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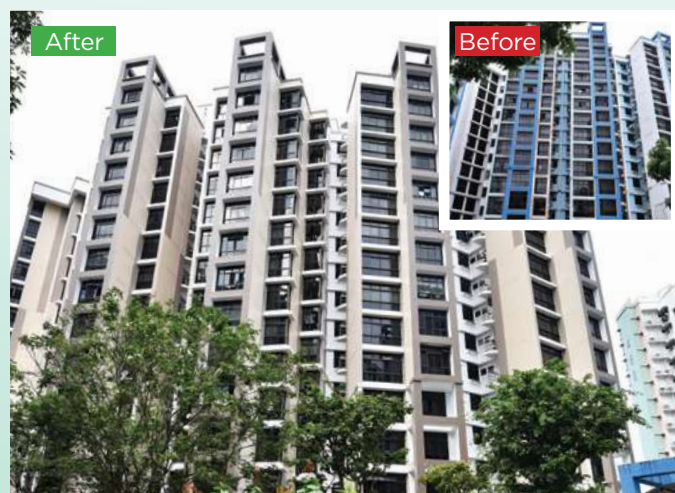


▲ Blks 101-129 Gangsa Rd



▲ Blks 201-233 Petir/Pending Rd

Zhenghua



▲ Blks 465-484 Segar Rd



▲ Blks 613-624 Bukit Panjang Ring Rd/Senja Rd

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▲ Blks 7-15 Ghim Moh Rd (Ghim Moh Garden)



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Bukit Timah



▲ *Blk 21 Toh Yi Dr*



▲ *Blks 201-206 Clementi Ave 6*



▲ *Blks 301-310 Clementi Ave 4*



▲ *Blks 315-320 Clementi Ave 4*



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A More Connected Town



▲ Drop-Off Porch at Blk 104 Clementi St 14



▲ Proposed Covered Linkway over Existing BFA Ramp at Blk 182 Jelebu Rd



▲ Proposed Covered Linkway over Existing Staircase at Blk 607 Senja Rd

Connecting Hearts and Paws in Our New Pets Park



On a leisurely Sunday afternoon, 13 October 2024, Bukit Panjang N2 Park Court was unleashed with excitement. Approximately 200 residents and their pets celebrated the official opening of the community's new pets park. The scene was a lively one, with pets and pet owners alike basking in the sense of community the space offers.

Teh Chong Jin, who brought his Corgi and Beagle, commented, "The park is a great spot to meet other dogs and their owners. I used to rarely come by this area, but with the park, I'll visit regularly."

The event featured various booths showcasing products and services. Vendors like Waggitly, Pet Treat Station, The Stray Affair, Pawmeal and So Cat provided comprehensive guidance on pet and animal care, from specialised pet care, pet products and health solutions to feeding stray animals.

MP for Bukit Panjang SMC Mr Liang Eng Hwa interacted with participants and toured the booths, building anticipation for the event's highlight. The moment everyone had been waiting for arrived when Mr Liang officially declared the park open.



In his casual but heartfelt address, Mr Liang thanked the Housing and Development Board for allocating the land and Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council for maintaining the park. Additionally, he acknowledged Mr Perumal Moorthy, Chairman of N2 Pets Park Opening Champion, for his dedication to identifying suitable locations for pets parks. He shared that this pets park is one of many, with further efforts underway to identify and create more pet-friendly spaces in the precinct.

With its scenic hilltop setting and lush greenery, the new pets park promises to be a cherished spot for pet owners, and a great place for residents and their families to unwind on weekends.



A Blooming Community from Top to Bottom

The pilot hybrid community-allotment garden, which features shared and individual plots, was officially opened on the rooftop of Blk 636 Senja Road on 21 September 2024. MP for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC (Zhenghua) Mr Edward Chia officiated the event, planting pandan, curry and chilli in the garden.

The opening brought together gardeners, friends and families. It showcased the gardeners' hard work and raised awareness of this green space. The event also provided residents an opportunity to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival together, with residents lighting up the evening with lanterns and participating in themed activities.



Head gardener Tan Boon Kim, 50, reflected on the garden's grassroots origin: "Some residents started planting in this communal area, so I thought, why not make it official?" Since then, the garden has become a shared space for the community, with allotment plot fees reinvested into maintaining the community garden.

Though the garden's yield is still modest, Boon Kim envisions sharing the bounty with the neighbourhood food rescue programme. He has also started partnerships with Fei Yue Active Ageing Centre and Skool4Kidz. "We want to expand our community involvement so more residents can benefit," he explained.

For gardener Lim Yong Heng, 64, the garden strengthened his family bonds. He shared, "My family all live within the neighbourhood, so they often visit the garden or join me in tending to the plants. My grandchildren love helping with the watering, and the produce we grow together becomes part of our family meals."

Community gardener Sharifah, 38, encouraged residents to get involved in community activities through their neighbourhood Facebook pages: "Posters can be easy to miss, but you can keep up easily through social media pages!"

Nurturing Nature and Growing Together

On 24 August 2024, residents of Farrer Gardens came together to transform a plain green space at 4 Queens Road into a vibrant oasis. The event celebrated community spirit and the collective effort to create a more sustainable environment. MP for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC (Ulu Pandan) Mr Christopher de Souza joined residents in the meaningful act of planting trees.

Participants planted 10 *Plumeria rubra*, also known as frangipani. Renowned for their fragrant blossoms, they draw in pollinators like bees and butterflies. The trees will enhance the area's beauty while supporting local biodiversity and contributing to a healthier ecosystem.

For many, the event was a rare chance to experience tree planting firsthand. Families and friends worked side by side, turning an empty space into a shared sanctuary. The revitalised space now offers shade, beauty and life to the neighbourhood, a reminder of the bonds within the community.

This small patch of greenery is just the start, as these frangipani trees will continue to thrive and inspire for years to come. When a community unites, even the simplest acts can have a lasting impact.





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COMPLIMENTS



Dear Team,

I have been a resident at Gangsa Road for close to six years, and it has been pleasant thus far. This is largely due to the hard work and commitment of the estate workers around the block, including Arif and his team.

They are diligent and friendly. The estate is always clean early in the morning, before most residents even get out of bed. They have been doing an amazing job. Their effort has definitely not gone unnoticed by me and my neighbours. I hope they can be rewarded accordingly!

Thank you very much.

— Timothy



Dear Town Council,

I would like to extend a big thank you for Mr Goh's prompt action in addressing our concern about a constant humming sound.

The noise was very disturbing, particularly at night when we slept. While the maintenance team initially could not pinpoint the issue, they escalated it, and Mr Goh stepped in swiftly to assist.

He first worked with M1 to try to resolve the problem. When we informed him that the sound was still there, he personally came down with the M1 personnel to investigate further. Afterwards, he consistently followed up with phone calls to assure us that the matter was being addressed. By the next day, the humming sound was gone.

Once again, a great thank you for the prompt follow-up.

— Resident



Dear Town Council,

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Officer Sam and Conservancy Manager Calvin for the prompt and efficient action following my recent report.

Your responsiveness this afternoon made a noticeable difference, and I am truly grateful for the quick resolution of the issue. Please convey my thanks to all team members involved as well.

Thank you once again for your dedicated service to our community.

— Ms Chiang