

# NORMANDALE TIMES

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## Normandale Santa Parade 2024

For the last 40 years Santa has visited Normandale on Christmas morning. He'll be here again this year for visit number 41, spreading his special brand of joy to residents of all ages as he travels our suburb in his sleigh. The parade is a highlight on the local calendar since it began on Christmas Day 1984 under the auspices of the residents' association.

Santa's parade begins at 10am on the corner of Poto Road and Stratton Street.

The route is Stratton Street, Cottle Park Drive, down Normandale Road, Poto Road, Pokohiwi Road, Eastview Grove, Pekanga Road, Taka Grove, Christina Grove, up Normandale Road, Poto Road to Wilson and Martin Groves, down Miromiro Road and up Normandale Road where he will visit Pae Ariki Place for the first time and finish at Pekanga Road soon after 11am.

A car with a siren will herald Santa's approach. Santa will deliver presents while his helpers throw sweets donated by the Normandale Residents' Association to those waiting near their mailboxes to greet him.

*Do you want your presents hand delivered by Santa this year?*

If you would like Santa to deliver a present or want more information about the event, phone Rosemary at 586 4180. Please have presents to her by a week before Christmas Day (which this year falls on a Wednesday).

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*Happy  
Holidays  
Normandale!*



Next NRA meeting:  
20th February 2025  
7:30pm at St Aidan's on  
the Hill. All association  
members welcome.

## Inorganic Collection Day 2024

Inorganic Collection Day 2024 proved to be a Goldilocks day- not too hot and not too cold. The rubbish collected didn't fall into specific categories, there was 'not too much' of anything, whereas in previous years there has been a predominance of one type of rubbish or another. Another obvious difference was the lack of white-ware, or large loads.

It was a slow start and by 11am we were wondering if perhaps we didn't need the collection, but from then on we had a steady flow of cars and people on foot, one of whom reminded us that we had been competing with the All Blacks vs Ireland match.

The bin reserved for recyclable metal was not overly utilised, being less than a quarter full at the end of the day. The general rubbish bin was approximately 80% full when we closed up at 4pm. It was once again disappointing that there was rubbish dumped before we arrived at 8:20, (pictured right) and more in the evening after we closed. This was observed by residents in neighbouring houses, perhaps it was non Normandale residents, but if not please ensure you pay your association sub.

I would like to thank the committee members who did a great job manning (and wommaning) the rubbish collection, some of whom were there most of the day. And a special thanks to the 4 community volunteers who also spent several hours helping.



### Word of the Month:

#### *Incipient*

- A. Lacking flavour
- B. Sarcastic tone
- C. Beginning to happen
- D. Mild fever

### Last month's word:

#### *Approbation*

- B. Praise or approval



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*Pictured above- ‘Manning the bins, six and a half hours into the collection.’*

We had many items taken for re-use, adding to the amount saved from landfill and a few items taken home to be cleaned and then donated to various charities. Three or four bikes were taken on the day and another five were delivered to ‘Free Ride’ where they will be passed on to deserving children.

Some stats: 44 households brought rubbish, of these 25 had paid their sub in advance which made it much easier for those on duty at the bins. 19 households paid at the time.  
*- Sandie Matcham*



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## Normandale Holiday Season

*Find the names of some of the  
things associated with summer  
holidays in New Zealand.*

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- WHĀNAU
- PAVLOVA
- CRICKET
- JANDALS
- PŌHUTUKAWA
- BARBECUE
- PRESENTS
- MINCE PIES
- MANAAKITANGA
- CANDY CANE
- NEW YEARS EVE
- GINGERBREAD
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