

## BELFAST COMMUNITY NETWORK INC

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

Our organisation has been undergoing lots of changes in our facility over the past month; we have a new website, new email addresses and a new office (huge thanks to Cameron McKerrow and the Toganivalu whanau for the build!).

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 through our website and Facebook pages.

Please do not hesitate contacting us if you require any information and we will do our best to assist you. **BCN office ph: 323 9731, fax ph: 323 9732. Email: info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz**

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## BELFAST FARMERS MARKET EVERY SATURDAY 9AM-12PM!

Our very own Saturday market is at **Belfast School from 9am to 12 noon** each week. Bring your reusable shopping bags and come along to our market and purchase some wonderful foods. We are working hard each week to bring fresh produce to you and your family. Come along and support this community project each week! Once established we will ensure that the proceeds go directly back into our community projects – *Supporting Our Community As It Grows*. Check our website to see what traders we have at the market! For more info contact Simon **ph: 323 9731** or go to [www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](http://www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz)

## BELFAST BIG BANG FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER SHELTON PARK

Our **FREE** community event to celebrate the start of Neighbourhood week on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October is going to be another fantastic BCN production. On stage entertainment starts at 6.45pm with performances from Belfast Kids First Kindy, Belfast School, Casebrook Intermediate, Papanui High band Stay Awake along with Merchants of Flow with our fireworks scheduled between **9.30-10pm**. This event is an **alcohol and smoke free** occasion for all the family. There will be food to purchase, giveaways but most importantly a time to come together as a community and see our children and young people perform on stage! If you would like more information please contact Simon at the BCN office on **ph: 323 9731** or email [info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](mailto:info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz)

## 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 (8463226)** or go to the BCN website **www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz**

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our 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. Plants (particularly seed potatoes) donations and bamboo stakes are always welcomed and can be left at the BCN office. We have been given permission to plant potatoes at the back of the garden carpark and will be holding a **working bee to prepare the ground on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 11am please bring along suitable equipment especially a rotary hoe if you have one!** Volunteers are welcomed to come along Thursday and Fridays on fine days between 11.30 to 12.30 if you are unsure if we will be gardening please call Kim or the BCN office. For enquiries contact Kim Gregson **ph: 323 8088 or email info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz**

## BELFAST PLAYCENTRE

Early childhood provider from birth to school and whanau/parent education programme. Open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.15am till 11.45am. We offer three free visits and would love you to pop in and have a look. We are a non-profit, parent-led organisation that is designed to empower and educate parents about early childhood. But most importantly by being involved in Playcentre, we hope that parents have the opportunity to meet other families in the area, as we feel strong communities provide the best environment for our children. We are located in Sheldon Park between the Bowling Club and the School on Main North Road. For further enquiries please ring the Canterbury Playcentre Association at **Ph: 377 2540**.

## BELFAST SCHOOL POOL IN SHELTON PARK

Belfast School is pleased to work in partnership with the Christchurch City Council and Belfast Community Network to bring another summer of swimming to our neighbourhood! Keys will again be sold to our community for \$50 plus a \$15 refundable deposit once the key is returned at the end of the season. Keys will be on sale from the school office from 26<sup>th</sup> October through to 9<sup>th</sup> December and they will also be on sale at the Belfast Big Bang in our community tent on 28<sup>th</sup> October. With one of the very few outdoor pools operating in Christchurch this year this is a great asset for our community. The BCN will provide activities again over the school holiday period. For more details contact Belfast School on **ph: 323 8849**.

## BCN YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER

Do you need support to access social services such as WINZ, write CV's, education and employment matters? We may be able to assist! If you are a young person or you know a young person who needs some assistance in Belfast give Tyne a call on 323 9731 or text 022 150 8294 email **info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz**. **Together we can create change.**

### 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. 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**.

### 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 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 December 2011 Newsletter,  
please contact:**

Belfast Community Network • Ph: 323 9731 • PO Box 76126 • Northwood  
Christchurch 8548 or email [info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](mailto:info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz)  
*All notices must have a contact name and telephone number.*

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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**October 2011**



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**Belfast Area Residents' Association**

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in **your** community."*

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