

EAST COAST NEWS

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KEEPING GREEN With East Coast Town Council!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us at East Coast

The start of the year brings forth celebrations, and along with them, wishes for the new year. Our MPs are no different. Read on to find out their hopes for the new year for East Coast Town Council!



Mr Heng Swee Keat
Elected Member of East Coast Town Council

2021 has been a challenging year for all of us. But what is most encouraging is the caring spirit in our community — we stay united, helping and looking out for each other.

Even as we had to scale down activities, my fellow Advisers and I continue to work together with you to make East Coast GRC a more vibrant, caring and green community. We look forward to more residents joining us in the year ahead!

Let's keep up this spirit of care and support, and build a more resilient, stronger community together. Here's to a healthy and peaceful 2022!



Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman
Elected Member of East Coast Town Council

As we continue to face uncertainties linked to the pandemic, some things remain unshakeable for us. Foremost among these is the strength we derive from community and the resilience to weather any challenges that may come our way.

My wish for everyone in the year ahead is that we find opportunity and the way forward by working together. I remain committed to doing my part towards being stronger together. Best wishes for a happy 2022! Stay safe and well.



Ms Jessica Tan
Chairman, East Coast Town Council

2021 has been another unprecedented year for all. Despite the many challenges, we have remained strong and resilient as one people, one Singapore. This festive season, as we spend quality time with our loved ones, let us celebrate our unity for the year gone by and renew our hope for the new year. Happy 2022!



Mr Tan Kiat How
Vice-Chairman, East Coast Town Council

We enter 2022 with confidence and renewed hope, notwithstanding the Omicron variant. I thank all residents for your support and understanding during this period. Our strong kampong spirit will allow us to emerge stronger from this pandemic. On our part, the Town Council is committed to keeping our spaces clean and safe for everyone.

In the new year, we will continue to work hand-in-hand with you for a greener, more caring and more vibrant East Coast. I would also like to thank our Town Council staff and cleaners for their dedication and contributions during this challenging time.



Ms Cheryl Chan
Vice-Chairman, East Coast Town Council

As we welcome the new year, let us give thanks to all who have helped us through the pandemic. I am hopeful 2022 will be better and brighter for all. May you and your loved ones have a healthy, happy and fulfilling year ahead!

GOING GREEN IN EAST COAST

In an effort to green up our living spaces, East Coast Town Council organised the East Coast Green Festival on Saturday, 20 November, and announced various initiatives as part of the East Coast Sustainability and Green Plan. The East Coast Sustainability and Green Plan, launched last year, aims to educate residents on environmental issues, as well as to inject greenery throughout the neighbourhood.

As part of the East Coast Green Festival, a group of 45 people, including Deputy Prime Minister Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister of State for National Development and Communications and Information Mr Tan Kiat How, Deputy Speaker Ms Jessica Tan, and Ms Cheryl Chan, set out at 9 am on a bright and cheery Saturday morning to plant trees, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Tree Planting Day. In addition to the trees planted that morning, East Coast GRC has now contributed more than 20,000 trees since the launch of the East Coast Sustainability and Green Plan, playing its part in making Singapore greener and cooler.

Working together with the National Parks Board (NParks), participants planted trees at various spots along Bedok North Road, near Block 85 Fengshan Market while adhering to strict social distancing measures. Look out for more events in the future as we turn East Coast into a greener place for all!



FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

As part of the East Coast Sustainability and Green Plan, the East Coast Grows for Good initiative aims to encourage residents to grow their own food and to share it with the community.

Many residents picked up gardening as a way to pass the time during the COVID-19 pandemic. Community gardens in plots provided by social service organisations sprouted up as a result, where residents could grow edible crops. Crops harvested from these gardens can then be dropped off at collection points and community fridges in East Coast GRC.

These community fridges, provided as part of the Community Fridges @ East Coast initiative, will benefit the less fortunate and build camaraderie in the community. An active community garden volunteer, Ms Lindawaty, remarked, “This has brought back the *gotong royong* spirit in our estate.”

“After today, we will continue to encourage more residents to join in our efforts, so that there can be a constant supply of harvest for the identified low-income households in Bedok.”



OUR GARDEN, OUR COMMUNITY

Another initiative by East Coast Town Council, the East Coast Gardeners Programme, aims to provide micro job opportunities, such as landscaping work, to residents. This would allow them to contribute to and be meaningfully engaged in their community. Vice-Chairman of East Coast Town Council Ms Cheryl Chan commented, “I want to encourage residents, including our mature residents who are gardening enthusiasts, to take up these job opportunities. They can earn some income while doing something they love near home. Residents can play an active role in transforming their estates and be meaningfully engaged with the community.”

This is only the beginning, according to Ms Chan, who also added, “We will continue to work with partners to proactively improve the lives of residents and create a more caring, vibrant and green community in East Coast.” East Coast Town Council will continue implementing initiatives to keep our neighbourhood green. Residents can keep an eye out for Community Harvest Days and Farmers’ Markets next year, where residents can sell fresh produce they grow from their gardens!



CLEAN UP @ BLKS 208B AND 216



Following feedback from tenants, East Coast Town Council has proceeded with cleaning efforts at two hawker centres located at Block 216 Bedok North Street 1 and Block 208B New Upper Changi Road. These two locations are very popular with residents who throng there daily. Rubbish disposal had been done in a haphazard manner, with unbagged food waste thrown into bulk bins, attracting unwanted pests. Boxes were strewn messily around the bin centre, obstructing the entrance. Stallholders had also left their belongings outside their stalls after business hours, not only creating potential fire hazards but also providing areas for pests to hide and breed.

In order to rectify such behaviour, the Town Council has partnered with the National Environment Agency (NEA), Singapore Food Agency (SFA), and grassroot leaders to educate stallholders on proper refuse management through the distribution of advisories.

The outreach has had a marked effect, with many stallholders keeping their storefront tidy and free of obstruction. The rubbish disposal area is also much tidier, due to the cooperation of the stallholders involved. Both stallholders and patrons have spoken positively about the changes. Mr Lim, who frequents the hawker centre at Blk 208B, commented, “I am glad that the Town Council has launched this initiative. I have noticed an improvement in the hawker centre. The hawkers no longer leave their items lying around on tables and this means more seats during peak hours.”

Mdm Goh, a florist at Blk 216, also added, “The overall cleanliness of the market has gone up. Common areas around the bin compound are tidier with rubbish being disposed of properly. The cleaner environment is pleasant.” We hope that such standards will be maintained in the future.



EAST COAST SALUTES OUR UNSUNG HEROES

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen an increased focus placed on cleanliness, and this has resulted in our Town Council cleaners working harder than ever to maintain the hygiene of our public areas, sometimes even having to put in extended hours. In light of their hard work, East Coast Town Council has organised various giveaways for our Town Council cleaners, where our Advisers presented them tokens of appreciation such as grocery vouchers on behalf of all residents. We hope that this will help our cleaners understand that their work is recognised, and to encourage them to continue working diligently in the future.



Litter Picking in Our Neighbourhood

In addition, to recognise the contributions of our Town Council cleaners, East Coast Town Council also took part in SG Clean Day on 31 October. While our cleaners took a well-earned day off, volunteers, including our East Coast Advisers, picked up litter around East Coast. We hope that this will help everyone understand the work it takes to maintain the cleanliness of our estates, as well as show that keeping our home spotless is everyone's responsibility.

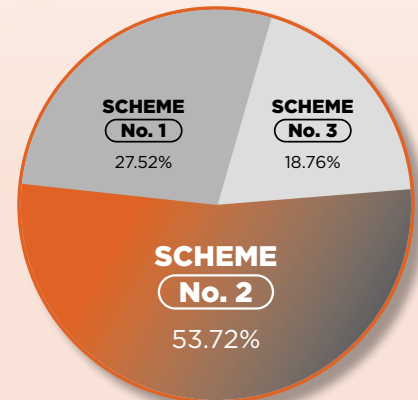


FRESHENING UP OUR BLOCKS

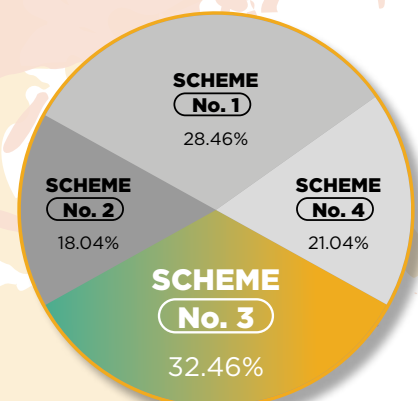
As part of the Repair and Redecoration Programme carried out once every seven years, Blocks 155 to 172 Bedok South Road/Avenue 3 and Blocks 760 to 775 Bedok Reservoir View are slated to be repainted. A survey was carried out, and residents in these blocks have voted for their favourite colour schemes as shown below. Repainting is expected to begin in the 4th quarter of 2021 and to be completed in 2022.

The results are as follows:

BLKS 760 - 775 BEDOK RESERVOIR VIEW



BLKS 155 - 172 BEDOK SOUTH ROAD / AVENUE 3



We would like to thank all residents who submitted their survey forms!

WHAT'S NEW IN TOWN

East Coast has undergone many changes in 2021 as East Coast Town Council looks to improve our public spaces. East Coast Town Council has constructed and upgraded facilities for people of all ages, be they children or elderly. Take a look below for just a few of the improvements implemented in East Coast for 2021!

BEDOK



Upgrading of Elderly Fitness Corner
at Block 36 Bedok South Avenue 2



Addition of Fencing for Community Garden
at Block 26 New Upper Changi Road



Installation of Bicycle Sheds
at Block 5 Bedok South
Avenue 2



Installation of Bicycle Sheds
at Block 56 New Upper
Changi Road



Reconstruction of Letter Boxes
at Block 12, 13, 15, 17 & 18
Bedok South Road/Avenue 2





CHANGI SIMEI



Construction of Footpath and Landscaping Work at Block 256 Simei Street 1



Construction of Community Plaza at Block 247 Simei Street 5



Construction of Linkway between Blocks 244-245 Simei Street 5



Construction of Drop-off Point at Block 247 Simei Street 5



FENGSHAN



Upgrading of Children's Playground to Integrated Playground at Block 109/110 Bedok North Road



Upgrading of Community Plaza behind Fengshan Community Centre



Upgrading of Children's Playground to Integrated Playground at Block 104/105 Bedok North Avenue 4



Upgrading of Children's Playground to Integrated Playground at Block 108 Bedok North Road



Upgrading of Children's Playground at Block 97 Bedok North Avenue 4

KAMPONG CHAI CHEE



Construction of Drop-off Point at
Block 406 Bedok North Avenue 3



Upgrading of Walkway at Block 401
and 404 Bedok North Avenue 3



Construction of Pavilions between
Block 401-402 Bedok North Avenue 3



Upgrading of BBQ Pits, Benches and Tables
at Block 134 Bedok North Avenue 3



Construction of New Elderly Fitness Corner
at Block 132 Bedok North Street 2





SIGLAP



Upgrading of Senior Fitness Corner
at Block 51 New Upper Changi Road



Upgrading of Senior Fitness Corner
at Block 170 Bedok South Road



Upgrading of Playground at
Block 53 New Upper Changi Road



Upgrading of Playground at
Block 66 Bedok South Road



Construction of Sheltered
Linkway at Block 55
New Upper Changi Road

OUR RESIDENTS HAVE THEIR SAY:



“This newly upgraded integrated playground gives me an opportunity to exercise and keep fit. I use it every day and I like how it is so conveniently located right beside where I live. It is important for seniors like me to get regular exercise in our advanced age.”

- Daniel Soh, retiree

Meet-the-People Sessions



Bedok

Mr Heng Swee Keat

- Deputy Prime Minister
- Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies
- Member of Parliament for East Coast GRC

MPS : Every Monday at 7:30pm
(except public holidays)
Venue : Blk 30 New Upper Changi Road
#01-784 S(461030)

Tel : 6442 1955
Fax : 6442 9210
Email : Bedok@pap.org.sg



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Changi Simei

Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo

- Deputy Speaker of Parliament
- Member of Parliament for East Coast GRC
- Chairman of East Coast Town Council

MPS : Every Monday at 8pm, registration starts at
7:30pm (except public holidays)
Venue : Blk 131 Simei Street 1
#01-208 S(520131)

Tel : 9061 4156
Weekdays 1pm - 5pm
(except public holidays)
For urgent matters only.
Email : my.mp@changisimei.sg



Fengshan

Ms Cheryl Chan Wei Ling

- Member of Parliament for East Coast GRC
- Vice-Chairman of East Coast Town Council

MPS : Every Monday at 8pm (except public holidays)
Venue : Blk 119 Bedok North Road
#01-209 S(460119)

Tel : 8752 8867
(Branch Secretary)
For urgent matters only.
10am - 5pm daily
Email : Fengshan@pap.org.sg



Kampong Chai Chee

Mr Tan Kiat How

- Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of National Development
- Member of Parliament for East Coast GRC
- Vice-Chairman of East Coast Town Council

MPS : Every Monday at 7:30pm
(except public holidays)
Venue : Blk 408 Bedok North Avenue 2
#01-38 S(460408)

Tel : 6448 6514
Fax : 6241 9935
Whatsapp only : 8355 6189
Email : Kg.Chai.Chee.mps@pap.org.sg



Siglap

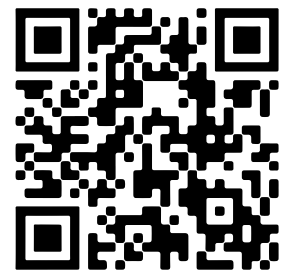
Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman

- Minister, Prime Minister's Office
- Second Minister for Education & Foreign Affairs
- Member of Parliament for East Coast GRC

MPS : Every Monday at 8pm
(except eve of PH/public holidays)
Venue : Blk 70 Bedok South Road #01-278 S(460070)

MPS : Last Friday of the Month at 8pm
(except eve of PH/public holidays)
Venue : Blk 3 Changi Village Road
(Facing Changi Ferry Terminal)

Tel : 6241 5840
Fax : 6243 9293
Email : Siglap@pap.org.sg



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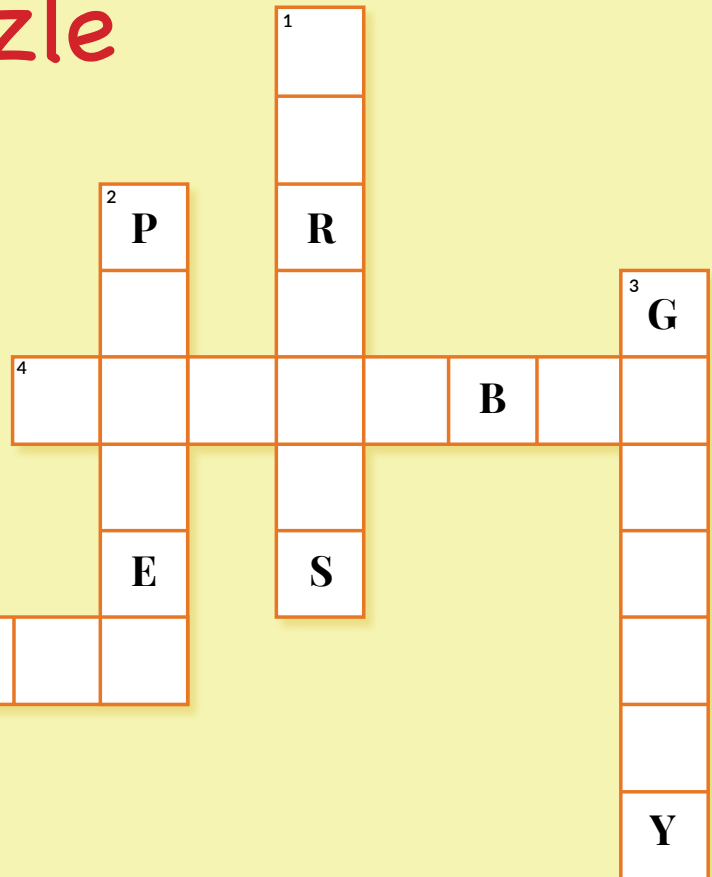
Crossword Puzzle

DOWN:

- Residents can plant crops in community _____ and share their harvest with their neighbours.
- East Coast Town Council worked with various partners to educate hawkers about _____ sanitation practices.
- East Coast Town Council MPs gave _____ vouchers to Town Council cleaners to show their appreciation.

ACROSS:

- The East Coast Green Festival was held on Saturday, 20 _____.
- Several blocks will be repainted as part of the _____ and Redecoration Programme.



YOU MAY ALSO
FILL IN OUR
QUIZ ONLINE



Name:

NRIC:
(Last 3 numerical digits and letter, eg. SXXXX123A)

Address:

Postal Code:

Email:
(By providing the email address, you agree to receive updates from us.)

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Fill in your personal details, cut out the quiz and mail it to: **Quiz for Issue #131, East Coast Town Council, Block 206 Bedok North Street 1, #01-353, Singapore 460206**
- Closing date is 25 March 2022.
- Only HDB residents of East Coast GRC are eligible to participate.
- Winners will be notified by post.
- 10 lucky winners will be selected from all survey entries.
- Only 1 entry per household will be accepted.

Congratulations!

WINNERS* OF QUIZ #130

S/N Name

1	Andrew S.T.
2	Abdul Aziz bin Maideen
3	Julie Neo
4	Margaret Chee
5	Chng Chor Khee
6	Goo Yee Yoon
7	Bhasanthi Singh
8	Kok Soon Lin, Donna
9	Tiong Hoong Ping
10	Lim Tze Ko

*Winners have been notified by post



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IT'S TIME TO RECYCLE RIGHT

MASA UNTUK MENGITAR SEMULA SECARA BETUL

正确再循环,现在就行动

இது சரியாக மறுசுழற்சி செய்வதற்கான நேரம்

PAPER

GLASS

METAL

PLASTIC

STYROFOAM & FOOD-STAINED ITEMS

TISSUE PAPER

BULKY ITEMS

REUSABLES

1 CHECK

PERIKSA | 检查 |
சோதியுங்கள்

Find out what's recyclable | Ketahui apa yang boleh dikitar semula | 了解哪些物品可以回收

எது மறுசுழற்சி செய்யப்படக்கூடியது என்பதைக் கண்டறியவும்

2 CLEAN

BERSIHKAN | 清洁 |
சுத்தப்படுத்துங்கள்

No food.
No liquids.
Rinse before recycling.
Tiada bahan makanan.
Tiada bahan cecair.
Bilas sebelum mengitar semula.
无食物及
液体残留。
回收前清洗干净。
உணவுப்பொருள்கள் கூடாது.
திரவங்கள் கூடாது.
மறுசுழற்சி செய்யும் முன்
தண்ணீரில் அலசிடுங்கள்.

3 RECYCLE

KITAR SEMULA | 回收 |
மறுசுழற்சி செய்யுங்கள்

Put into the blue bin.
Masukkan ke dalam tong biru kitar semula.
放入蓝色回收箱内。
நீல நிறத்
தொட்டியினுள்
போடுங்கள்.

