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Santa Parade 2020

Santa and his helpers are getting ready for his 37th Christmas morning visit to Normandale. Normandale's Santa Parade has been a highlight of the local calendar since it began on Christmas Day 1984 under the backing of the residents' association.

Santa's parade begins at **10am on Christmas Day** at the corner of Poto Rd and Stratton St.

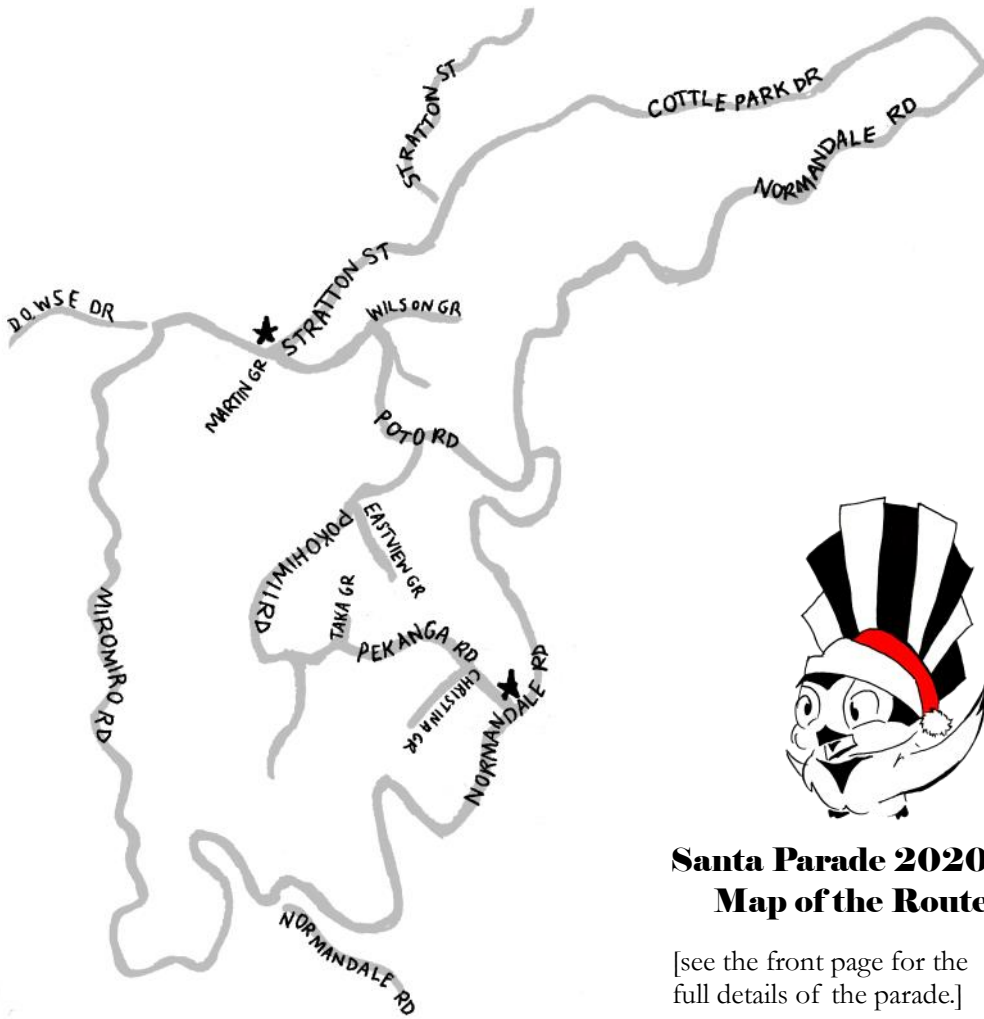
The route is Stratton St, Cottle Park Drive, down Normandale Rd, Poto Rd, Pokohiwi Rd, Eastview Grove, Pekanga Rd, Taka Grove, Christina Grove, up Normandale Rd, Poto Rd to Wilson and Martin Groves, down Miromiro Rd, and up Normandale Rd to finish at Pekanga Rd soon after 11am.

(see back for a map view of the route).

A car with a siren will herald Santa's approach. Santa will be delivering presents and his helpers will throw sweets to those waiting near their mailboxes to greet him.

If you would like Santa to deliver a present or want more information about the event, phone Rosemary 586 4180.

Please have presents to her no later than a week before Christmas Day (Friday 18th Dec.)



Santa Parade 2020 Map of the Route

[see the front page for the full details of the parade.]

Seeking Santa's little helpers!

Let's help the Normandale Santa this year. Tell us about an elderly on their own or kids who will miss out on a Santa gift and we will arrange a present to be dropped off by the Big Man on the day. Let's help spread some cheer to those who have perhaps had a hard year – anonymously of course. Just send us the name, age and address and we will do the rest.



Merry Christmas everyone from the Salt Team!

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

Next NRA meeting:
17 Pokohiwi Road
Thursday 18th February
7:30pm - all association
members welcome.

Up vs Down, & Normandale Roads

With it being the holiday season, there is a bit more cause for concern regarding road safety. With this being Normandale, the big one is our steep narrow roads.

When you're driving downhill on steep narrow roads like ours, and another vehicle is driving uphill, it's a good idea to give way to the uphill driver. Steep uphill starts can be difficult sometimes, especially for larger vehicles.

Roads like Normandale Rd are also popular with walkers and cyclists during the holidays. When driving up or down especially with cyclists on the road, be prepared to wait behind them until there's a clear view of the road ahead. At the end of the day, that courtesy goes a long way, and makes Normandale just that little bit more friendly.

A Note from your Editor

Kia Ora Normandale! It's your Normandale Times editor here. I'd just like to say that I post stuff on our Facebook page (Residents of Normandale), which features some things you won't find in the newsletter if you want to take a look. As we wrap up 2020, it's been a real pleasure doing these monthly issues for you. Have a safe and happy holiday everyone.



Some pics from last month's events; the St Aidan's garage sale, and the mountain biking event up at the Stratton St Woolshed.

- ✓ **Check** your November rates bill
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Bird of the Month



As this is our last issue for the year, it seems only fitting that our Bird of the Month is also this year's Bird of the Year – the kākāpō, also known as the owl parrot.



Word of the month:
Crepuscule

- A. suddenly anxious
- B. to act evasively
- C. twilight
- D. a type of decapod

Last-month's word:
Sophomoric
B. pretentious/juvenile

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