

Coffee Morning Group

Senior citizens meet every Tuesday at our Roupell Park Community Centre from 10.30am until 12.30pm. This is a special time of the year, when the group discusses venues for their Christmas lunch outing and so, another perk if you join the group now!

The group also engages in some physical activities: yoga chair sessions on Fridays from 10.30am until 11.30am, which is also **FREE** of charge and helps to keep joints subtle.

The group will certainly keep you busy and having more social contacts is always rewarding. All you have to do is to turn up!

Social Games Evening

This project was shortlisted as one of the 5 best projects in Lambeth run by residents. We are delighted and thrilled to say that it has just been proclaimed the winner!

So, if you haven't already done so, now this is the time to drop in, any Wednesday evening from 7 – 8.30pm, at the Hyperion Community Centre. The evenings provide an opportunity to rediscover play, and to take time to unwind while playing games, which vary from Monopoly, Scrabble, dominos and chess. Another game, Trivial Pursuit, is on its way, so the range is expanding according to the interests of those who attend. But for most, this is a social opportunity to be in company of others; lots of laughter is certainly guaranteed.

There are no age restrictions or charges! Light refreshments are provided. For more info ring Eva on 07983 584767



ESOL Course for ALL

ENGLISH as a Second Language course has already started, on the 29th September. It will run every Thursday morning for 10 weeks, at our RPCC (Roupell Park Community Centre). The delivery partner for the course is High Trees. Although the course is fully booked, we are still receiving inquiries from residents who want to join. If we can demonstrate that there is sufficient interest - if we have 12 residents who want to attend - then there is a realistic prospect of running another one, in January 2018! In order to qualify for the course, which is **FREE** of charge, you must fulfil the following criteria:

- English is not your native tongue and your command of language is at an entry level
- You must be over 19 years of age
- Be a resident or have the right to abide in the UK
- Be able to attend every class for 10 weeks
- Be able to demonstrate that you are on benefits or with a household income of less than £20,000 per year.

The course will help you improve speaking, listening, reading and writing skills so that you can get more involved in your local community. Also, language skills can help: when paying bills, when visiting your doctor, you can help your child with homework; it can also further your employment opportunities and prepare you for entry to higher education.

So, if you did not manage to get on this course, but you think that you qualify, then please ring the office or Eva on 07983 584 767 and reserve your space for the next round!

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(Out of hours after 5:00pm)

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Our opening times are:

Monday 8.30 - 17.00

Tuesday 9.00 - 17.00

Wednesday 9.00 - 13.00 (office closed in the afternoon for staff training, but phones will be answered)

Thursday 8.30 - 17.00

Friday 9.00 - 16.00

This Is Your Community Newsletter

Roupell Park

Resident Management Organisation Ltd

Working together to provide high quality homes
and create a fair, strong and sustainable community

October 2017, Number 14

Annual General Meeting & Election of Board Members

The RPRMO AGM was held on 19 September. It was a great meeting attended by about 40 people. The chair reported on the successful year that we have had, in particular winning our continuation ballot, the approval of the new business plan, the ongoing success of our community development programme and the winning of two national awards.

The annual accounts were agreed, but perhaps most excitingly 2 new board members were elected bringing us to a full complement. Board membership is available on our website.

At the Board meeting on 26 September the officers were elected as follows:

- **Chair – Mary Simpson**
- **Secretary – To be agreed**
- **Treasurer – Oni Idigu**

Marcia Jones has stepped down from her role as secretary and we would like to thank her for all her hard work over the last three years.

New Parking on the estate CPZ (Controlled Parking Zones)

Lambeth Council have recently introduced controlled parking on some of the highways on the Roupell Park Estate which extends from Fairview Place to Holmewood Gardens. Roupell Park RMO LTD does not have jurisdiction over these parking areas so please do not park in these zones unless you have a Lambeth Council permit.



To obtain a CPZ parking permit please visit the website www.lambeth.gov.uk/parking-permit or contact Lambeth Service Centre on 020 7926 9000 to book an appointment to apply in person.

Fire Safety

Roupell Park does not have any of the cladding that appears to have been the cause of fire spreading at Grenfell Tower and the design on the blocks means that the risks are much less than were present in that block. However here are some key issues around fire safety, which you should bear in mind

- Avoid causing a fire in the first place –
 - Never leave lit candles in a room unattended
 - Always put out cigarettes properly
 - When you are frying food, never leave it unattended
 - Do not overload electrical sockets
 - Check your domestic appliances and do not use them when they are faulty
 - Don't use BBQ's anywhere on the estate
 - Regularly check your smoke alarm
- If there is a fire in your home get out, making sure you shut the front door behind you and call 999
- If there is a fire in the block in most cases it will not spread so stay in your flat unless you are directly affected by smoke or heat. Wait for the fire brigade to attend and obey their instructions
- If you leave your home go to the staircase furthest from the fire. Have a plan for how you will leave the building already agreed with your family
- **NEVER USE THE LIFT**

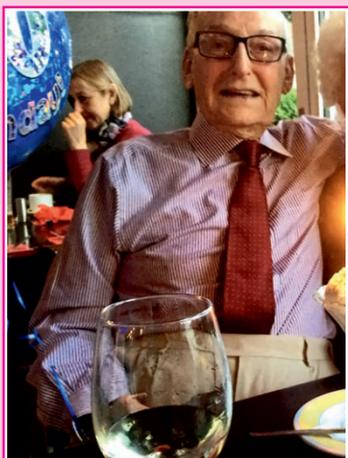
Keep all communal walkways clear from obstruction

Stay & Play drop-in sessions - Volunteers wanted

Sessions which used to take place on Mondays are currently on hold as we are looking for more estate volunteers to run the sessions. We'd like to thank Cammelia and Ephragie for supporting the sessions last year. Volunteering can boost your CV and can help you with your employability! If you are interested, please ring Eva on 07983 584 767.



A tribute to Mr Albert James John Bone 1927 – 2017



I would like to pay a tribute to one of our residents, Mr Albert James John Bone. Albert was one of the first tenants to have moved on Roupell Park Estate, along with his wife Joyce Bone, in 1957. He was also a committee board member for many years and was one of the original tenants to fight for the estate to become a TMO. Albert was a very independent man and yet supportive to others. He was very house proud, and took responsibility for his environment.

In 2015 I enrolled on a Level 4 & 5 Housing Diploma course. One of the modules that I was working on, was about gaining understanding about the history of social housing where I work. Albert was able to help me gain historical knowledge of Roupell Park which resulted in me receiving a pass on my module, an achievement which I will never forget.

Almost every morning Albert would sit on 'his' bench and read a newspaper alongside his wife Joyce. To show our appreciation of Albert and how much we honour his contribution to Roupell Park Estate, we have placed a memory plaque on his famous bench as a remembrance to an individual who was a true inspiration to all who knew him. So, for those who knew Albert, please feel free to visit the bench which is located outside Brockham House

Stefan Tavernier-Gustave, Housing Officer.



Landlords Consent

This is a reminder to all residents Leaseholders & Tenants that under the Terms & Conditions of the Lease and Tenancy Agreement you need to obtain *Landlords Consent* prior to undertaking improvement works to the property. For Landlord Consent to be considered, you must submit in writing the works your contractor is going to undertake to The Contract & Maintenance Manager at the Roupell Park Community Office. This is to enable the proposed works to be checked, to ensure that it complies with British Standard, Building Regulations, Environmental Health and most importantly Health & Safety. If you undertake works without consent, you can be recharged the costs of undoing the works that your contractor has undertaken!

Once Landlord consent is approved, you can undertake works as per the quote /specification supplied by your contractor. You must be considerate to your neighbours and do not have works undertaken early in the morning or late at night. Your contractor must not obstruct the walkway, leave items on the walkway as these are dedicated fire escape routes. The Contract & Maintenance Manager will also post inspect the works.

The contractor that you have employed (and not our caretakers), is responsible for taking away any unwanted items such as rubble doors, baths etc. from site and building. You will be charged if your contractor places these items in our bins.

For Tenants only!

If you renovate, please bear in mind, that if you remove existing kitchens and/or bathrooms, at the end of the tenancy, you will be recharged for reinstatement of any non-standard items removed!

For Leaseholders only!

If your home is served by the communal boiler system, do not remove the existing systems yourself! Any alterations to the system can only be made by T Brown, Lambeth's designated communal heating contractor!



October half-term activities for ALL at Windmill Park

A range of activities will take place for the autumn half-term week, from Monday 23 October until Friday 27 October, from 9.00am – 4.00pm each day.

Location: Windmill Park, Windmill Gardens SW2 5EU.

- ❖ **Boot Camp - Monday**
A multi-sports event including boxing, rounders, football, table tennis and more.
- ❖ **Team building with the Royal Navy - Tuesday:**
Laser shooting range, Maritime themed activity – such as knot tying, and navigational skills.
- ❖ **Cycle maintenance
Wednesday and Thursday:**
Part 1 Maintenance Workshop Fix your Bike and Ride 10am to 12.30 pm
Part 2 Cycle Training - Confident Riding and Street Rules 1.30pm to 4pm

Location: Archbishop's 3G Park, Carlisle Lane SE1 7LE.

- ❖ **Inter-estate football tournament
Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm**

Age group: 9–16 years with volunteering opportunities for young people aged 17+.

How to get there: Youth Workers from CEF Lyncx will meet young people at our Roupell Park Community Centre at 9.00am each day, and will then escort them to and from the venues.

How to apply: Application Forms are available at the Roupell Park RMO/Housing Office and for more information contact Christian on 07706 179 851. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so apply early to avoid disappointment.

Roupell Park Youth Forum



The Youth Forum has been holding monthly meetings since March 2017 and even through the summer months! The members are currently deciding how and where to spend the budget allocated for their next social event. The first one was a great success, go-karting. There are different ideas in the pipeline and the Forum members are learning how to work together to make the choice agreeable to the majority.

The next meeting will be on 2 Nov at 5.30pm at Roupell Park Community Centre. Meetings are open to all and the suggested age group is 10 – 18 years of age. For any more info, please ring Christian on 07706 179 851.

After School Club

The After School Club has now resumed its regular Wednesday and Thursday sessions, which were delayed because Club staff had been attending an international programme 'Erasmus' in Romania for 2½ weeks.

The weekly sessions run a free tuition in Maths, English and Science on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5.00 – 7.00pm, at the Roupell Park Community Centre. For new applicants, parents are asked to fill out an application form, which will be given to you at the first session or you can find one at the Roupell Park office.

For more information, please ring Navlet, who is in charge of the programme, on 07984 337 812.

Fulham Foundation



Friday football sessions with Fulham FC are taking place from 5 – 7.00pm at our 5-a side football pitch and are for boys and girls from 9 – 16/17 years of age. A parent/carer will be asked to fill out a consent form which will be given to your child at their first visit to a session.

Due to popularity of the sessions, which is reflected in the high attendance, we are extending our football activities beyond Roupell Park's boundaries. From October, 16 young people, from each age group, will be handpicked by the coaches and those with good attendance and an excellent behaviour record at the sessions, will earn the privilege of playing at Fulham's Training Ground on a monthly basis, as part of the Fulham Inclusion Tournament! All this will be free of charge to the child, but young people will have to make their own way to the grounds.

For more info on the tournament or about the sessions, please contact Paul Smithers on 07500108495.

