

Regular Events

Common Ground Café - A welcoming place for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones. Enjoy a coffee, tea or hot chocolate along with some home-made baking. Join in the activity of the day or just have a chat. There is a table for people to practise their English language skills, and toys for pre-schoolers. Runs on the first and third Fridays of each month from 1-3pm at 80 Rattray St. September dates are Friday 7th and 21st.

Feed your family or flat for half price, with fresh fruit & veges from Foodtogether Riccarton. Pick up every Wednesday 7.30am - 11.3am, from 44 Elizabeth St. Order your pack on the Monday 9 days before, to Helen on 021 255 5200. Packs \$15.00, half pack \$7.50.



School holiday activities

A wide range of special activities are available for the school holidays that have just started. A list of many of them can be seen at the Riccarton Community Hub website, riccarton.org.nz/events

New to Riccarton or know someone who is?

Nicki Aitken, who works with Oak Development Trust, is our Community Development Worker and her role is to meet new people to the area and help them to connect. She can visit with a small welcome gift bag that includes an information booklet about local groups and activities that people can get involved with. If you are new and would like a visit or have a new neighbour, please let Nicki know. Phone 021 056 9315 or email nicki@odt.or.nz



Important Contacts

Emergencies: 111
Non-emergencies: (03) 363 7400
Crime Stoppers (anonymously): 0800 555 111

Community Constable Aaron Thorn: 363 8162 / aaron.thorn@police.govt.nz

Sockburn Fire Station: 349 0181

Christchurch City Council (to report graffiti, rubbish, noise etc): 941 8999 or 0800 826 325 or info@ccc.govt.nz or Snap Send Solve mobile app

Enquiries about Riccarton Neighbourhood Support Group: 027 611 6363 or riccartonnsg@gmail.com

Facebook Page: 'Riccarton Neighbourhood Updates' (for first-hand heads-up on what's happening in Riccarton)

Contributions for newsletter: 341 5332 or 027 864 7745 or jackym37@hotmail.com

Riccarton Community Newsletter



October 2018

Welcome to the Riccarton Community Newsletter, which is published monthly. Your contribution is welcome — please refer to contacts on the back page of the newsletter for details.

Community Day coming!



The 'Our Riccarton, Our Community, Let's Have Fun' community day is one of the highlights of the year in our neighbourhood. The day-long event is a wonderful opportunity for people new to the district and long-time residents to meet and make friends, and enjoy an afternoon of free activities.

Plans are well under way for this year's event, to be held at Harrington Park on Saturday, 20th October, from 1.00-4.00pm. Cheapskates, Pony Parties and Louise the Clown are back. There will be loads of entertainment, including Chinese dancing, the Japanese choir, the Kapa Haka group from Riccarton Primary, and much more. A variety of food will be available.

If you can help on the day contact Loretta and Nick (022 096 6215) or Carol (027 282 0693). See you at Harrington Park.



Riccarton Neighbourhood Group is meeting on Wednesday 3rd October at 6:00 p.m. at 80 Rattray Street. This will be a games and quiz night, and we encourage everyone from the community to come along. Please bring a plate of food to share. All ages are welcome, so don't hesitate to bring your children! We would like to welcome new residents who have recently moved to Riccarton. Enquiries about NSG, contact Richard on 021 567 262 or Tiffany on 027 611 6363.

Seven years of building community celebrated

Seven years of building community in the Riccarton area were celebrated at the end of September by the Oak Development Trust. Starting with just one paid employee – Manager Carol Renouf – the trust now has six staff, and is active through around 12 programmes. These include Mainly Music, a nail care clinic, the Common Ground Cafe, the Asian Wellbeing Hub, English language classes for migrants, and the Riccarton West Community Garden.



“I am incredibly grateful for the amazing volunteers that give so generously,” Carol said. “Not one of the Trust’s activities could be done without volunteers who give so much. It is hard to calculate how many volunteer hours are given each year. At the moment it sits around the 4000 mark. This year the Trust nominated Lois Reid for a volunteer award with Volunteering Canterbury, in honour of 11 years she has helped with Mainly Music and for the past three years at the nail care clinic. If you would like a copy, the 2017-2018 annual report is available at the ODT office at 80 Rattray St.

Kick mid-week blues away with Little Kickers Football!

A new mid-week programme for children to learn ball skills has kicked off in Riccarton. If your pre-schoolers are at home with you during the week, Little Kickers Football is the perfect chance for them to burn off energy learning basic football skills while developing their co-ordination, balance and listening skills. The programme is held on Wednesday mornings at Wharenui Sports Centre, Matipo Street, with popular coach Nathan.



Little Kickers is an international franchise started by a UK mum in 2002. It arrived in New Zealand in 2009. There is a network of 1,500 coaches and 210 franchises in 22 countries.

60-70 children attend classes in Riccarton at the Wharenui Sports Centre on Sunday mornings, but Riccarton is the first centre in Christchurch to have a new Wednesday morning class for children between 18 months and five years. To find out more, visit www.littlekickers.co.nz or phone Andy Pitman, 021 259 9093.

When you're down, a visit from someone who cares makes all the difference

When we get unwell it's nice to know someone out there cares. And members of the Riccarton Neighbourhood Support Group now have someone to call upon when they are under the weather. Any member of the neighbourhood support group who is sick or injured and would like a visit from a caring local residents can contact Velda (03) 348 4350. And get in touch with her, too, if you are a caring heart that would like to be a visitor. Because a simple “Hello” can mean the world to someone else.



Community to create hands-on toilet art



New public toilets being built at Harrington Park will be open by the Community Day, and you could make your mark on them. Community Development Advisor Marie Byrne is interested in using handprints of local residents as part of a mural to be painted on the toilets. Marie is looking for someone with the art skills to put a design outline on the building, and that will be filled in with the handprints of people attending the Community Day.

And an upgrade to the playground equipment in Harrington Park is scheduled to take place next year. The Christchurch City Council is keen to get feedback from the community about what's important in this park. Keep an eye out for surveys and other ways to give your thoughts. Members of the project team will be at the Community Day as well.

Children enjoying gardening and cooking

Do you enjoy gardening and cooking? Would you have 1½ hours, a whole morning once a week, or once every three weeks to help teach gardening or cooking to Riccarton Primary School children? You would work with a small group of children in a supported and supervised session. For further information contact Colin Renouf (Garden Specialist) 022 639 1301 or colin.renouf@riccartonprimary.school.nz; or Karen Heap (Kitchen Specialist) 348 5700, email karen.heap@riccartonprimary.school.nz



Riccarton Community Hub

www.riccarton.org.nz

What's happening in Riccarton and where to find it.