

This Is Your Community Newsletter

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Roupell Park Residents Management Cooperative Ltd

Hi!

We are changing the layout of the newsletter into a 'short and sweet' version and are aiming to capture a range of events and services available to you, the resident. We'd like to hear your comments; please let us know what you think. And, enjoy the read!

Eva Christmas, Community Development Officer.

Over 55s Club / Coffee Morning

Over 55s Club meets every week for a coffee morning on Tuesday at the RP Community Centre (Hyperian Hall) from 10.30am – 12 noon. This is your opportunity to have a friendly chat with your neighbour over a cuppa and a cake, and even play a game of bingo! No membership, no cost...all you have to do is to turn up!

The Over 55s **Christmas Lunch** is in its planning phase.... so watch out for more information in the next edition of the newsletter.



Free Bike, if YOU fix one

If you are a keen cyclist or you'd like to become one, or you'd just like to learn how to fix a bike, and are 8 – 16 years of age, then this is the right activity for you!

The Bike Club will teach you to rebuild, refurbish and repair bicycles and, in return, you will be able to keep the bike you fixed. You will also have a chance to attend the National Standard Cycle Training and even go on mountain-bike trips to London!



The Club runs on Friday evening from 4.30 to 6pm and Saturdays from 10.30am to 12noon and 12.30pm to 2pm and is based at the junction of Plummer road and Poynders road (just behind the Poynders parade of shops). For further info, ring the **Clapham Park Project** on **020 8678 5922** or just drop in at the venue.

Dates for your Diary:

Fun Day for the under 5s and their families

Thursday 30th Oct,
Time: 11.00am - 2.00pm

Venue: RP Community Centre (Hyperian Hall)

In partnership with the Tree House Children's Centre we are holding an 'Open Day' for the under 5s and their parents/carers in which the toddlers can enjoy 'Stay & Play' activities, arts and crafts, free face painting and take part in **Story & Rhyme**.

You can meet an early literacy worker and get your free library card and some book packs.

Furthermore, there will be healthy refreshments available for the duration of the event. Also an employment and career pathway advisor will be available to parents.

We are hoping that this will make a visit to our community centre all the more worthwhile!

Activities and Confidence Building Day

Thursday 20th Nov 3.30-6.00pm

Venue: RP Community Centre (Hyperian Hall)

As part of a national anti-bullying week, and in partnership with the Tulse Hill Forum, this event is aimed at all age groups.

There will be something for everyone:

- ★ Arts and crafts workshops for children,
- ★ Food and refreshment for all
- ★ Interactive Introduction workshop in Confidence Building and Anger management for parents. For those interested, there will be a follow up workshop in Jan 2015.

The workshop will be conducted by **Julie Wilkinson** from **Brave the Rage**. Julie is also a Vice Chair for Children England and has over 20 years experience in anger management.

An opportunity for you to get together, enjoy some refreshments and find out more detail about the course! More detail to follow in mid November!

PARKING AND SPEED CONTROLS ON THE ESTATE / staff walkabout

At the AGM residents from across the Estate expressed their concern about the level of inconsiderate parking taking place on Estate roads and the excess speeds at which some people drive.

Most of the roads on the Estate are not the responsibility of Roupell Park but are actually owned by the Council's Highways Department. Therefore, we are not able to put down and enforce yellow lines or put in speed humps.

The AGM felt that we should lobby the Council and Councillors to do something about the traffic problems that the Estate faces.

We will therefore be organising a petition to present to the Council, asking that something is done. If you would like to sign, we now have a copy in our office reception. You might even like to help us build support by getting the signatures of your neighbours. If you would like to help please let Eva know on 020 7926 0314.



Dear resident,

RP maintenance team is prepared to go the extra mile to attend to the various repairs at your property. In order to achieve our targets and to minimise unnecessary repairs, we need you, as a responsible resident, to be working along with us.

In this instance, we'd like you to pay attention to what you put down the WC or waste services. Roupell Park's waste system is old and is not designed to cope with items such as wipes, nappies, sanitary towels and cotton buds. Some manufacturers claim that their wipes are disposable, but they still cause us a problem. If a blockage occurs it will inconvenience you and your neighbour who share the same drainage system.

Please note that if we attend to unblock your WC and find that you have placed inappropriate items in your WC or waste services, you will be charged for any works undertaken by our DLO or external contractor. Many thanks for your cooperation.

RESIDENTS PROFILE

Marcia Jones, a Board member, writes about her experience in attending the National Federation Tenant Managed Organisation (NFTMO) Conference this summer.

'It was so encouraging to see so many TMOs, Board members, residents and communities represented right across the country. Myself and the Chair of our board Mary Simpson (see photo) stayed at the excellent Holiday Inn in Stratford – upon-Avon.

The Plenary on the Saturday shared success stories: three new TMOs who will be going live towards the end of the year and the new youth engagement programme.

The workshops I attended over the weekend were:

- Engaging Young People by Tony Brown – Youthwork Toolkit (Birmingham)
- Paperless TMO - Masood Hussain (Southwark)
- The Welfare Reform, an Impact and Action Update.

It was encouraging to engage in good healthy and sometimes challenging discussions with others and how other Estates are making a difference in their communities.

The Saturday evening hosts the awards and it would be so great for Roupell Park to receive an award – I believe that together we can do it!



FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK

The Fire Brigade was on our Estate on the 5th October on their third fire safety patrol, door knocking and carrying out a free health and safety check, which included installing free smoke alarms. According to the Fire Brigade, they had a lot of unanswered calls even though it was our Estate that had highlighted concerns in their survey.

If you have concerns around fire safety at your home, all you have to do is to ring **0800 0284428** and arrange a free home fire safety check at a time convenient to yourself. Fire-fighters will assess safety at your home, identify any

potential fire risks and will put together your fire escape plan, and install free smoke alarms if required.

The alarms last for 10 years, with minimal input or disruption for residents. A monthly alarm test and an occasional Hoover to keep the alarm dust-free, is all that's required - it couldn't be any easier to be safe in your home!



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Our opening times are:

Monday	8.30-5.00pm
Tuesday	9.00-5.00pm
Wednesday	9.00-1.00pm (closed half-day, all other services still available)
Thursday	8.30-5.00pm
Friday	9.00-4.00pm