

Freemans Park Newsletter

Greetings Freemans Park Residents,

Welcome to the second issue of the Freemans Park newsletter. We hope you had a relaxing holiday.

Thank you to those who submitted ideas to the Owners' Committee after our last newsletter. We appreciated receiving feedback from three residents who made several suggestions including rubbish and recycling, edible gardening and parking. These and other items will be covered in the newsletter. If you have more feedback or suggestions, email info@connellymanagement.co.nz or place your feedback and suggestions in the mailbox

behind the Star Block at 81 Beresford Street West.

Historical and current photos are also welcome for the website and newsletter when space is available.

A previous version of a Freemans Park newsletter was called the 'Freemans Star'. We are interested in your suggestions in a search for a new name. There is a prize of a bottle of wine for the winning entry! Submit these suggestions in the same way as other general suggestions.

Past and present newsletters are available as pdf files on the Freemans Park website: <http://freemanspark.co.nz>

This newsletter contains information about:

A parking space for rent

A potential community garden project

How to enter the competition to name the newsletter

Freemans Park Property Manager and Body Corporate Secretary contact details



MAINTENANCE

The painting and maintenance at 83 Beresford Street West has been completed. Work included completely repainting the exterior and interior common space, replacing internal light fittings, rotten window sashes, and rusting hinges on the ship-lap windows.

Currently 148 Howe Street exterior, our biggest building of 28 units, is being repainted and exterior maintenance carried out.

The fence at the end of the cul de sac between 55a and 57a Hepburn Street has been extended in height to ensure the safety of residents, especially children.

Following an audit of paths and stairs at Freemans Park, some have been identified as needing to be upgraded or replaced. Work will take place within the next two months.

GARDENING



Production and Community Gardening

The Owners Committee is investigating possibilities for establishing shared edible gardens on common property. This is an involved process so could take some time.

There is an option to apply to Auckland City Council for permission to establish a community garden on council property. There are two sites adjacent to Freemans Park that the council may deem suitable and grant permission for a garden. As this is a community initiative, there needs to be a core group of people to apply to the council, then establish and manage the garden. If you are interested or want more information, email WaiatarauCommunityGardens@gmail.com.

Trees in private courtyards

Some trees in private courtyards create unwanted shade for neighbours. If your tree does this, you will need to prune it. When selecting a tree for a courtyard it is important to be aware of the tree's mature height and width. Further considerations are potential damage from tree roots to paths, drains, buildings and fences. Deciduous trees are recommended as they allow sunlight to warm units during winter.

GROUNDS

Rubbish

The previous waste collection system at Freemans Park required residents to sort recyclables at source into separate bins for glass, tin, paper and plastics, but this is no longer the case. Some residents are concerned that the current system is inefficient but there were several problems with the previous system provided by the council, most notably that some people did not sort their recyclables and the council at times refused to collect incorrectly sorted bins. Furthermore, the current system uses fewer bins than previously because the rubbish is collected daily. For more information go to <http://freemanspark.co.nz> and click on 'Rubbish collection'.

Parking

Please remind your visitors they cannot park in the numbered carpark spaces of other units. Residents have the legal right to have unauthorised vehicles towed from their carpark space. There are several visitors parking spaces available but if these are in use, parking is often available on Hepburn Street, or Beresford Street West.

Carpark space available

There is a carpark space available for rent in the central carpark. Contact Peter Jeffries at the Community of Refuge Trust, ph 376 3049 or email peterj@cort.org.nz for details.



Contacts

Body Corporate Property Manager

For common property management and maintenance of grounds and buildings, contact our Property Manager
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Body Corporate Secretary

For matters to do with levies and the work of the Owners' Committee, please contact
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 Body Corporate Administration Ltd,
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Tenants

Please contact your landlord concerning maintenance inside the unit, and for other requests contact the Body Corporate Property Manager

Suggestions for the Owners' Committee and for the Newsletter name

Use the mailbox behind the Star Block at 81 Beresford Street West, or
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Community gardening project

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Freemans Park Website

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