

## BELFAST COMMUNITY NETWORK INC

Many of you will have noticed that the BCN building on the Main North Road is set to be demolished due to earthquake damage. Our team is now based at the Belfast Pool office in Sheldon Park. While not an ideal situation for our five full time staff members, part time staff and volunteers, especially with winter approaching, our committed team are ensuring our programmes and services are being delivered as always. Throughout the newsletter will be updates of new venues etc. Our Board and Management teams are working hard with the CCC, Belfast Community Trust and many more of our 'friends' to find a quick solution to our facility shortage in Belfast – we promise to leave no stone unturned to deliver our vision of 'Best For Belfast' – and we may need our communities support along the way!

We must thank the following for their help over the past few weeks, whether it has been providing temporary space, physical labour to help us move out in three hours or some guidance! Belfast Community Trust, Belfast School & caretaker Robbie, Mike van Lokven, Christchurch North Elim Church, Belfast Community Church, Jocelyn & Kevin Smith, Cameron McKerron from the Salvation Army Community Team and his chocolate bars that kept us going, CCC Community Support Unit, Shirley/Papanui Community Board Elected Members and of course our awesome Board Members and fantastic staff! THANK YOU!

While we manage our day to day work, there will be times that some of us will be working from home. Please call the office first to see if someone is available or check our website and Facebook for updates.

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**Follow us on Facebook search Belfast Community Network or go to our website [www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](http://www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz)**

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

## BELFAST AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - AGM

The Belfast Area Resident's Group AGM will be on Monday 30 April 7.30pm 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**.

## BELFAST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Belfast Community Church meets every Sunday night in the Belfast School Hall. We meet together at 5pm for a shared meal. Then at 6pm we kick off a lively church service. We want to invite you to come along and join us! It's a place to belong – a place to call home! For more info, email [belfastcommunitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:belfastcommunitychurch@gmail.com) or call Shelley on **PH: 323 7518**.

## TIMEBANK WINTER SOUP LUNCH IS BACK!

Our Belfast TimeBank members organise this winter weekly meal and we encourage you to come down share some food, good conversation, potter in our Community Garden and take some vegies home.

Lunches are every Thursday during the school terms from 11.30am to 12.30pm. Starting on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at **CHCHC North Elim Church**, 803 Main North Road, who have kindly given us the use of their kitchen and room while the BCN finds suitable accommodation. Contact our TimeBank Coordinator Nyrene on **ph: 0508 TIMEBANK (84632265)**, BCN office **ph: 323 9731** or go to the BCN website! Winter Soup is kindly sponsored by the Belfast Community Trust.

## BELFAST OSCAR

Our afterschool care operates from Belfast School hall for children aged 5-13 years, children are picked up from school at 3-5.30pm each day and the cost is \$12 per session. We do have vacancies for 2012 if you require care for your child/ren. We also have holiday programmes that run from 8.30am to 5.30pm. Our programme is Child, Youth & Family approved and subsidies are available for qualifying families. Please go to our website [www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](http://www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz) for more details or contact our office on **ph: 323 9731**. ***Please note: Belfast Oscar Programme is now running from Belfast School***

## TIME TO EAT IN BELFAST

**Bringing individuals, families, businesses and organisations of our Belfast Community together.** In 2012 we are offering our community two course meals in the last weekend of every month. What a great way to meet others, network with other community groups and find out who is who and who does what in our awesome community. Each month we will have a different sponsor and a different host. \$5 waged, \$2 unwaged and children under the age of 15 FREE. Tickets available from Belfast Community Network, ph: 323 9731 **TIME TO EAT** is coordinated by Belfast TimeBank so if you have any queries or are interested in sponsoring or hosting one of our meals, please contact Nyrene, TimeBank Coordinator Freephone **0508 846 322**, BCN office **ph: 3239731** or email [timebank@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](mailto:timebank@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz). Check our website, Facebook page or give us a call to see when and where the next one will be!

## 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. Contact our TimeBank Coordinator Nyrene on **ph: 0508 TIMEBANK (84632265)** or go to the BCN website!

## BELFAST GARDEN CLUB

The Belfast Garden Club meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army! Call Jan on 3593055 if you want to know more.

## ZUMBA IN BELFAST!

Come along to a Zumba class each Tuesday morning 9.30-10.30am with Kim and Tara of Caliente Fitness. First class is FREE and there is a cost of \$80 for 10 sessions or \$12 casual. Creche available as well. Contact Tara on **ph: 027 249 4799**.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

Come down anytime to our community garden situated between the BCN and the CHCH North Elim Church at 807 Main North Road. We would love for you to come along and do a little work and take some lovely produce away with you. We are also grateful for any seedlings you may want to donate. Please contact Kim on **ph: 323 8088** or Denese on **ph: 323 7579** if you would like any more information.

## PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

Our Friday morning playgroup is now operating from the **Belfast Plunket Rooms in Belfast 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 Janine on **Ph: 323 4556**.

## 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? Our next few weeks program is as follows: . 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**

## THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Naturopath offering therapeutic relaxation massage, Belfast area, \$25 half hr, \$45 per hr, Tues & Thurs 9-3.30, Wed 1.30-4.30 & two week nights 7-9pm call Janine 021 462354

## BELFAST TOASTMASTERS

Belfast Toastmasters can help you improve your communication and public speaking skills and set you on the path to success – A chance not to be missed! Visit us on Monday evenings 7.30pm at the Salvation Army – 794 Main North Road & Donegal Street, Belfast. Phone Phil 03 323 6266 or Fay 03 327 6076 or go to our web page [www.belfasttoastmasters.org.nz](http://www.belfasttoastmasters.org.nz)

**To place community notices in the June 2012 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

**April 2012**



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**Belfast Area Residents' Association**

**"Letting *you* know what's happening  
in *your* community."**

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