September, 8am-4pm
at the void decks of Blocks 626/624

Mammogram Screening

on Sunday, 29 September, 9am-3.30pm
at the Yio Chu Kang CC car park

Rummy-O Competition

on Sunday, 29 September, 9am-12.30pm
place to be confirmed

Kebun Baru

For further information, please call the
Kebun Baru Community Club, 216 Ang Mo Kio Ave 4
on 64577379

Tray Return Initiative

on Sunday, 13 October, in the morning
at the 226 Market

Mahjong Active Mind Game

on Sunday, 13 October, 9am-4pm
at the Kebun Baru CC Hall

K2 Concert

on Saturday, 26 October, 2.30-5pm
place to be confirmed

AMK-Hougang

For further information, please call the
Ci Yuan Community Centre,
Blk 662 Hougang Ave 4, on 63869012

CSSP Day

on Saturday, 28 September, 9am-1pm
place to be confirmed

Dragon Year Baby Show

on Sunday, 13 October, 7-9pm
at the Ci Yuan CC

Fab! Party at Zone 1

on Saturday, 26 October, 1-5pm
at the Hard Court between Blocks 605 &
606 Hougang Avenue 4



QUIZ

1. Incense burners provided by the Town Council can be found
2. The new Ci Yuan CC will be completed in time, and will contain a , a a and a
3. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to .
4. We enjoyed Youth Time, a great variety show, on 27 July at .
5. “?” was a question asked at Our Town Hall Meeting on 23 June.
6. Winners of the Maids of the Year awards were recommended by their employers with a .
7. Through the month of August, we celebrated Singapore’s birthday all across our Town.

Read this issue of Our Home and you can fill in all the nine blank spaces on the left. Add your name and address (it must be an HDB block in our Town!) and post your entry to **Our Home Quiz, Blk 342 Ang Mo Kio Ave 1, #01-1561 Singapore 560342**

Your entry must be delivered by **10 October, 2013**. The first three all-correct entries opened by our judges will each win NTUC vouchers worth \$20.00. The judges’ decisions are final and no correspondence will be entertained.

My Name:

My NRIC No: Phone No:

My Address:

Congratulations to the winners of the Quiz in the May-June 2013 issue of **Our Home**: Phua Peck Ling (SXXXX933G), Rashid Bin Sulaiman (SXXXX974A), and Liang Kim Hong (SXXXX442C).

Hungry? Visit ITE.

You can’t see it if you’re just passing by, but the ground floor of ITE College Central hosts several restaurants, an NTUC Fairprice, and a Koufu Food Court!

The food court is where most students head for their eats, and rightly so. There is astonishing variety – from coffee shop classics like chicken rice, nasi padang and briyani to exotic Japanese, Korean and Italian food. Students get special pricing, of course – up to a dollar off each

dish – but the food court is open to, and welcomes, the public with very reasonable prices.

You’ll find plenty of seating, even at lunch hour. And you’ll be impressed by how clean, spacious and comfortable it is. Choose from air-conditioned comfort to al fresco if you’re feeling posh, “outside” if you’re not.

You can visit the food court 6am to 7.30pm, Mondays to Fridays. Bring your grocery bags and make a trip of it at the Fairprice.



Of the five or six stalls she’s tried, Chloe recommends the Hainanese Delight, which has good chicken macaroni.



The fragrant chicken rice of Roasted Delight makes it for Pei Jing.



Isaiah likes the spaghetti from the Italian stall – he finds their sauces top notch.



Meet the People Sessions



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+ On the first Thursday of every month, there will be a rotation of MPs for Ang Mo Kio GRC. + Registration starts before 8pm.

* 公共假期休息 + 宏茂桥集选区的国会议员将在每个月的第一个星期四轮流到其他选区 + 将在8时之前开始登记

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