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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

We continued the tradition of planting trees as part of the annual Clean and Green campaign to make Tampines a greener town. Over 200 residents enthusiastically planted 70 tree saplings and pledged to nurture the trees. Discover the types of trees they planted, read page 11.

In December, we held our Tampines Smiles Photography Contest Awards Ceremony to recognise our winners and judges, as well as to thank our sponsors for their support. Winning entries were featured in the Desktop Calendar 2016.

In this issue, I would like to welcome our two Vice-Chairmen, Desmond and Li Hui and introduce the new line-up of Councillors on pages 8 and 9. The team will advise the town council management on Tenders Evaluation, Finance, Operations and Estate Maintenance, Community Relations and Public Education matters.

While we continue our level best to improve and achieve positive outcomes for the town, we also encourage residents to support and actively participate in the various activities and programmes to better Tampines. This will drive the vibrancy of Tampines, forging a strong community spirit to tackle common challenges together.

As we enter into the second month of the year, I would like to wish everyone a fruitful and successful 2016 and all Chinese a Happy Lunar New Year.

Best wishes,  
**Baey Yam Keng**  
Chairman

亲爱的居民，

自我们上一期发表的刊物后，这段期间我们也没闲下。为了绿化淡滨尼市镇，延续市镇一年一度清洁与绿化活动的传承，超过200名居民踊跃参与了植树活动，种植了70株树苗，许下了栽培树苗的承诺。请参阅刊物第11页，认识他们所栽种的树木种类。

2015年12月，我们举办了淡滨尼欢笑摄影竞赛颁奖典礼，表达了对获奖者和评审团的认可，也感谢赞助商的投入和参与，和我们一起欢庆SG50。获奖的摄影作品都刊登于2016年的桌面日历。我相信您已经收到日历，并开始使用了，希望日历能为您的日常生活增添些许欢乐。

我在此欢迎朱倍庆和钟丽慧两位副主席的加入，也要借此介绍新出炉的理事会成员。您可以在

第8和9页参阅他们的简介。由他们和其他成员组成的工作团队将负责为市镇的招标活动、财政、运作和社区维修、社区关系和公众教育等事项提供宝贵的意见。

在持续不断为市镇的设施提升和各方面付出最大努力的同时，我们也要鼓励居民给予我们支持，积极参与社区里包罗万象的活动。这将有助于建立一个更有活力的淡滨尼，提高社区凝聚力，共同面对将来的种种挑战。

我们即将迈入2016年2月份。我趁这个机会恭贺所有的华人新年快乐，猴年行大运！

主席  
马炎庆

Para Penduduk yang Dihormati,

Sejak keluaran kami yang terakhir, kami telah meneruskan tradisi di bandar Tampines ini dengan menanam pokok-pokok sebagai sebahagian daripada kempen tahunan Bersih dan Hijau untuk menghidupkan lagi persekitaran Tampines. Lebih 200 orang penduduk berasa ghairah menanam 70 anak-anak pokok dan berikrar untuk menjaganya dengan baik. Teruskan membaca untuk mengetahui jenis-jenis pokok yang ditanam di muka surat 11.

Pada bulan Disember yang lalu, kami telah mengadakan Majlis Anugerah Pertandingan Fotografi Tampines Tersenyum untuk mengiktiraf para pemenang dan pengadil kami, serta mengucapkan terima kasih kepada para penaja kami. Penyertaan yang menang telah dipaparkan dalam Kalendar Meja 2016.

Dalam isu ini, saya ingin mengucapkan selamat datang kepada dua Naib Pengerusi kami, iaitu Desmond Choo dan Cheng Li Hui serta memperkenalkan barisan baru Anggota Majlis di muka surat 8 dan 9. Pasukan ini akan memberikan nasihat kepada

majlis perbandaran mengenai hal-hal Penilaian Tender, Kewangan, Operasi dan Penyelenggaraan Estet, Hubungan Masyarakat dan Pendidikan Awam.

Sambil kami terus melakukan yang terbaik untuk memperbaiki dan berusaha mencapai hasil yang positif untuk bandar ini, kami juga menggalakkan para penduduk untuk memberikan sokongan dan mengambil bahagian secara aktif dalam pelbagai aktiviti-aktiviti yang akan diadakan. Ini akan memacu kerancakan bandar Tampines, lantas menjalin semangat kemasyarakatan yang kukuh untuk bersama-sama menangani cabaran yang lazim dihadapi.

Sambil kita memasuki bulan kedua tahun ini, saya ingin mengucapkan tahun 2016 yang makmur dan berjaya kepada semua dan Kepada kaum Cina, Selamat Menyambut Tahun Baru Cina.

**Baey Yam Keng**  
Pengerusi

அன்பார்ந்தகுடியிருப்பார்களுக்கு,

எங்களுடையகடந்த இதழில் இருந்து,வருடாந்தரத் தாய்மைமற்றும் பசுமைப் பிரச்சாரத்தின் ஒருபகுதியாக தெம்பினினை உயிர்த்துடிப்பாக்குவதன் பொருட்டு மரங்களைநடும் நகரத்தின் மரபைநாம் தொடர்ந்துகடைப்பிடித்தோம். 200-க்கும் மேற்பட்டகுடியிருப்பாளர்கள் இதில் ஆர்வத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு, 70 மரக்கன்றுகளைநட்டு,மரங்களைப் பேணிவளர்ப்பதற்கு உறுதிமொழிஎடுத்துக்கொண்டனர். அவர்கள் நட்மரங்களின் வகைகள் குறித்து அறிய,பக்கம் 11-ஐப் பார்க்கவும்.

டிசம்பர்மாதத்தில்,நமதுதெம்பினிஸ் புன்னகைப் புகைப்படப் போட்டிவிருதுவழங்குவதற்கும்,சிங்கை 50 கொண்டாட்டத்தில் நம்மை இணைத்ததற்காக அனுசரணையாளர்களுக்கு நன்றி தெரிவிப்பதற்குமான விழாவைநடத்தினோம். இதில் நமதுவெற்றியாளர்களைத் தேர்ந்தெடுப்பதற்காகநடுவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டனர். வெற்றிபெற்றபுகைப்படங்கள் 2016 மேசைநாட்காட்டியில் இடம்பெற்றன. உங்களுக்கான பிரதியை நீங்கள் பெற்றிருப்பீர்கள். அது உங்களுக்குப் பயனுள்ளதாக இருக்கும் என்று நம்புகிறேன்.

டெஸ்மண்ட் சூ (Desmond Choo) மற்றும் செங் லி ஹூயி (Cheng Li Hui) ஆகிய இரண்டுதுணைத் தலைவர்களையும் நான் வரவேற்று, 8 மற்றும் 9ஆம் பக்கங்களில் உள்ள புதியமன்ற உறுப்பினர்களை

அறிமுகம் செய்ய விரும்புகிறேன். ஏலக்குத்தகைகளின் மதிப்பாய்வு,நிதி, இயக்கங்கள் மற்றும் குடியிருப்புப்பேட்டைநிர்வாகம்,சமூகஉறவுகள் மற்றும் பொதுக் கல்விவிவகாரங்கள் குறித்து நகரமன்றத்திற்கு இக்குழுஆலோசனை அளிக்கும்.

இந்தநகரத்தைமேம்படுத்தி, நேர்மறையானவிளைவுகளை அடையப் பெறுவதற்கு நாம் தொடர்ந்து சிறப்பாக செயல்படுவோம் அதேவேளையில், குடியிருப்பாளர் பல்வேறுவகையான நடவடிக்கைகளுக்குஆதரவளித்து,செயலாக்கத்துடன் அவற்றில் கலந்துகொள்ளவேண்டுமென்றும் ஊக்குவிக்கிறோம். இது தெம்பினிஸின் உயிர்த்துடிப்பை அதிகரித்து,பொதுவாசவால்களை ஒன்றிணைந்து முறியடிப்பதற்கான ஒரு வலிமையானசமூகப் பற்றுதலை உருவாக்கும்.

நாம் இந்த ஆண்டின் இரண்டாவதுமாதத்தில் அடியெடுத்துவைப்பதால்,அனைவருக்கும் 2016 ஒருவெகுமதியளிக்கின்றமற்றும் வெற்றிகரமான ஆண்டாக இருக்கவேண்டுமென்று வாழ்த்துகிறேன். அனைத்துச் சீனர்களுக்கும் இனியசீனப் புத்தாண்டு நல் வாழ்த்துக்களையும் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

பே யாம் கெங்  
தலைவர்



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**Scan the QR code for Annual report FY 2014/2015**



# Project Updates

## HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (HIP)

DIVISION	ESTATE	EXPECTED COMPLETION
Tampines Changkat	Blks 280-286	3Q 2016
Tampines East	Blks 201 A-B, 201D-E, 202-209	1Q 2017
	Blks 249-254, 255-256, 263-266	3Q 2016
Tampines North	Blks 401-407, 418-424	2Q 2016
	Blks 445-450, 451-453, 455-489	2Q 2017
Tampines West	Blks 801-810	1Q 2018
	Blks 811-820	4Q 2016

For more information and updates, email [hdb@mailbox.hdb.gov.sg](mailto:hdb@mailbox.hdb.gov.sg) or call HDB at 6490 1111.

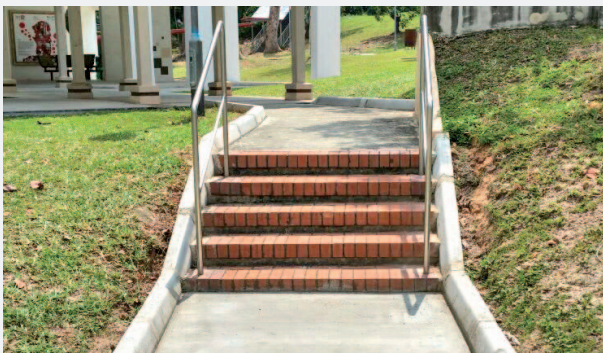
## REVITALISATION OF SHOPS (ROS)

WORK	ESTATE	EXPECTED COMPLETION
Tampines West	Blks 821-829	4Q 2016

## NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PROGRAMME (NRP)

DIVISION	ESTATE	EXPECTED COMPLETION
Tampines East	Batch 5: Blks 201, 201A-201E, 211 to 214, 225-227	2Q 2016
Tampines Central	Batch 3: Blks 830-841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 858, 858A-B, 859, 859A, 860, 860A-B, 861, 861A	2Q 2016
	Batch 4: Blks 865-867, 867A, 868-871, 871A, 872-874, 874A, 880A, 881-886, 886A	2Q 2016

## Completed Works:



Refurbished Footpath at Blk 288



Covered linkway at Blk 268



Fitness Corner at Blk 874



Drop off porch at Blk 501



Refurbished Basketball Court at Blk 161



Play area at Blk 842



Re-surfacing of jogging track between Blk 159 & Blk 162



Bicycle rack behind Blk 137



Playground at Blk 478



Playground at Blk 874





Have you experienced the frustration of dropping keys/items into the narrow opening where the lift doors open? You are not alone. There are about four to five people who experience this every month.

So what should you do in the event that this happens?

**For your own safety, never attempt to retrieve the lost items from the pit of a lift shaft on your own.**

You have two options:

**1**

If you need to retrieve the item urgently, please call EMSU (1800-2755555) for assistance. A \$50\* nominal fee will be charged to prevent misuse of the service.

\*Fees are subject to change



**If your keys dropped into the narrow opening**

**OR**

**2**

You may consider waiting until the next scheduled maintenance (usually once a month). There will not be any charge. Kindly refer to the Lift Maintenance schedule on your notice board or contact the Property Officer-in-Charge.



**Call EMSU for assistance: 1800-2755555**

Besides describing the item, you need to provide the following details for assistance:

- a) Name
- b) NRIC
- c) Contact Number
- d) Block Number
- e) Unit Number
- f) Level where the item was dropped
- g) The lift you took

You must produce your NRIC for verification by the recovery team before the item is returned.

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# Say It with Your Best Shot



From left to right: 3rd prize winner, Mr Baey Yam Keng, 2nd prize winner and 1st prize winner.

It is easy to spot someone at their happiest moment but difficult to capture that instant with a camera. As the judges in the Tampines Smiles Photography Contest Awards Ceremony on 27 December 2015 affirmed, nothing replaces patience and a pair of observant eyes that are ever on the lookout for an interesting story to tell.

The contest ran from 1 July to 31 August 2015 and received an overwhelming response of 324 photos. At the garden of Tampines Town Council, Grassroots Adviser Mr Baey Yam Keng congratulated 18 award-winners and thanked the judges for selecting outstanding works that could be shared with the residents. The first prize went to Koh Meng Hua, 54. He chanced upon a group of multi-generational, multiracial residents doing Zumba at Tampines West National Day Carnival. The angelic smile of a young girl called to his artistic instincts. He immediately realised that this moment would capture the vibrant community spirit of Tampines, and quickly snapped a few shots.

*“We wish to reiterate our commitment to make Tampines a great town for everyone to enjoy so that we all have many reasons to smile about in Tampines.”*

- Mr Baey Yam Keng



Merit prize winners.



Facebook popularity winners.

There were also some award winning photos taken by teenagers, showing great promise and talent.

Check out our Facebook page to view more photos of the Award Ceremony:

<https://www.facebook.com/tampinestowncouncil>

## Insights from judges



### Mr Roi Hew Chow Yeong

Senior Lecturer | Design & Media Programmes  
School of Art and Design  
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)

#### 1) What is your idea of a perfect shot?

A shot that can convey a message about the community in our country.

#### 2) Describe your thought process going through each entry?

All participants are winners. More such competitions should be held to encourage residents to participate.

#### 3) Out of all the photographs you have judged, which photo left the deepest impression and why?

The granny from top view looking down at the youths rehearsing. This photo shows Singapore's progress through the years, through her eyes and smile.

#### 4) What inspires you as a photographer?

Through the lens I am able to capture beautiful moments. Photography is a powerful medium that can convey and connect messages to everyone visually.



### Mr Chow Chee Yong

Senior Lecturer in  
Photography, Temasek  
Polytechnic School of Design

#### 1) Describe your thought process going through each entry?

When I looked at each entry, I used criteria such as the lighting, angle and composition to shortlist the winners. Most importantly, the photograph must tell a story.

#### 2) Out of all the photographs you have judged, which photo left the deepest impression and why?

The photograph featuring people of all ages and races doing Zumba at Tampines Cultural Hub left a deep impression because of its multi-generational and multiracial element.

#### 3) What advice do you have for those who wish to pick up photography as a hobby?

My advice to hobbyists is to understand lighting and angles. They should also pursue subject matter which they have a keen interest in, such as people or nature.



### Mr Tan Tatt Si

Creative Director of Total  
Sense (Photo and Video  
Studio)

#### 1) What is your idea of a perfect shot?

When it comes to competition, the perfect shot should be as close to the theme as possible, while also being able to surprise viewers.

#### 2) After this judging session, what have you discovered about Tampines? (probably something you were unaware of previously)

Tampines has grown a lot since its beginning as a new town. It is well-managed. There has been a lot of expansion even in the industrial area. That presents photographic opportunities.

#### 3) If you are to enter the contest, how will you go about doing it?

I will make an effort to find out which upcoming events are more prominent. Whenever there are events, people tend to congregate. Such photographs reflect the energy of life as well as the future.



# Waste Management in Tampines Estate

Ever wondered what happens to your rubbish?

Sometimes we take a clean estate for granted and assume that these normal, “everyday” tasks will be taken care of.

We offer you a behind-the-scene peek at waste management of non-recyclables and recyclables within Tampines.

## Non-Recyclable Waste

About 215 tonnes of non-recyclable waste are collected from bin centres twice daily, and from Central Refuse Chutes (CRC) in the Tampines Public Housing Estate once a day.



Conservancy workers collecting rubbish from bin chutes.



All the rubbish collected will be deposited at the bin centre.



Conservancy workers washing the CRC on a weekly basis and ensuring that there is no water ponding after wash. They also clear chokes in the drainage which may cause mosquito breeding.

## And what happens to your recyclable waste?

### Recyclable Waste through Cash for Trash Programme

Tampines Town Council, together with Veolia ES Singapore Pte Ltd, started the Cash for Trash Programme in May 2014, setting up various collection stations conveniently located within our Tampines Town.



Trading in progress

Unlike the traditional ‘karung guni’ man, residents can exchange their recyclables like aluminium cans, newspapers and old clothing for cash at various collection stations. Items are weighed and cash is paid out based on the published rate. Last year, we collected more than 30.5 tonnes, equivalent to 30,500 kg of recyclables, and have paid out more than \$7,300!

You can adopt this eco-friendly practice by bringing your recyclables to your nearest collection station and exchange them for cash at the locations below:

Address	Date	Timing
Blk 914	Every week on Friday	9am–1pm
Blk 897	Every week on Friday	9am–1pm
Blk 358	Every week on Saturday	9am–1pm
Blk 381	Every week on Saturday	9am–1pm
Blk 102	Every 1st & 3rd Monday of every month	9am–1pm
Blk 848	Every 2nd & last Monday of every month	9am–1pm

### Bulky Waste

Bulky items are collected daily from all the blocks and disposed of by public waste collectors. Items in good condition are given away to charitable organisations, while most are sent to incineration plants. A bulky item removal service is available to Tampines residents staying in HDB flats to discourage cluttering of common walkways, which is hazardous in the event of an emergency. An average of 27 tonnes equivalent to 27,000 kg of bulky waste is collected each month!



Non-usable items are loaded into a skip tank and brought for incineration.

Now that you understand how much waste is handled in Tampines, the next step for you is to play a part in disposal of waste properly, reduce waste in your daily life and recycle!



# Mini Sports Hub and Enhanced Amenities in Tampines West

An active lifestyle is given a boost with the proposal to build a 'Mini Sports Hub' in Tampines West, comprising temporary Futsal courts, interactive playgrounds and fitness areas. Thanks to the \$8.5 million Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP) which also enables other improvements such as covered linkways, drop-off porches, jogging track and interconnected open spaces for community bonding.

A gathering was held on 29 November 2015, at the linkway between Block 827 and Block 829, Tampines Avenue 3 to gather residents' feedback. A total of 2,521 residential units will benefit from this NRP.

With 91% support from residents, these amenities will soon become a reality. Residents will enjoy greater accessibility and convenience, right at their doorstep.

Please keep a look out on our website for updates!  
<http://www.tampines.org.sg/>

**“** We get residents' feedback on the design, so it is a bottom-up approach. If what is suggested can be done, we will do it. **”**

- Mr Masagos Zulkifli



## Town Council Management Report

In the FY2014 Town Council Management Report (TCMR) Results for the period Apr 2014 to Mar 2015, the Tampines Town Council achieved the green band status for cleanliness, lift performance, S&CC arrears management and corporate governance, and amber band status for maintenance.

Estate Cleanliness	Estate Maintenance	Lift Performance	S&CC Arrears Management	Corporate Governance
Green	Amber	Green	Green	Green

We thank all residents for taking ownership in maintaining the cleanliness of our town. Simple efforts such as keeping clear any obstruction along your common corridor, staircase landings and dry/wet compartments can create a more pleasant environment for you and your neighbours.

**We need your continuous cooperation and support to make Tampines our best home!**



**Please keep the common corridors clear of any obstruction.**

Call our **HOTLINE** for bulky item removal **6781-2222**

Please note:

- Call us at least three working days in advance during office hours (Mondays to Fridays: 8 am to 5 pm; Saturdays: 8 am to 12 noon)
- Only applicable for up to three moveable bulky items per month; not applicable to renovation debris, house-moving items, built-in furniture and fixtures.





# TAMPINES TOWN COUNCILLORS

From October 2015 to September 2017



## Mr Heng Swee Keat

Minister for Finance  
Adviser to Tampines Town Council  
Member of Parliament for Tampines GRC



## Mr Masagos Zulkifli

Minister for the Environment and Water Resources  
Elected Member of Tampines Town Council  
Member of Parliament for Tampines GRC



## Mr Baey Yam Keng

Parliamentary Secretary  
Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth  
Chairman of Tampines Town Council  
Member of Parliament for Tampines GRC



## Mr Desmond Choo

Vice-Chairman of Tampines Town Council  
Member of Parliament for Tampines GRC



## Ms Cheng Li Hui

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# A Beautiful Town in a Garden

On 25 October 2015, Tampines residents joined hands with Grassroots Advisers to plant about 70 saplings as part of the Clean and Green Campaign. It was a national campaign by which over 5,000 trees at more than 50 sites were planted islandwide from 1 August to end December 2015 at parks, park connectors and nature ways.

Over the next five years, the town aims to plant close to 2,000 trees and shrubs. When fully grown, these trees will provide shade for pedestrians walking to the train station. Five species most loved by Singapore's founding Prime Minister, the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew, were also planted – the Raintree, Julutong, Kapok tree, Tembusu and Madagascar Almond. Other trees planted were the Tampines Tree and Malay Apple, just to name a few. More than 200 residents have pledged to care for the trees by monitoring their growth and health.



*“It is great that the residents are taking care of the trees. This is how we build a sense of community. Tampines is a beautiful town, a town in a garden.”*

– Mr Heng Swee Keat



Joy Tan Puay Mein, 35, brought along her three-year-old son. She wanted to educate him on environmental preservation. She added that Singapore could learn from Korea and Japan regarding recycling habits.

Violet Tay, 59, a retired teacher, felt that planting microgreens at home is a feasible idea. She explained, “These bonsai or miniature plants can absorb electromagnetic radiation from the computer while beautifying our home.”



25 October 2015

The Residents and Advisers of Tampines GRC joined hands to plant 70 trees in this garden, including those most loved by Mr Lee Kuan Yew.

May these trees grow to provide shade to all and make Tampines Our Town in a Garden.



# Tampines Starlight Harmony Garden

Our Tampines Starlight Harmony Garden Team participated in an inaugural Community Garden Festival organised by NParks, and won the Best Community in Bloom (CIB) Show Garden and Best Innovative Garden Design awards. In conjunction with SG50, the team was also involved in setting up a Spice Garden at the Istana, at the request of the First Lady. Congratulations to our group of Tampines Gardeners!



The gardeners of Tampines Starlight Harmony Garden.



Residents living in the vicinity can freely harvest the herbs planted on the exterior of the garden for their own use. Some of the herbs planted outside are African plants (*Vernonia Amygdalina*) and Black Face General (*Strobilantes Crispus*).

Within the Garden, some of the herbs and fruits planted are Tongkat Ali, Aloe Vera, Banana, Guava, Jambu Air, Ciku, Passion fruit, Soursop and Avocado.



**\*Contact the Tampines Starlight Resident Committee for a visit.**

Our Tampines Starlight Harmony Garden has won many awards. Here are the list.

- 2008** – Silver Award in CIB competition.
- 2010** – Platinum Award in CIB competition.
- 2012** – Platinum Award in CIB competition.  
Best Community Garden Award  
Team Champion in Singapore Gardener's Cup  
Biodiversity Award in Singapore Gardeners' Cup
- 2014** – Platinum Award in Singapore Gardeners' Cup  
Diamond Award (after winning three Platinum awards consecutively)  
Team Champion Award in Singapore Gardeners' Cup
- 2015** – Best CIB Show Garden Award (Champion)  
Best Innovative Garden Design

# Types of trees commonly found in Tampines

Looking at the trees around us, can you name any five common species found in Tampines?

Trees are primarily planted for their beauty and to provide shade. This helps us relax, connect with nature and our surroundings and helps reduce pollution and makes our home even more beautiful.

Check out these five trees next time when you walk around the neighbourhood.



## 1. *Terminalia mantaly*

(Madagascar Almond)

A common landscape tree, it is both neat in appearance and majestic when mass planted. The bark and wood can be used for treating dysentery or used for dyeing and tanning.



## 2. *Swietenia macrophylla*

(Broad-leafed Mahogany)

This is an ornamental timber tree providing hardwood used to make furniture. It can be easily recognised by its crown, which is dense dark green and round to oblong in shape.



## 3. *Fagraea fragrans*

(Tembusu)

This is one of Singapore's most distinctive trees. During the flowering season, its creamy white flowers open at sunset and give off a sweet-smelling fragrance in the evening.

Fun fact: The back of the Singapore five-dollar note features a Tembusu!



## 4. *Ironwood*

(Hopea odorata)

A medium to large-size evergreen tree with a conical-shaped crown, it is well-known for providing shade.



## 5. *Samanea saman*

(Rain Tree)

A wide-canopied tree with a large symmetrical crown. The leaves fold in rainy weather and in the evening, hence the name 'raintree' and 'five o'clock tree'. It is a traditional remedy for colds, diarrhoea, headaches and intestinal ailments.



# More Shared Cycling Paths Coming Your Way

Land is scarce in Singapore, especially when it comes to road space. For many years, cyclists have been blamed for encroaching on the road space of either motorists or pedestrians. Ten years ago, Tampines pioneered a more 'enlightened' two-pronged approach for accommodating both cyclists and residents, given our limited road space. It consists of educating cyclists on responsible use of shared footpaths, while building more cycling paths within Tampines. In fact, it is the first cycling town in Singapore, a milestone in the history of Tampines.

On 8 November 2015, Grassroots Adviser Mr Desmond Choo officiated the Tampines Cycling Town 10th Anniversary Carnival, held at Tampines Community Plaza.

**“**It was not an easy achievement. We had to change the By-laws, work with Housing Development Board, Land Transport Authority and Traffic Police to make a cycling town possible.**”**

- Mr Desmond Choo



Willy Bay, 52, commented that since he has taken up cycling as a sport, his health has improved significantly. Another resident, Elkan Lam, 38, loves this sport for its sheer convenience. "I can cycle anywhere," he said. With the building of more shared cycling paths in the near future, it is foreseeable that residents will cycle more as they go about their daily activities.



# Uninterrupted Fun Whether Rain or Shine



On 20 December 2015, Grassroots Adviser Ms Cheng Li Hui officiated at the opening of the Multi-Purpose Hall beside Block 504, Tampines Central 1, one of the facilities completed under the Tampines East Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP) for Zones 3 and 5. Exhilarated residents and Ms Cheng danced to the vibrant beat of Zumba at the Multi-Purpose Hall. The sight of like-minded individuals keeping fit and healthy binds the community together. With this new hall, weekly Zumba workouts with the Tampines East Zumba interest group and other community bonding events become a reality.

Ms Cheng also celebrated Christmas with residents. They were entertained by magic shows and a movie screening, 'Alvin and the Chipmunks'. The festive joy was clearly in the air on that Sunday!





# Tampines Great World Countdown 2016

Tampines rang in 2016 with a countdown using the nostalgic 'Great World' theme. It was reminiscent of the amusement park that operated from 1929 to 1978. Despite the light rain, 6,000 residents turned up at the Tampines Community Plaza on 31 December 2015.



Grassroots Advisers Mr Heng Swee Keat, Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Mr Baey Yam Keng, Mr Desmond Choo and Ms Cheng Li Hui graced the countdown. Residents relived happy childhood memories as they played *Tikam Tikam* and *Sepak Takraw*. Long queues were formed at booths offering *Kachang Puteh*, *Muah Chee* and Candy Floss.

Young fathers, Ben, 34, and Joe, 30, shared their hopes for 2016. Ben's wish is for his kids to obtain acceptable results, while Joe's New Year resolution is to have another baby! They are indeed role models for fathers in Tampines.

A star-studded night, residents were entertained with popular songs and renditions from our local celebrities such as Chen Tian Wen, Main Wayang and The Freshman. Emcees Pornsak and Kimberly Wang amused all with humorous quotes and rejoinders. Emotions ran high as Chen Tian Wen enthralled the crowd with his signature song 'Unbelievable'. The audience chuckled when Main Wayang weaved all-time favourite dessert *Chendol* into a well-known song 'Quando, Quando, Quando'.



As the time raced towards 12 am, Pornsak encouraged residents to move forward with refreshed hopes and dreams in 2016. Mr Heng Swee Keat recounted, "2015 has been a very special year for everyone. We celebrated 50 years of our independence. It marked the parting of our founding father Mr Lee Kuan Yew." Looking ahead, he said, "This is a very special moment when we cross over from our 50th year to the next 50 years. I wish you good health, happiness and a wonderful new year ahead."







**M**any of our childhood memories are about the delicious home-cooked meals we had with our families. From special festive dishes to the simplest soups, home-cooked meals comfort, heal and uplift.

Tampines is proud to present *"Recipes of Love"*, a collection of twenty five recipes contributed by our seniors living in Tampines. You will also find the stories behind the dishes. Learn how they evoke fond memories of childhood days in the kampong, when meals were tightly interwoven into the rich fabric of family and neighbourly ties.

For more information regarding the cookbook, you may call your respective Community Clubs. Let us take inspiration from the seniors' loving and generous spirit and show our family, friends, neighbours and the community our love and care.

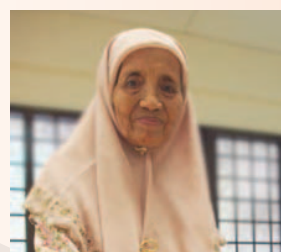
## URAP PISANG



STEAMED BANANA WITH GRATED COCONUT



### HER STORY



#### HERMIN DJOEWARIAH

Madam Djoewariah's memory of this dish goes back to her childhood days in Indonesia. When she was a young girl, her mother would often prepare this dish as a tea-time snack. The strong fragrance of steamed banana with her own mix of salt, sugar and coconut has made it a hit with her family. It is an easy and quick snack to prepare and now she often makes it for her nine grandchildren.

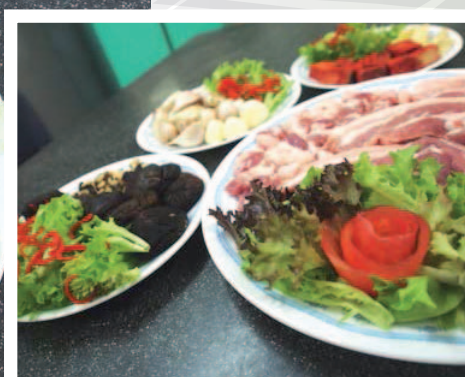
### INGREDIENTS | SERVES 10

- 12 pieces of bananas (unpeeled pisang 'kapok' or 'nipah')
- 230g grated coconut
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- ½ tbsp salt

### METHOD

Begin by washing the bananas and steaming these for 15 minutes. Allow the bananas to cool. Once these have reached a suitable temperature, peel the bananas and cut them into thick slices. Finally, mix the bananas with salt, sugar and grated coconut.

## STIR-FRIED MEAT SAUCE



### HER STORY



#### JENNY LEE POH LANG

When Madam Lee was young, meat was a luxury. Her mother would buy pork belly for the meat sauce so that it would last for several days. It quickly became her favourite dish. Madam Lee's mother passed away when she was 22, but Madam Lee continued making the dish. Its rich flavours remind her of her mother's love and makes her feel blessed.

### INGREDIENTS | SERVES 10-12

- 1kg pork belly (minced)
- 8 pieces fermented bean curd
- 20 cloves garlic
- 10 pieces medium-sized dried mushroom (soaked and sliced)
- 4 slices ginger

### METHOD

Put all the ingredients into a wok. Ensure that the fermented bean curd is evenly mixed with the rest of the ingredients. Let it marinate for 30 minutes. Then, add water to the wok, making sure that the water level is above the ingredients. Boil over high heat, and let it simmer over low heat for about 45 minutes to one hour. Stir occasionally and serve.



# “Count the Mandarin Oranges” Contest

## “数金桔比赛”

To the Chinese, Lunar New Year signifies the period when family members, relatives and friends pay New Year calls to one another. The Chinese word for Mandarin Oranges ‘桔’ sounds similar to ‘吉’, which means good fortune, while their golden colour is auspiciously associated with wealth. Traditionally, the Chinese exchange Mandarin oranges during these visits to usher in both good fortune and wealth for the coming year.



At Tampines Town Council, we want to kickstart the celebration by inviting residents who have yet to ‘like’ our Facebook page to ‘like’ <https://www.facebook.com/tampinestowncouncil> and to “Count the Mandarin Oranges” on our cover photo.

Email your answer to [feedback@ttc.org.sg](mailto:feedback@ttc.org.sg) and stand a chance to win a limited edition SG50 umbrella.

Your email must contain the subject title “**Count the Mandarin Oranges**”. Please include your name, age, address, telephone number and answer in your email.

**Closing date: 4 March 2016, 5pm**



农历新年对华人来说，是一个家人和亲戚朋友互相拜年的特别节日。金桔是首选的贺岁物品，因为‘桔’与‘吉’的发音相似，所以金桔顺理成章象征‘大吉大利’。它的金黄色让人联想到黄金。根据民俗传统，华人相信拜年时互相交换金桔，能为来年带来好运和财富。



淡滨尼市镇理事会希望通过面簿，与居民一起欢庆农历新年。我们热烈邀请还没“喜欢”我们面簿的居民“喜欢”

<https://www.facebook.com/tampinestowncouncil> 和数一数封面照的金桔，参加“数金桔比赛”。

请电邮您的答案致 [feedback@ttc.org.sg](mailto:feedback@ttc.org.sg)。您将有机会赢取限量版的SG50雨伞。

您的电邮标题是“**数金桔比赛**”。请注明您的名字、年龄、地址、电话号码和答案。

**截止日期：2016年3月4日，5pm**

## Town Council Mailbox

I sent an email earlier this morning to suggest for the open drain at the block to be covered for safety reasons.

I would like to commend Mr Anher & his team for being prompt to check on the matter and address the issue within hours. Keep up the good work!

**Ms. Nurdiyana Binte Mohamad**

Mr Soheli is an excellent leader to the team, guiding his team and very friendly, helpful and forms good relationship with the residents, many of us are appreciative of his daily attention to details.

He is patient and understood residents' requirements. A gem to Town Council.

Mr Soheli and his team must be recognised for their quality of service.

**Ng Lian Choo**

Hi Tampines TC, I just want to compliment the block cleaner. There was a renovation going on the 10th floor of Blk 868. The contractors made a mess of the corridor, leaving nail, screw, cigg butts and debris. Neither the unit owner nor the contractors bothered to clean up. I had to sweep the walkway first but the jovial cleaner came yesterday, gave me a smile and swept the corridor clean.

**Teo Ser Hui**

I would like to commend and compliment the staff & cleaners at Tampines Town Council for the efficient service rendered for the removal of my bulky items.

I called the Town council on 21 Oct and Mr. Tan attended to my request. He mentioned that the items will be removed from my corridor the next day during lunch.

On 22 Oct, the items I requested were removed even before lunch.

I am truly impressed with the service rendered. Thank you!

**Mr. Benson Woon**

Just a note to thank you for your speedy action to remove the pile of rubbish outside my unit.

**Mrs. Jeanie Ang-Hoon**

I would like to thank Tampines Town Council for the immediate action taken on my issue.

**Mr Khoo**

We appreciate CV-man, Obydull, for his efficiency.

**Ms Chong**

We want to hear from you!  
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# Meet-the-People Session



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## TAMPINES CENTRAL

### TAMPINES CENTRAL LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER 2016

A major gathering for residents to spend a night enjoying a sumptuous dinner, singing and cultural performances. Be entertained by the various cultural fringe activities with the entrance of Lion Dance performances. A mass Lo-Hei session with all attendees and host of the night to start the event rolling.

Guest-of-Honour: **Mr Heng Swee Keat**

Date: **20 February 2016, Saturday**

Time: **6.30pm to 10.00pm**

Venue: **Tampines Central Park (Along Tampines Street 82)**

Organiser: **Tampines Central Community Club**

Contact: **6785 0004**



## TAMPINES WEST

### CHINESE NEW YEAR 2016

Club@west will be organising a Lunar New Year dinner for the community. Get dazzled by onstage performances and participants will get to Lou-Hei together as well! Come on down with your family and neighbours as we celebrate the Lunar New Year together as One Community!

Date: **20 Feb 2016, Saturday**

Time: **7.00pm to 9.30pm**

Venue: **Tampines West CC – Multi-purpose Hall**

Organiser: **Tampines West Community Club**

Contact: **6788 6202 / 6783 7910**



## TAMPINES NORTH

### CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER 2016

Join Tampines North as we bid farewell to the Year of the Goat and usher in the Year of the Monkey. Be entertained by exciting performances and let celebrity emcee, Justin Mission make it a memorable night. Tickets on sale and while stocks last.

Guest-of-Honour: **Mr Baey Yam Keng**

Date: **20 February 2016, Saturday**

Time: **7.00pm to 10.00pm**

Venue: **Courtyard between Blk 480 & Blk 484, Tampines Street 44**

Organiser: **Tampines North Community Club**

Contact: **6783 2900 / 6783 2254**



## TAMPINES CHANGKAT

### TAMPINES CHANGKAT LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER 2016

“新春团拜 Tampines Changkat Lunar New Year Dinner Celebrations 2016” brings together residents of Tampines Changkat of all ages and races to celebrate the festivities of the Lunar New Year. Residents will be treated to a sumptuous dinner, exciting Chinese cultural performances and “Lo Hei” towards a prosperous 2016.

Guest-of-Honour: **Mr Desmond Choo**

Date: **14 February 2016, Saturday**

Time: **7.00pm to 9.30pm**

Venue: **Tampines Changkat Community Club Hall**

Organiser: **Tampines Changkat CC**

Contact: **6781 1806**



## TAMPINES EAST

### TAMPINES EAST LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER 2016

Usher in the New Lunar Year of the Monkey with a sumptuous sit-down dinner provided by Pinsi. Get to know your neighbours and enjoy exciting performances! You may also get a chance to win the lucky draw!

Guest-of-Honour: **Ms Cheng Li Hui**

Date: **20 February 2016, Saturday**

Time: **6.30pm to 10.30pm**

Venue: **Tampines East Community Club**

Organiser: **Tampines East CC SCEC**

Contact: **6787 3955**

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