

This Is Your Community Newsletter

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Hi! It is already festive time, and time to celebrate but also to reflect on the previous year, at least for us here at RP Office, in order to improve on all our services. We'd like to encourage **you**, our resident, to take part in the activities advertised below, some festive and some educational. And not to forget, we all wish you a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

From all the staff at Roupell Park Office.

Exciting news

Roupell Park goes digital!

In the run up to Christmas, our Roupell Park website will go live at www.rouPELLpark.co.uk

We also have a twitter account @rouPELLpark, so you will be able to follow us! Our web page will have all the community news, publications, contact forms and will provide with an insight into what we are about and what we do. You will be able to contact us via our web link!

Families and Young people - New initiatives

FREE

Homework Club for your child

Study Support (Homework Club) is coming to Roupell Park on 15th January. The club will run two-hour sessions, twice a week, to offer after school additional curriculum learning support in literacy; numeracy and science to help raise attainment levels for young people aged 7 to 13.

In order to find out more and register, we are holding an **Open Day on Wednesday 7th Jan 2015** from 5.30 – 7.00pm at Roupell Park Community Hall.

The Homework Club starts from 14 & 15 January 2015 and it will be held twice a week from 5.30 – 7.00pm but we need you to register before hand as places are limited.

For more information please call Navlet Williamson on 0207 737 4274 Or 07984 337 812 or Roupell Park main office number.

Confidence Building Workshop for parents

As part of the anti-bullying week and in partnership with the Tulse Hill Forum, Julie Wilkinson, who is highly skilled and experienced in this field, will be delivering a workshop which is tailor made for parents in order to build awareness around cyber and other forms of bullying that their child may be exposed to.

This highly educational, interactive and fun workshop will be held on **Monday 2 Feb from 4.00 – 7.00pm** at Roupell Park Community Centre. Places are limited and free of charge and in order to register or for more info please ring our main office number.

Festive time: Dates for you Diary

Christmas Lights & Festive refreshments @ Your RP Community Office on Wednesday 10th Dec from 3.00 – 5.00pm.

This is a great opportunity for you to come to our office for an informal chat, a glass of sparkling wine and a mince pie, and to meet all members of the RP Team.

We will be switching on our Christmas lights on that day to create a festive feel! We'd like to see more of you in 2015 and especially taking part in the range of activities and events which we are providing and which we will continue to tell you about.



The Pensioners' Christmas Coffee Morning



The Over 65s Club are holding a Christmas coffee morning on **Tuesday 16th December** at the usual time from 10.30am – 12.30pm at the RP Community Centre (Hyperion Hall). If

you haven't already been there, and you are a pensioner then this is a perfect time to expand your group of friends in a festive style over a mince pie and a sausage roll, and some sherry and ginger wine.

This club is free of charge to all pensioners from the estate and their friends, but a voluntary donation of 20 pence per visit is kindly appreciated!

Make sure you remain safe in your own home throughout the festive period



In the run up to Christmas there are always people out there who want to ruin it for you. We have already had reports of people trying to con their way into people's homes. Always ask for ID before you let anyone in and if you have any doubts ask them to call back with better proof of who they are. If they claim to be from Roupell Park office or the Council then we will be able to tell you when we are sending someone out to you.

Also remember not to keep any presents in a place where they can be seen through a window and take special care to ensure that you always lock your doors and close your windows when you go out.

Make sure you PAY YOUR RENT

Christmas is coming and it is always tempting to let paying the rent slip. Don't!

This year we have taken 37 people to Court to obtain possession orders and have another 10 where we have made applications for a hearing but it has yet to happen. Every one of those families is at risk of losing their home if they do not keep up their payments; we have 3 evictions planned before Christmas.

If you have problems paying your rent, Sylvia and Stefan, our housing officers, are here to help. Talk to them. Do not ignore their letters and phone calls.



Don't put your home at risk – Please Pay Your Rent.

Employment & Training for Young people

Fantastic opportunity with T- Brown for the right applicant

The three year apprenticeship is offered to individuals aged 16 to 18 years of age. No previous experience is necessary but the successful applicant must be enrolled in an appropriate college course, as there is a mixture of 'on the job' training and college work.

The apprentice is appointed a mentor, who will complete weekly, monthly and quarterly reports.

The absolute basics that we would insist on are: Good communication skills; ability to retain and apply complex instructions and technical specification requirements; English, maths and a science to a good level; Ability to accept responsibility; Willingness to learn and a good attitude and aptitude for the industry.

If the applicant has any of the following, it would be a distinct advantage:

- Level 1 plumbing (City and Guilds)
- Any basic level of electrical or mechanical engineering
- Basic welding and or pipe work

For more information or to apply ring our main office number.

WARNING!

Maintenance Corner



New Parking Contractor on RP Estate

We have a new parking contractor and they are beginning to enforce the parking restrictions on the estate and are issuing tickets. We are selling parking permits for £15 a year. Compare this with £60 for a single ticket!

We are issuing permits from the Community Office; come and get one before you get a ticket!

Colin Carnegie, Maintenance Manager.

Kitchens & Bathrooms and Electrical Works to your Home

Lambeth Living Contractor (Wates) have completed its kitchen & bathroom works on the estate.

If you are having defect problems please inform the Community Office as soon as possible. For example, defects can include WCs that block on a frequent basis, baths that take a long time to drain away, or faults to the electrical system.

If you have a problem we will not be able to do the works ourselves but we will make sure that your complaints are taken up with Wates and Lambeth Living so that they can rectify the problem.

I know this is a frustrating time for you but please be assured that we are doing our best to ensure that you get the service you deserve.



How to get in touch:

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Our opening times are:

Monday 8.30 - 5.00pm

Tuesday 9.00 - 5.00pm

Wednesday 9.00 - 1.00pm

(office closed, tel. calls only)

Thursday 8.30 - 5.00pm

Friday 9.00 - 4.00pm

Christmas opening times:

Please note that the office will be closed on the 25 Dec, 26 Dec and 1 Jan due to seasonal holidays.

