

This Is Your Community Newsletter

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Hi!

Another year has passed and it's Christmas time again!, We send you seasonal greetings and wish you all the best for next year – from all staff at Roupell Park!

The Homework Club

The Homework Club sessions will break off for the festive season and there will be no sessions from Monday 22nd Dec until Friday 8th Jan '16. The after school sessions will return on the 13th and 14th Jan and they will run as per their weekly schedule, every Wed and Thur from 5.00 – 7.00pm at our Hyperion Community Hall. Just to let all parents know, there are still spaces available for children between 8 and 12 years of age or school year 4 – 6 at the after school sessions. This is a unique opportunity to help your child in approaching their home/school work with the accent on maths, English and science and all FREE of charge! To apply please ring Navlet on 07984 337 812.

Young people who have attended the session have an opportunity to showcase their skills at the 'End of the Year show'. This will take place on the 8th Dec at Brixton East, from 5.00 – 8.00pm. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP Sara on 07401 682 582 as the seats are limited. Great entertainment guaranteed!

Quick congratulations to Naila, 11 years of age, who won the competition and designed your Christmas Card! Naila attends the sessions regularly, loves reading and is a great fan of Jaqueline Wilson's books. I hope you enjoy her winning art work.



Fun DAY 2016

After the huge success of our 'Fun Day' this year we are already planning next year's. This will be held on **Saturday 2nd July**. We are already looking into how we can make it even better but to do this, we need your help!

We had a small group of residents who helped us last year, but we need more volunteers!

If you can spare just a few hours, please contact Eva Christmas at the office on 0207 926 0314.

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The Pensioner's Christmas Coffee morning

Our Pensioner's Club are holding a Christmas coffee morning on **Tuesday 22nd Dec** at the usual time from **10.30am – 12.30pm** at the Roupell Park Community Centre. This is a perfect opportunity to expand your group of friends over festive refreshments!

One of the perks of being a regular member is deciding on the outings, playing bingo every week and enjoying other social aspects of the group. **If you'd like to join in, but are housebound, let us know and we will be happy to assist you or to bring a coffee morning to you!**



Stay and Play sessions

The stay and play sessions, where families with under 5s can come and play, are running now **every Monday** at our **Roupell Community Centre from 1.30 – 3.30pm**. This session is a drop in session for parents with children under 5 who can come and play and enjoy story and rhyme time. These sessions are run in partnership with the local Treehouse Nursery, but in order to ensure their sustainability we need community volunteers from our Estate. This can be a great way of boosting up your CV, and can help secure a paid position.

If you are interested, please ring Eva Christmas on 0207 926 0314.



The last session, which will include some festive refreshment, will be on Monday 14th Dec and will restart next year on Monday 11th Jan' 2016.

Millwall For All football sessions

The last football session will be held on **Friday 18th Dec** and will restart on **Friday 15th Jan 2016!** It is really impressive to see all the young people out in the cold, loyally waiting for the sessions to kick off every Friday at 4.30pm. There are football tournaments scheduled for next year, with dates to be released in 2016. Dedication and great coaching will surely pay off!



Works to your home

As most of you will know, there are two major works programmes happening on the estate.

The first relates to making good any defects to the inside of tenants homes. This process is under way and it will deal with all the problems that you have experienced after Wates completed their works. However, there are also things that need to be done that may not yet be affecting you. This includes bad plumbing causing baths, sinks and toilets to block over time and problems with electrical installations.

It is therefore vital that Lambeth and Wates are allowed into your homes, firstly to carry out an inspection to agree what works are needed, and then to carry out the works.

If you are asked to contact either Lambeth or Wates to make an appointment, please do so. Alternatively, we have a member of Lambeth staff in the estate office every Monday morning, and there are always Wates representatives here.

The first programme is to deal with the outside of the blocks. Work is due to start on the estate in January. However the programme is likely to last for at least 18 months so works will not end until the summer of 2017.

The exact order in which the blocks will be repaired has yet to be decided, but we will put a firm programme onto our website as soon as it is available. We will also give everyone as much notice as possible as to when works are going to begin.

During works, we will also be looking to recruit block representatives so that the concerns of residents can be raised formally as part of the process. We will let you know the details as soon as possible about this.

Finally, we will be holding another meeting for all residents during December, where you will have a chance to meet the contractor carrying out the works, see some of the designs of the works and ask questions about what the works will mean to you.



Acting against Tenancy fraud

Tenancy fraud is taken very seriously by Roupell Park staff and by Lambeth Council. Also it is now a criminal offense punishable by a fine or imprisonment. Housing fraud, either getting a home through telling lies about personal circumstances or subletting a property, deprives someone who really needs it from getting a home.

We carry out regular visits to all of our properties to check who is living in them. In addition we investigate cases where we have our own suspicions or where we are alerted by a neighbour. We have recently evicted someone for tenancy fraud and are in the process of taking legal action against another.

If you think your neighbour is subletting their property, let us know. We will deal with any report confidentially and will investigate without letting anyone know how we got the information. Remember, tenancy fraud is a crime and you and your children are the victims.



Good housekeeping Rule No 1 Pay your rent

We know there are always extra pressures on money over Christmas, but paying your rent needs to be your top priority. We will continue to take action on all cases of rent arrears; and if you don't pay, you are putting your home at risk.

We have already evicted a number of people this year for rent arrears – make sure you are not one of them.

How to get in touch

Roupell Park Community Office

Brockham Drive, Brixton, SW2 3RY
Office number including repairs: 020 7926 0214
Lambeth Call Centre 020 7926 6000/6666
(Out of hours after 5.00pm)
Email: rouPELLpark@lambeth.gov.uk
www.rouPELL.co.uk/@rouPELLpark

Christmas Opening times

Over Christmas the office will be open reduced hours although we will be taking calls as usual. The Lambeth emergency repairs line will also be operating all over the Christmas period. The Office will be open:

24th December 9.00am until 1.00pm
29th December 10.00am until 4.00pm
30th December 10.00am until 4.00pm
31st December 10.00am until 1.00pm

The office will be closed on 25th & 28th Dec and 1st Jan '16

