

Happy Birthday Singapore



Plant your future at West Coast GRC One Million Trees Movement

The West Coast GRC kickstarted the OneMillionTrees movement by participating in tree planting activities during Clean & Green Singapore (CGS) in November 2020. The OneMillionTrees movement seeks to foster strong community stewardship by engaging all Singapore residents to plant a million trees across the island by 2030. The movement also aims to restore nature back into our city as part of Singapore's transformation into a City in Nature; a key pillar under the Singapore Green Plan which was launched this year to create a green, liveable and sustainable home for all.

Since November 2020, a total of 327 residents have planted over 600 trees at 8 tree planting events across different Divisions in West Coast GRC. During the event, residents learnt about the impact of climate change on Singapore, the significance of carrying out tree planting as well as the benefits that trees can

bring to their living environment. Residents may also plot their tree on NParks' public tree map TreesSG website (<https://www.nparks.gov.sg/treesg>) and leave a Treemail for their tree. In doing so, they leave a legacy for future generations. Many years down the road, they may run a search on TreesSG for the trees planted by their families.

It is heartening to see many families bringing their young children to these tree planting events to plant their future. An interesting fact is that majority of the residents are planting a tree for the first time! Apparently, most Singaporeans have not planted a tree before in their entire lives despite living in one of the greenest cities in the world. To participate in NParks' OneMillionTrees planting events, please look out for our posters and roadshows. Thank you for doing your part to help fight climate change and make Singapore greener!



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Vice-Chairperson, West Coast Town Council
MP for West Coast GRC (Telok Blangah)

By:



West Coast rolls out multi-pronged vaccination effort against Covid-19

A popular idiom says that "when the going gets tough, the tough gets going". It is such an apt description of how the MPs for our Town planned and executed their strategy for the smooth vaccination of residents against Covid-19. Worthy of special mention are the careful arrangements to provide elderly and wheelchair bound residents with convenient, comfortable transport to the vaccination centres and back. This extra 'mile' warmed many residents. The MPs also worked with volunteers, community leaders and medical experts to explain the need for vaccination and how it works to combat the spread of the virus with door-to-door visits and communication tools including, dialogue sessions, webinars, and social media. Each division applied all the items in the vaccination blueprint. Let's take a closer look at some interesting input from each MP.



Ayer Rajah-Gek Poh

Ayer Rajah-Gek Poh MP, Ms Foo Mee Har, said: "We have been visiting seniors door-to-door... spending time with them to answer their questions about Covid-19 vaccination programme... Many good questions around who can get vaccinated, why it is important to get Covid-19 vaccination, what side effects and how to register... Having a medical doctor as part of the outreach team has been most helpful. More sessions are being organised!"



Boon Lay *Over at Boon Lay, MP Mr Desmond Lee joined community volunteers and Silver Generation colleagues to visit seniors door-to-door to share with them about the Covid-19 vaccination programme, and helped a number of seniors to make their appointments. "We will also provide shuttle bus service on certain days. Those who had medical conditions were encouraged to discuss them with their doctors and also with the healthcare professionals on-site at the vaccination centres."*



Nanyang *Nanyang constituency, MP Mr Ang Wei Neng at the launch of the Vaccination centre at Nanyang CC on March 19: "The Nanyang seniors came ready for the job.... The appointments were fully booked over the next five days.... We are ramping up the capacity and more than 1,000 residents could have their jab in a single day." On June 5, he noted that "visibly there are more school students taking the jab this morning at the Nanyang vaccination center. A good sign".*



Pioneer *At Pioneer, MP Mr Patrick Tay highlighted residents who helped to fight against Covid-19. He and community volunteers had visited residents at several blocks on April 10. "The highlight was a resident who filled his entire house and corridor with bags and bags of rice and necessities... we thanked him and his buddies who have bought the goodies with their own monies and will be distributing to needy residents across Singapore... something which his buddies and him do annually... Salute!!!"*



Telok Blangah *Ms Rachel Ong, MP for Telok Blangah: "We are grateful for our Silver Generation Ambassadors, PA staff and Grassroots leaders, who have engaged over 2,300 seniors in our division to assist with their Covid-19 vaccination appointments. We shall continue with the door-to-door outreach over the next few weeks and months... Some may still have concerns about the vaccination. For this reason, we have 5 dialogue sessions to be held this March. Looking forward to our chats!"*



West Coast *Mr S Iswaran, MP for West Coast, spoke about an elderly resident, Mdm Chong who is in her 70s, who was very happy to learn of the free shuttle bus to transport West Coast seniors to and from the vaccination centre at Clementi CC. He thanked volunteers, medical personnel and grassroots helpers who assisted with residents' questions such as possible side effects and whether it is safe to take the vaccine with existing medical conditions. He said: "Let us overcome Covid-19 and emerge stronger!"*

Please help yourself:

Participating residents may select free groceries under Boon Lay scheme



The opening of the Community Shop @ Boon Lay on March 24 has proven to be a boon for low income families. They can now select food items and other provisions for free using their Beneficiary Card. The card allows them to redeem up to 12 items a month, under the shop-for-free concept, from a variety of items including canned food, bread spreads, biscuits, oil and condiments.

The minimart at Block 176 Boon Lay drive is operated by charity organisation Food from the Heart (FFTH) and supported by OCBC Bank. Its current 350 households is expected to reach 1,000 by the end of 2021.

The store was officially opened on March 24 by Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services and Integration, and Mr Eric Chua, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr Lee said that the shop “better meets residents’ needs, and also helps coordinate charity food distribution better and to reduce food wastage.

“It is an excellent example of what is possible when the 3P sectors – People, Public, Private – work together.”

It is the second of its kind, the first being Community Shop @ Mountbatten, which opened in February last year.

Both the Boon Lay and Mountbatten outlets operate a 24/7 food drop to receive food donations from the public.



Lifts at West Coast pedestrian overhead bridges (POB) make life easier

Accessibility for residents in West Coast has improved substantially amidst the Covid-19 pandemic thanks to the joint efforts of the LTA, PA, West Coast CCC, West Coast Heights RN, West Coast Peak RN, West Coast Ville RN and grassroots volunteers.

During house visits conducted by PA staff and volunteers, seniors and young families aired grievances about the inconvenience they faced when travelling to major transport nodes and public facilities. Without POB lifts, it was challenging for them to travel to Clementi Town Centre, where most facilities are located.

“We launched the opening of 2 POB lifts before the end of 2020 – one at West Coast Walk (near The Parc Condominium) and another at Blk 506, West Coast Drive. Recently in March 2021, we launched another POB lift opening at Blk 610, Clementi West Street 1. We prepared flyers to inform residents about the POB lift openings and celebrated the launches with our residents,” said a spokesperson.

The completion of these POB lifts allowed residents to enjoy ease of access to facilities in our estate. Residents also find it more convenient to access public transport nodes and healthcare institutions. This has led to a higher footfall in our estate, as the less mobile and vulnerable groups no longer face barriers and have become more confident in their ability to get around independently.



Completed lift shaft near Parc Condo



Completed lift shaft near Block 506



Completed lift shaft near Block 610



POB opening at Block 610



POB opening at Block 506

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE SINGAPORE-INDIA COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT (CECA)



UNTRUTHS VS FACTS

UNTRUTH

1

CECA allows Indian nationals to enter and work in Singapore freely.

FACT

There is no free movement into Singapore for any foreign national.



All foreign nationals and their dependants, including Indian nationals, are subject to the Ministry of Manpower's prevailing work pass criteria.

UNTRUTH

2

CECA has not benefitted Singapore businesses or Singaporeans.

FACT

Singapore, our companies and Singaporeans have benefitted. Since CECA was signed in 2005:



↑80%
Singapore's trade in goods and services with India



↑50 times
stock of Singapore's direct investment in India



97,000
locals employed in 2019 by Singapore-based companies that invested in India

UNTRUTH

3

CECA and our FTAs have led to more jobs for foreigners than Singaporeans.

FACT

More Professionals, Managers and Executives (PMEs) jobs in Singapore have been taken up by Singaporeans compared to Employment Pass (EP) holders.



From 2005 to 2020, the number of EP holders had increased by about **112,000**



Over this period, the number of PME jobs had increased by

more than 380,000



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Upgrading of Fitness Corner between Blocks 926 and 928 Jurong West Street 92



Landscaping Works at Block 697C Jurong West Central 3

Town Improvement



New Covered Linkway from Block 257 to 257A Boon Lay Drive



New Residents' Corner at Block 274B Jurong West Street 25



New Pavilion at Block 262B Boon Lay Drive



New Bicycle Shed with Double-tiered Bicycle Rack between Blocks 990 and 988C Jurong West Street 93



Upgrading of Children's Playground between Blocks 922 and 923 Jurong West Street 92

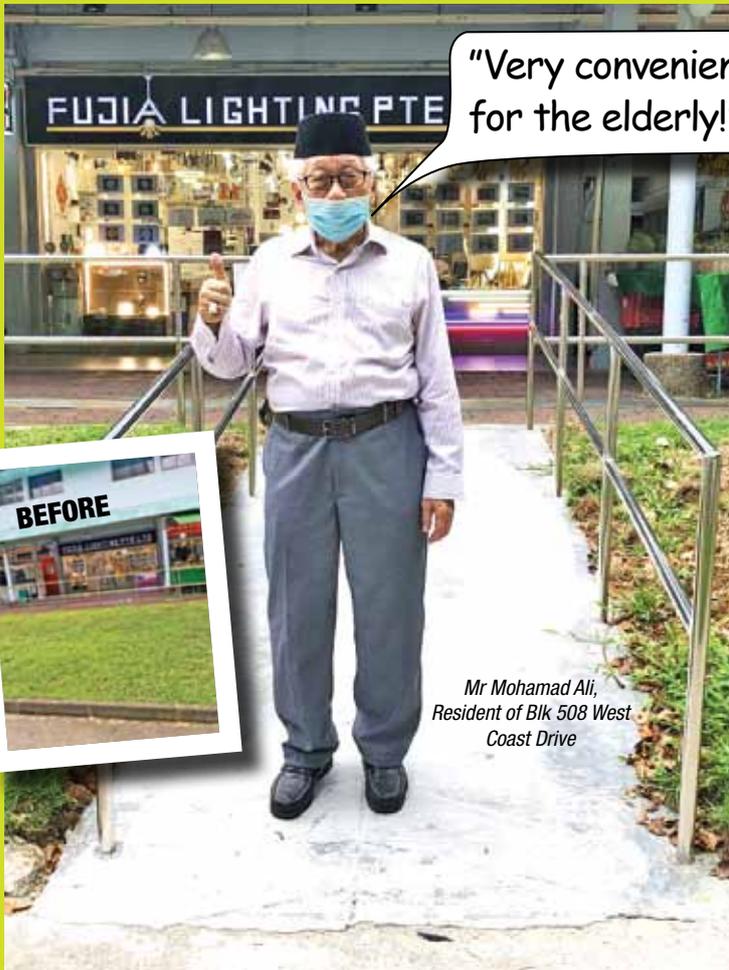


New Bicycle Shed at Block 625 Jurong West Street 65



New Barrier Free Access Ramp at Block 52 Telok Blangah Drive Void Deck

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"Very convenient for the elderly!"

Mr Mohamad Ali, Resident of Blk 508 West Coast Drive



New Ramp at Open Space in front of Block 505 West Coast Drive



Upgrading of Children's Playground and Fitness Corner at Block 739 Jurong West Street 75



Two-in-One voucher programme takes off

A win-win scheme that supports needy families and local merchants was launched on April 4. The WeCare voucher programme provides each low income family with \$50 worth of vouchers to be used to buy groceries, vegetables and other daily essentials from over 120 neighbourhood and market stalls.

我们在4月4日推出了一项支持有需要家庭和本地商家的双赢方案。在WeCare的礼券活动下，每一户低收入家庭会收到价值50新币的礼券。这些礼券可以在超过120间邻里摊位购买食品杂货，蔬菜以及其他日用品。



居民享用在文礼社区内种植的新鲜蔬菜水果指日可待。六月份的最后一个周末，议员李智陞先生与“锦簇社区”计划专家Frankie，一同为社区内超过70户家庭，举办了第一次社区菜园可食用的蔬果网络研讨会。李议员表示，展开社区菜园试点计划，鼓励居民多在社区内种植蔬菜水果。



Boon Lay vegetable gardens

Eating fresh green vegetables grown in Boon Lay division could be a possibility for many of us to think about. Over the last weekend of June, MP Mr Desmond Lee joined Frankie, our Community In Bloom expert, to host our first community edibles gardening webinar in Boon Lay for more than 70 families. "This is in support of our plans to roll out a corridor farming pilot as well as allotment gardens for residents with a green thumb," said Mr Lee.

Nanyang's scholars

The 3rd Nanyang Sayang award went to nine new students. The scheme provides free mentorship, free tuition and free vouchers for students from vulnerable families, most of whom are staying at the HDB rental blocks. "We hope some of the students could receive PSC (overseas) scholarships in the near future. That will be a dream come true," said MP Mr Ang Wei Neng.



第 三届Nanyang Sayang奖已颁发给九位新学生。这项为弱势家庭的学生提供免费辅导，教学和礼券，而这些学生多数住在建屋局租赁组屋。“我们希望一些学生能在不久的将来获取PSC（海外）奖学金。那将会是梦想成真，” 议员洪维能说。



Let's clean up our estate

Volunteers had an early start on April 25 to pick up litter to clean the environment and in support of #SGClean day efforts. Joining the volunteers was MP Mr Patrick Tay who commended the participants' hard work in clearing the trash.

为了清理环境和支持“新加坡保洁运动”的活动日，义工们在4月25日的早晨开始出发捡垃圾。加入义工队伍的议员郑德源对参与者清理垃圾的辛勤劳动给予高度的赞扬。





A burst of culture and colour

Telok Blangah residents enjoyed an evening of song, dance, and artistic performances during its Cultural Night 2021 on April 9. The virtual event was streamed live from 8pm to 9.30pm. MP Ms Rachel Ong urged families to share and enjoy the show, and thanked the performers and organising groups including Telok Blangah IAEC, WEC, MAEC, and SCEC.

在4月9日的傍晚，直落布兰雅在2021文化之夜举办了一场让居民特别享受的歌舞艺术表演晚会。这场晚会从8pm开播至9.30pm，在网路实时播放。议员王心妍呼吁每一户家庭好好享受并分享这场表演。王议员还对表演者们及主办方如直落布兰雅IAEC, WEC, MAEC和SCEC表示感谢。

Thumbs up for the Singapore Green Plan 2030

West Coast Earth Hour 2021 raised the awareness of West Coast residents for the Singapore Green Plan 2030 and its nationwide movement towards environmental sustainability. The event on 27 March from 7pm to 8.30pm introduced community initiatives on carbon-lite living, recycling, and community gardening. There were also dialogues on food resilience.



2021年西海岸地球一小时活动提高了西海岸居民对2030年新加坡发展蓝图及针对环境可持续性的全民运动的认识和支持。在3月27日7pm至8.30pm的活动介绍了关于减少碳排放量，资源回收，社区园艺的社区计划。该活动也开启了有关粮食复原能力的对话。

West Coast shares the Hari Raya spirit



Ayer Rajah-Gek Poh MP Ms Foo Mee Har said: "Grassroots leaders together with volunteers from Hasanah Mosque distributed porridge at all Ayer Rajah RN Centres. This has been a tradition at Ayer Rajah for many years".



Boon Lay MP Mr Desmond Lee presented goodies, food and green packets to Boon Lay families. The project was jointly organised by Boon Lay CC Malay Activity Executive Committee (MAEC), Heartwarmers Volunteer Group and Rotary Club of Singapore.



Nanyang MP Ang Wei Neng and volunteers distributed food packs and porridge to bring festive cheer to residents at rental blocks in the division.



Pioneer MP Patrick Tay, Pioneer Care Team and The Frontier MAEC members fanned across the division's 10 zones to distribute food and grocery hampers to residents.

Hari Raya Aidilfitri is a major Muslim festival and in multi-cultural Singapore it is also a national holiday. The festival marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan. Muslims celebrate with their family members and relatives, neighbours and friends, with house visits and sharing food, cakes and sweets. At the community level, organisations shared gifts, food and household essentials with the celebrants. All six divisions across our Town actively took part in the festivities.



(Below) **West Coast** MP Mr S Iswaran and grassroots leaders were at the West Coast CC where they came together virtually with their neighbours and friends to end their Ramadan fast "with a sense of warmth and belonging".



Telok Blangah MP Ms Rachel Ong and grassroots leaders joined Ahmad Mosque members "as they generously presented beautiful sets of clothing and yummy kueh muih to fellow residents. Bravo!"



West Coast gets full marks, supported by positive resident efforts

A report card with all green bands says that West Coast estate is well managed by the Town Council. And that residents and community leaders also contributed to give the estate an environment that is conducive for a pleasant lifestyle. The latest TCMR for the period April 2019 to March 2020 gave West Coast TC the green “yes” in all five key performance areas.

Each area is given a band coloured green, amber or red. Green indicates the highest level of achievement. West Coast Town Council is appreciative of the strong support from our residents and community leaders.

We will continue to work hard to ensure a pleasant and well maintained living environment for all our residents.



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Estate Maintenance



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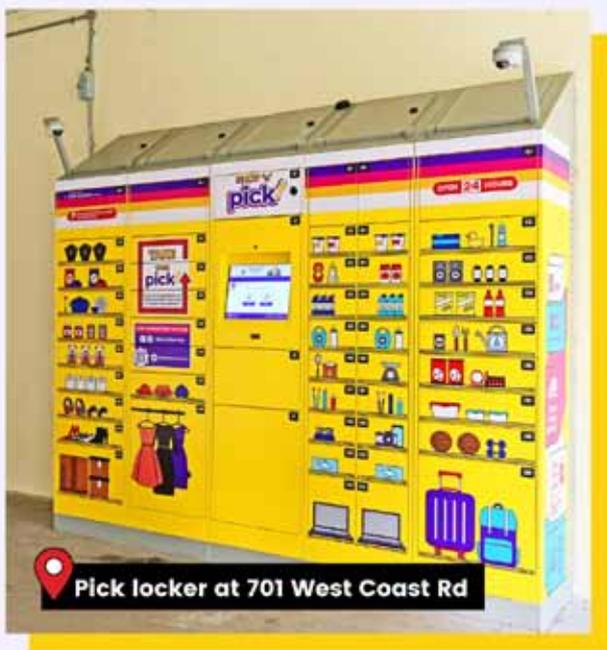
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Address: _____

Please submit your entries together with your name, address, NRIC and contact number to: **Quiz (Aug/Sep 2021), West Coast Town Council, Blk 441A Clementi Ave 3 #02-01 Singapore 121441**

Entry Rules

1. Your entries must be submitted and reach the Town Council by 30 October 2021.
2. Each HDB household in West Coast GRC and Pioneer SMC is allowed one entry.
3. Councilors and staff of the Town Council and their immediate families cannot enter.
4. Winners will be notified by post.
5. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entertained.
6. The first 10 correct entries drawn will each receive \$30 worth of shopping vouchers.



Bouquets

Dear Rachel,
 Dropping a note to commend Derek from the Town Council. The pump at my block was causing quite a bit of noise, but Derek was prompt in his follow ups to resolve the situation.
 Please let his supervisors know I am appreciative of his efforts.
 Eugene Toh

Hello Koryn,
 Thank you for your prompt reply. Yes indeed now when people move around on the drain, it's much safer and does not make noise.
 Thank you for your assistance in this matter. It will help many residents of not only my block but the neighbouring blocks as well.
 Regards
 Kamaljit

My son threw his handphone out the bedroom window, and the moment I called EMSU, they were so efficient in helping me get my phone back. The whole process of getting my phone back only took 20 mins. The workers who helped me get my phone back were also pleasant and polite. Very thankful for such excellent town council services.
 Nur Suci

CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?

Here are the winners of the last quiz:
 Fahrin Bin Jazid
 Huen Moh Kuen
 Kathiraysan S/O A Jahnasegar
 Ong Moi Hong
 Rapiah Binte Yasin
 Sindhuja Naidu
 Tan Bee Kim
 Teo Kim Meng
 Xie Jing
 Yeo Ah Nguan
 (Winners have been notified by post.)

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 We look forward to your participation!

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Clementi NPC	1800-872 9999
Clementi NPP	1800-775 9999
Dover NPP	1800-778 8999
Jurong Police Divisional HQ	1800-791 0000
Nanyang NPC	1800-792 9999
Telok Blangah NPP	1800-272 9999

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National Environment Agency (NEA) Call Centre	6225 5632
Department of Public Cleanliness (DPC)	1800-600 3333
Municipal Services Office (MSO)	6325 7811

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