

Hi Everyone

December 2009

Don't know about you all but I am really looking forward to a great summer out here at Omaha and without a doubt I reckon we are in for a long, hot one.



We had to fill the water tanks at home last week and got 2 full tanker loads in.

As the driver was filling the second tank, the heavens suddenly opened up and a torrential downpour descended upon us! Bloody typical. The tanker driver even had to go and put her raincoat on.

When she had finished filling the tanks I jokingly asked her to take 'her water' back as we didn't need it anymore! She gave me a very dark look, flexed her large tattooed biceps before throwing the huge hose thing over her shoulder and stalking back to the water truck! (I feel that our relationship may be off to a rocky start!)

Then and Now...

The other day I was thinking back 20 years ago when I was living in my first ever owned house in Arch Hill, Grey Lynn. This house was only a little two bedroom cottage but was my pride and joy and I spent hundreds of hours painting all of the rooms and landscaping the garden.

During a couple of quite disastrous months over this time I twice returned home after work at the Auckland Central Police Station to find that my 'nest' had been broken into and a whole pile of my stuff stolen. Particularly galling for a serving Police Officer but also because I didn't have much money in those days and couldn't afford to replace things like my tennis racquet and garden tools!

Over this same period of time I was at home one night with my flatmate when we heard a woman crying 'Help me, help me' outside on the deck. I went outside to investigate and found the very lovely Samoan lady from next door crying and bleeding from her face. I helped her inside and got her a drink of water and asked her what had happened?



She told me that her 30 year old son had arrived home that night drunk (a fairly regular occurrence from what I had seen). She had asked him to do something around the house and this request had evidently sent him into a rage and he had then beaten his mother up.

Leaving the mother in the care of my flat mate I popped over next door for a 'chat' with this son. When we had finished having this fairly vigorous 'chat' I dragged him bodily down the stairs to the front gate and then arranged for a Police car to come, pick him up and put him in a cell for the night.

These days I probably would have been arrested for what I did that night but taking a positive view, that guy never hurt his mother again – at least not during the next couple of years that we remained neighbours.

I guess my experiences over this period of time would not be a lot different to what a lot of Auckland Residents now deal with on an ongoing basis as a 'normal' part of their lives?

Burglaries and violence are becoming all too prevalent in our Society and for the most part we seem to remain complacent about them until, eventually we are personally affected by some sort of attack on our home or family.

Omaha Beach is clearly a haven for all away from some of the threats and risks that we can experience when living in a big City.

However it is only by All of Us remaining vigilant and reporting suspicious activity that we are going to keep Omaha Beach the wonderful, safe environment it is for families and friends.

Omaha Patrols

Our normal Xmas Patrols have now started around the Beach and the Patrol staff involved are already reporting a few busy nights out there.



Our Patrol operates between 8.00pm and 4.00am, 7 days a week.

If you need our assistance simply ring the Office here in Warkworth on 09-425-7113 or the Omaha Help line on 0800 66 24 24 (**0800 OMAHA HELP**)

Included in our Council Warrants this year will be the authority to deal with Noisy Party complaints so please call Insite if you have someone in your street who is disturbing the neighborhood?

I would actually prefer if everyone simply respected other people's right to some peace and quiet and turned down the noise levels at a reasonable time of the night.

Omaha Surf Club – Quad bike

We would like to sincerely thank the Omaha Surf Club for their very generous donation to Insite Security of one of their surplus Quad bikes.

The bike has now been stripped down and re-painted in Insite colours.



This is a fantastic asset for us to have 24/7 access to and I feel that the whole Omaha Community will benefit from Insite's ability to get to some of our trouble spots a whole lot quicker.

Baby Sitter/House Minder

If you are ever in need of a baby sitter or house minder I can highly recommend a local girl named Jemma Harvey. Jemma looked after our place for a couple of weeks while we were away earlier this year and she did a fantastic job. Jemma's contact numbers are: 425 7767 or 021 591 165, jemmadharv@hotmail.com.

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New Year's Eve Concert

Planning is well down the track for the second of the High Life Entertainment concerts to be held at Matakana Country Park.

To help in accommodating the numbers of people expected to attend this year, the Omaha Golf Club in conjunction with other parties are establishing a significant Camping ground in the paddocks near The Diner in the Omaha Causeway.



While a lot of people will use this facility there will be others no doubt eyeing some of the empty sections around Omaha as a place to set-up their tents.

We would like to discourage these 'squatters' as the first ones in are inevitably joined by other friends and associates and before you know it, you have disorder, noise problems and fights breaking out.

If you have an empty section at Omaha this year and are not expecting to have anyone camping on it, please send me an e-mail with the address of the site and your contact details and we will ensure that the property remains empty. chris@insitesecurity.co.nz is the best way to get hold of me.

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Locksmith

Adam our Locksmith will be available right thru the Holiday break if you need new keys cut, locks repaired or serviced or any amount of other tricky handyman Jobs taken care of around the place – Adam is your man! Ph 425-7113 to get hold of him

Fishing Report

Couldn't leave you all without a bit of an update on matters 'Fishy'. The huge schools of baitfish that we had around Omaha Bay last month have now moved around the corner closer to Leigh. I have heard reports of massive work-ups now occurring in this area with dozens and dozens of gannets rocketing out of the sky and into the masses of pilchards.

There are large snapper under these workouts and in the past few weeks we have managed to bring in a 15 pounder, an 18 pounder and one right on the magic 20 pound number! Snapper school fish have not yet arrived at Omaha in any great quantities as yet however I suspect with a rise in water temperature of another degree or two there will be some great opportunities in December and January to surf cast for your dinner off the Beach.

That's about it from me for another year. I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy and safe Holiday period and look forward to catching up with you around the Beach some time soon.

All the very best
Chris



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