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As always, there's a lot happening in the Village and there are a few exciting movements with our local businesses.

A warm welcome to **Honest Skincare** who have opened next to **Loobie & Friends**, and farewell to **Coko** who are relocating to St Heliers.

Dental Solutions, in Robert St, have rebranded to **Affordable Dentists** – same team, different name. Angela from **Angela Lowe-Ho Dental Centre Ltd**, has recently retired and **Dr Nelish Govind** is taking over the premises (behind **Four Square**) after renovations.

We're currently increasing our CCTV coverage in the Village with the addition of new cameras. This is an ongoing project being rolled out to keep our Village community safe. We work very closely with the Community Police team and supply footage if, and when, needed.

Ellerslie Community Patrol is always looking for volunteers and it's a great way to help build a presence in our community and connect with others.

School is back for term two and a reminder that the Village is especially busy at the beginning and end of the school day, so keep an eye out for kids – particularly on wet weather days.

It's a tough climate out there and across the board businesses are feeling the pinch. We really appreciate your ongoing support and loyalty to our Ellerslie Village businesses. Thank you!

See you in the Village!

Sarah and Emma

Ellerslie Business Association

LOVE YOUR LOCAL

Stephen and Leesa King - Epsom Funeral Homes

TUCKED BEHIND INSPIRE REAL ESTATE, THE EPSOM FUNERAL HOME COTTAGE IS WARM, WELCOMING, AND RELAXING, AND IN AN INDUSTRY WHERE MANY FAMILY-OWNED FUNERAL HOMES ARE BEING BOUGHT OUT BY BIG CORPORATES, IT PROVIDES A RARE ALTERNATIVE.

"Not everyone wants a big funeral, so we've created a space where families can come, feel at home, say their farewells to their loved ones, and we guide them through the decisions they need to make around giving them the kind of send-off they would have wanted," says Leesa.

The couple offer a wrap-around service which includes helping families access WINZ grants, navigate paperwork and even help to rehome pets – so far, three cats and two dogs have found new homes at Stephen and Leesa's!

Stephen started working in the industry in his father's business at age 12. At 27 he bought the coffin hardware manufacturing part of that business which he and Leesa built up until 2009 when it was sold.

Stephen then became a Funeral Director and when the opportunity to buy Epsom Funeral Home came about, he and Leesa jumped at the opportunity. The couple moved to Ellerslie Village in 2018 after their Epsom building was sold.

"Leesa and I have definitely found our calling which is helping people," says Stephen. "Our son, Charlton runs our other business creating headstones on granite – which means we can assist our families with memorials."

Another important person in the business is Sue, their Chinese Funeral Director who speaks both Cantonese and Mandarin.

Leesa says she loves being part of the Ellerslie community and supporting local businesses, "We will often send people over to Union Post for drinks and a meal to send off a loved one, we buy all our ribbons and tissues from Zoey at Dollar House, and Kerry at Flowers of St John does some beautiful arrangements for us, I've even picked up some lovely vintage pieces from the SPCA Op-Shop for the cottage," she says.



WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE, HONEST SKINCARE

DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THEIR ONLINE STORE AND REQUESTS FROM CUSTOMERS, FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED BUSINESS HONEST SKINCARE HAS CHOSEN ELLERSLIE VILLAGE TO OPEN THEIR FIRST BRICKS AND MORTAR STORE.

Located at 116 Main Highway, they stock a beautiful range of natural skincare products including kawakawa oils and balms, organic castor oils (one of their top sellers) and hard to come by Celtic salt for cooking. They also source high-quality ingredients to make your own balms, soaps, and candles including soap making kits.

Pop in and meet the store manager Bonnie (pictured below). She and her sister Alex have both recently come on board to help mum Janna run the expanding business.



MEET GREG FLEMING, MP for Maungakiekie

GREG MIGHT BE NEW TO THE SEAT OF MAUNGAKIEKIE, BUT HE'S BEEN PART OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS AND THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT HIS FIRST FORAY INTO PUBLIC SERVICE.

Greg's first role in the public charitable space was at the Parenting Place in 1998 when in its founding years. He later spent five years as CEO leading the development of a number of programmes to support families. Since then he's worked with, and for, a dozen different charities in areas such as youth development and rehabilitation, education and social justice.

"Two of the projects I'm most proud of are Te Whakaora Tangata at Manurewa Marae which helps whānau find freedom from intergenerational poverty, and most recently, Te Wānanga Ihorangi, which offers Te Reo Māori immersion tertiary programmes," he says.

Six months into the role Greg has been focussed on understanding the issues facing schools, businesses and the wider community.

He is currently helping Ellerslie School and Stanhope Road School navigate building projects with the Ministry of Education.

His team is working with Auckland Transport to have turnstiles installed at Ellerslie Train Station as a deterrent after realising that when trains aren't running, crime drops.

He's also been collating feedback around intensity housing and the inattention of infrastructure, and is in conversations with Fletcher Building and other stakeholders around The Hill development.

"I want to do things and fix things this afternoon, but hopefully I get to be the local MP for a while – the best contribution I can make is to understand the issues really well and put some long term plans in place," he says.

Five things you may not know about Greg

1. He's a chartered accountant by profession
2. He's been learning Te Reo Māori for over 7 years
3. He grew up on a farm in the Wairarapa
4. All 5 of his kids attended One Tree Hill Kindy and loved it
5. He's spent countless weekends at Ellerslie Football Club, Campbell Park Tennis Club and Cornwall Park Cricket Club

**Get in touch with Greg at
Greg.Fleming@parliament.govt.nz.**



New owners of Ellerslie Bakehouse, husband and wife team Sanjay Nepal and Anooch Sharma are now making authentic artisan bread on site daily which they'll even slice for you. Keep an eye out for their new signage coming soon too.



HOT DEALS IN THE VILLAGE

Doolan Brothers Daily Deals – With an ever-changing menu of burgers, tacos, pizzas, salads, and fish & chips, Pat's Lunch is just \$17.95 Monday – Thursday. Plus, every day enjoy a jug of Macs Gold, Lion Red or Speights for just \$28.

Lowbrow – On the first Friday of the month it's happy hour all day with live music from 6pm. Thursdays enjoy \$2 organic fried chicken wings with the level of spice you like. 130 Main Highway.

Mexico – On Taco Tuesdays get a fried chicken or fried cauliflower taco with a Mexico soda for \$12, or Frida's Margarita for \$18. The Lunch Degustation includes any taco, fried chicken or cauliflower, guacamole and topos with a Mexico Soda for \$24. It's Happy Hour from 4pm – 6pm Monday to Thursday, and kids eat free every Sunday with a paying adult.



Mr Tanakas – Daily Happy Hour from 3pm-6pm with \$10 Draft Beer, \$10 Prosecco and 2 for 1 Karaage Chicken. On Wagyu Wednesday get 200g of succulent robata wagyu for \$35. Plus, kids eat free with a paying adult Saturdays & Sundays.



Union Post – Mondays enjoy 2 for 1 pizza from 3pm. Tuesdays grab a Burger and Pint for \$20 and stick around for the Tuesday Night Quiz. Wednesdays get 3 for 2 bar snacks and Thursday is Steak Night with a juicy sirloin plus all the trimmings for \$27.95. 124 Main Hwy.



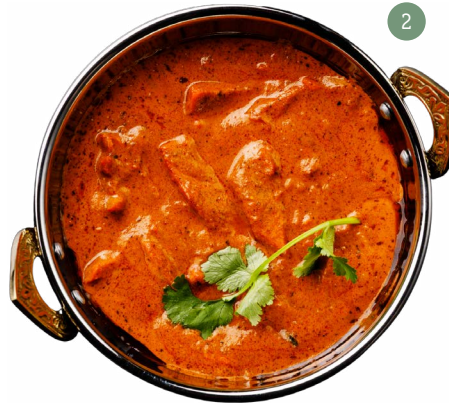
Urban India – Enjoy \$14.99 mains* when you dine in on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Choose from the delicious selection including Lamb Vindaloo, Chicken Tikka Masala and Palak Paneer. *Excludes seafood. 8C Robert Street.

WINTER SHOWCASE

Head to the Village for these Winter Warmers ...



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1 Add warmth and elegance to your home with the Kehribar Rug 187 Taupe from **Aladdin Rugs**. Inspired by nature, power-loomed from a blend of heat-set polyester and polypropylene for durability, with shed-resistant, anti-static properties and a textured pile. Available in four sizes, prices start from \$415. 1 Robert Street.

2 Bring the heat with **Temptation India's** popular Butter Chicken – enjoy it with rice and naan for \$14.99 as part of the Working Lunch deal. 129 Main Hwy.

3 Protect and nourish your skin over winter with a range of natural body oils and moisturisers from **Honest Skincare**. Kawakawa and Sweet Almond Moisturiser from \$20. 116 Main Hwy.

4 Relax and enjoy the healing warmth of a Hot Stone Massage from **Revive Spa** – 60 mins \$95 | 90 mins \$130. Book online at revivespa.co.nz. Level 1/129A Main Hwy.

5 Create your own heat and keep your endorphins pumping over winter with a membership at **Anytime Fitness**. Speak to the friendly team about membership options and check them out with a 7-Day Free Trial. 87 Main Hwy.

6 Come inside and chase away the winter blues at **Little Elephants Café** with a regular coffee and a warm scone or muffin for just \$8.50. Available weekdays. 179 Ladies Mile.

7 Step out in style with the Grace Coat in Berry - \$649, Dietrich Cardi in Heather Ombre - \$319, and Luxe Boyfriend Jean in Indigo - \$199 – shop the look at **Loobie & Friends**. 114 Main Hwy.

MOTHER'S DAY COMPETITION

WIN a \$200 voucher for an Ellerslie Village business of Mum's choice this Mother's Day! Keep an eye on the Ellerslie Village social channels for details.

AT YOUR SERVICE IN ELLERSLIE

WITH A SURPRISING NUMBER OF SERVICE-BASED BUSINESSES RIGHT HERE IN THE HEART OF ELLERSLIE, TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS COULDN'T BE MORE CONVENIENT.

GENESIS ADVICE

For personal, general and business insurance and investment advice, reach out to the experienced and passionate team at Genesis. 195 Main Hwy (opposite Ellerslie Domain). genesisadvice.co.nz

SPL Schmidt & Peart Law BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS

Boutique firm specialising in accident compensation law practice, helping clients ensure they receive the full ACC compensation they are entitled to and assist with accident insurance claims. Suite B, 1 Robert St. schmidtpeart.co.nz

HOUSE OF TRAVEL

Led by Tania Matselskaya, the friendly and knowledgeable team at House Of Travel can help you create an amazing travel experience without any of the stress. 108 Main Hwy. ellerslie@hotmail.co.nz



mind&body

A mental health and addiction service provider, delivering support, advocacy, training and consultancy. Unit 1, 101 Main Hwy (upstairs). mindandbody.co.nz.

Affordable DENTISTS

Dental care that's accessible, affordable, and exceptional. The experienced team cover general dentistry, implants and orthodontics. 2/2 Robert Street. Phone (09) 525 5913.



Thinking of subdividing? Mike Webber specialises in topographical surveys and subdivision and has a detailed understanding of Auckland Council's rules and requirements. 1 Robert St. mikewebber.co.nz.

WHAT'S ON IN ELLERSLIE



CHARLIE'S WALKING ANGELS Every Wednesday, 6pm

Meet outside Charlie Baxters, 121 Main Hwy, then walk or run at your own pace (1-5km) around Ellerslie Domain, then it's back to the pub for a \$5 house wine, beer, or soft drink. All welcome.



KIDS CLOTHING MARKET Sunday 5 May, 2pm – 4pm

Quality donated kids' clothes and shoes – fill a bag for \$5 (bags provided). Christ Church, 169 Ladies Mile.



AUCKLAND MAMA MARKETS – PRELOVED RUMMAGE Saturday 11 May, 9:30am – 12pm

Quality pre-loved items for kids under 12. Free entry. Ellerslie War Memorial Hall.



SIMPLICITY PARENTING WORKSHOP Saturday 25 May, 9am – 3.30pm

Facilitated by parenting mentor Leah Corbett, learn practical ways to ease the daily tensions, parenting battles and overwhelm your child is feeling in this fast-paced modern world. Michael Park Kindergarten. \$40. RSVP saraho@michaelpark.school.nz



WARRIORS AT GO MEDIA STADIUM Sunday 26 May, Saturday 15 & 29 June

If you're getting along to one of the Warriors' home games, Ellerslie Village is the perfect spot to meet your mates for a bite to eat or a few drinks before or after the game.



HOEDOWN SHOWDOWN Monday 24 June 2024, 11:00am – 12:45pm

Brimming with tomfoolery, extravagant outfits and toe-tapping tunes that'll have you dancing in the aisles. C3 Church, 20 Cawley St. Tickets through eventfinda.

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