

SEASON'S GREETINGS! FROM PATRICK TAY

Dear residents of Pioneer,

As we usher in a new year, I would like to thank all of you for your resilience and fortitude as we continue the fight against COVID-19. As we make steady progress towards normalcy, it is my hope that 2022 will be the year we can finally emerge from the shadow of the pandemic.

Much work has been done to upgrade the amenities in Pioneer over the course of 2021, and you can look forward to more enhancements in the coming year. Repair and repainting works have commenced in Jurong West, with more blocks to be included by the first half of 2022. Several bicycle sheds have also been constructed to cater to the increase in the number of cyclists there.

Pioneer is also working towards a Barrier Free Town to allow residents, especially young parents with prams or elderly with personal mobility assistive devices, to move with ease and convenience. More information on the Barrier Free Access project will be shared in the upcoming Pioneer Community Newsletter.

In Parliament, I also spoke about protecting our mature workers in the workforce by preventing employers from abusing the Employment Assistance Payment (EAP). I have called for a review of the EAP, to prevent companies from using it as an easy and cost-effective way to circumvent re-employment of mature workers aged 62-67.

If you have any feedback, comments or suggestions, please send them over to me. I look forward to hearing from you, and here's wishing you a fruitful 2022!



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<u>Before</u>



<u>After</u>

Repainting works for Blks 659A-D, 660A-D, 661A-D & 662A-D Jurong West St 64/65



New bicycle shed near Blk 659 Jurong West Street 65



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