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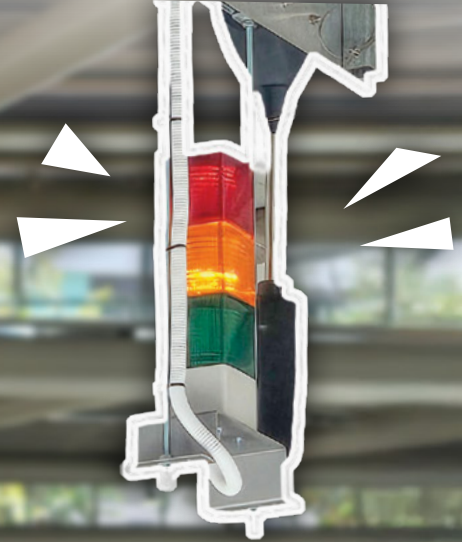
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Cleaners Appreciation Day 2026 at Bukit Panjang

Our cleaners are often the first to start work each day. Their quiet dedication keeps Bukit Panjang clean and pleasant for all of us.

Mr Liang Eng Hwa,
MP for
Bukit Panjang SMC

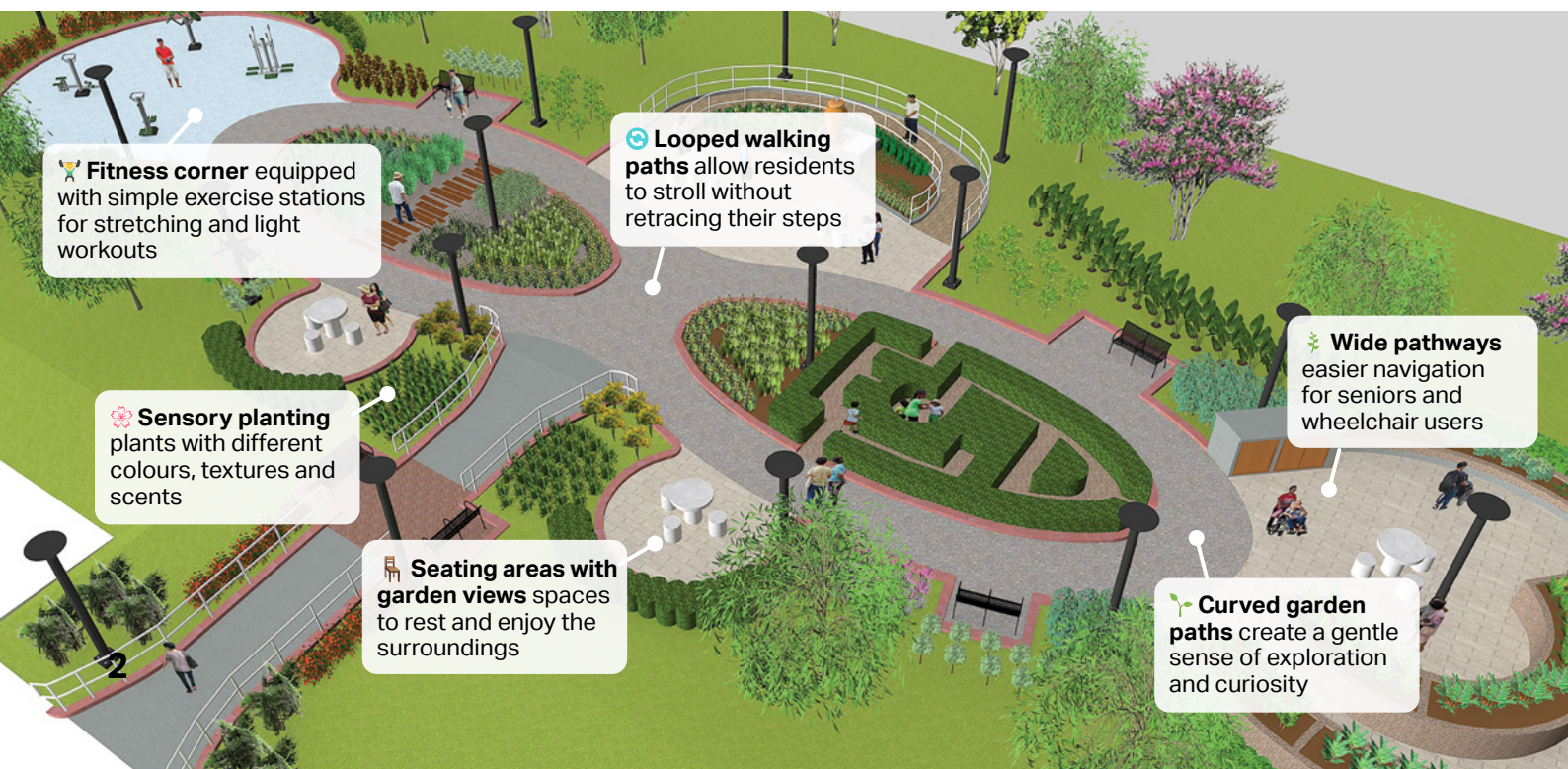


On 6 March 2026, Mr Liang Eng Hwa (MP for Bukit Panjang SMC) met with our cleaners to thank them for their dedication in keeping Bukit Panjang clean and welcoming for residents. As a small token of appreciation, grocery vouchers were presented in recognition of their hard work and commitment. Rain or shine, our cleaners work tirelessly each day to care for the walkways and shared spaces that help keep our neighbourhood pleasant for everyone.



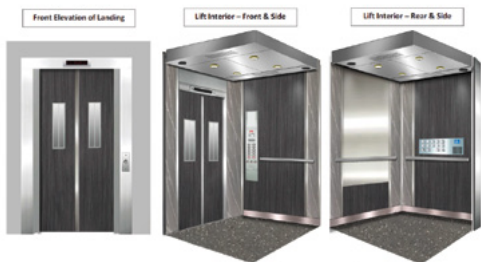
Blk 204 Petir Road Therapeutic Garden Upcoming

A new **Therapeutic Garden** is coming to **Blk 204 Petir Road**, creating a calm and welcoming space where residents can relax, recharge and enjoy nature while supporting mental well-being and gentle exercise.



HIP & Lift Replacement Programme at Cashew

To ensure continued safe and reliable lift services, lift replacement works are currently underway at **Blk 170-172** under the Lift Replacement Programme (LRP).



The project is expected to be completed by Q2 2027.

Lift Replacement Programme at Blk 170-172 Ongoing

What is the Lift Replacement Programme (LRP)?

The LRP is an initiative by Town Councils / managing agents to replace ageing lifts.

Why replacement is needed:

- Lifts have been in service for close to or more than 28 years
- Higher risk of breakdowns due to ageing systems
- Spare parts may become difficult to repair or replace

How the Works Are Carried Out

- Replacement is done **one lift at a time** to minimise inconvenience
- Each lift takes approximately **4-5 months** to complete (including installation, testing and commissioning)

⚠ Attention

Residents may experience some noise and minor inconvenience as the works involve construction activities. The work area will be secured and managed to minimise disruption.

For feedback on noise or construction issues, please contact: Chevalier 24-Hour Hotline: 6749 1188



Home Improvement Programme (HIP)

The HIP is a government upgrading programme for older HDB flats to keep homes safe and in good condition.

📍 Blocks Covered:

Blk 170 Gangsa - 176 Lompang Rd



📞 Need Help with Excessive Noise from HIP Works?

- Please first contact the HIP Information Centre or the designated site supervisor (refer to the notice sent to your home)

If the issue is not resolved, you may contact:

- OneService App/Chatbot – Submit feedback and photos directly to the relevant agency
- HDB Branch Service Line: 6225 5432 (Weekdays: 8:00am-5:00pm)
- HDB Website (Write to Us) – Submit formal feedback via the official web portal

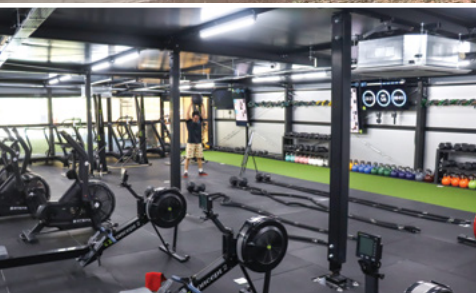
I appreciate residents' support and patience as we carry out these works to improve our neighbourhood.

Dr Vivian Balakrishnan
MP for Holland-Bukit Timah
GRC (Cashew)





ARK Sports Village Now in Zhenghua!



Looking for a new place to play sports near home? ARK Sports Village at Zhenghua is one of Singapore's largest multi-sports complex built under a flyover, transforming the space into a vibrant, all-weather sports hub. With multiple courts and training areas in one venue and lighting for night play, it gives residents more ways and more time to stay active close to home.

What Residents and Staff Say

The ARK Sports Village features:

- 5 purpose-built pickleball courts
- Muay Thai training area (newly set up)
- 4 futsal courts
- Sportybots multi-sports programme for kids
- A BFT gym
- Shower facilities for everyday users



"I first discovered this place on Instagram and was surprised it's actually built under a flyover. It's fully sheltered and very easy for me to get here — I can just cycle over from home."



"I come here two to three times a week. Having sheltered courts and different sports facilities in one place makes a big difference. The setup is comfortable and not affected by the weather."



"I work here and also joined the sports programmes on site. With the courts and gym all in one location and so close to home, it really removes the usual excuses not to exercise."

Under the Gali Batu Flyover, 20A Segar Road
 Closest carpark: 480A Segar Road
 8am–10pm (Daily)



When land is scarce, creativity becomes a public good, and overlooked spaces can become shared places for community and connection.

Mr Edward Chia,
MP Holland-Bukit Timah GRC (Zhenghua)

How to book
Visit the official booking page to reserve your preferred court and time slot.



Sheltered Linkway at 505A Jelapang Road Completed

The sheltered linkway at 505A Jelapang Road has been completed and is now open for residents. We thank residents for their patience and cooperation during the construction period.

Singapore's First Traffic Light Noise Monitoring System at Bukit Timah

On **11 March 2026**, Holland–Bukit Panjang Town Council introduced **Singapore's first outdoor sound monitoring system** at **The Court**, Blk 306A Clementi Avenue 4. The launch was attended by **Ms Sim Ann, MP for Holland–Bukit Timah GRC**, and **Mr Liang Eng Hwa, Chairman of the Holland–Bukit Panjang Town Council**, who joined residents and instructors for a demonstration of the system during community activities.

The system was introduced following feedback from residents living near the court about noise from activities. Designed as an **automated, low-maintenance monitoring system**, it provides a more objective and consistent way to track environmental noise levels while allowing community programmes to continue. When high noise levels persist for more than **15 seconds**, an alert is automatically sent to Town Council staff for follow-up. Noise events are also recorded, with **30-day reports generated** to support review and longer-term noise management.



Real-Time Traffic Light Noise Indicator

- **Red** – Noise level too high and may disturb nearby households
- **Amber** – Noise level approaching the limit
- **Green** – Noise level within an acceptable range

Hear from Our Residents

The noise levels are much more acceptable and I can focus better when working from home.

Mr Benjamin Liew
Resident of Blk 306A
Clementi Avenue 4

The noise no longer wakes me up in the mornings after my night shifts.

Madam Kalpana Parthipan
Resident of Blk 306A
Clementi Avenue 4

Community halls should be enjoyed for the activities they host, not dreaded for the noise they generate. A 'traffic light' noise monitor helps keep community spaces lively while ensuring noise remains considerate for residents.

Ms Sim Ann
MP for Holland–Bukit Timah GRC



Estate Updates at Ulu Pandan

New Sport-In-Precinct (SIP) in Sunset Way Ongoing

Works are underway to introduce new recreational spaces at Block 101 Clementi Street 14, designed to support active living and everyday community use.

With a range of facilities for both play and exercise, the space is designed for residents of all ages to stay active and spend time together.

Residents can look forward to:



Playground



Fitness equipment



Basketball court



Badminton court



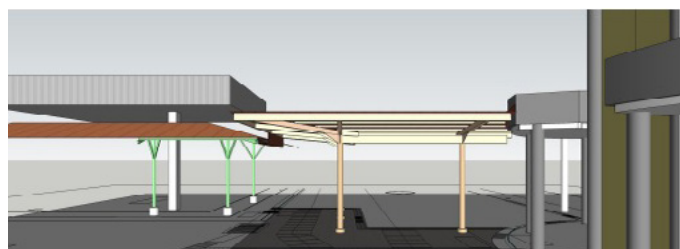
💡 Works are currently about 90% complete — stay tuned for updates.

Construction of Sheltered Linkway

Block 19 & 20 Ghim Moh Road

Completed

Direct sheltered access to Ghim Moh Road 20 Market & Food Centre for daily meals and groceries



Block 101 Clementi Street 14 Upcoming

Block 8 Empress Road Upcoming

Each small improvement brings us closer to an estate where residents can move around more easily, rain or shine.

Mr Christopher de Souza
MP for Holland-Bukit Timah
GRC (Ulu Pandan)



Fire Safety in Our Residential Estates

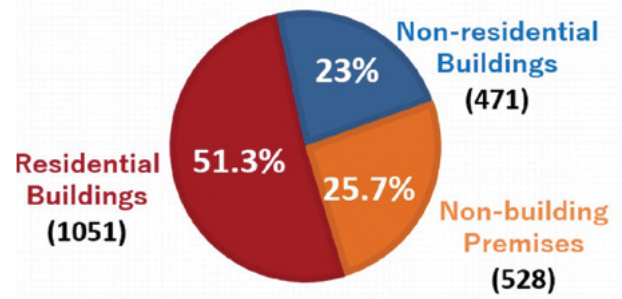
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In 2025, the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) responded to 2,050 fire calls, a 3% increase from 2024. Residential buildings accounted for 51.3% of all fire incidents, making up the largest proportion of cases.

As homes form the majority of fire cases, it is important for residents to remain vigilant and adhere to fire safety guidelines.

Breakdown of Fire Calls (2025)



Source: [https://www.scdf.gov.sg/docs/default-source/media-room-\(publications\)/annual-statistics/scdf-annual-statistics-on-ems-fire-enforcement-2025.pdf](https://www.scdf.gov.sg/docs/default-source/media-room-(publications)/annual-statistics/scdf-annual-statistics-on-ems-fire-enforcement-2025.pdf)



Guidelines on Usage of Common Corridor, Staircases and Its Landing



A clear width of 1.2m must be maintained at all times.
走廊必须保持至少1.2米的畅通宽度。



Shoe rack for the purpose of keeping shoes.
用于放鞋子的鞋架。



Unobstructed corridor facilitates SCDF's discharge of duties during medical and fire emergencies.
畅通无阻的走廊有利于救护人员在医疗和火灾紧急情况下执行任务。



Clear staircase and landing at all times.
楼梯及其平台任何时候须保持无阻。

Guidelines on Maintenance of Fire Safety/Fighting Provisions



No storage within dry/wet riser compartment.
并无在干/湿竖管内存放物品。



No obstruction to breaching inlet.
并无阻碍分叉接水入口。



Operationally ready fire alarm panel with key in break glass panel.
可正常操作的火灾警报面板，火灾警报玻璃内备有钥匙。



No obstruction to hosereel and storage within hosereel compartment.
并无阻碍消防水带盘及其储存间。

Caring for Our Estate Together: Preventing Rat Infestation

Common Rodent Species

Norway Rat (Brown Rat)

Inhabits the lower levels of buildings.

Burrows in gardens, fields, beneath building foundations and in rubbish dumps.

Roof Rat (Black Rat)

Inhabits shrubs, trees and dense vegetation.

Seeks elevated enclosed spaces such as ceilings and cabinets.

Health & Hygiene Risks

Rats can transmit diseases such as plagues, leptospirosis, hantavirus and murine typhus. They may also contaminate food and damage property by gnawing.

House Mouse

Found in houses and food stores.

Builds nests in walls, stored goods, furniture and cabinets

Common Signs of Rat Activity

Be alert for:

- Rat droppings
- Gnaw marks on cables or walls
- Squeaking sounds
- Burrows or holes in soil
- Rub marks along walls

Take 3 Simple Steps to Keep Rats Away

采取 3 个简单步骤，远离鼠患

Ambil 3 langkah mudah untuk menjauhkan tikus



Store food properly in covered containers.

将食物妥善存放在有盖容器内。

Simpan makanan dengan betul dalam bekas yang tertutup.

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Do not leave food or food waste behind.

不要留下食物或食物残渣。

Jangan tinggalkan makanan atau sisa makanan tanpa diawasi.



Bag, tie and dispose food waste into covered bins properly.

将食物残渣装袋、绑好，并投入有盖垃圾桶内。

Masukkan sisa makanan ke dalam beg, ikat dan buang ke dalam tong sampah bertutup.

Stories from

20 Ghim Moh Road
Market & Food Centre

Muslim-friendly food (Raya Special)

As Hari Raya approaches, we shine the spotlight on some of the hawkers at Ghim Moh Market who serve the community with dedication every day.

Behind each stall are long hours, family support and a passion for preparing meals that residents have come to enjoy over the years. Here are a few familiar faces from the market.



Yuriqa Muslim Food | #01-38

The stall has been part of Ghim Moh Market since the 1970s, when it was first started by the owner's great-grandmother to help support a large family. Today, it is run by the owner's mother, with the next generation helping out behind the counter and continuing a family tradition that has served the neighbourhood for decades.

Signature dishes: Mee Rebus, Mee Siam, Lontong, Tauhu Goreng

Price range: \$4 – \$5

Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri to all our Muslim friends, and warm wishes to everyone in the community.

—Mr Yusof, Stallholder



Mida's Kitchen | #01-41

The stall was opened about a year ago by an owner from Padang, Indonesia, who wanted to share authentic Indonesian flavours with the community. Finding it difficult to get traditional Indonesian dishes in Singapore, the stall was started at Ghim Moh Market to bring a taste of home to residents.

Signature dishes: Beef Rendang Set, Ayam Rendang Set, Ayam Masak Merah Set

Price range: \$6.50 – \$9.50

Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri 2026. Thank you to our customers for your support, and we hope to serve you even better in the year ahead.

—Ms Mida, Stallholder



Indonie Enak | #01-06

The stall was opened with the help of a couple invited by the stall owner to prepare Indonesian dishes at Ghim Moh Market. As the wife is from Indonesia and grew up cooking these recipes, the stall brings authentic Indonesian flavours to the neighbourhood. Since opening in October, many residents have grown fond of the stall, often returning to **dabao** their favourites.

Recommended dishes: Chicken Wing Rice Set, Blue Ginger Chicken Wing Rice

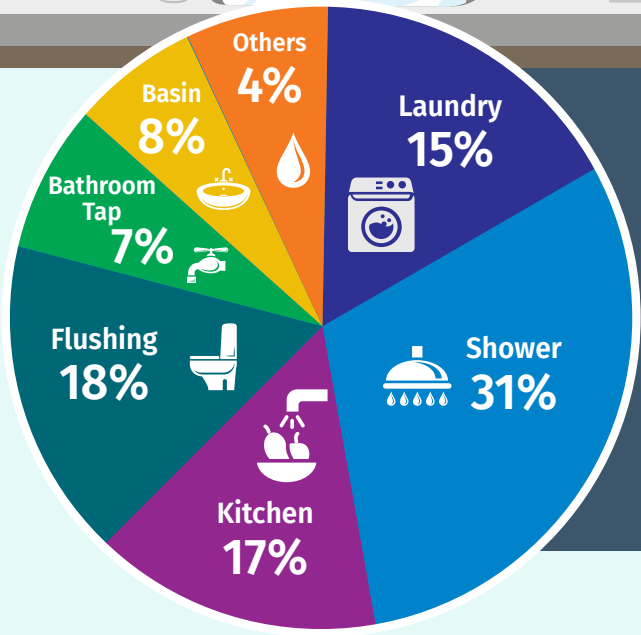
Price range: \$4.50 – \$7.50

Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri to everyone celebrating. We wish everyone good health and hope residents will come by to try our authentic Indonesian dishes.

—Mr Jason & Ms Yenny, Staffs

World Water Day – 22 March

Do you know how water is used at home? According to the PUB Household Water Consumption Study (2024/2025), showering accounts for the largest share of water use at 29%, followed by flushing (18%), kitchen use (16%), and laundry (14%). Together, these daily activities make up about 80% of total household water consumption.



Here are some tips to check for leaks at home and prevent water wastage.

Look out for signs of a leak

- Unusually high water bills
- The sound of water running or constant dripping when no appliances are in use
- Mould, discolouration or peeling paint on walls, flooring or ceilings
- Foul odours in areas with no obvious source

PUB Household Water Consumption Study in 2024/2025 Sources from: <https://www.pub.gov.sg/public/waterloop/water-conservation>

How to confirm if there is a leak

- Turn off all taps and appliances using water and monitor the water meter for at least **10 minutes**. If the meter dial moves, there may be a leak.
- Sprinkle food colouring into the flushing cistern tank and check if coloured water appears in the toilet bowl.
- Look out for dripping taps or water stains under the sink area

Sources from: https://www.pub.gov.sg/-/media/Images/Feature/Content-Pages/Resources/Publications/Pdfs/Tips_on_Finding_Leaks.pdf

The **Climate Friendly Households Programme** provides Climate Vouchers to help households purchase **energy- and water-efficient appliances**.

- **Claim period:** 15 April 2025 – 31 December 2027

	Claimed \$300 before 15 April 2025?	Amount that can be claimed from 15 April 2025
Eligible HDB households	Yes	Can claim \$100 only
	No	Can claim \$400 (one set of \$300 and one set of \$100)
Eligible Singaporean private residential households		Can claim a total of \$400 (one set of \$300 and one set of \$100)

- Check participating retailers and eligible products here: <https://www.climate-friendly-households.gov.sg/cv-spend/>

Sources from: <https://www.climate-friendly-households.gov.sg/>

