

# SAYANG Sembawang

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## LOOKING TOWARDS A BRIGHTER SEMBAWANG



*Make Sembawang Special*

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Dear Residents,

We are almost at the end of the first quarter of 2022. I am happy to have resumed house visits and walkabouts, and have met many residents in the process. I am glad that many have been adjusting well and getting used to living with COVID-19. We hope the year ahead will see our lives becoming more normal.

2022 has been eventful so far. Unlike the previous year, we were able to organise some celebrations in person, and a number of events were organised in a hybrid setting. Residents could gather both online and physically for the same event, while keeping in line with the prevailing COVID-19 requirements. The year started with our GRC Countdown Party Under the Stars. The physical gathering was smaller than in previous years, held at the rooftop of Woodlands Community Centre, but the fireworks returned and lighted the sky at midnight to welcome the new year.

The Indian community in our GRC celebrated Pongal in January. The word 'pongali' in Tamil means 'to overflow' and refers to the rice and milk cooked slowly in earthen pots until they bubble and overflow, symbolising prosperity and abundance. The GRC celebrations included this traditional cooking of rice and milk, laying of Kolams, and colourful performances. It surely was a colourful harvest and thanksgiving festival.

We also celebrated Chinese New Year across all divisions. Many brought back traditional getai shows to usher in the Year of the Tiger. There were also colourful light-ups and decorations in many parts of the GRC. These events supported many of our local artists and performers, and provided entertainment for our residents. We were pleasantly surprised at the heavy online viewership for many of these shows in hybrid format. A big thank you to all who made this possible.

As we continue to work towards a greener Sembawang, we saw the launch of our first urban farm in Sembawang GRC! Stay tuned as we reveal more green initiatives happening in our Town. You can also do your part by recycling right. Do read on as we have included how you can dispose of your recyclables and e-waste properly.

I wish everyone a wonderful year ahead! Stay safe and take care.



**Vikram Nair**  
Chairman of Sembawang Town Council

Para Penduduk yang Dihormati,

Kita sudah hampir pada penghujung suku pertama 2022. Saya gembira kerana dapat menyambung semula lawatan rumah dan sesi tinjauan mesra, dan telah bertemu dengan ramai penduduk dalam proses itu. Saya juga gembira melihat ramai yang telah menyesuaikan diri dengan baik dan membiasakan diri hidup dengan COVID-19. Kami berharap tahun hadapan akan menyaksikan kehidupan kita menjadi lebih normal.

Tahun 2022 padat dengan peristiwa yang diingati. Tidak seperti tahun sebelumnya, kami dapat menganjurkan beberapa perayaan secara bersemuka dan secara hibrid. Penduduk boleh berkumpul dalam talian dan secara fizikal untuk acara yang sama, sambil mematuhi langkah-langkah pengurusan selamat COVID-19 yang terkini. Tahun ini bermula dengan Acara Kira Detik Tahun Baru GRC di bawah bintang. Walaupun perhimpunan fizikal tahun ini lebih kecil berbanding tahun-tahun sebelumnya dan diadakan di atas bumbung Balai Rakyat Woodlands, kita tetap dapat menyaksikan bunga api yang menerangi langit pada tengah malam untuk menyambut tahun baru.

Masyarakat kaum India di GRC kita pula dapat meraikan Pongal pada bulan Januari. Perkataan 'pongali' dalam bahasa Tamil bermaksud 'melimpah ruah' dan merujuk kepada beras dan susu yang dimasak perlahan-lahan dalam periuk tanah sehingga menggelegak dan melimpah. Ia juga melambangkan kemakmuran yang melimpah ruah. Perayaan seluruh GRC termasuk memasak beras dan susu secara tradisional, mendekorasi dengan Kolam, dan persembahan berwarna-warni. Ia sememangnya perayaan menuai dan kesyukuran yang berwarna-warni.

Kita juga menyambut Tahun Baru Cina di semua divisyen. Pertunjukan getai tradisional telah dibawa kembali dalam sesetengah acara untuk menyambut Tahun Harimau ini. Terdapat juga lampu-lampu dan hiasan berwarna-warni di sekitar GRC kita. Acara-acara ini menyokong ramai artis dan penghibur tempatan kita sambil menghiburkan hati para penduduk. Kami amat berbangga dengan sambutan penonton dalam talian untuk kebanyakan rancangan yang formatnya hibrid. Terima kasih yang tidak terhingga kepada semua yang menjayakan acara-acara ini.

Sambil kita terus berusaha menjadikan bandar Sembawang lebih hijau, kita menyaksikan pelancaran ladang bandar pertama di GRC Sembawang! Sila nantikan lebih banyak inisiatif hijau yang akan dikongsikan di Bandar kita. Anda juga boleh memainkan peranan anda dengan mengitar semula dengan betul. Terus membaca kerana kami telah memasukkan cara anda boleh mengitar semula bahan buangan dan sisa elektronik anda dengan betul.

Saya mengucapkan selamat tahun baru yang indah kepada semua! Jaga keselamatan dan jaga diri.

**Vikram Nair**  
Pengerusi Majlis Bandaran Sembawang

亲爱的居民

2022年第一季度接近尾声。我非常开心又能恢复家访和邻里走访的活动。在系列活动中，我们接见了许多居民，很欣慰他们都能够调整心态，适应冠病疫情，并与冠病共存。我们希望在接下来的一年，我们的生活能逐渐重返常态。

2022年是多姿多彩的。与去年不同的是，我们可以举办实体的庆祝活动，一些活动也在双模式的情形下进行。居民们可以通过线上及线下参加活动，同时也遵守正在实施的防疫措施。于今年拉开帷幕的是我们集选区等办“星空下的倒数跨年派对”。虽然今年的实体聚会规模比往年小，在兀兰民众俱乐部的屋顶举办，但烟花燃放依旧，在午夜时分点亮夜空，喜迎新年。

我们集选区的印度同胞在1月欢庆庞格尔节。“庞格尔”在淡米尔文蕴含“丰收”的意思，其渊源自煮牛奶米饭直到陶锅里的水和牛奶溢出来的传统，它象征兴旺发达及丰衣足食。庆祝会包括延续传统煮法煮牛奶米饭、也有勾勒古拉姆图案及缤纷华丽的表演。这的确是色彩斑斓，感恩大自然丰收的节日。

我们也在各区欢庆农历新年。许多传统歌台也纷纷重振旗鼓，喜迎虎年。三巴旺集选区在各处张灯结彩。这些活动在支持许多本地的艺术及表演工作者的同时，也为居民提供一系列的娱乐活动。这种线上与线下、双模式活动的线上收视率一路飙升，也令我们感到高兴和鼓舞。非常感恩缔造这一切的你们。

在迈向更绿化的三巴旺集选区时，我们见证首座在三巴旺集选区设立的城市农场。请继续关注更多绿色计划将在我们的市镇里一一落实。您也可尽一份力，以正确的方式进行垃圾回收。我们在刊物里解释您可以用正确的方法丢弃可回收物品和电子垃圾。

我祝大家有个“旺得福”的一年！珍重和注意安全。

**维凯**  
主席  
三巴旺市镇理事会

அன்பார்ந்த குடியிருப்பாளர்களே,

2022-ஆம் ஆண்டின் முதல் காலாண்டின் இறுதியில் நாம் இருக்கிறோம். இல்ல வருகையளிப்புகள் மற்றும் குடியிருப்பு பேட்டைகளில் நடைபயணம் மேற்கொள்ளுதல் ஆகிய நடவடிக்கைகளை மீண்டும் தொடங்கியதில் நான் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன். இந்த நடவடிக்கைகள் மூலம் பல குடியிருப்பாளர்களைச் சந்தித்தேன். கொவிட்-19 கிருமிப்பரவலை நன்று புரிந்துகொண்டு அதன் மத்தியில் வாழப் பலர் பழகிக்கொண்டிருப்பதைப் பார்த்து நான் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன். வரும் ஆண்டில் நம் வாழ்க்கை இன்னும் சீராக அமையும் என்று நாம் நம்புகிறோம்.

இதுவரை 2022 ஒரு நிகழ்வுமிக்க ஆண்டாக திகழ்கிறது. முந்தைய ஆண்டைப் போலல்லாமல், சில கொண்டாட்டங்களை நேருக்கு நேராக ஏற்பாடு செய்ய முடிந்தது. மேலும் பல நடவடிக்கைகள் நேருக்கு நேராகவும் மெய்நிகரும் கலந்த அமைப்பில் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டன. நிலவும் கொவிட்-19 பாதுகாப்பு நிர்வாக நடைமுறைகள் இணங்க, குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் ஒரே நடவடிக்கைக்கு மின்னியல் ரீதியாகவும் நேருக்கு நேர் ரீதியாகவும் கலந்து கொண்டனர். நாம் ஆண்டுதோறும் வழங்கி வரும் 'ஜி. ஆர்.சி கவுண்டவுன் பார்ட்டி அண்டர் தி ஸ்டார்ஸ்-உடன் (GRC Countdown Party Under The Stars) இந்த ஆண்டு தொடங்கியது. 'உடலண்டஸ்' சமூக மையத்தின் கூரையில் நடத்தப்பட்ட இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு நேரடியாக வந்த கூட்டம் முந்தைய ஆண்டுகளை விட சிறியதாக இருந்தது. ஆயினும் மீண்டும் நள்ளிரவில் வானவேட்கைகளை வெடித்து வானத்தை ஒளிரச் செய்து புத்தாண்டை வரவேற்றோம்.

எங்கள் குழுத்தொகுதியில் சேர்ந்த இந்திய சமூகத்தினர் ஜனவரி மாதம் பொங்கல் திருவிழாவைத் கொண்டாடினர். 'பொங்கல்' என்ற தமிழ் சொல்லுக்கு 'நிரம்பி வழிவது' என்று பொருளாகும். மேலும் மண் பாணைகளில் மெதுவாக சமைக்கப்பட்டு குமிழி நிரம்பி வழியும் அரிசியும் பாலும் செழிப்பையும் மிகுதியையும் குறிக்கின்றன. பாரம்பரை முறையில் பொங்கல் சமைத்தல், கோலங்களை போடுதல் மற்றும் வண்ணமயமான நிகழ்ச்சிகள் ஆகியவை நம் குழுத்தொகுதியின் கொண்டாட்டத்தில் உள்ளடங்கின. இது நிச்சயமாக ஒரு வண்ணமயமான அறுவடை மற்றும் நன்றி செலுத்தும் திருவிழாவாக திகழ்ந்தது.

அனைத்துப் பிரிவுகளில் சீனப் புத்தாண்டையும் நாம் கொண்டாடினோம். புலியின் ஆண்டைக் கொண்டாட பலர் பாரம்பரிய 'கெட்டாய்' (Getai) நிகழ்ச்சிகளை மீண்டும் நிகழ்த்தினர். குழுத்தொகுதியின் பல்வேறு பகுதிகளில் வண்ணமயமான ஒளியூட்டுகளும் அலங்காரங்களும் சூடப்பட்டன. இந்த நிகழ்ச்சிகள் உள்ளூர் கலைஞர்கள் பலருக்கு ஆதரவளித்தன. மேலும் குடியிருப்பாளர்களுக்கு பொழுதுபோக்கையும் அளித்தன. இந்த நிகழ்ச்சிகளை இணையதளத்திலும் கண்டுபிடித்த பார்வையாளர்களின் மிகுதியான எண்ணிக்கையை கண்டு இன்ப அதிர்ச்சி அடைந்தோம். இதை சாத்தியமாக்கிய அனைவருக்கும் ஒரு பெரிய நன்றி.

பசுமையான 'செம்பவாங்கை' உருவாக்க நாங்கள் மேற்கொள்ளும் பணியில், 'செம்பவாங்' குழுத்தொகுதியில் முதல் நகர்ப்புற பண்ணை தொடங்கப்படுவதைக் கண்டோம்! நம் நகரில் இன்னும் பல பசுமையான திட்டங்களை அறிவிக்கயிருக்கிறோம். நீங்களும் மறுசுழற்சி செய்வதன் மூலம் உங்கள் பங்கை ஆற்றலாம். உங்கள் மறுசுழற்சி மற்றும் மின்னணு கழிவுகளை எவ்வாறு சரியாக அப்புறப்படுத்துவது என்பதை நாங்கள் எழுதியுள்ளோம். அதை தொடர்ந்து படியுங்கள்.

அனைவருக்கும் ஒரு அற்புதமான புத்தாண்டு திகழ வாழ்த்துக்கள்! பாதுகாப்பாக இருங்கள் மற்றும் உங்கள் உடல்நலத்தை கவனித்துக் கொள்ளுங்கள்.

**விக்ரம் நாயர்**  
செம்பவாங் நகர மன்றத் தலைவர்

# INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE NORTH WEST

The last beam was hoisted to the top of Woodlands Health Campus at 17 Woodlands Drive 17 on 12 February 2022. The topping out ceremony, officiated by Minister for Health Mr Ong Ye Kung and attended by his fellow Sembawang GRC MPs Mr Vikram Nair, Ms Poh Li San and Ms Mariam Jaafar, is the harbinger of an integrated healthcare system for residents in the vicinity.

The 11-storey building, including four basement levels, spans 7.66 hectares (approximately 11 football fields). It will house 1,000 beds in the Acute and Community Hospital, and close to 400 beds in the Long-Term Care Facility, which includes a nursing home, a senior care centre and home care services to be operated by Ren Ci Hospital. Postulated to expand total bed capacity up to 1,800, the Campus is well positioned to meet future healthcare needs.

The Campus is designed to not only facilitate seamless transition across various care settings but also incorporate the natural environment in its care model. Residents can look forward to community spaces and therapeutic landscaping, including a Woodlands Healing Garden designed by the National Parks Board.



Minister Ong Ye Kung and Senior Minister of State (Health) Dr Janil Puthucheary signing on the beam used in the topping out



The beam being hoisted to the top in commemoration of the Woodlands Health Campus topping out



MPs for Sembawang GRC, Mr Vikram Nair, Ms Poh Li San, Minister Ong Ye Kung, Ms Mariam Jaafar, along with MP for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC (Woodgrove) Ms Hany Soh and Senior Minister of State (Health) Dr Janil Puthucheary at the topping out ceremony

While construction of the Campus is underway, the Woodlands Health team has been serving the community through programmes such as GPFirst in the North and Urgent Care Centre at Kampung Admiralty in collaboration with Khoo Teck Puat Hospital. The NurseFirst helpline was also recently launched, where residents can get advice from trained nurses on where they can seek treatment for acute but not life-threatening conditions.

The Woodlands Health Campus is slated to open progressively from the end of 2023, starting with non-urgent specialist outpatient clinics, while the emergency department and inpatient wards will open from May 2024 onwards.

# FIRST URBAN FARM IN SEMBAWANG GRC!

On 16 January 2022, Sembawang GRC's first urban farm, SG Veg Farms, located at Blk 354 Admiralty Drive, had its first harvest of 250 kg of Bak Choy. The harvest was grown locally in Sembawang and is pesticide-free. The produce was distributed to nearby residents for sampling, and to families in need of assistance. We are definitely moving towards our goal of making all our carpark rooftops green — be it community gardens or urban farms.

Sembawang is also the pilot site for conversion of carpark rooftops to urban farms by Singapore Food Agency (SFA).

Stay tuned for more green initiatives happening in Sembawang GRC!



**S.Veggies Market — Support SG Veg Farms by purchasing their homegrown vegetables every Saturday, 7am - 11am, from 19 March onwards!**

Follow or contact SG Veg Farms for more information!

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# #PEOPLEOFSEMBAWANG:

## James, Green Homeowner!



Meet James, 33, a green homeowner in Sembawang! He is a part of the Singapore Green Building Council, which is currently running the digital outreach campaign Green Means Go. It is intended to help homeowners and the public to better understand green buildings and their benefits to physical and mental health, as well as to empower homeowners to make decisions to build green into their homes.

### How and when did you take your first step to sustainable living? What is your motivation behind it?

While my profession has undoubtedly influenced my views on green buildings and sustainability, the main reason stemmed from living in my mother-in-law's place during the waiting period for my BTO flat. Being a 35-year-old HDB flat, it was only renovated once at the point of purchase. Prior to getting married, we decided to give the house a fresh coat of paint to signify new beginnings. However, the paint chosen was the cheapest option and contains low-quality pigment. Not only was the paint hard to apply, it came off fairly easily and filled the house with noxious fumes for weeks after application.

The paint also caused our noses to act up in the months that followed, a result of the high level of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) present in the low-quality paint. We also regularly felt unwell from breathing in these toxic substances for prolonged periods.

### Why create a green home?

After all, our homes are our sanctuaries of refuge and solace, therefore it stands to reason that these places have to be safe, productive and healthy. This rings true now more than ever as the pandemic has blurred the lines for our usual places and spaces. We are home for longer periods of time, staying home to work, learn, play and even heal. Given that we are in this space for almost the entire day, our home should be made as green and healthy as possible.

### Advice for those who want to get started on sustainability but not sure how?

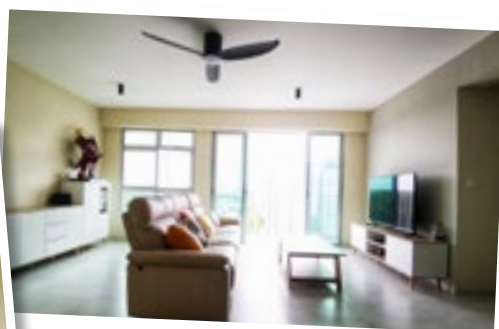
Going green does not need big actions and intensive effort right from the start. You can slowly ease into sustainability and do more when you are ready.

- Grow some air-purifying houseplants at home to help clean the air. Hardy houseplants such as the peace lily act as natural air purifiers and actively break down toxic gases such as formaldehyde, benzene and carbon monoxide. Other species like the snake plant continue to produce oxygen even at night, helping you to breathe and sleep better. Having plants around the house not only beautifies our interior surroundings, but they also help keep the indoor air quality healthy and optimal for you and your family.
- When setting up work from home (WFH) or home-based learning stations, try to place them beside an open window to take advantage of natural daylight. Adequate exposure will boost the body's circadian rhythm and generally improve health, well-being and attention spans.
- Using a smart home management system allows you to keep track of your home's energy consumption and gives you the necessary data to optimise energy efficiency for greater savings on utility bills.

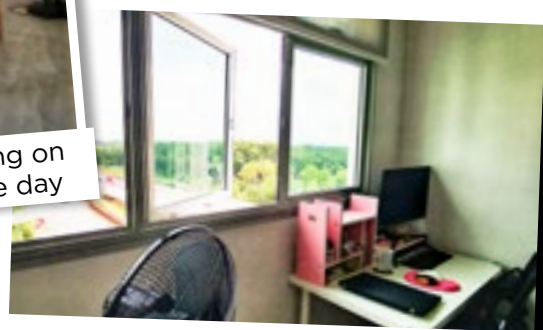
Let's all play our part and **#MakeSembawangGreen!**



Natural colours are soothing on the eyes at any time of the day



Open space gives a sense of roominess and expanse



WFH station set up beside open windows to boost circadian rhythm

If you have also played your part in going green, share your story with us on Sayang Sembawang's Facebook page and stand a chance to be featured!

# COUNTING DOWN TO 2022 UNDER THE STARS

Windows became movie screens in Sembawang GRC as residents enjoyed a magnificent display of fireworks at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Day. The spectacle was livestreamed alongside dazzling performances put up by many homegrown talents at the rooftop of Woodlands Community Club.

MPs for Sembawang GRC, Minister Ong Ye Kung, Dr Lim Wee Kiak, PBM, Mr Vikram Nair, Ms Poh Li San and Ms Mariam Jaafar, launched the countdown to ring in the New Year 2022. They also shared with residents some personal memories when responding to their online questions. Mr Ong reminisced that he used to count down the year with his schoolmates on New Year's Eve before he became an MP, while Dr Lim shared that he would spend the last sunset of the year with his wife. As the MPs aired their New Year's resolutions, commitment in serving residents, hobbies and favourite hangout spots in Sembawang GRC, residents understood them in greater depth.



MPs for Sembawang GRC and guest performers blasted party poppers at the stroke of midnight to welcome the start of the New Year!



Local percussion band Sambiesta hyped up the event with awesome beats!



Residents gathered at the decked out rooftop of Woodlands CC for the celebration!

Talented artistes staged eclectic and vibrant performances, ranging from singing to stand-up comedy. Among the highlights were thought-provoking jokes from Jinx Yeo, who was nominated 'Best Comedy' at the Fringe World Awards 2018. Shigga Shay's rendition of "Tapau" immediately conjured up the familiar, localised kopitiam scene with his unique hip-hop style. Syakirah Noble's song "It's Gonna be Okay" illuminated our hearts with hope, especially with the lyrics "who's to say that tomorrow won't bring in the light".

"There are actually so many things in life that we can be thankful for; when I look back, it [2021] has been a good year and I look forward to 2022. I hope everybody will have the same attitude," concluded Mr Ong.



Local singer Syakirah Noble's melodious voice wows the audience as she performs two of her own songs!



Singer-songwriter Dru Chen gives us an acoustic performance of his songs



Singaporean rapper Shigga Shay lights up the celebration with catchy beats and lyrics!

# Springing Into PONGAL!

This year, our Indian residents dressed to the nines and turned up for the Pongal celebrations held online and physically throughout our GRC.

Residents, together with their respective MPs for Sembawang GRC, lighted oil lamps, designed Kolam drawings, and mixed fresh milk with rice, bringing them to a boil in clay pots. These symbolic rituals were held to bless themselves with abundance, prosperity and good luck. Performances were also staged to liven up the celebratory occasion!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Pongal is a thanksgiving festival for a bountiful harvest. It is celebrated at the end of each harvest season to mark the start of spring and to show the gratitude of people towards the sun for bringing out the season of harvest.

### CANBERRA



### ADMIRALTY



### SEMBAWANG CENTRAL



### SEMBAWANG WEST



### WOODLANDS



# ROARING CELEBRATIONS

## TO WELCOME THE YEAR OF THE TIGER!

Sembawang GRC ushered in the Year of the Tiger with roaring festivities across the divisions. This year, residents were able to gather in a hybrid setting (online and physically) for the celebrations. Festivities such as getais, decoration light-ups, visits from the God of Fortune, lion dances, martial arts performances, mandarin orange distributions and more definitely fired up our Lunar New Year spirits! What a great way to start off the new year!



### ADMIRALTY



Admiralty Hybrid CNY Celebration @ ACE The Place CC



Admiralty Seniors' Lunar New Year Celebration

### CANBERRA



Food Donations and Angbaos for Residents of SWAMI Home at Canberra CC



CNY Greetings to Residents



Canberra CNY E-getai 2022



SEMBAWANG CENTRAL



CNY Getai for Seniors



Sembawang Central CNY Getai 2022



CNY Light-Up!



CNY Greetings to Residents



SEMBAWANG WEST



CNY 2022 E-celebrations @ Sembawang West



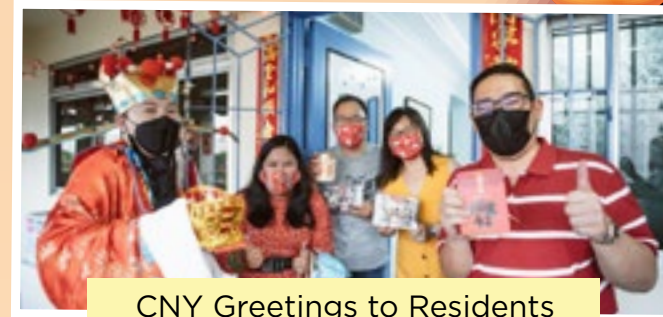
CNY Light-Up!



CNY Greetings to Residents



WOODLANDS



CNY Greetings to Residents



Woodlands CNY Lion Dance Show



CNY Goodie Distribution

# SEMBAWANG WEST RENEWS WITH NEW MURALS

As part of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP) for Blocks 714 to 720 Woodlands Ave 6/Drive 70, the Sembawang West division held a wall mural design competition for Admiralty Primary School's students and residents of the blocks slated for the NRP. The purpose of the competition is to beautify the estates and elevate residents' sense of belonging in their neighbourhood through being a part of conceptualising the mural art.

The contest was held from early August through September 2021, seeking residents' artwork submissions that portray their idea of kampung spirit. After evaluation by the Working Committee, MP for Sembawang West Ms Poh Li San presented certificates and cash prizes to the winners for their participation in this project.

Check out the winning entries below!

A joint project by Sembawang Town Council, Housing and Development Board (HDB), Residents' Network (RN) Zone E of Sembawang West Division



HE HUI LING



KIRTICK



MAYDALENE CHEE



SHIVANI MEHTA

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SEMBAWANG GRC'S COUNTDOWN PARTY UNDER THE STARS



2022 HOLIDAY CHEAT SHEET



#EATWHATFRIDAY: MARUHACHI



WHERE TO GET LAST-MINUTE CNY GOODIES?



Look out for upcoming giveaways, contests, resident features, lifestyle content and more every week on our Facebook page!



# BUDGET 2022: CHARTING OUR NEW WAY FORWARD TOGETHER

The Budget 2022 speech was delivered on 18 February. The measures include support for Singaporeans to recover from COVID-19, manage costs of living, and cushion the impact of the GST increase. Read on to find out how you benefit from this year's Budget.



Scan here to find out more about Budget 2022.



## GST SUPPORT

**Enhanced \$6.6 billion Assurance package** to cushion impact of GST increase for all Singaporeans

### > Cash Payout

**\$700 to \$1,600** for every adult Singaporean aged 21 and above over the next 5 years

### > GSTV — U-Save Rebates

**\$330 to \$570** additional U-Save rebates for eligible households over the next 4 years

### > GST Voucher (GSTV) — Seniors' Bonus

**\$600 to \$900** cash payout for eligible seniors aged 55 and above over the next 3 years

### > Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers

Total of **\$400** vouchers over 2023 and 2024 for Singaporean households, to be used at participating heartland merchants, hawkers and major supermarkets

### > MediSave Top-Up

**\$450** top-up over the next 3 years for Singaporean children aged 20 and below and seniors aged 55 and above

**Enhanced Permanent GST Voucher (GSTV) scheme** for lower- and middle-income Singaporean households

### > Higher GSTV — Cash Payout

Up to **\$500** for eligible Singaporeans

### > Assessable Income Threshold

Increase from \$28,000 to \$34,000 for GSTV — Cash, benefitting more Singaporeans

### > Service and Conservancy Charges Rebate

New permanent component of GSTV scheme, on top of cash, MediSave and U-Save

To cushion impact of GST increase for all Singaporeans

### > No increase in Government fees and charges for 1 year (2023)

Includes fees charges on all Government-provided public services, e.g. school fees, licence fees

### > Continue to absorb GST on publicly-subsidised healthcare and education

### > Grant to Town Councils to absorb additional GST payable on Service and Conservancy Charges



## HOUSEHOLDS

**\$560 million Household Support Package** to help Singaporeans with their daily expenses

### > GSTV — U-Save Rebates

Double U-Save rebates (up to **\$285** more) for eligible households for Apr to Dec 2022

### > Top-Ups to Education-Related Accounts

**\$200** top-up for Singaporean children aged 20 and below in 2022

### > Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers

**\$100** vouchers for Singaporean households, to be used at participating heartland merchants and hawkers in 2022

**Additional support** for all Singaporeans to have opportunities to do well

### > Invest in Our Children

- Enhance **Fresh Start Housing Scheme** to support families in home ownership

- Expand **KidSTART** programme nationwide to benefit more children

- Expand **UPLIFT Community Network** to benefit more students

### > Prepare for Future Healthcare Needs

Healthier SG — Bring care closer to the community, centred around patients



## MID-CAREER WORKERS

### > SkillsFuture Career Transition Programme

Highly-subsidised, high-quality, and industry-oriented training courses with employment facilitation

### > SGUnited Mid-Career Pathways Programme — Company Attachment

**Permanent programme** for mature individuals: 4 - 6 months full-time attachment, with allowances of up to **\$3,800/month** co-funded by Government



## LOWER-WAGE WORKERS

### > Workfare Income Supplement Enhancements (from Jan 2023)

- Higher maximum annual payouts of **\$2,100 - \$4,200**
- Qualifying income cap raised to **\$2,500/month**
- Workfare extended to workers aged 30 to 34

### > Progressive Wage Credit Scheme

- Government to co-fund wage increase of lower-wage workers from 2022 to 2026

### > Uplift Lower-Wage Workers

- Extend **Progressive Wage Model** to more sectors and occupations
- Companies hiring foreigners need to pay locals at least the **Local Qualifying Salary** (\$1,400 currently)
- Government suppliers to attain **Progressive Wage Mark** from Mar 2023



## SENIOR WORKERS

### > Higher CPF Contribution Rates

- Further increase of 1.5 - 2 percentage points to total contribution rates (employer and employee)
- CPF Transition Offset** to cover half of the increase in employer contributions in 2023

### > CPF Basic Retirement Sum (BRS) Adjustments

- Raise by 3.5% per year for each CPF member turning 55 in the years 2023 to 2027
- 8 in 10 active CPF members turning 55 in 2027 expected to have BRS or more
- No requirement to top up CPF to meet BRS



## SUSTAINABILITY

Towards achieving net zero emissions by or around mid-century

### > Carbon Tax to Accelerate Decarbonisation

- Transition framework to help emissions-intensive, trade-exposed sectors manage impact
- Allow use of carbon credits for up to 5% of taxable emissions from 2024
- Transitional support for households, e.g. additional U-Save rebates

Year	\$/Tonne
Current	5
2024-2025	25
2026-2027	45
By 2030	50-80



## BUSINESSES

**\$500 million** Jobs and Business Support Package

### > Small Business Recovery Grant

- \$1,000** per local employee, up to a cap of \$10,000 per firm for SMEs in affected sectors\*
- \$1,000** one-off grant for these groups which do not hire local employees:
  - Sole proprietors and partnerships in eligible sectors\*
  - SFA-licensed hawkers, market and coffeeshop stallholders

\* Please refer to [go.gov.sg/sbrgrant](https://go.gov.sg/sbrgrant) for a list of eligible sectors

### > Jobs Growth Incentive

- Extend to Sep 2022 to support hiring of mature and vulnerable workers

\*as of 2022

# RESIDENTS GIVE "THANKS!"



"I would like to compliment one of your officers from Sembawang Town Council, Mr Bob Poh, for his very helpful service.

I was trying to look for my lovebird and I saw that my bird had flown to the rooftop. I didn't know what to do. Thankfully, I happened to chance upon Mr Bob as he approached me when I was shouting my lovebird's name, hoping he would fly down on his own. Mr Bob mentioned that he was from the Town Council and he could help. Without any hesitation, he headed to the rooftop to retrieve my bird and returned it back to me. It was also drizzling that day.

To be honest, Mr Bob's action really impressed me and he really deserves an award. I am glad he is willing to go the extra mile for his resident. It is definitely worth praising. Not to mention my bird has been a family pet for almost a decade so I was very worried about losing him. I am extremely grateful for Mr Bob's immediate help that possibly saved my lovebird's life. This prompted me to write in a compliment for him to express my gratitude."

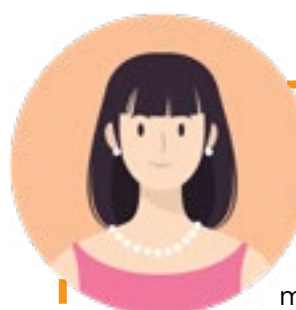
— Resident Ms Low



**Mr Hossain Golam**  
Sembawang West Division

"I would like to thank your cleaner! This morning around 8am I dropped my wallet. Luckily, he picked it up and returned it to me when I returned to my block. I really appreciate his honesty."

— Resident Ycy Alexis



"I would like to compliment your staff, Ms Corinna Ng. Recently, I was troubled by a cat that comes to the outside of my unit and poos very often. Ms Corinna was very helpful. Sometimes I text her early in the morning, around 6am plus, or at night, around 11pm plus, she doesn't get angry and even replies me. I really am very appreciative of her help and her attitude towards her work."

— Resident Shereen Lim



**Mr Chan Ah Tuck**  
Sembawang Central Division

"I must compliment the tall gentleman cleaner at 509B Wellington Circle for his diligence in cleaning the garbage section so well. He sweeps the garbage off the floor and the chute, and hoses the chute and floor clean. This should remove any remaining stench as well as keep pests and birds to the minimum. Thanks!"

— Resident Girlie Chan



**Mr Khan Shohel**  
Admiralty Division

"I wish to give my compliments to the cleaner of my block, Mr Sohel. He is always very helpful. He also keeps my corridor and block very clean. He is a happy and cheerful person who never fails to greet me in the morning or in the evening whenever he sees me. He is also very hardworking and sometimes I also see him working on weekends. I have known him for the past few years and he always works with a passion. You should treasure such a hardworking worker. It is great to see him working so hard to keep our estate clean. Please kindly continue to keep up the good work!"

— Resident Tan Nga Ling



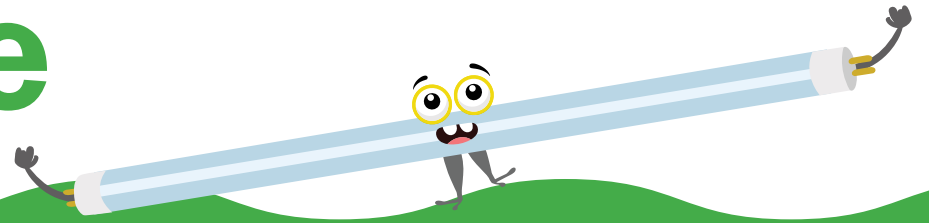
"I would like to thank and give a thumbs up to Mr Nabil (Sembawang Town Council Property Officer). I was very agitated and complaining to him about the downtime of the lift maintenance. It was causing inconvenience to the residents especially the senior citizens who have no strength and stamina to use the staircase to climb up to their unit.

Mr Nabil was very professional and empathetic to our situation, hence he quickly followed up with the lift engineer to expedite the repair and the lift resumed within the same day. Kudos to Mr Nabil!"

— Resident Gary Wong



# Recycle your E-Waste



## Types of Regulated E-Waste



Computer & Laptop



Mobile & Tablet



Printer



E-Mobility Device



TV & Desktop Monitor



Household Battery & Powerbank



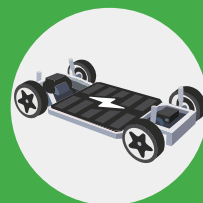
Network & Set-Top Box



Air-Conditioner



Consumer Lamp



Electric Vehicle Battery



Refrigerator



Washing Machine & Dryer



### ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Printer
- Computer & Laptop
- Mobile & Tablet
- Network & Set-top Box
- TV & Desktop Monitor
- Bulb & Battery (Power banks included)

3-in-1 Bin



### ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Household battery
- Bulb

Battery & Bulb Bin



### ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Household battery

Battery-Only Bin

## Locate an E-Bin near you



3-in-1 Bin  
Causeway Point L1



Battery & Bulb Bin  
Fairprice at Sun Plaza

### 3-in-1 Bin

- Challenger, Sun Plaza
- Sheng Siong, Canberra 105
- Canberra Plaza
- Sembawang Mart
- Vista Point
- Woodlands Mart

### Battery & Bulb Bin

- Fairprice, 355 Sembawang Way
- Fairprice, 511 Canberra Rd
- Fairprice, Canberra Plaza
- Fairprice, Kampung Admiralty
- Fairprice, Sun Plaza
- Sheng Siong, 200 Woodlands Industrial Park
- Sheng Siong, 573 Woodlands

### Battery-Only Bin

- Giant, Admiralty MRT
- Giant, Vista Point

- Woodlands Zone 4 RN
- Woodlands Zone 7 RN
- Woodlands Zone 8 RN
- Woodlands Zone 9 RN
- School, Republic Polytechnic

- Sheng Siong, 785E Woodlands
- Giant, Sembawang Shopping Centre
- Mr. DIY, Sembawang Shopping Centre



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✓ **Clean**

No food, no liquids. Empty and rinse before recycling.

✓ **Recycle**

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\*based on your description of symptoms

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WoodlandsHealthSG  
wh.sg

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<b>ADMIRALTY</b>	☎ ACE The Place CC 6891 3430	f Our Admiralty
<b>CANBERRA</b>	☎ Canberra CC 6755 6369	f Kampung Jelutung @ Canberra
<b>SEMBAWANG CENTRAL</b>	☎ Sembawang CC 6752 7212	f Sembawang Central Community
<b>SEMBAWANG WEST</b>	☎ Woodlands Galaxy CC 6366 2218	f Sembawang Our Home
<b>WOODLANDS</b>	☎ Woodlands CC 6368 9938	f Woodlands Community



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- Nurulhasanah Binte Abdul Rahman
- Chua Ai Choo