

WATER RATES INVOICES

You should receive the final invoice for this year's water rates by early June. These are based on water meter readings in May, and are due for payment within two months of the invoice date. Each household has an allowance of 300 cubic metres a year. Water is charged for every cubic metre consumed above the allowance.

KOTUI IS COMING...



On June 6 the Library will move to the Kotui library management system.

Why is this important to you?

Kotui will:

- streamline how all our books, magazines and DVD's are catalogued
- give you better access to our collections
- enable us to manage your account in a more accurate and tidier way
- provide us with potential access to all other Kotui member libraries nationwide (58 branch and six mobile by the end of June).

What other changes will you see:

- you will be able to receive library notices by e-mail
- families will be able to manage their library accounts as a family group
- schools will be able to register as groups with each class having its own card
- renewal of rental books, magazines or DVD's will attract an additional fee of either 50cents or \$2.00 depending on the item

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask library staff or read the notice board in the library entrance.

COME AND JOIN US

Following a successful community expo last year the organising group became aware that many Carterton people are concerned about lack of services available in Carterton. There were also concerns about access to information particularly around social services and education.

We would like to invite our community to drop in to the Ron Wakelin Wing at the Carterton Events Centre to discuss your issues around access to services, gaps in service and information.

Inform us and participate in bringing greater access to services in Carterton

We will pilot this for 6 weeks beginning 28 June 2013 from 10am to midday.

There will be listening ears and also assistance for you to be networked to the services you need. Coffee & tea will be available and you can participate in using the new "community conversation" board. This initiative is in partnership with Carterton District Council, Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council & Wairarapa REAP

RATES PENALTIES

The fourth rates instalment was due on 20 May. If this was not received by Council by the due date, a 10 percent penalty was added on 21 May.

On 1 July, a further 10 percent penalty will be applied to all outstanding rates and penalties that remain unpaid as at 30 June.

If you are having problems making payment, we suggest that you contact Sue Fleet on 379 4042, or call into the office to make payment arrangements with Sue.





Sue Tennent, Carterton Neighbourhood Support Coordinator, has been busy since taking on the role in our District.

You will have seen Sue around at public meetings and in the Events Centre promoting the benefits of the programme. She has already set up two new groups, involving 25 households and is in the process of setting up to 15 new groups, covering 150 households, over the next couple of months. Many householders in Carterton consider they have

effective neighbourhood networks already in place. However, these networks commonly include only one or two households in the immediate vicinity and may be of limited usefulness in the event of a Civil Emergency. Sue would like to receive contact lists for these groups so that they can be formalized and the information made available to Civil Defence and Police in the event of a Civil Emergency. Contact Sue on 027 938 6998 or ctns@mshcc.org.nz

CHARLES ROOKING CARTER CIVIC AWARDS PRESENTATION

For catering purposes please phone the Information Centre on 06 379 4081 and advise the number of people attending.

The Mayor and Councillors of the Carterton District Council wish to invite Carterton residents to attend the presentation of the annual Charles Rooking Carter Civic Awards to this year's recipients.

THE FUNCTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Venue: Carterton Events Centre Auditorium
Holloway Street
Carterton
Date: Wednesday 26 June 2013
Time: 5.30 pm

Now that that the whole of the South Island has gone digital and we are well into autumn, it's best to start thinking about going digital if you haven't already done so.

Television is a leading leisure activity for many New Zealand families and the high number of people in the South Island who made the move to digital TV in time is evidence of that.

New Zealand is going digital in stages. Hawke's Bay and the West Coast made the move last September and the rest of the South Island making the move just recently on April 28. Next to come is the Lower North on 29 September 2013 and finally the Upper North Island on 1 December.

Robin Winter, Going Digital Community Adviser says "If TV is important to you, it's probably best to start thinking about what equipment you'll need to go digital if you haven't done so already. If you've already made the move to digital TV, why not have a chat to your friends, family and neighbours about what they have to do to be digital ready.

THE SOUTH ISLAND HAS GONE DIGITAL AND WAIRARAPA IS NEXT TO GO

There are a range of options available when going digital but Ms Winter says it is important to remember that you don't need a new TV to go digital as almost any set can be converted with the right equipment.

"If you've already converted your main TV, remember your other televisions as they all need to go digital by 29 September even if it's in your bedroom, kitchen, workplace, bach or shed," said Ms Winter.

To get advice and answers to your questions, talk to Robin Winter on 027 540 2314, or email her on robin.winter@goingdigital.co.nz. For further information you can also go to www.goingdigital.co.nz or call 0800 838 800.