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CITY COUNCIL

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Council takes part in celebrations for elderly persons

A checklist designed to help people with important day-to-day tasks will be handed out by Council to celebrate International Day of Older Persons 1st October and Greats and Grands Month (October, 2014).

Council's Housing Support Officer Deborah Little will spend a full day on October 1 visiting most of the Invercargill City Council's 18 housing complexes, starting with the largest complex, Elston Lea Village, followed by the three Bluff complexes later in the week.

The checklists were created by Council which followed suggestions from Elston Lea Village resident and Age Concern Southland member John Raki Raki, who said it would help to remind tenants to do important things such as turning off heaters, locking doors and taking their medication.

Mrs Little took the draft checklist on her round of visits to discuss it with residents. "I asked our tenants whether they thought a checklist would be useful and they all thought it was a good idea and said they would use it."

Council Community Development Manager Mary Napper said it was a community safety project that was aimed at helping older people or people that needed to be reminded about key tasks.

"All Council complex residents will be given a checklist and we are also going to offer them to Neighbourhood Support Groups from November. We are helping people be safer in their own homes."

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