

# SAYANG Sembawang

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Dear Residents,

My warmest greetings to all of you. This newsletter covers the quarter spanning December 2023 to February 2024. This includes the year-end holiday period as well as the festive occasions at the start of 2024.

To those who celebrated, my warmest wishes for Chinese New Year, Pongal and Hari Raya. These happy occasions brought families and friends together and showcased the rich cultural tapestry that makes our community so special. In Sembawang GRC, there were celebrations to mark Chinese New Year and Pongal, and I am happy that many of you participated in these celebrations.

We also organised a public consultation for the Sembawang West Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP), where an exhibition showcasing proposals was held for residents to consider for the upcoming NRP. Your valuable input and feedback play a crucial role in shaping future developments in our neighbourhood. The aim is to create a more sustainable, inclusive, and vibrant living environment for all residents.

Our Muslim friends have been fasting over the month of Ramadan and will soon be celebrating Hari Raya. Hari Raya reminds us of the importance of compassion, understanding, and solidarity in our diverse community. Let us extend our warmest wishes to our Muslim neighbours as they celebrate this auspicious occasion. The divisions in Sembawang GRC will be having Hari Raya celebrations, and we hope you will join us.

My thanks to all residents and community partners who have joined us and played a part in contributing to the community here. For those of you who are able, I encourage you to involve yourselves in our community initiatives and endeavours, either as participants or volunteers — do be part of the broader community family and Sayang Sembawang.

Take care and stay healthy.

**Vikram Nair**  
Chairman of Sembawang Town Council

Para Penduduk yang Dihormati,

Salam sejahtera bagi kalian. Surat berita kali ini meliputi tempoh waktu daripada bulan Disember 2023 sehingga Februari 2024, termasuk musim perayaan hujung tahun lepas dan juga pada permulaan tahun 2024.

Bagi mereka yang meraikannya, saya ingin sampaikan salam mesra sempena Tahun Baru Cina, Pongal dan Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Hari-hari meriah sebegini sesuai untuk berjumpa bersama-sama dengan kaum keluarga serta kawan kerabat serta mempamerkan kekayaan budaya kami satu sama lain yang juga suatu ciri istimewa dalam masyarakat kami. Di GRC Sembawang, kami telah mengadakan majlis perayaan untuk meraikan Tahun Baru Cina dan Pongal, dan saya amat gembira menyaksikan ramai daripada para penduduk menyertai perayaan tersebut.

Kami juga telah menganjurkan sebuah perundingan awam bagi Program Pembaharuan Kejiranan (NRP) untuk kawasan Sembawang West, di mana sebuah pameran yang menunjukkan cadangan-cadangan untuk NRP yang akan datang telah diadakan bagi pertimbangan para penduduk. Maklum balas dan cadangan daripada anda amat penting dalam membentuk perkembangan masa hadapan dalam kejiranan kami. Matlamat utama adalah untuk mencipta persekitaran yang mampan, inklusif dan penuh dengan semangat bagi setiap penduduk.

Rakan-rakan kami yang beragama Islam telah berpuasa sepanjang bulan Ramadan dan akan menyambut Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Hari Raya Aidilfitri merupakan suatu peringatan tentang kepentingan berbelas kasihan, pemahaman, dan perpaduan dalam masyarakat kami yang berpelbagai. Marilah kita sampaikan salam mesra kepada jiran-jiran kami yang beragama Islam sempena hari mulia ini. Setiap divisyen di GRC Sembawang akan mengadakan majlis perayaan sempena Hari Raya Aidilfitri, dan kami harap anda dapat meraikannya bersama kami.

Saya amat menghargai penyertaan dan sumbangan kepada masyarakat di sini daripada para penduduk dan rakan kongsi masyarakat. Bagi mereka yang berkebolehan, saya ingin galakkan anda untuk menyumbang kepada inisiatif dan usaha masyarakat, baik sebagai penyerta atau sukarelawan — sertai masyarakat yang luas dan Sayang Sembawang.

Jaga diri dan kesihatan anda selalu.

**Vikram Nair**  
Pengerusi Majlis Bandaran Sembawang



亲爱的居民们，

我向大家致以最热烈的问候。本期通讯涵盖了2023年12月至2024年2月的季度，这包括了年终假期及2024年初的节日活动。

对于那些庆祝节日的朋友们，我向你们致以最诚挚的节日祝福，祝你们农历新年、丰收节以及开斋节快乐。这些幸福的时刻让家人和朋友们欢聚一堂，展现了我们社区丰富多彩且独特的文化风貌。在三巴旺集选区，我们举办了庆祝农历新年和丰收节的活动，我很高兴看到许多居民参与其中。

我们还组织了三巴旺西邻里更新计划（NRP）的公众咨询并举办了相关展览，展示了即将进行的邻里更新计划的草案，供居民们考虑。您的宝贵意见和反馈对塑造我们邻里未来发展起着至关重要的作用。我们的目标是为所有居民创造一个更永续、包容和充满活力生活环境。

我们的穆斯林朋友们在斋月期间进行了斋戒，即将庆祝开斋节。开斋节提醒我们，在多元化的社区中，慈悲、理解和团结的重要性。让我们向即将庆祝这一吉祥节日的穆斯林邻居们致以最诚挚的祝福。三巴旺集选区的各分区也将举办开斋节庆祝活动，希望大家踊跃参与。

我衷心感谢所有居民和社区伙伴的参与和贡献。对于有能力的居民，我鼓励您参与我们的社区活动和项目，无论是作为参与者还是志愿者——成为更广泛的社区大家庭的一部分，共同呵护三巴旺。

请多保重，祝大家身体健康！

**维凯**  
三巴旺市镇理事会主席

அன்பார்ந்த குடியிருப்பாளர்களே,

உங்கள் அனைவருக்கும் எனது மனமார்ந்த வாழ்த்துகள். இந்தச் செய்திக் கடிதம் டிசம்பர் 2023 முதல் பிப்ரவரி 2024 வரையிலான காலாண்டை உள்ளடக்கியது. இது ஆண்டு இறுதி விடுமுறைக் காலத்தையும் 2024 தொடக்கத்தில் உள்ள பண்டிகை நேரங்களையும் உள்ளடக்கியது.

சீனப் புத்தாண்டு, பொங்கல், நோன்புப் பெருநாள் கொண்டாடியவர்களுக்கு எனது வாழ்த்துகள். இந்த மகிழ்ச்சியான சந்தர்ப்பங்கள் குடும்பங்களையும் நண்பர்களையும் ஒன்றிணைத்து, நமது சமூகத்தை மிகவும் சிறப்பானதாகவும் வளமான கலாச்சார நாடாக காட்சிப்படுத்தின. செம்பவாங் குழுத்தொகுதி, சீனப் புத்தாண்டையும் பொங்கலையும் குறிக்கும் வகையில் கொண்டாட்டங்கள் நடைபெற்றன. உங்களில் பலர் இந்தக் கொண்டாட்டங்களில் பங்கேற்றதைக் குறித்து நான் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன்.

செம்பவாங் மேற்கு அக்கம் பக்கம் புதுப்பித்தல் திட்டத்திற்கான (NRP) பொது ஆலோசனையையும் நாங்கள் ஏற்பாடு செய்தோம், அங்கு குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் வரவிருக்கும் என்.ஆர்.பிக்காக பரிசீலிக்க முன்மொழிவுகளைக் காண்பிக்கும் ஒரு கண்காட்சி நடைபெற்றது. உங்களின் மதிப்புமிக்க உள்ளீடும் பின்னூட்டமும் நமது சுற்றுப்புறத்தில் எதிர்கால முன்னேற்றங்களை வடிவமைப்பதில் முக்கியப்பங்கு வகிக்கிறது. அனைத்து குடியிருப்பாளர்களுக்கும் மிகவும் நிலையான, உள்ளடக்கிய மற்றும் துடிப்பான வாழ்க்கை தூழலை உருவாக்குவதே இதன் நோக்கமாகும்.

நமது முஸ்லிம் நண்பர்கள் ரம்ஜான் மாதத்தை முன்னிட்டு நோன்பு இருந்து, விரைவில் நோன்புப் பெருநாளைக் கொண்டாடவிருக்கின்றனர். நமது பலதரப்பட்ட சமூகத்தில் பரிவு, புரிதல், ஒற்றுமை ஆகியவற்றின் முக்கியத்துவத்தை நினைவுபடுத்தி ஹரி ராயா. நமது முஸ்லிம் அண்டை நாடுகள் இந்த நன்னாளைக் கொண்டாடும் வேளையில், நமது நல்வாழ்த்துகளைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்வோம். செம்பவாங் குழுத்தொகுதி பிரிவுகள் ஹரி ராயா கொண்டாட்டங்களைக் கொண்டிருக்கும், மேலும் நீங்கள் எங்களுடன் இணைவீர்கள் என்று நாங்கள் நம்புகிறோம்.

எங்களுடன் இணைந்து, இங்குள்ள சமூகத்திற்குப் பங்களித்த அனைத்து குடியிருப்பாளர்களுக்கும் சமூகப் பங்களிகளுக்கும் எனது நன்றி. உங்களால் முடிந்தவர்களுக்கு, பங்கேற்பாளர்களாக அல்லது தொண்டாழியர் என்ற முறையில் எங்கள் சமூக முன்னெடுப்புகள் மற்றும் முயற்சிகளில் உங்களை ஈடுபடுத்திக் கொள்ள நான் உங்களை ஊக்குவிக்கிறேன்-பரந்த சமூக குடும்பம் மற்றும் 'சாயாங் செம்பவாங்' ஆகியவற்றின் ஒரு பகுதியாக இருங்கள்.

பாதுகாப்பாகவும் ஆரோக்கியமாகவும் அனைவரும் இருக்கவேண்டும்.

**விக்ரம் நாயர்**  
செம்பவாங் நகர மன்றத் தலைவர்

# COUNTDOWN EVENT IN SEMBAWANG GRC

THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EVER SEMBAWANG GRC **23:49:40**  
**COUNTDOWN  
STREET PARTY  
2024**



S embawang GRC celebrated the inaugural New Year Countdown Street Party on the last day of 2023 with an engaging performance, carnival games and delicious food. It was a night filled with anticipation, joy and fun. Everyone soaked in the atmosphere and cheered on as they counted down to a happy new year!



# CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENTS in Sembawang GRC

During the festive period of Chinese New Year, residents of Sembawang GRC joyfully celebrated the Year of the Dragon alongside our advisers. Across various neighborhoods in Sembawang GRC, residents engaged in the tradition of Lohei, symbolising the communal tossing of Yusheng for good fortune. They also delighted in dance performances, welcomed the God of Wealth, and exchanged oranges as symbols of luck and prosperity.

## ADMIRALTY



## CANBERRA



## SEMBAWANG CENTRAL



## SEMBAWANG WEST



## WOODLANDS



# CHINESE NEW YEAR

## Cleaners' Appreciation

Not forgetting our unsung heroes who keep our estates clean, we honoured our cleaners by sharing festive joy during the Lunar New Year. These hardworking individuals were treated to a sumptuous meal and given oranges for good health and blessings.

### Admiralty



### Canberra



### Sembawang Central



### Sembawang West



### Woodlands



# SEMBAWANG WEST *Recycling Drive*

Sembawang West ended the year with an annual recycling event to bless others with books, toys and clothes that are no longer needed. Together, we make our environment an eco-friendlier place to live in.



*Beautiful People  
with Kind Hearts.*

Kudos to our Sembawang West conservancy workers, Mr Hossain Golam & Mr Hossain Mohd Maruf, together with our kind RN members, who went out of their way to search for a wheelchair to help a resident visit the doctor.



# ADMIRALTY Clean & Green Day

On 7 January 2024, we launched green initiatives in Admiralty. Despite the heavy rainfall, volunteers persevered alongside our adviser, Mr Vikram Nair, to plant trees. Residents also had the opportunity to participate in indoor games and learn more about Bloobin's tips for proper recycling. Together, we strive to create a more sustainable world to inhabit!



# Textile Recycling Bins ARE IN SEMBAWANG TOWN

Do you have any old, unused clothing and textiles taking up space in your home? No need to worry!

You can now recycle them in the Cloop Life Line Bins conveniently located at six different locations.

- Blk 504D Montreal Drive
- Blk 319 Sembawang Close
- Blk 541 Woodlands Drive 16
- Blk 852 Woodlands Street 83
- Blk 788 Woodlands Avenue 6
- Blk 501D Wellington Circle



# Woodlands NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PROGRAMME

NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PROGRAMME (NRP) FOR 13 BLOCKS AT BLOCK 870 TO 882 AND 2 MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS (MSCPs) AT 874A & 881A WOODLANDS AVENUE 9 / STREET 81 / STREET 82

High & Low Linkways



Garden Area



Childrens' Playground



Elderly and Adult Fitness Corners





# PUBLIC CONSULTATION & EXHIBITION @ Sembawang West

During the weekend of 9 March 2024, Sembawang West division launched the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme by hosting a public consultation and exhibition for residents residing in Blocks 701 to 713, 701A (multi-storey car park), and 709A (multi-storey car park) Woodlands Drive 40 / 70. Many residents attended in anticipation and gained a clearer understanding of the proposed improvements. Ms Poh Li San, Adviser to the Sembawang West Grassroots Organisations, was also present to engage with residents. We eagerly anticipate enhancing the estate to create a better living environment for all.



# SINGAPORE WOMEN'S FESTIVAL 2024

We celebrated Singapore Women's Festival 2024 at Kampung Admiralty on 3 March 2024.

From fitness sessions to insightful discussions, the focus of the day was all about embracing resilience, personal well-being and sisterhood.



# PONGAL CELEBRATIONS in Sembawang GRC

## ADMIRALTY



Pongal is a widely celebrated harvest festival in Singapore, and it also refers to the delicious dish made during this festive occasion – boiled sweet rice. On the morning of 28 January 2024, Adviser Mr Vikram Nair joined residents to celebrate the occasion. Residents sang and danced, creating an atmosphere of happiness. The day concluded with the presentation of certificates to residents who performed and game winners.

## SEMBAWANG CENTRAL



Photo credit: Minister Ong Ye Kung's Facebook

## CANBERRA



## SEMBAWANG WEST



Photo credit: Ms Poh Li San's Facebook



Photo credit: Dr Lim Wee Kiak's Facebook

## WOODLANDS



We are grateful for a vibrant celebration at Woodlands Pongal 2024! From culture sharing to live performances, it was a day filled with joy, community spirit, and delicious Pongal cooking. Adviser Ms Mariam Jaafar, who donned a beautiful bright yellow sari, graced the event, and we thank everyone who made it a memorable Sunday morning.

# CANBERRA *Adventurefest*

**D**r Lim Wee Kiak, PBM, Adviser to Canberra Grassroots Organisations, joined residents for a lively day filled with games, dancing, and captivating performances. The enthusiastic involvement of residents helped create an atmosphere filled with happiness and anticipation! A sincere expression of gratitude is extended to all the volunteers who generously dedicated their time to support and manage the various booths.



#PeopleofSembawang

**BLOSSOM SEEDS**

**M**adam Zainon was introduced to Blossom Seeds Active Ageing Centre through an outreach event in her neighbourhood. With her siblings' encouragement, she signed up as a befriender in the community. After completing the training programme, she was matched with individuals in her community who were seniors that benefitted from social interaction and support during the befriending programme.

Madam Zainon's bi-weekly visits became a source of joy for both her and the seniors she befriended. Through conversations, shared activities, and simple gestures of kindness, she provided a lifeline to those who may have felt forgotten or overlooked. In return, Madam Zainon discovered a renewed sense of purpose and fulfilment that retirement alone could not offer.

Madam Zainon feels that it is a blessing to be able to be a volunteer and contribute. In embracing her retirement with purpose and compassion, she not only found fulfilment but was also able to make a meaningful impact and create a legacy of compassion and camaraderie.

*Photo credit: Blossom Seeds*

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Check out our popular Facebook posts for the last quarter!  and follow us to stay updated on the latest community news and happenings in Sembawang GRC. Scan the QR codes to go straight to the posts!

**TEXTILE RECYCLING BIN AT SEMBAWANG CENTRAL**



**LAUNCH OF SUSTAINABILITY CORNER AT SEMBAWANG CENTRAL**



**SEMBAWANG GRC CHINESE NEW YEAR CLEANERS' APPRECIATION**



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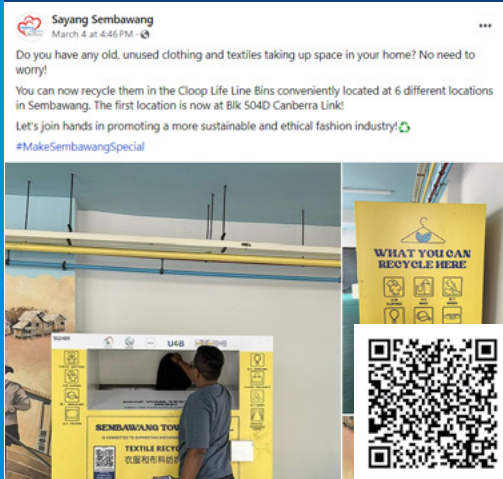
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**SEMBAWANG GRC YEAR-END COUNTDOWN PARTY**



**SUSTAINABILITY CORNER AT CANBERRA**



**SEMBAWANG GRC CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS**



**CANBERRA ADVENTUREFEST 2024!**



# CHANGES IN OUR COUNTER SERVICE OPERATING HOURS

With effect from 1 April 2024, Sembawang Town Council will be adjusting our operating hours to the following:

Main Office:  
**Blk 504C Canberra Link, #01-63, S753504**

Operating Hours:  
**Monday to Friday: 8.00 am to 5.00 pm**  
**CLOSED ON ALL SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

Collection Centre:  
**Blk 676 Woodlands Drive 71, #06-04, S730676**

Operating Hours:  
**Monday to Friday: 8.00 am to 5.00 pm**  
**(closed for lunch break: 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm)**  
**CLOSED ON ALL SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

Residents are encouraged to make payment for their Service & Conservancy Charges (S&CC) via Internet Banking, AXS e-Station/m-Station, SAM web/mobile, GIRO or Credit Card recurring payment arrangement.

If you have any feedback, please drop us an email at [feedback@sbt.org.sg](mailto:feedback@sbt.org.sg) or via OneService mobile application. Please call our 24-hour EMSU hotline at 1800 275 5555 in case of emergencies.

# BULKY ITEM DISPOSAL SERVICE

**Bulky items cause obstruction. Keep common areas clutter-free for a safer home.**



Our Town Council provides FREE bulky items disposal service.

**Residents may call us at 6368 3100 or fill in the request form here:**



**Terms & Conditions apply:**

- Service by appointment at fixed time slots only
- Limited to max. 3 items in 1 visit, once per month
- Not for renovation, moving house, and built-in furniture

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	NAME OF EVENT	TIME	VENUE
<b>ADMIRALTY</b>			
		☎ ACE The Place CC - 6891 3430	📌 Our Admiralty
21 Apr 2024	Hari Raya Dinner	7pm to 10pm	ACE The Place CC Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)
28 Apr 2024	Tamil New Year Outing to Singapore Zoo	3pm to 5pm	Singapore Zoo
<b>CANBERRA</b>			
		☎ Canberra CC - 6755 6369	📌 Kampung Jelutung @ Canberra
For more information, please visit Canberra Division social media or check out the notice board at your Residents' Network offices.			
<b>SEMBAWANG CENTRAL</b>			
		☎ Sembawang CC - 6752 7212	📌 Sembawang Central Community
For more information, please visit Sembawang Central Division social media or check out the notice board at your Residents' Network offices.			
<b>SEMBAWANG WEST</b>			
		☎ Woodlands Galaxy CC - 6366 2218	📌 Sembawang Our Home
14 Apr 2024	Sustainability Day	9.30am to 1pm	Woodlands Mart
27 Apr 2024	Hari Raya Celebration	12pm to 2pm	Woodlands Galaxy CC
16 Jun 2024	Walkathon	7.30am to 9.30am	Pasir Ris
<b>WOODLANDS</b>			
		☎ Woodlands Constituency Office - 6362 8832	📌 Woodlands Community
8 Apr 2024	Ramadan BAM Biryani Distribution	5pm to 6.30pm	Blk 852 Woodlands Street 83 Void Deck
4 May 2024	Woodlands Town Open House and Gema Syawal	2pm to 5pm	Kampung Admiralty at Blk 676 Woodlands Drive 71 S(730676)
26 May 2024	Vesak Day Goodie Bag Distribution	10am to 12pm	Woodlands Galaxy CC Multi-Purpose Hall



Wishing All Muslim Residents  
**Selamat Hari Raya**  
*Aidilfitri*



Want to get important local news? Sign up for the Sayang Sembawang e-newsletter by scanning the QR code!

Do you have a business located in Sembawang GRC and wish to advertise your services?  
 Write to us at [feedback@sbtc.org.sg](mailto:feedback@sbtc.org.sg) for more details!  
 Rates below\*:  
 Full page - \$3,500.00  
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Page 7: There are \_\_\_\_\_ textile recycling bin locations in Sembawang GRC.

Page 9: During the weekend of 9 March 2024, Sembawang West division launched the \_\_\_\_\_ by hosting a public consultation and exhibition for residents residing in Blocks 701 to 713, 701A (multi-storey car park), and 709A (multi-storey car park) Woodlands Drive 40 / 70.

Page 10: Where was Singapore Women's Festival 2024 held in Sembawang GRC? \_\_\_\_\_

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