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Town Council

# OUR TOWN

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*Working Towards a  
Caring & Gracious Community*



# IMPROVEMENT WORKS



**As part of the Town Council's efforts to rejuvenate the town's amenities, the following upgrading works had been carried out:**

1. New Covered Linkway between bus stop near Block 53 and Block 50A Marine Terrace Market
2. New Basketball Court near Block 16 Joo Seng Road
3. High Covered Linkway Between Block 28 Cassia Crescent and Block 11A Pine Close
4. New Playground at Block 134 Geylang East Ave 1
5. Upgraded Game Court at Block 246 Serangoon Ave 3
6. Upgraded Pavilion at Block 116 Lengkong Tiga



## Caring for the residents, achieving it with collaboration

Like the saying goes, “unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved”. The Kembangan-Chai Chee (K-CC) Social Team (Mental Health Support), exemplified the meaning of unity, as they strive to provide assistance to residents who are in need of help, through inter-agency efforts. Some of the cases they attend to include cleanliness and hygiene issues in common areas, as well as hoarding.

In a recent hoarding case, the Institute of Mental Health (IMH), Persatuan Pemuda Islam Singapura (PPIS) and Filos Community Services provided psychiatric and social assistance to the resident and engaged the family members for their co-operation. Grassroots volunteers and People’s Association assisted in the clean-up of the flat. In addition, the Housing & Development Board (HDB), National Environment Agency (NEA) and Marine Parade Town Council conducted fumigation and ensured that the clean-up went smoothly.

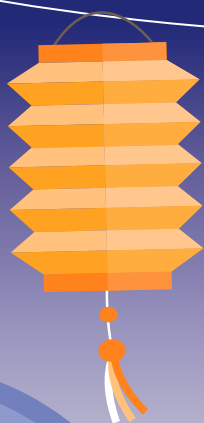
In recognising their efforts, the Social Team received the Municipal Services Awards on 26 October 2017, under the “Community” category. The Awards are part of the Municipal Services Office’s OneService Recognition Framework to encourage effective and efficient municipal services and inter-agency collaboration.



# GEYLANG SERAI

## *Mid-Autumn*

### *Town Night Festival 2017*



The Mid-Autumn Festival is about lunar appreciation as the moon is at the brightest on this day, and according to Chinese tradition, the full moon symbolises togetherness and reunion. Hence, to celebrate the festival, hundreds of residents in Geylang Serai gather for a night of activities for all ages.

The Geylang Serai Mid-Autumn Town Night Festival 2017 was held on 23 September 2017 at the basketball court between Blocks 5 and 8 Haig Road. The event featured engagement booths and entertainment from 63 interest groups (IG) formed by residents to garner active participation among the residents in the Geylang Serai estate.





On that night, residents were encouraged to write their well-wishes on wishing balloons. Hosting MP Associate Professor Fatimah Lateef, Special Guests Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong, Marine Parade Town Council Chairman Mr Lim Biow Chuan and Vice-Chairman Mr Seah Kian Peng were present to launch the festival. The launch also included a light-up of the vicinity and peeling of pomelos.

Another reason to celebrate was for the official opening of the Geylang Serai Residents Committee Seniors' Citizen Activity Centre at Block 5 Haig Road. This centre will provide activities catered to the elderly as well as services to monitor the frail and/or homebound elderly and to respond to emergency alerts.

And what is a Mid-Autumn Festival without mooncakes and the soft glow of lanterns? Ticket holders were issued mooncakes to enjoy, and some took part in the lantern procession to fully immerse themselves in the festivities of the night.





# Up Close with

## Speaker Tan Chuan-Jin

In this issue, we sat down with Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, MP for Marine Parade GRC (Kembangan-Chai Chee division) to find out more about him and most importantly, what keeps him going when the going gets tough.

**Can you name a person that had made an impact on you as an Advisor to Marine Parade GRC, and Anchor MP of Marine Parade Town Council? Someone that had inspired you to do better or shown their support throughout your journey.**

ESM Goh Chok Tong has been an inspiring role model. I observe the way in which he interacts with those around him and he always has this ability to put people at ease and connect with them. On a few occasions previously, prior to me entering public office, I remember being part of a group that visited him at the Istana and it was the little gestures like walking his guests to the door to send them off that showed his sincerity, bearing both as a statesman and human being.

**What are your vision or goals for your constituency?**

I would love to see a caring and inclusive Kembangan-Chai Chee, where we care and be conscious of the environment we live in and help to look out for one another. Town Council has identified areas to improve the mobility of residents. During my house visits, many residents also shared ways to improve their living environment, not just for themselves, but neighbours and elderly. I am really heartened by their suggestions. It is only when we begin to care, the society changes. I am especially encouraged when they come forward to volunteer as well.



Speaker Tan Chuan-Jin does regularly visits to the homes of his residents to understand more about issues that they are currently facing, and to implement ideas to resolve these issues. These recent visits include Blk 29A Chai Chee Ave and Blk 2B Geylang Serai.

Aside from his daily duties as Speaker of Parliament, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin makes time to attend community events to advocate gracious behaviours in the town, and to educate Kembangan-Chai Chee residents on important messages. At these events, he takes the opportunity to mingle and partake in the activities with his residents.



### Can you share with us some of your notable achievements done for the town in the past year?

Many of the improvement works need time to be implemented. I am very happy that many suggestions from the residents and the grassroots were implemented and some are in the line-up. The cycling path around the park connector, the ABC water deck at Kembangan-Chai Chee etc, are some of the infrastructure works that encouraged my residents to come out from their homes and interact with their neighbours. I also see more families exercising together. That is something I hope to see more in Kembangan-Chai Chee.

### How do you push through your worst time?

Be focused on what you want to achieve. Ignore the negativity and push yourself to reach your goal. At the end of the day, whatever we are doing, they are for our children's future. There are many good things that we have done and we need to build on and strengthen them so that our children can have a good start in life.

### Do you have any words of advice for your residents?

Make time for your families. Children grow up so fast that sometimes we wish that time can slow down a bit. Create special memories with them; it can start from everyday activities. Our children learn from what we do. Therefore, it is important to make a conscious effort to be positive role models to inspire our children on a daily basis. It is also through these activities, you truly build the bond with your children.



These works were implemented with the suggestions from Speaker Tan Chuan-Jin and feedback gathered from the residents.

# MACPHERSON'S Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP) PUBLIC CONSULTATION



A mini-exhibition was conducted on 28 October 2017 at MacPherson CC function hall to showcase the proposed improvement works under the NRP for the following precincts:

- Blk 113, 115 116 & 119 Aljunied Avenue 2
- Blk 120 - 124 Paya Lebar Way
- Blk 27 - 29 & 33 Balam Road
- Blk 41 & 42 Circuit Road
- Blk 55 - 56, 92 & 92A Pipit Road

The NRP aims to improve the living environment of the residents and to rejuvenate the neighbourhood. Under this programme, residents can look forward to a more connected and accessible town, as more covered linkways and drop-off porches will be implemented. To foster better community bonding, some of the new proposed amenities include pavilions, playground and fitness areas.

To further improve the proposed design plans and to cater to the needs of the residents, residents were encouraged to share with us their feedback and suggestions during the mini-exhibition. MP Ms Tin Pei Ling attended the exhibition and addressed some of the concerns that the residents had.

# Happenings in Joo Chiat

It's always sunny in Joo Chiat... at least that's how it feels with all the latest events in the neighbourhood. Residents had a good time as they came together to participate in various activities, even mingling with their MP Mr Edwin Tong. At these events, laughter was shared, food was eaten, and tons of pictures were taken. Here are some of the highlights from the last quarter!

Over 1,000 Joo Chiat residents gathered and celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival at Siglap Outfall @ East Coast Park against the beautiful sunset.



One of the many neighbourhood parties within Joo Chiat division. Siglap South residents shared some fun times together as they spent a day filled with activities at Siglap South Neighbourhood party on 9 September 2017.



Celebrating our nation's 52nd birthday, residents gathered for the annual National Day Dinner.



Dressed in their Halloween best were the Joo Chiat residents at the Halloween Nite held on 21 October 2017 at Siglap South CC. Joining in the festivities are our MPs, Mr Tan-Chuan-Jin, Mr Edwin Tong and Associate Professor Fatimah Lateef.



# Lighting Up Our Lives, Clearing Out Our Pipes

These are the people that deal with two of the most important factors in the common areas, and they are none other than our electricians and plumbers. They work tirelessly round the clock to ensure that our lights in the common areas are working and the water supply at the blocks are flowing smoothly. In the event of a power outage or disruption of water supply, they are also one of the first responders to carry out the inspection and resolve the issue. Through their best efforts, they attend to our electrical and plumbing needs in the neighbourhood to provide a better living environment for the residents.



## The Electrical Team

Our electricians carry out maintenance, repairs, alterations or additions to all electrical installations in common areas, including carparks and estate amenities.



This team consists of public lighting checkers to carry out periodic checks for all electrical installations to ensure that they are in proper working conditions and replace defective parts when the lights are out of order. Aside from this, they provide preventive maintenance for public lightings.



Moreover, our electrical team handles all aspect of electrical fault and would provide safe measures to restore electricity supply in the event of a disruption.



Lightings at linkways and illuminated block numbers and carpark entrance signages are also maintained by our electrical team. Aside from checking if the public lightings are in proper working conditions, they would repair and replace any defective parts.

Electrical installations in common areas such as, common corridor lightings and lamp posts are maintained periodically by our public lightings checker.





Our plumbers would carry out inspections at the bulk water meter or the water meter on the ground floor for anomalies in the event of a disruption or low water supply in the block.

## The Plumbing Team

For the town's sanitary and plumbing needs, our plumbing team covers an array of works from water installations, such as the replacement of pipe fittings in common areas, to cleaning and clearing blockages in the sewer systems of hawker centres and markets, which comprises of sewer pipes, gulleys, grease traps, etc.

Besides providing maintenance and repair works to water pipes in common areas, they also inspect and maintain the water supply in the blocks. Furthermore, to ensure that there is a clean flow of water supply to all units, our plumbers wash, clean and flush the water tanks on a periodic basis.



The flushing of water supply pipes in common areas are carried out to flush out any blockages in the pipes.

Obstructions in pipes in common areas such as rainwater down pipes or main pipes could cause a backflow of waste water in the units. Our plumbers would inspect and clear the blockages and chokes through the manholes, gulleys or these pipes to ensure the smooth flow of water.

# Have you spotted the Yellow Boxes?

Unsure of where to park the shared bicycles? Look out for the yellow bicycle parking boxes! You may have noticed more of these yellow boxes appearing around your estate. This is to facilitate the parking of both privately-owned and shared bicycles. The yellow boxes are now available at your void decks or open spaces on the ground floor for your convenience.



Residents with privately-owned bicycles are also encouraged to park their bicycles at the designated parking spaces.

Parking your bicycles indiscriminately in common areas such as, at common corridors, lift and staircase landings, hinders cleaning works and could cause an obstruction to residents in the event of an emergency.



## Spotted an indiscriminately parked shared-bicycle?

You can now report it using the OneService App! This new feedback category in the app serves as a direct feedback channel from residents to the bike-sharing operators.



Download  
The  
OneService  
App!



**Let's reduce indiscriminate parking in common areas, and work towards a more considerate and gracious community!**





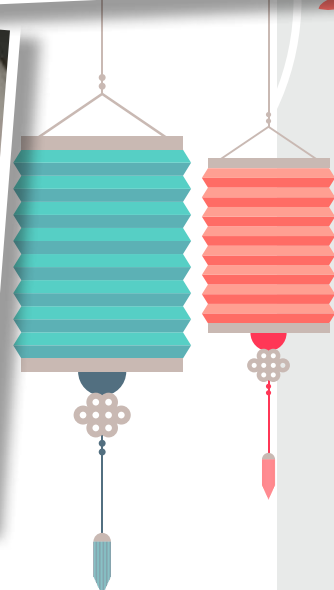
# GoodLife!'s Lantern Gallery Project

GoodLife!'s Mid-Autumn Festival Lantern Gallery was displayed along neighborhood corridors from 27 September 2017 to 13 October 2017 - with support from Marine Parade Town Council, and in collaboration with the RCs from Marine Drive Garden and Marine Drive View. The lantern gallery was an opportunity for us to bring an atmosphere of festivity to Marine Drive, and showcase the handiwork of seniors in the neighborhood (who are also GoodLife! members)!

To make this happen, GoodLife! members rallied around our twice-weekly lantern making sessions on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the month of September. To further empower our members, while promoting active ageing and social integration, the sessions were conducted by GoodLife! volunteers - who imparted their handicraft skills and know-how to Marine Drive seniors.

Together, they hand-made over 50 DIY recycled and red packet lanterns in time for the mid-autumn festival. An impressive feat! Many seniors also mentioned that these sessions helped them practice their motor skills, while giving them a platform to be socially engaged in the community.

To round up the mid-autumn festivities, a wheelchair-friendly block party was also held at the pavilion of Blk 66 Marine Drive on Tuesday, 10 October 2017. Featuring food and traditional games like pomelo peeling and lantern riddle-guessing contests. It was a fun-filled morning to remember for GoodLife! members, volunteers, and Marine Drive seniors.



**For more information on GoodLife!'s programmes and services for seniors in Marine Drive, please contact our team at Tel: 9641 7492, or drop by our office at Blk 72 Marine Drive, Level 1.**

# Compliments

Permission granted by authors to publish

Mr Gurunath S Hari is grateful for the efficiency of our staff, Ms Ong Yim Mui and Mr Khairulnizam, as well as our electrician, Mr Kumar in resolving the electrical meter box issue.

*"I appreciate Ms Yim for her courteous demeanour on the phone, and Mr Khairul and the contractor for the super-efficient and silent work done to replace the outer power meter box. Great work."*

Cheers,  
Gurunath S Hari

Ms Heng appreciates the responsiveness of our Senior Property Officer, Mr Jerome Ng in attending to her concerns.

*"I would like to thank and commend your staff Jerome Ng for his quick action and good follow-up in handling feedback."*

Regards,  
Veronica Heng

Ms Yuen had expressed her appreciation to our Property Officer, Ms Ang Wan Xuan, for the great service she has provided her.

*"I would like to commend Ms Ang Wan Xuan on the way she handles her job. She is a very dedicated and conscientious officer. She takes the trouble to explain the situation and tries her best to help. Thank you so very much, Ms Ang. I am blessed to have met you."*

Regards,  
Joan Yuen

A resident of Blk 134 Geylang East Ave 1 appreciates the service and efforts our cleaner, Mr Ariffin Bin Ali Mohamed, had contributed over the years.

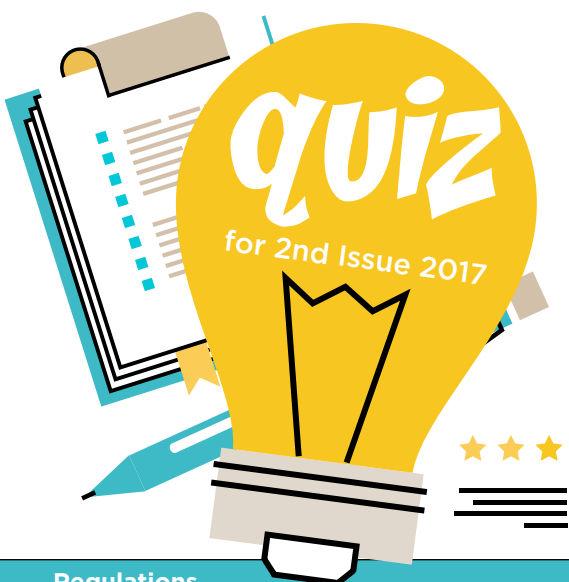
*"I would like to compliment the good work done by Mr Ariffin, whom I had observed for a few years. He is very hard working and have been diligently keeping our void decks and corridors clean, especially at Blk 134 Geylang East Ave 1."*

*I had passed by blocks 125 and 133 Geylang East Ave 1, and observed that he would wash the void decks with the jet spray and found that the areas were tidy.*

*He is one of the rare cleaners I had observed who is really dedicated to his work.*

*I truly thank him for his dedication and hard work."*

Regards,  
Resident of Blk 134 Geylang East Ave 1



**Dear Residents, please answer the following questions accordingly and send us your answers to stand a chance to win a mystery gift!**

- Residents can park their privately-owned bicycles along the common corridors, lift and staircase landings. (True/False)
- Parking your bicycles at common corridors could hinder cleaning works and cause an obstruction to residents in the event of an emergency. (True/False)
- The new yellow bicycle parking boxes are meant to facilitate the parking of shared-bicycles. (True/False)

## Regulations

- Complete the quiz and submit the official entry form by **25 January 2018** to: **Marine Parade Town Council PR Department Block 50 Marine Terrace #01-265 Singapore 440050**
- 10 winners will be selected via ballot and stand to win a mystery gift each.
- Each household is allowed to send in only ONE entry.
- Only residents within the Marine Parade Town are eligible to participate.
- Please bring your identity card for proof of residency when you claim your prize.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entertained.

## Official Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Identification No.: \_\_\_\_\_

# National Day Award Recipients

Congratulations to the National Day Award 2017 Recipients!

## ***The Public Service Star 2017***



Mr Cheong Ah Huat, BBM  
Patron, Geylang Serai CCC

## ***The Public Service Medal (MacPherson SMC)***



Mr Asman Bin Sah Hudin, PBM  
Member, MacPherson CCC



Mr Poh Joo Tuang, PBM  
Patron, MacPherson CCC

## ***The Public Service Medal (Mountbatten SMC)***



Mr Chow Hoe Tuck, PBM  
Vice-Chairman, Tanjong Rhu  
(Mountbatten) RC



Mr David Soh Eng Hock, PBM  
Member, Mountbatten CCC

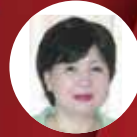
## ***The Public Service Medal (Marine Parade GRC)***



Mr Frederick Leow Cheng Tong, PBM  
Vice-Chairman, Bartley NC



Mr Johnny Tee Boon Teck, PBM  
Secretary, Braddell Heights CCMC



Mdm Choong Thin Chu, PBM  
Assistant Treasurer, Geylang Serai C2E



Mdm Devi Sambandan, PBM  
Secretary, Siglap South CCMC



Mr Kenneth Wong Chong Wai, PBM  
Member, Joo Chiat CCC



Mr Melvin Teo Tian Sing, PBM  
Chairman, Kampong Kembangan CCMC



Mr Lim Ah Hiatt, PBM  
Auditor, Marine Parade CCC



Mr Victor Thya Boon Hin, PBM  
Member, Marine Parade CCC

***The MPs of Marine Parade Town together  
with Marine Parade Town Council wish  
all residents a Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!***



## MEET THE PEOPLE SESSIONS

(Please note that the sessions will not be conducted should they fall on Public Holidays.)



### MARINE PARADE GRC BRADDELL HEIGHTS

#### MR SEAH KIAN PENG

Place: Block 246  
Serangoon Ave 3  
#01-216 S(550246)  
Date : Every Monday  
Time : From 7.30pm  
Tel : 6281 1050



### MARINE PARADE GRC GEYLANG SERAI ASSOC PROF FATIMAH LATEEF

Place: Block 11  
Eunos Crescent  
#01-2737 S(400011)  
Date : Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
Time : From 8.00pm  
Tel : 6745 7469

Place: Block 15 Joo Seng Road  
#01-95 S(360015)  
Date : Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday  
of the month (except 5th  
Tuesday and public holiday)  
Time : From 8.00pm  
Tel : 6282 7433



### MARINE PARADE GRC KEMBANGAN - CHAI CHEE

#### MR TAN CHUAN-JIN SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT

Place: Block 35  
Chai Chee Ave  
#01-260 S(461035)  
Date : Every Monday  
except 5th Monday  
Time : From 7.30pm  
Tel : 6441 2780



### MACPHERSON SMC

#### MS TIN PEI LING

Place: Block 108  
Aljunied Crescent  
#01-36 S(380108)  
Date : 1st & 2nd Monday  
except eve of public holiday  
Time : From 8.00pm  
Tel : 6842 6979

Place: Block 54  
Pipit Road #01-52 S(370054)  
Date : 3rd, 4th & 5th Monday  
except eve of public holiday  
Time : From 8.00pm  
Tel : 6741 5006



### MARINE PARADE GRC MARINE PARADE

#### EMERITUS SENIOR MINISTER GOH CHOK TONG

Place: Block 46  
Marine Crescent  
#01-42 S(440046)  
Date : Every Wednesday  
Time : From 8.00pm  
Tel : 6442 6945



### MOUNTBATTEN SMC

#### MR LIM BIOW CHUAN DEPUTY SPEAKER

Place: Block 51  
Old Airport Road  
#02-01 S(390051)  
Date : Every Tuesday  
Time : From 7.30pm  
Tel : 6334 9034



### MARINE PARADE GRC Joo Chiat

#### MR EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI

Place: 15 Lorong K Telok Kurau  
S(425611)  
Date : Every Monday  
Time : From 8.00pm  
Tel : 6346 0121



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