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AGM

The Western Hills Toy Library AGM is to be held on **Tuesday 21 May, 7.30pm** at the Maungaraki Community Centre Supper Room. All are welcome to attend and supper will be provided.

Western Hills Toy Library

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Word of the month

Quiddity

- A. Having adequate cash flow
- B. The distinctive quality of something
- C. An Arabic game played with varying sized balls
- D. The act of finishing something

April's word: Otiose

- A. Serving no useful purpose



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The Normandale Residents' Association

Who are we?

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It occurred to me that families moving into Normandale may wonder exactly what the Normandale Residents Association is and if it does anything other than provide a monthly newsletter. The main purpose of the Residents Association is to be the collective voice of residents of Normandale in dealings with local authorities and other agencies. It reflects your views through a committee of residents elected annually. Any resident of Normandale over 16 years of age can be a member of the Normandale Residents Association, and be elected on to the committee. We also welcome all members to meetings of the committee.

What does the committee do? We have two main areas of activity: political advocacy and practical community projects.

- ◆ We keep an eye on what Hutt City Council is doing that might affect our residents and notify everyone through the Normandale Times.
- ◆ We try to ensure that the council understand the residents' wishes by making submissions on annual plans and any other plans that affect our residents or our environment.
- ◆ We organise and carry out an Inorganic Rubbish Collection.
- ◆ We organise and carry out the 'Clean up Normandale' litter collection as part of the Keep NZ Beautiful week.
- ◆ We edit, produce, and distribute the Normandale Times.

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The next NRA meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th of May- all association members welcome.

The meetings last from 7:30 till 9:00.

President's message continued...

- ◆ We provide funds for the Christmas parade.
- ◆ We identify community led projects within the suburb and gain funding to carry them out.

Currently our major project is working with HCC Parks and gardens to develop a recreation area for older children in the reserve at Poto Road corner.

If you would like to help us by joining the committee, or just come along and put your views forward our AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th June 2013 at St Aidan's Church.

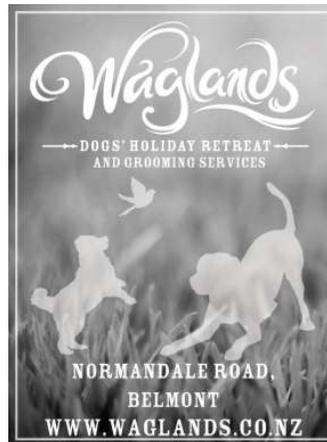
Pete Matcham

President, Normandale Residents Association

Normandale Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

19th June 2013,
7.30 p.m.

St Aidan's on the Hill.
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Japanese Martial Arts Expo

More than 150 people turned out for Hutt Minoh Friendship House's first Japanese Martial Arts Expo on Sunday, April 14. Organisers are so pleased with the response they plan to make it an annual event. There are many Japanese martial arts groups in Lower Hutt. Five invited clubs took part. These were kyudo (archery), which is based at the house, and aikido, karate, sumo and kendo. Priority was given to groups who had never given demonstrations at Minoh House. The next public event at the house will be the annual cherry blossom open day on Sunday, September 29. Regular classes at the house are ikebana (Japanese flower arranging) and tea ceremony. New weekend workshops this year are Japanese calligraphy and shibori (shape resist dyeing) with nuno felt. Inquiries to Rosemary 586 4180.



Members of the Wainuiomata-based Wellington Region Karate Academy demonstrate their skills.



Hutt City Aikido members father and daughter Mike and Sapphira Murray demonstrate. Sapphira says she enjoys interacting with other people within the traditional culture of the dojo (training hall). By training with other people a person learns trust, respect and self-confidence. The goal of aikido is not the perfection of a skill but to improve one's character and to contribute positively to society.

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