

BELFAST COMMUNITY NETWORK INC

Tena koutou katoa te whanau whanui o tenei rohe, greetings to the Belfast community!

We welcomed Nyrene van Lokven to our team this month. Nyrene is the Belfast TimeBank co-ordinator and for those who join this new project you will have an opportunity to meet with her. Nyrene brings some fantastic skills to our team and has designed a new logo for our organisation which you will now see on our work. Tyne Becker, a social work student will also be with us until the end of the year.

There will be a lot of happenings in Belfast in the coming months and years as our community Grows! We will do our best to keep the community well informed with up to date information.

Please do not hesitate contacting us on **ph: 323 9731, fax ph: 323 9732 or email info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz**

www.belfastcommunitynetwork.co.nz

We have lots happening in our community so please read on

Thank you to Belfast Automotive ph: 323 6336 valued sponsor of our vans

TIMEBANKING IS HERE IN BELFAST!

TimeBanking is a safe, new and exciting way for people to help others and help themselves at the same time. Members 'deposit' time in the bank by giving practical help and support and are able to 'withdraw' time when they need something done themselves. Everyone's time is valued equally – you give an hour and you get an hour back, no matter what service is required or skills needed to deliver it. Some skills/services may include: help with children ~ gardening ~ shopping ~ making phone calls ~ knitting booties ~ dog walking ~ preparing a meal. **Everyone has "something" to give.** Contact our TimeBank Coordinator Nyrene on **ph: 0508 TIMEBANK (84632265)** or go to the BCN website!

AUTHENTIC FARMERS MARKET STARTS 20TH AUGUST!

The Belfast Community Network has been working hard to develop an authentic Farmers Market for our community. The market will start on **Saturday 20th August at Belfast School from 9am to 12 noon!** Once established we will ensure that the proceeds go directly back into our community projects – *Supporting Our Community As It Grows.*

We are also looking for someone to coordinate the Market each Saturday from 7.45am-12.30pm, this could be ideal for someone who would like to be a part of our TimeBank. You need to be reliable, have fantastic customer focus and enjoy being a part of a fantastic community!

Our thanks to Planit & Associates and the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for supporting this project for our community.

Providing local, fresh and authentic food to our community.

For more information please contact Simon on 323 9731 or go to our website

www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz

COMMUNITY GARDEN - HELPERS NEEDED!

Our garden volunteers are at the garden on Friday mornings from 11am – 1pm every week (fine weather only). This is a chance for people to pop down to the Community Garden and help with the garden, share ideas and just to learn some new skills etc. The garden is open to our community to come along and take enough veggies for a couple of meals. We are situated between the Belfast Community Network and the CHCH North Elim Church at 805 Main North Road (at the back of the telephone exchange. We need a solid container that can be concreted into place for people to leave donations for produce – if you have something laying around that you think would be suitable for this purpose please give me a call. For enquiries contact Kim Gregson **ph: 323 8088 or email info@belfastcommunitynetwork.co.nz**

SIMPLY SOUP

The Belfast Community Network runs a soup lunch each Thursday until the end of August. Come along to our facility, 807 Main North Road, Belfast from 11.30am - 1pm and enjoy a nourishing meal and good company. Contact Tyne at the BCN office on **ph: 323 9731** for further information or email info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz. *This project is supported by the Belfast Community Trust.*

OSCAR AFTER SCHOOL

Our Oscar programmes operate from the BCN at 807 Main North Road. We offer after school and holiday programmes for 5 to 13 year olds. Children are picked up by van from Belfast School each day during the school term and provided with afternoon tea – mostly from food they help grow from the community garden. The term programme runs from 3pm to 5.30pm and the holiday programmes run from 8.30am to 5.30pm. Belfast Oscar is approved by Child, Youth & Family Services and families may be eligible for a subsidy to cover costs. This term we are providing ukulele lessons for the children. If you would like further information on these programmes please contact the BCN office on **ph: 323 9731 or the Oscar Supervisor on 021 URKIDS (021 875 437) or go to our website www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz.**

BELFAST AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Belfast Area Resident's Group meet on the last Monday of the month at the Belfast Bowling Club, Sheldon Park. We welcome you to come along and perhaps become a part of this group. Everybody is welcomed to attend these meetings and learn a little about the community you live in. For further information contact Gavin Stanbury on **ph: 323 8283**

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army Foodbank operates from 10am-1pm on Monday's and Wednesday's. If you need some support to get through this time please come along for some support. We are situated on the corner of Donegal Street and Main North Road. Please contact the Salvation Army on **ph: 323 8257** if you have any enquiries.

PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

Our Friday morning playgroup operates from the BCN at 807 Main North Road during school term. This is a great opportunity for mums, dads, whanau to come along and have a play with your children, coffee and a chat. For further information please contact Sarah on **Ph: 323 5441**.

KIDSFIRST KINDERGARTEN BELFAST

Kidsfirst kindergartens are where local kids come to play, learn and have fun. Places are now available for preschoolers at Belfast KidsFirst Kindergarten. Please contact Rosemary on **ph: 323 7027**

MAINLY MUSIC

Mainly Music for ages 0-5 runs at Christchurch North Elim, 803 Main North Road, Belfast - Mondays from 10am – 11.00am. Mothers and caregivers enjoy participating, meeting and socialising with each other and enjoying a relaxed cuppa with morning tea. \$2 per child or \$3 per family. Enquiries to **ph: 323 7212**.

BELFAST TOASTMASTERS

Do you want to improve your public speaking skills, self confidence and communication skills? Belfast Toastmasters can help you. 'We meet every Monday evening at the Salvation Army Meeting Room, 794 Main North Road (cnr Main North Road and Donegal St). Don't be shy, give us a try! Call Fay on **ph: 03 327 6076 or Phil on 03 323 6266**

BELFAST FRIENDLY CLUB

Did you know that the Belfast Friendly Club has been operating for over 36 years? We need YOUR help to stop this friendly club from folding. Thousands of men and women over the years have enjoyed entertainment, housie, outings, special occasions, Mid-winter lunches, birthday and Christmas celebrations and many more activities. A friendly welcome is awaiting you. For further information **ph: Marion 3238296, Myra 3524940**

To place community notices in the October 2011 newsletter please contact:

- Belfast Community Network • Ph: 323 9731 • PO Box 76126 • Northwood
- Christchurch 8548 or email info@belfastcommunity.org.nz

All notices must have a contact name and telephone number.

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in **your** community."*

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