

## Monthly Message September 2011



Dear Residents

It's now time for us to look ahead after the weeks of public discussions in the run up to the presidential election, which led to the election of Dr Tony Tan as the new Singapore President. There is more than a 50% chance for Singapore to be hit by a recession, according to some analysts. The very uncertain economic outlook in the US and Europe has already caused some companies, especially the banks in the West to begin retrenching staff worldwide. We need to spend within budget, work hard to secure our jobs, upgrade our skills and brace ourselves for any downturn.

On a more domestic issue in Nee Soon South, I am happy to see that we have many residents who have a soft heart for animals. Yes, it speaks well of our society because if we can appreciate and treasure animals and pets it shows the humane side of our character. However, we need to ensure that in caring for the animals we do so in a manner that will not undermine their wider interests or cause inconvenience to others.

Recently, one resident was fined \$500 for feeding monkeys. According to NParks, feeding monkeys increases their dependence on humans for food. They then become less-inclined to forage for food from nature. Over time, exposure to humans makes them more daring and aggressive towards us. As we know monkeys will stalk people carrying bags, harassing and attacking them, including children. So please help these monkeys by not feeding them.

Another common complaint is about stray cats dirtying the common public areas, or the cats are scratching children and cars, and lurking outside HDB flats. If you own a cat, please make sure that it does not cause a nuisance to others. Those who have been feeding stray cats, do remember to clean up after every feed, otherwise this will attract rats, cockroaches, birds and ants. Also, do not feed them in places near children or at the car parks.

As sport is one game that can bring people together, we are organising a bowling and basketball tournaments. Why not come and join for bowling on 9 October at Orchid Bowl at Orchid Country Club from 9.30am.

Those who prefer the basketball tournament come to Block 838 Yishun Street 81, on 9 October at 8.30am. Each team should comprise of minimum five players and maximum 12 players. All registrations can be made at Nee Soon South CC and at the RC Centres.

I look forward to meeting you there!

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亲爱的居民，

经过几个星期以来, 关于民选总统选举的激烈争论, 在陈庆炎博士当选后也告一段落。让我们一同向前看齐。根据一些分析师指出, 新加坡将有超过 50% 的几率, 面对经济不景气的情况。在美国和欧洲不明朗的经济前景下已经导致一些公司尤其是西方的银行必须全球性地解雇员工。因此, 我们应该开源节流、谨慎花费、努力保住工作、积极提升自己的技能来准备面对经济衰退。

回来看一看义顺南的社区, 许多居民对待动物有颗怜悯之心让人感到欣慰。的确, 我们关爱动物和宠物的行为也反映了我们社区里人性化的一面。但是, 在关爱动物的同时, 我们绝对不能忽略了其他人的安全或造成大家的不便。

最近, 一名居民就因喂猴子而被罚 500 块。根据国家公园局表示, 喂养猴子会让它们增加跟人类索取食物的依赖性。猴子们也会变得不要从大自然中找寻食物。久而久之, 与人类的接触增加后, 猴子对我们会更暴躁和大胆, 它们会锁定提着袋子的人们并骚扰甚至攻击任何人包括小孩。所以, 要帮助这些猴子的话就请大家不要喂它们。

另一个常见的投诉就是关于野猫弄脏公共场所或是刮伤小孩和车辆, 又或是在组屋外活动。如果你在家里养猫就请你确保它不会造成其他人的不便。对于那些喂养野猫的居民, 请你一定要在喂完后把地方清理干净, 否则这将会引来老鼠、蟑螂、鸟类和蚂蚁。还有, 不要在靠近有小孩的地方或是在停车场里喂野猫。

大家都知道, 运动是能拉近人与人之间距离的好游戏。我们将举办保龄球和篮球竞赛。不妨在 10 月 9 日早上 9 时 30 分到位于胡姬乡村俱乐部的保龄球场与大家同乐。

想要参与篮球竞赛也可以在 10 月 9 日早上 8 时 30 分到义顺 81 街大牌 838。每一组需要有最少 5 名球员, 最多 12 名球员。有兴趣者可以到义顺南俱乐部或居委会中心报名。

我期待到时与你们见面!

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