

Brickland



connects



Together, Creating a Better Home

Growing A Greener Estate - MP for Brickland, Mr Don Wee, and preschoolers from PCF Sparkletots looking very pleased with the saplings they have planted as part of the NParks' OneMillionTrees Movement and Clean & Green Singapore.

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A beautiful, inclusive and gracious community

TOWARDS A GREENER AND BETTER TOMORROW

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the past three years have been challenging for everyone. But I am glad that we have emerged even more resilient and united than ever. This strong Singapore spirit continues to shine through, as COVID-19 restrictions ease and face-to-face interactions resume. Residents across Chua Chu Kang Town participated enthusiastically in events such as the B.I.G. Farm Walk, the Chua Chu Kang GRC and Hong Kah North SMC Family Day at Universal Studios Singapore, and the National Day celebrations.

Such events cement ties and forge new ones, bringing our community closer. But they are not the only occasions we gather as one community. Every day, residents interact in shared spaces across Chua Chu Kang Town, and the Town Council is committed to upkeep and developing them to foster community belonging and interaction. On page 4, we provide an update of our 2020 Master Plan which seeks to create a better home for all.

Although we are just at the halfway mark, we have seen significant progress towards achieving our Master Plan goals. Last June, we opened The Arena @ Keat Hong, a sports facility with features such as an inclusive playground, a futsal pitch, a jogging track and a covered multi-purpose court. I hope you will take the opportunity to join your neighbours and family at this inter-generational sports and recreation hub to pursue an active and healthy lifestyle.

With sustainability being a key pillar of the Master Plan, you can find out about Chua Chu Kang Town's green initiatives on page 3.

In this new year, I hope residents will continue to support the Town Council, as it works towards fully realising the Master Plan, with more estate improvements in the pipeline. Here is wishing you and your family a healthy, happy and prosperous 2023.

Ms Low Yen Ling

Chairman
Chua Chu Kang Town Council

迈向更绿色和更美好的明天

过去三年，2019冠病疫情肆虐，每个人都面临着巨大的挑战。但我很高兴地看到，国人比以往任何时候都更坚韧和团结。防疫限制放宽及面对面交流恢复后，国人所展现的甘榜精神继续散发着光芒。蔡厝港市镇的居民热情地参与了我们的多项活动，例如蔡厝港田园竞走、蔡厝港集选区与丰加北单选区的新加坡环球影城家庭日，以及国庆庆祝活动。

这些活动有助于建立联系，让社区关系更加团结紧密，但并不是我们维持紧密关系的唯一方式。居民们每天都会到蔡厝港市镇内的公共场所互动交流，而市镇理事会则致力于维护并发展这些公共设施，以培养社区归属感及鼓励居民相互联系。我们在第四页说明了2020年总体规划的最新情况，该规划旨在为所有居民打造更加美好温馨的家。

虽然我们只走了一半的路程，但我们在实现总体规划目标方面已经取得了重大进展。去年6月，我们启用了吉丰竞技场（The Arena@Keat Hong），这个体育游乐中心设有包容性游乐场、五人制足球场、慢跑道和有盖多功能亭。希望大家能好好利用这个跨代体育游乐中心，与邻居和家人一起踊跃参与各类活动，保持活跃健康的生活方式。

可持续发展是总体规划的重要支柱，我们在第三页介绍了蔡厝港市镇绿色环保措施。

在新的一年里，我希望居民们能够继续支持市镇理事会的工作，协助我们全面实现总体规划的目标。我们也计划推出更多社区改善计划。我祝愿和家人在2023年健康快乐、万事如意！

பசுமையான, சிறப்பான எதிர்காலத்தை நோக்கி

உலகளாவிய கொவிட்-19 பெருந்தொற்று காரணமாக கடந்த மூன்று ஆண்டுகள் அனைவருக்கும் சவாலானதாக இருந்து வருகிறது. ஆனால் நாம் முன்பை விட இன்னும் கூடுதலான மீளுத்திறனுடனும் ஒற்றுமையுடனும் வெளிப்பட்டிருப்பதில் நான் மிகுந்த மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன். கொவிட்-19 கட்டுப்பாடுகள் தளர்த்தப்பட்டு, நேரில் சந்தித்து உரையாடும் வழக்கத்திற்கு நாம் மீண்டும் திரும்பியுள்ளதால், இந்த வலுவான சிங்கப்பூர் உணர்வு தொடர்ந்து பிரகாசிக்கிறது. சுவா சூ காங் நகரத்தில் வசிப்பவர்கள், "B.I.G. ஃபார்ம் வாக்", சிங்கப்பூர் யூனிவர்சல் ஸ்டூடியோஸில் நடைபெற்ற சுவா சூ காங் குழுத்தொகுதி மற்றும் ஹொங் கா வடக்கு தனித்தொகுதி குடும்ப தினம், தேசிய தினக் கொண்டாட்டங்கள் போன்ற நிகழ்வுகளில் ஆர்வத்துடன் பங்கேற்றனர்.

இத்தகைய நிகழ்வுகள் உறவுகளை உறுதிப்படுத்தி, புதிய உறவுகளை உருவாக்கி, நமது சமூகத்தை நெருக்கமாக்குகின்றன. ஆனால் அவை மட்டுமே நாம் ஒரே சமூகமாக ஒன்றுகூடும் சந்தர்ப்பங்கள் அல்ல. ஒவ்வொரு நாளும், குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் சுவா சூ காங் நகரம் முழுவதும் உள்ள பொது இடங்களில் கலந்துறவாடுகிறார்கள். அவர்களிடம் சமூகப் பற்றையும், தொடர்புகளையும் ஊக்குவித்து வளர்ப்பதற்கு நகர மன்றம் உறுதி புண்டுள்ளது. நான்காவது பக்கத்தில், அனைவருக்குமான ஒரு சிறந்த இல்லத்தை உருவாக்க முன்னையும் நமது 2020 பெருந்திட்டம் பற்றிய அண்மைத் தகவலை வழங்கியுள்ளோம்.

நமது பெருந்திட்டத்தின் இலக்குகளை அடைவதற்கான முயற்சியில் நாம் பாதி தூரத்தை மட்டுமே கடந்திருந்தாலும், அதில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க முன்னேற்றத்தைக் கண்டுள்ளோம். கடந்த ஜூன் மாதம், அனைவருக்குமான விளையாட்டு மைதானம், புடசல் திடல், மெதுவோட்ட தடம், கூரையிடப்பட்ட பன்னோக்கு மைதானம் போன்றவற்றைக் கொண்ட "The Arena @ Keat Hong" என்ற விளையாட்டு இடவசதியைத் திறந்தோம். சுறுசுறுப்பான, ஆரோக்கியமான வாழ்க்கை முறையைத் தொடர், அனைத்து தலைமுறைகளுக்கும் உகந்த இந்த விளையாட்டு, பொழுதுபோக்கு மையத்தில் உங்கள் அக்கம்பக்கத்தாருடனும் குடும்பத்தாருடனும் இணைவதற்கான வாய்ப்பைப் பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்வீர்கள் என்று நம்புகிறேன்.

பெருந்திட்டத்தின் முக்கியத் தூணாக நீடித்த நிலைத்தன்மை இருப்பதால், நீங்கள் மூன்றாம் பக்கத்தில் சுவா சூ காங் நகரத்தின் பசுமை முனைப்புகளைக் கண்டறியலாம்.

இந்தப் புத்தாண்டில், நகர மன்றம் இன்னும் அதிகமான குடியிருப்புப்பேட்டை மேம்பாடுகளுடன் பெருந்திட்டத்தை முழுமையாக நிறைவேற்ற முற்படுகையில், குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் எங்களுக்குத் தொடர்ந்து ஆதரவளிப்பார்கள் என்று நம்புகிறேன். உங்களுக்கும், உங்களது குடும்பத்தினருக்கும் ஆரோக்கியமான, மகிழ்ச்சியான, வளமான 2023 புத்தாண்டு நல்வாழ்த்துக்களைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

KE ARAH HARI ESOK YANG LEBIH HIJAU & LEBIH BAIK

Pandemik COVID-19 merupakan masa yang mencabar untuk semua sepanjang tiga tahun yang lepas. Tetapi saya gembira kerana ia telah menjadikan kita lebih berdaya tahan dan bersatu padu. Semangat kukuh Singapura ini terus menyerlah, sedang sekatan COVID-19 dilonggarkan dan interaksi secara bersemuka disambung semula. Para penduduk di Bandar CCK bersemangat menyertai acara-acara seperti B.I.G. Farm Walk, Hari Keluarga GRC Chua Chu Kang dan SMC Hong Kah North di Universal Studios Singapura, dan Sambutan Hari Kebangsaan.

Acara-acara sebegini menyatukan masyarakat kita dengan mengeratkan silaturrahim serta menjalinkan hubungan yang baru. Tetapi ia bukanlah satu-satunya acara di mana kita berkumpul sebagai sebuah masyarakat. Setiap hari, penduduk berinteraksi di ruang-ruang bersama di Bandar Chua Chu Kang, dan Majlis Bandaran komited untuk menjaga dan membangunkannya demi memupuk semangat dan interaksi masyarakat. Di halaman 4, kami menyediakan perkembangan tentang Pelan Induk 2020 yang bertujuan mewujudkan tempat tinggal yang lebih baik untuk semua.

Meskipun kita baru sahaja di pertengahan perjalanan, kita telah melihat kemajuan yang ketara ke arah mencapai matlamat Pelan Induk kita. Pada Jun lalu, kami membuka The Arena @ Keat Hong, sebuah kemudahan sukan dengan ciri-ciri seperti taman permainan yang inklusif, padang futsal, balapan berlari-lari anak dan gelanggang serba guna tertutup. Saya berharap anda akan mengambil peluang ini untuk menyertai jiran-jiran dan keluarga anda di hab sukan dan rekreasi silang generasi ini untuk menjalani gaya hidup aktif dan sihat.

Dengan kemampanan sebagai tunggak utama Pelan Induk tersebut, anda boleh mengetahui tentang inisiatif hijau Bandar Chua Chu Kang di halaman 3.

Pada tahun baru ini, saya berharap para penduduk akan terus menyokong Majlis Bandaran, sedang ia berusaha ke arah merealisasikan Pelan Induk sepenuhnya, dengan lebih banyak kerja peningkatan estet dalam perancangan. Kami mengucapkan anda dan keluarga, tahun 2023 yang sihat, bahagia dan makmur.



Greening Our Eco-Town

Creating a vibrant, green and liveable Chua Chu Kang (CCK) Town where residents, both young and old, live and play, and enjoy quality living.



GREENING OUR TOWN

- Over the years, we have been making active efforts to increase and develop green spaces for our residents.
- To date, there are over 46,000 trees across CCK Town, accompanied by lush landscaping.
- We aim to plant 1,000 more trees in the next two years.

USE LESS, WASTE LESS

MRT Seats Upcycle Project

- As part of Action for Green Towns, we will be upcycling seats from decommissioned MRT trains and turning them into community seats for our Town.
- These old train parts are not easily recyclable and this upcycling initiative will rescue about 14,400kg* of materials from going to Pulau Semakau landfill.

Recycling Efforts

- Old electronic items, such as ICT equipment, large household appliances, electric mobility devices, batteries and light bulbs, can now be more easily recycled. With our support, ALBA held their quarterly E-Drive at various locations in CCK Town and collected about 1,850kg of e-waste in 2022.
- We also support initiatives such as E-Waste Recycling Bins, Reverse Vending Machines, Paper Recycling Bins, Cash for Trash and Old Shoes Bins across CCK Town.



RETHINK ENERGY

LED Lighting

- We are always looking for ways to increase energy efficiency and one of them is to replace the fluorescent lights in common areas with LED lights.
- LED lights use less energy, generate far less heat and enjoy more cost-savings in the long run.
- We are close to achieving our goal of replacing all lighting in the Town with LED lights; about 97% have been replaced so far.

Solar Panels

- To reduce our reliance on conventional energy and fuel sources – especially amid rising electricity prices – we are collaborating with HDB to install solar panels on our residential rooftops.
- We have installed solar panels at 238 blocks across CCK Town as of Nov 2022, with more in the pipeline.
- To date, these solar panels have helped to reduce approximately 18 million kg of CO₂ emission.

GROW SUSTAINABLY

Jobs for a Green Economy

- The Community Clubs, together with various agencies, will continue to organise job fairs to offer career opportunities that help promote a greener economy and ensure a more sustainable future for Singapore.



BE COOL & FOOD RESILIENT

Community Gardens

- Our residents have been coming together to actively grow fresh edible vegetables in the community gardens that we built.
- This helps to create more beautiful gardens in our Town, reduce the amount of greenhouse gases and allow residents to enjoy their organic harvest.

Eco-Playbook Coming Soon!

- Keep a lookout for the upcoming launch of our *Eco-Playbook*, which will detail CCK Town's remarkable green journey.
- You will learn about our green initiatives, such as Project Circular (upcycling of discarded furniture), Growing Edible Gardens and Recycling Drives, which help make a greener and more sustainable home for all.
- Interactive elements, such as the eco-pledge and games, will also be included for residents' engagement and enjoyment.

* Figure inclusive of other old train parts installed across all 15 PAP Town Councils.

Our Community, Our Home: Master Plan for Chua Chu Kang Town

Our 2020 Master Plan Goals and Progress

Eco-Town Initiative

- Earmarked by the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE) as one of three towns in Singapore to be transformed into an Eco-Town
- 238 blocks across CCK Town have been installed with solar panels as of Nov 2022, with more in the pipeline
- 66.9% less electricity used, with installation of LED lamps town-wide; 97% of our lighting are already fitted with LED
- More residents participating in recycling with the increased availability of e-waste bins, paper recycling machines and reverse vending machines in our estates



Remaking Our Heartland

- Selected to be part of the fourth series of Remaking Our Heartland (ROH) by HDB; a virtual focus group discussion was held in 2022 to engage residents and community groups on the drawing up of rejuvenation plans for the Town
- 48 community and inclusive spaces that encourage Health, Play and Fitness have been added/upgraded since 2020 for residents to stay active and forge community spirit
- Bukit Gombak Park opened in Sep 2021
- The Arena @ Keat Hong, a multi-generational mega sports and recreation hub, opened in Jun 2022



Moving Around Made Easier

- Connecting commuters and CCK Town through an integrated transport hub and linkways
- Integrated Transport Hub
- Jurong Regional Line: 2 new MRT stations
- North-South Line: Brickland MRT station
- Downtown Line: Hume MRT station
- More sheltered linkways and barrier-free paths



Estate and Home Improvements

- Close to 200 lifts across CCK Town have been enhanced or replaced, with more lifts undergoing or slated for replacement or upgrade
- 9,322 homes to undergo Home Improvement Programme (HIP)
- 14,643 households to benefit from Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP)
- Close to 70 blocks are sporting a vibrant look following the Repair & Redecoration Programme (R&R), with over 100 more blocks undergoing the refresh and more in the pipeline
- More gardens, community spaces, fitness corners and equipment under 76 upgrading projects were added/upgraded to revitalise the estates and bring added convenience to our residents



Exciting Features Coming Your Way

- SAFRA Choa Chu Kang
- 2 new hawker centres
- Over 3km of sound barriers along MRT tracks to reduce noise



Photo credit: SAFRA



“A big ‘Thank You’ to all residents for showing us that we are stronger together. We are able to overcome challenges with our unity and solidarity.”

Mr Don Wee

MP for Chua Chu Kang GRC (Brickland)

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Meet-The-People Session

Every Monday (except public holidays), 8pm to 10pm
Block 801 Keat Hong Close, Level 1, Lift Lobby A, Open Area,
Singapore 680801



BUILDING A BETTER BRICKLAND TOGETHER

As a community, we celebrated many eventful occasions together, such as National Day and Mid-Autumn Festival, and held special events such as “Children’s Day-meets-Halloween”, where residents were able to bond and forge meaningful connections. We will continue to organise events to foster community spirit.

Brickland residents are now able to utilise various new facilities, such as linkways, a multi-purpose court and fitness corners in our estate. You can learn more about them in this issue of *Brickland Connects*.

I am also delighted to share that we will provide residents with a new Sport-in-Precinct facility opposite Block 810A Choa Chu Kang Avenue 7. Currently a vacant space, it will be transformed into a sports facility to promote a healthy and active lifestyle among residents.

Have you spotted the iconic MRT train seat at Block 252 Choa Chu Kang Avenue 2? Brickland is the first estate in Chua Chu Kang Town to launch and install the upcycled seat that came from decommissioned MRT trains.

Through this joint “Action for Green Towns” upcycling effort by 15 PAP Town Councils, we expect to rescue some 14,400kg of waste from going into Pulau Semakau, Singapore’s only landfill. We look forward to 17 more sets of these seats across Chua Chu Kang Town.

There is so much that Brickland residents can look forward to in the New Year. I wish all residents a happy, healthy and prosperous 2023.



ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS AT HOME

Have a recycling corner at home

Start by setting aside space for a recycling bin corner, and then sorting out household waste and recyclables for recycling.



Donate or recycle your e-waste

You can donate electronics that are still usable to charity organisations. For unwanted e-waste, drop them off at any e-waste collection point.



Reduce food waste

It is important to finish your meals to prevent food wastage. Plan ahead and avoid buying and cooking more food than you can consume.



Making Your Home A Better Place

Highlights of Estate Improvement Works in Brickland

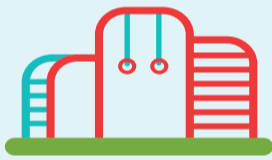
Improved Connectivity

New Sheltered Drop-off Porch at Block 248 Choa Chu Kang Avenue 2



New Sheltered Link Bridge to Bus-Stop at Block 805A/B Keat Hong Close

COMING YOUR WAY



Sport-in-Precinct (SIP) opposite Block 810A Choa Chu Kang Avenue 7 (current vacant space)

Funded by Sport Singapore, the upcoming SIP aims to promote a healthy and active lifestyle among our residents with facilities closer to home.



*Artist impressions are for reference only and not representative of final designs.



“The sheltered linkway above the canal has provided direct and sheltered access between the residential blocks and the bus-stop, and benefitted many residents staying within the estate. With its completion, residents now have a fully sheltered pathway not just towards the bus-stop along Keat Hong Close, but also along the main Brickland Road, further improving connectivity and convenience. Thanks to all the agencies, including CCK Town Council, NParks, PUB, LTA and HDB, for making this possible!”



Leow Geng Hui, Chairperson, Brickland Pride-Crest Residents' Network and Resident of Brickland

“The availability of the sheltered walkway makes it easier and safer for residents, especially the elderly, during heavy downpours. We appreciate the work of the agencies to improve the liveability of our estate.”



Pooi Yun Feng, Resident of Brickland

Healthy and Active Lifestyle

Revamped Fitness Corner at Block 488A Choa Chu Kang Avenue 5



“I am happy with the new improved fitness corner. Residents look forward to new things and upgraded fitness equipment every few years. With the new improvements, I see more residents using them.”



Shammir Karasu, Resident of Brickland

“It is awesome. After the revamp, I use the fitness corner more after my daily runs. The punching bags let me do some quick punches when I want to recap my Muay Thai training. The lifting logs are also good old-school equipment for strength training!”



Sa'edah Sulaiman, Resident of Brickland



New Multi-Purpose Court at Block 808D Choa Chu Kang Avenue 1



Revamped Fitness Corner at Block 489D Choa Chu Kang Avenue 5

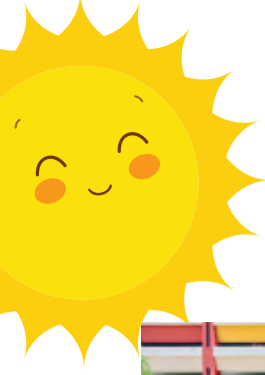


Revamped Fitness Corner at Block 490C Choa Chu Kang Avenue 5

LET'S PLAY OUR PART
KEEP OUR ESTATE SAFE

LET'S ENJOY A SAFE AND UNCLUTTERED LIVING SPACE
It would be difficult to get to you or your loved ones in times of emergency with clutter along the corridors. Let's keep our spaces clear so we don't trip and fall when we need to evacuate in an emergency.

- Keep a clear corridor width of at least 1.2m in case of emergency, or for a wheelchair-bound person
- Use a small shoe rack and place potted plants along one side of the corridor
- Do not obstruct staircase landing with plants and personal items
- Clear staircases which will be used to escape during an emergency



Tree Planting Day 2022

Brickland Tree Planting Day was held on 4 November 2022 at Block 252 Choa Chu Kang Avenue 2



Tree Planting Day is an annual event in Singapore, which typically involves the planting of trees and shrubs in public places.

NParks' OneMillionTrees Movement aims to restore nature back into our city through the planting of a million more trees across Singapore by 2030. We continue to play our part by organising various tree planting events throughout the year to help achieve this goal.

Over 80 PCF students and staff joined MP Mr Don Wee and had fun planting the trees at the Brickland Tree Planting Day 2022.

DID YOU Know?

The first official Tree Planting Day in Singapore was held on 7 November 1971. Then acting Prime Minister, Dr Goh Keng Swee, launched the event by planting a rain tree at about 9.45 am on the summit of Mount Faber.

DID YOU Know?

The tree species *Gardenia tubifera* was planted at the Brickland Tree Planting Day 2022. Find out more about this tree species via www.nparks.gov.sg/florafaunaweb.



CONTEST

Visit these Popular Spots in Chua Chu Kang Town

Visit any of the 12 popular spots showcased in the 2023 CCKTC Calendar, snap a photo of yourself and send it to us. The top 10 entries will each win a prize!



Kranji Marshes



Choa Chu Kang Ave 4



Teck Whye Estate



Sungei Buloh



Goodview Gardens



Little Guilin



Brickland Estate



The Arena @ Keat Hong



Sungei Buloh Eagle Point



Sungei Tengah



HomeTeamNS Bukit Batok



Little Guilin

Please submit your entry via email (corpcomms@ccktc.org.sg) along with your name, address and contact number.

Terms & Conditions: Contest is open to all HDB residents of Chua Chu Kang GRC and Hong Kah North SMC, except staff members of Chua Chu Kang Town Council and their immediate families. • Entries must be submitted and reach the Town Council by 31 Mar 2023. • Winners will be notified by email or phone. • The top 10 entries will each receive a prize worth \$30.

*Scan the QR Codes in the physical calendar for the exact location of each spot.



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