



SIMPLY SOUP EVERY THURSDAY 11.30am – 1.00pm (except school holidays)

Our Belfast TimeBank members organise this winter weekly meal and we encourage you to come down share some food and good conversation.

These are being hosted at the **Belfast Salvation Army** premises on the corner of Donegal Street and Main North Road.

Winter Soup is kindly sponsored by the Belfast Community Trust.

WHAT'S UP in Belfast in OCTOBER

Neighbourhood
Week

Big Bang Community
Event

Northwood Fair

BELFAST TIMEBANK

Coordinators Wanted

We are looking for two volunteer coordinators for our local TimeBank. If you have organizational skill, or know how to use a computer or are good with people from all types of life then this could be for you. Everything is all set up we just need you to join our team.

Please go online to find out more about TimeBanking and download a job description. www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz OR contact Nyrene on **ph 974 1708**.

THE BELFAST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We meet at the Belfast Bowling Club, Sheldon Park 7.30pm on the last Monday of each month. We welcome you to come along and perhaps become a part of this group. Everybody is welcome to attend these meetings and learn a little about the community you live in. For further information please contact Gavin on **323 8283**.

TIME TO EAT in BELFAST

AUGUST MEAL

hosted at:

Belfast Bowling Club

710 Main North Rd, Belfast
Saturday 25th August 12.30pm
Our aim is to bring 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 second 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. Tickets \$5 waged, \$2 unwaged and children under the age of 15 FREE. Tickets are available from the Belfast Community Network **ph 323 9731** or collect at Simply Soup.

If you have any queries or are interested in sponsoring or hosting one of our meals, please contact the office on **phone: 323 9731** or email **info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz**



OFFICE HOURS: 9am to 4pm Monday – Friday. **PH:** 323 9731

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BELFAST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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

BELFAST

Community
Newsletter

August 2012

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

Our Management team have been working hard to negotiate support for a facility in Sheldon Park to not only support the work of the Belfast Community Network but to provide space for groups to use that enhance our community. We are very pleased with the way this is now progressing and hope to have a confirmed plan on our website mid-August. Our thanks to Belfast School for housing us in a warm building through winter which our team have enjoyed. Being on the school grounds has strengthened our work with families and has also helped us to develop great relationships with school staff. It has also assisted with helping us to work with other agency's to provide specific projects and supports for the children.

I attended the June Time To Eat Dinner which was hosted by the Belfast Salvation Army and attended by 40 people. The Sallies Youth Group served the food and it was a fantastic evening for people to go out and meet, see some new faces and just have a great social evening in our neighbourhood.

More information is in this newsletter detailing the next dinner at Belfast Bowling Club.

The **BCN Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday 5th August at 2pm in the Belfast School Staffroom.

This is where we account for the work we have undertaken over the past 12 months and where new members are elected to the Executive Committee, we welcome anyone to attend this meeting. The BCN Executive welcomed the Belfast Community Church and Touch Canterbury to its membership this month.

We have finalised our **BIG BANG community event** for Friday 26th October in Sheldon Park to kick off Neighbourhood Week. The event will run from 7-10pm so our team are busy organising a great event with a theme of healthy food and activities. As always we will have our children on stage starting with Belfast Kidsfirst who are always a delight. This year to support our local foodbank at the Salvation Army we are asking people to bring along a can of food. The local Sallies have been inundated this year with food and other requests and we want to help out as much as possible to support people who need a *handup* during these tough times. I'd also like to thank those in our community who took part in the research by Jeff Johnson, a Social Work student from Canterbury University. Jeff's work will assist us to plan for the future.

Well spring is around the corner and I'm sure we are all looking forward to longer, warmer days!

Lynda Goodrick

Agency Manager





Keryn our Sports Coordinator went off to get married. The OSCAR children dressed up as bride and groom.



Z-BELFAST
Simon & Lynda with other recipients receiving donations from Z-Belfast.



TIME TO EAT
Salvation Army hosted our June meal. Thanks to the youth group who served us.

HRV OFFER FOR BCN FAMILIES

(including Interest-free deferred Option through Q Card)

With many families considering an HRV System at this time of the year, there is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the HRV Community Support programme, which can see a benefit to Belfast Community Network with any HRV System purchase.

Simply purchase an HRV System between July 20 and August 20, and HRV will make a **\$125.00 payment** through its Community Support Fund to Belfast Community Network.

Friends and Family Opportunity as well... In addition, if anyone in the Belfast Community Network community refers a friend or family member (who makes an HRV System purchase), elsewhere in the North Canterbury area or Christchurch, then HRV will also make a \$125.00 payment to Belfast Community Network.

BELFAST FRIENDLY CLUB

Did you know that the Belfast Friendly Club has been operating for over 36 years? Thousands of men and women over the years have enjoyed housie, outings, entertainment, birthday and Christmas celebrations, special occasions, mid-winter lunches, and many more activities. A friendly welcome is awaiting you. For further information please **ph Marion 323 8296 or ph Myra on 352 4940**

BELFAST OSCAR

Morning Programme Vacancies

Our daily programmes: **Before School** runs from 7-8.30am - \$7 per session and **After School Care** from 3-5.30pm - \$12 per session. We operate from Belfast School – old junior block for children aged 5-13 years. 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 programmes are Child, Youth & Family approved and subsidies are available for qualifying families. **Please contact our office on ph 323 9731 or visit www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz for more details**

REAL STEPS TRUST

We are offering two hour Post Quake Workshops - Emotional Recovery. Call **Alli 323 7387** or em **info@realstepstrust.org.nz**

BELFAST GARDEN CLUB

We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army! To know more please call **Jan on 359 3055**

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES

These are held every Tuesday morning 9:30am – 10:30am at Christchurch North Elim Church, 803 Main North Road Belfast. \$8 casual class or 10 class concession for \$60. Free Childcare and plenty of parking onsite. **FIRST CLASS FREE!** For more details contact **Ange Day zumba.ange@xtra.co.nz** or **ph 021 222 9683**

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, and 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

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. Cost is \$2 per child or \$3 per family. Please **ph 323 7212**

PAPANUI HIGH SCHOOL

An Important message - Our Adult and Community Education Department are now enrolling for Term 3 Courses - beginning week of 23 July. For Course information please phone the Office 352 0701 or visit **www.papanui.school.nz**

CURTAIN BANK

The Belfast Community Network is again pleased to be an agent for Curtain Bank. If you don't have curtains in your home to keep the heat in and have a Community Services card please call and we will assist you **PH 323 9731 or txt 021 280 6962**

FREE FLU INJECTIONS – 0-18 yrs. Please check in with your doctor

BELFAST TOASTMASTERS

We 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 **www.belfasttoastmasters.org.nz**

BELFAST COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Belfast Community Garden is situated behind the Elim Church opposite Harrington's, anyone wanting to hire a garden plot (for a very small charge) to use for all their growing needs is welcome - give Kim a ring on 323 8088 or Denese on 323 7579, we have 4 available 3m x 3m. These are a good idea for neighbours or small groups to utilise as well as for individual families. If this is not for you but you would like to come down and be involved we welcome new people to our small group of gardening volunteers to help with planting and maintenance and we are always grateful for donations of seeds, seedlings etc.

HEALTHY EATING CO-OP

For \$10 you will get about 8kg fruit and vege. This is great value for your money. Order through Salvation Army **323 8257**

To advertise in our **OCTOBER** newsletter please contact BCN email **info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz**

BCN SPONSORS



Belfast Automotive valued sponsor of our vans. Ph 323 6336



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