

# WEST COAST TOWN COUNCIL

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WISHING OUR RESIDENTS

# SELAMAT HARIRAYA AIDILFITRI 2024



Budget 2024



Chingay touching Hearts, in the Heartlands

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Resident Survey 2024

# BUDGET 2024

# **SUPPORT FOR SINGAPOREANS**

# **ASSURANCE FOR YOU**

2024			
APR	<b>U-save [Enhanced]</b> : \$110 to \$190	S&CC Rebate: 0.5 to 1 month	
JUN	CDC Vouchers [New]: \$300		
JUL	<b>U-save [Enhanced]</b> : \$165 to \$285	S&CC Rebate: 0.5 to 1 month	
AUG	<b>Cash</b> : \$165 to \$285	CPF Medisave Account: \$150 to \$450	
SEP	<b>Cash [New]</b> : \$200 to \$400		
ост	<b>U-save [Enhanced]</b> : \$110 to \$190	S&CC Rebate: 0.5 to 1 month	

NOV	NS LifeSG Credits [New]: \$200		
DEC	<b>Cash</b> : \$200 to \$600	CPF Medisave Account [New]: \$100 to \$1,500	CPF Retirement or Special Account [New]: \$1,000 to \$1,500
YA 2024	Personal Income Tax Rebate for the year of Assessment (YA) 2024 [New]: Up to \$200		

2025				
JAN	CDC Vouchers [New]: \$300	<b>U-Save</b> [Enhanced]: \$165 to \$285	S&CC Rebate [Enhanced]: 0.5 to 1 month	
FEB	CPF Medisave Ac \$150		niors' Bonus: 200 to \$300	
MAR	CPF Retirement or Special Account [New]: \$400 to \$1,000		count [New]:	



# FOR INDIVIDUALS

- Cash
  - \$200 to \$2,150 for all Singaporeans aged 21 and above.
- · Personal Income Tax Rebate
  - **50% of tax payable** for the Year of Assessment 2024, capped at \$200.
- · CPF Medisave Account
  - **\$100 to \$1,650** for all Singaporeans.
- CPF Retirement or Special Account \$400 to \$2,500 for Singaporeans born in 1973 or earlier...
- NS LifeSG Credits
  - \$200 for all past and present national servicemen.

# FOR HOUSEHOLDS

- CDC Vouchers
   \$600 in total for all Singaporean households.
- U-Save \$550 to \$950 for HDB Households.
- S&CC Rebate
   2 to 4 months offset for HDB households



# **MAJULAH PACKAGE**



\$8.2 billion

For retirement and healthcare needs



# 1.6 million

Singaporeans, including Pioneer and Merdeka Generations seniors

# **EARN AND SAVE BONUS**

 \$400 to \$1,000 annual bonus to CPF Retirement or Special Account for Singaporeans who work and earn up to \$6,000 per month.

## **RETIREMENT SAVINGS BONUS**

• \$1,000 to \$1,500 one-off bonus to CPF Retirement or Special Account for Singaporeans with CPF retirement savings less than the 2023 Basic Retirement Sum (\$99,400).

# **MEDISAVE BONUS**

• \$750 to \$1,500 one-off bonus to CPF Medisave Account.

# SUPPORTING FAMILIES

- One-year Parental Provisional Housing Scheme (Open Market) Voucher for eligible families to rent an HDB flat in the open market.
- Reduce monthly full-day childcare fee caps in Governmentsupported preschools in 2025, to \$640 for Anchor Operators and \$680 for Partner Operators.
- Enhance existing preschool subsidies for lower-income families.
- Roll out ComLink+ Progress Packages to support lowerincome families with young children that take action to improve preschool education, employment, financial stability, and save up for home ownership.
- Raise annual income threshold for dependant-related Personal Income Tax reliefs to \$8,000 from the Year of Assessment 2025.

# SUPPORTING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Reduce out-of-pocket expenses for Singaporean students with special needs in Special Education schools and Special Student Care Centres.
- Provide more support in employment and integration into the community by expanding spaces in Sheltered Workshops and Day Activity Centres.

# **EMPOWER ACTIVE AGEING**

\$3.5 billion for Age Well SC to support seniors in their homes and communities, including expanding our network of Active Ageing Centres, as well as introducing more senior-friendly home fittings and commuter infrastructure.

# **ASSURANCE FOR HEALTHCARE**

- One-time MediSave Bonus of up to \$300 for all adult Singaporeans born in 1974 to 2003 (Singaporeans born in 1973 or earlier will benefit from the MediSave Bonus component of the Majulah Package).
- Increase per capita household income thresholds for healthcare and associated social support subsidy schemes.

# SUPPORT FOR RETIREMENT NEEDS

- **Majulah Package** for 1.6 million Singaporeans born in 1973 or earlier to support their retirement and healthcare needs.
- Increase quarterly payments from the Silver Support Scheme by 20%, and raise qualifying per capita household income threshold to \$2,300.
- Expand the Matched Retirement Savings Scheme to cover Singaporeans aged 55 and above and increase annual matching cap to \$2,000, with a lifetime matching cap of \$20,000.
- Raise the CPF Enhanced Retirement Sum to 4 times the Basic Retirement Sum.
- Extend interest-free GIRO Instalment plan for residential Property Tax bills to **24 months** for eligible retirees aged 65 and above.



# **INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE**

# **MID-CAREER RESKILLING**

- Introduce the SkillsFuture Level-Up Programme for Singaporeans aged 40 and above.
  - \$4,000 SkillsFuture Credit (Mid-Career) top-up in May 2024, which can be used for selected industry-oriented training courses with better employability outcomes.
  - Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy for another publicly-funded full-time diploma.
  - Up to \$3,000 monthly SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance for up to 24 months, for selected full-time courses.

# LOWER-WAGE WORKERS

- Increase the Workfare Income Supplement scheme payouts to a maximum of \$4,900 per year, and raise the qualifying income cap to \$3,000, from January 2025.
- Raise the Local Qualifying Salary to \$1,600, from July 2024.
- Raise co-funding levels for the **Progressive Wage Credit Scheme (PWCS)** this year to a maximum of **50%**, and raise the PWCS wage ceiling to **\$3,000** in 2025.

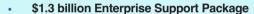
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# SUPPORTING BUSINESS AND DRIVING GROWTH

# **MANAGE RISING BUSINESS COSTS**



- 50% Corporate Income Tax Rebate, capped at \$40,000, for the Year of Assessment 2024.
  - Minimum benefit of **\$2,000** in cash for companies that employed at least 1 local employee in 2023.
- Enhance the Enterprise Financing Scheme.
- Extend the SkillsFuture Enterprise Credit until Jun 2025.

# STRENGTHEN COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

- Invest \$3 billion in Research, Innovation and Enterprise 2025
- Introduce the Refundable Investment Credit Scheme.
- Top up \$2 billion to the National Productivity Fund.
- Top up \$2 billion to the Financial Sector Development Fund.
- Enhance the **Partnerships for Capability Transformation** scheme.

# **INVEST IN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**

- Invest more than \$1 billion over 5 years for the National Al Strategy 2.0.
- Upgrade the Nationwide Broadband Network to 10 Gbps.

# SUPPORT ENTERPRISES IN SUSTAINABILITY

- Extend and expand the Enterprise Financing Scheme Green.
- Expand the Energy Efficient Grant to more sectors.





# **BUILDING A RESILIENT FUTURE**

# SAFEGUARDING ENERGY SECURITY

• Establish the **Future Energy Fund** with an initial **\$5 billion** injection, to invest in energy transition infrastructure.

# A SAFE AND SECURE SINGAPORE

Establish a new National Cybersecurity Command Centre.





# FORGING A MORE UNITED NATION

- Build and rejuvenate sports facilities via the Sports Facilities Master Plan.
- Top up \$20 million to the One Team Singapore Fund and extend it for 1 year.
- Anchor major sports events in Singapore.
- Invest \$100 million in Our SC Arts Plan.
- Extend the Charities Capability Fund Collaboration Crant for 3 years.
- Pilot the Overseas Humanitarian Assistance Tax Deduction Scheme.



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# Confine Hearts, Touching Hearts, Touchin

Touching Hearts, in the Heartlands

Residents crowded excitedly along the roadside in anticipation, waiting to catch a glimpse of the pretty, colourful Chingay floats weaving around West Coast GRC and Pioneer SMC earlier this March. It set off from Telok Blangah and headed towards West Coast, passing through Ayer Rajah-Gek Poh, Boon Lay and Pioneer before the final stop at Nanyang!

Activities such as carnival games, rides, community art, live music and penning wishes on a Wishing Tree were enjoyed by residents of all ages.

Prior to the highlight of the night – a climactic breathtaking six minutes fireworks display!

- We took the opportunity to officiate the opening of the sheltered linkway that would bring about so much convenience to our residents in Nanyang, come rain or shine. The lighting up of the linkway brought much delight to our residents while the grandeur of the fireworks lit up the skies bringing an end to an eventful day:D

# **Telok Blangah**

5.00PM - 5.55PM











6.35PM - 6.55PM









Replace light fitting at Blk 660E MPH, Jurong West St 64

# BEFORF Repair loosen play

# equipment panel near Blk 660A, Jurong West St 64

# TOWN



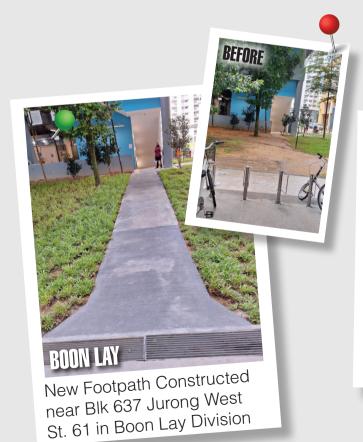
Replace defective lighting at Block 40 Teban Gardens Lift Lobby Level 1



Installation of stainless steel railing at the open side of walkway at Blk 273 MSCP Jurong West Avenue 3



# IMPROVEMENTS





Repainting of faded road marks at service road Blk 271A-D, 272A-D Jurong West St 24





# Myths About Mediation

...And that's why I think Andy Lau should play Batman!







Mediation is nothing more than just talking.

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It is a private and confidential discussion about specific issues between two parties, facilitated by a trained mediator.

Instead of wasting my money on mediation, I will buy a pot to bang at night. That'll show my neighbour how it feels to hear noise all day.

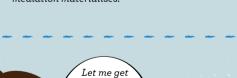




# MYTH:

Mediation is a waste of my money.

An Applicant pays a one-time fee of \$5, if mediation materialises.





# MYTH:



It's easier to go to Court and get the Judge to stop my neighbour from making all that noise.

# FACT:

It takes about 5 minutes to apply for mediation at the CMC.

Invite your neighbour to talk to you first. If the matter gets resolved, you can save all that money, time and effort.



# MYTH



Mediation is a waste of my time.

Mediation takes about 2 hours on average.





It's easier to call the police than to go for mediation.

# FACT:

If there is no law and order issue, calling the Police may worsen the relationship with your neighbour. It's equally easy to apply for mediation online and save that relationship with your neighbour.



# MYTH



The Mediators are only volunteers and not professional.

The CMC mediators are not your ordinary volunteers. They are volunteers who are trained and appointed to handle community disputes. They have achieved a success rate of 80%.



RESIDENTS SURVEY 2024 居民调查 2024 Tinjauan Penduduk 2024 货埠ឃាក្រப்பாளர்கள் கணக்கெடுப்பு 2024





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# **Ayer Rajah-Gek Poh Diary**

# To Our Seniors: Happy Lunar New Year!

ur Lunar New Year celebrations began with our cherished elders at the Senior Friendship Circle gathering at Ayer Rajah CC! It was a fantastic start to the festive season, showering respect and gratitude to the seniors in our community, said MP Foo Mee Har. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made this event a memorable beginning to the Lunar New Year celebrations, she said.







在 亚逸拉惹民众俱乐部举行的乐龄友伴圈聚会为我们的农历新年庆祝活动拉开序幕! 议员胡美霞女士表示,向社区的长辈表达尊重和感激是庆祝节日的最佳开始。她也衷心感谢所有志愿者为长辈们筹办了难忘的活动。

# **Boon Lay Diary**

# Festive Packs Add Cheer To Lunar New Year

m any families in Boon Lay received festive cheer as they prepared for the Lunar New Year. They received 福榮 (Fudai) from MP Desmond Lee and community supporters. Mr Lee said: "Each year, the Community Chest partners with organisations like Heartwarmers, philanthropists, Sheng Siong and other well-wishers to pack these large festive packs and red packets to spread cheer to households across Singapore. Our thanks and appreciation to our partners!"







午多文礼的居民在农历新年期间感受到了节日气息。他们收到了议员李智陞先生和社区支持者准备的福袋。李先生说: "公益金每年都会与各合作伙伴,如Heartwarmers、升菘超市、慈善家、及其他善心人士,准备这些大礼包和红包,为新加坡的家庭带来欢乐。我们非常感谢我们的合作伙伴!

# A Fiery Reception At The Civil Defence Academy

dusave Award recipients in Nanyang who came to the Civil Defence Academy for the award ceremony had a pleasant surprise waiting for them. MP Ang Wei Neng said: "Recipients and their parents were in for a treat with a visit to the fire simulator and other exciting activities at the CDA. The children could hardly contain their excitement with the USS-like adventure!"







中到民防学院参加南洋区教育储蓄基金奖颁奖典礼的获奖者得到了一个意外惊喜。议员洪维能先生表示: "民防学院特别为获奖者和他们的父母安排参观火灾模拟器,还有其他刺激有趣的活动。孩子们玩得不亦乐乎! "

# Hard At Work at 3am!

**Pioneer Diary** 

orkers hard at work at Boon Lay MRT tracks at 3am so that we can sleep soundly? Yes, they were installing noise barriers for the benefit of our residents in our Pioneer community! MP Patrick Tay visited the site one morning at 3am, and summed it up: "Great, really appreciate the LTA, SMRT, Contractor and workers on the ground. Works are progressing well, and we look forward to the completion before year end."







凌晨3点,工人们在文礼地铁站辛勤工作,就是为了让我们能睡个好觉?是的,他们正在为先驱居民安装隔音屏障!一天凌晨3点,议员郑德源先生参观了现场,并总结道:"太棒了,工程进展顺利,预计年底前就能完工。非常感谢陆交局(LTA)、新捷运(SMRT)、承包商和所有工作人员。"

# **Telok Blangah Diary**

# Supporting Abilities Of Persons With Disabilities

ishan was awash with the colour Purple with more than 8,000 participants at the Purple Parade Appreciation Party. It was "another amazing year of celebrating the abilities of persons with disabilities," said MP Rachel Ong. The participants represented 121 organisations of whom 40% were with us for the first time, she added. The Purple Parade is the largest movement in Singapore that supports and celebrates the abilities of persons with disabilities.

Abilities include sheer drive, self-motivation and intellect. Less severely disabled individuals displayed greater independence and problem-solving abilities too.







千多人参与了"紫色行动"(Purple Parade)答谢会,把碧山染成了一片紫色!议员王心妍女士表示很高兴能和参与者一起"宣导残疾人士惊人的能力"。她补充说,参与者来自121个组织,其中40%是首次加入"紫色行动"。"紫色行动"的紫色游行是新加坡最大的推广亲特殊需求意识的运动。

能力包括坚韧的驱动力、自我激励和智力。 残疾程度较轻的人士也更独立,能自行解决问题。

# **West Coast Diary**

# Collaborate to Innovate

community can progress well when there is enough collaboration among different relevant groups. With this in mind, volunteers, management corporation members, residents and agency colleagues at various locations across West Coast joined hands to discuss plans for municipal improvements. MP Desmond Lee said: "These included park enhancements, PCNs (Park Connector Network), pedestrian bridges, sheltered connectivity and more. We also went on a site visit to consider options and alternatives, and to firm up our consultation plans." He expressed his appreciation for everyone for their collaborative effort.







一当 不同的相关群体有足够的协作,社区就能取得良好的进展。考虑到这一点,西海岸的志愿者、管理公司、居民和政府机构同事携手讨论市政改善计划。议员李智陞先生说:"讨论事项包括改善邻里公园、公园连道(PCNs)、行人天桥、有盖走道等等。我们还进行了实地考察,进一步了解各种选项和替代方案,并确定我们的咨询计划。"李智陞先生对大家的协作努力表示感谢。



# THE DIFFERENCE? Test your powers of observation! Challenge

yourself now and spot 5 differences between these two photos and stand a chance to be one of the 10 winners.

Full Name:		_
Home/HP no: .		
Address:		

Please submit your entry together with your full name, address and contact number to:

Quiz (April 2024), West Coast Town Council, Blk 441A Clementi Ave 3 #02-01 Singapore 121441

# **Entry Rules**

- 1. Your entry must be submitted and reach the Town Council by 30 June 2024
- Each HDB household in West Coast GRC and Pioneer SMC is allowed one entry.
   Councilors and staff of the Town Council and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 4. Winners will be notified by post.
- 5. The first 10 correct entries drawn will each receive \$30 worth of shopping youchers.

# **Jurong West Park**







Thank you, Ms Mei and Mr Raymond for solving my matters with calmness and clarity.

Thank you, Ms Hassina for comprehending the woes and solving the cleanliness issue, which is now a pleasant sight next to the lift.

Thank you, Mr Chong for your help and commitment in helping to resolve the workmanship issues at my parents place, your determination is definitely a valuable asset.

Thank you Ahmad and Maran, for your tireless efforts and commitment towards Zone D's estate maintenance.

Thank you, Siew Ann for ensuring the trimming and maintenance of the grass regularly which looks very neat and nice.



Here are the winners of the last quiz:

**Brandon Lee Chun Ting** Cha Ming Yang Francis Lu Rong Chun Ho Lay Teen Noorizam Bte Mohd **Parvathy Subramaniam** Patricia Boswell Siti Marsitah Binte Mohamed Wann Hamzzah Bin Ramllan **Zhang Xiaofeng** 

(Winners have been notified by post.)

# **GET NOTICED.**



Do you have a good story idea for Town News? Share your story with us and you could see it in print!

Would you like to send your wellwishes to fellow residents? Send your high-resolution photos to us, and you could see photos of your family members or yourself on our greeting banners and billboards!

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We look forward to your participation!

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# **MEET-THE-PEOPLE SESSIONS**

# **WEST COAST GRC & PIONEER CONSTITUENCY**



### **WEST COAST**

Meet-The-People sessions for West Coast Constituency will be attended by Mr Desmond Lee and other Members of Parliament of West Coast GRC.

Every Monday, 7.30pm - 9.30pm (Except Public Holidays) Block 729 Clementi West Street 2, #01-346, S120729 Tel: 6777 0696

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#### **Mr Desmond Lee**

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# **TELOK BLANGAH**

# Ms Rachel Ong

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

# Dover

Every 1st Wednesday, 7.30pm-9.30pm (Except Public Holidays) Block 2 Dover Road #01-342, S130002

# Telok Blangah

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# PIONEER

# Mr Patrick Tay, BBM

Chairman, West Coast Town Council MP for Pioneer SMC

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Non-emergency Ambulance Service \_\_\_\_1777
Police (Emergency) \_\_\_\_999
Police Hotline (Non-Emergency) \_\_\_1800-255 0000

### **BREAKDOWN OF SERVICES**

#### **ELECTRICITY**

SP PowerGrid 24-Hour Electricity Service Centre\_\_\_\_\_1800-778 8888

#### PIPED GAS SUPPLY

City Gas 24-Hour Hotline \_\_\_\_\_\_1800-752 1800

#### WATER SUPPLY

PUB 24-Hour Call Centre \_\_\_\_\_\_1800-225 5782

# STREET LIGHTING/TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Land Transport Authority (LTA) \_\_\_\_\_1800-225 5582

#### **ENQUIRY LINES**

South West CDC (Service Centre) \_\_\_\_\_\_6316 1616
HDB Branch Office Service Line \_\_\_\_1800-225 5432
National Environment Agency (NEA) \_\_\_\_\_
Call Centre \_\_\_\_\_\_6225 5632
Department of Public Cleanliness \_\_\_\_\_
(DPC) \_\_\_\_\_1800-600 3333

# **COMMUNITY CLUBS/CENTRES**

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Boon Lay CC	6261 9947
Dover CC	6777 0976
Gek Poh Ville CC	6792 0095
Nanyang CC	6791 0395
The Frontier CC	6795 8229
Telok Blangah CC	6271 9602
West Coast CC	6779 1098

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