

# 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

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## THE FUN DAY

**2 July 2016, time 12 noon – 4.00pm.**

We are only a few weeks away from our annual community event The Fun Day 2016, which will be held on Saturday 2 July, from 12 noon until 4.00pm.

We'd like to remind you to put this in your diary as a Not to Be Missed Event! A similar event last year was a great success, and your attendance made it even more special. This year, the event will concentrate on celebrating cultures from the area and will kick off with a samba procession which will start at Tunhurst and will lead onto the main stage which will be located next to the football pitch in the middle of the estate and in between Tilford and Outwood House.



Other activities will include: a bouncy castle and a huge inflatable slide for the adventurous, face painting, gardening activities, DJ and stage performance, 5-a-side football tournament led by Millwall FC with a trophy and vouchers to be won, a celebrity guest visit Miss Jamaica UK '16; Milton's notoriously delicious barbecue, luscious cakes with teas and coffees, various workshops, games, raffle prizes, a chance to meet and greet our ward councillors and much more.

We had a small group of residents who helped us last year, but we need more volunteers to help us on the day! If you are willing to join our group to help set up on the day or take on a task during the event (catering, games, prizes), then please call

**Eva on 07983 584767.**

To sum up, a day not to be missed and to be out and enjoy yourself with your fellow neighbours, family and friends!



## Drop-in parent led Stay and Play session

Drop-in parent led Stay and Play sessions for under-5s meets **every Monday from 9.30am – 11am** at our Roupell Community Centre; some parents reported that the initial afternoon sessions coincided with their children's bedtime and were difficult to manage.

The sessions provide high quality, free flow play activities in a safe, yet stimulating environment. Healthy snacks are included in each session as part of our ethos in promoting healthy lifestyle and are run free of charge to you; there is a separate baby nappy changing area and the space is fully risk assessed and health and safety compliant.

Please note that these sessions are run via child-minder-volunteers and parents; perhaps you could become a volunteer too! This could be a great way to further your career in this field; we will provide you with a reference. For any more information on the sessions please contact **Eva on 07983 584 767**

## Pensioners Coffee Morning

### The Pensioner's Coffee morning:

Meets every Tuesday from 10.30am – 12.30pm at the Roupell Park Community Centre. Morley College are currently delivering IT sessions and on top, a creative workshop is lined up for autumn '16. These are all perks for regular members, as well as enjoying all social aspects of the group including outings and bingo games. If you'd like to join in but find getting about difficult or are housebound, let us know and we will be happy to assist you or bring a coffee morning to you!

For more info call **Eva on 07983 584767.**

## After School Study Support

The **after school study support** meets every **Wednesday and Thursday from 5 – 7pm** at Hyperion hall centre and provides free tutorial in maths, science and English for the children from 7 – 13 years of age. Its last session will be on 14<sup>th</sup> July before breaking-up for the summer; parents, if you still haven't taken advantage of these sessions for your child, please drop in and speak to one of the tutors to book a place for next term! For more info please ring **Navlet on 07984 337 812.**

## Update on current maintenance issues:

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**LIFTS:** Can all residents please note that in the unfortunate event of a resident being trapped in the lift do not call the London Fire Brigade (LFB), but please call Lambeth/Apex Lifts. Signs and telephone numbers are clearly placed in the lifts. On blocks where Mears are undertaking external major works the lift has been protected with water resistant plywood. Please do not write on the ply as this is offensive to other residents.

Colin Carnegie, Maintenance manager

## General Meeting: Tuesday 14th June

**General Meeting Tuesday 14th June from 7pm at our Hyperion Community Centre.** This is a great opportunity to find out first-hand what is happening on the Estate, to let you know our future plans, and for you to give us your views on what could be done to improve our services. Anyone can attend the meeting but if there is a vote only Members will be eligible to do so. Being a Member gives you the right to elect members of the Board or even to join them and put yourself at the heart of making choices that will shape the future of the Estate. The agenda will concentrate around major works and the Summer '16 community programme. Light refreshments will be available before the meeting. We hope to see you there! Marcia Jones, Board's Secretary.

## External Works – Major Health & Safety Risks

**Two major health and safety risks** have become apparent through the works being done to the outside of the blocks. And it is the residents that are responsible for them:

Children (and some idiot adults) are removing the protective foam from around the scaffold poles. However great a light sabre they may be, the foam tubes are there to protect people from hurting themselves if they walk into the scaffold. Without the foam the risk of serious injury is significantly increased. You need a knife to get foam tubes off – this is deliberate vandalism. If your children are responsible for this, please stop them. It could be your or their heads damaged and I am afraid it will be their fault.

Some very anti-social people are throwing soiled nappies, sanitary towels, needles and rubbish out of their windows and onto the scaffold. This is a health risk to the workers on the scaffolding and all of the other people in the block. To those people doing this please act in a civilised way. To everyone else, if you know who is doing this, do let us know. This is a breach of tenancy and we will take action.

Other than that the programme is going well and is ahead of schedule.

## New Contractors Working for You

To ensure that we get the best possible value for money we have been looking at who delivers our repairs and maintenance service and the Board have now made a number of decisions.

Firstly, having listened to residents and weighed up all the evidence the Board decided to keep the DLO on the basis that they add more to the way the estate is run than just delivering a maintenance service. The Board did however recognise the some changes would have to be made to make the repairs service better and more efficient and we will be working on this over the next few months.

In respect of the other contracts

- **Mitie** are now carrying out the gas safety checks and servicing individual gas boilers
  - **RGE Services** will be carrying out electrical repairs
  - **P&R** will be doing repairs that the DLO cannot do.
- We are confident that this will lead to an improved level of service to all our residents as well as delivering better value to money.

## PARKING CONSIDERATELY

RouPELL Park is undergoing External Major Works and for the duration of the contract there will be large vehicles accessing the estate to put up and take down scaffold and to deliver materials and labour to site. Taking this in to consideration can you please park considerately and in particular on the road bends as larger vehicles need to circumnavigate the bends.

This Photo clearly shows how vehicles are being parked on the bends that obstructs the traffic flow on the estate. If the bend cannot be safely navigated there is a risk of your vehicle being damaged. Emergency Service Vehicles have also informed that they have difficulty accessing the Estate due to inconsiderate parking - last night, Fire Brigade was unable to reach Dunsfold House due to inconsiderate parking!



Please note that Brockham Drive road area outside of the Community Office is a private road. If you park in the bay or road without a permit you run the risk of receiving a parking ticket. You can park on the other roads on the estate **but not on the bends or in front of the bin chambers**, these are marked with Box junctions. Again, if you park in these areas there is a risk that your vehicle will be damaged when the paladin bins are collected by Lambeth.

### RouPELL Park Community Office

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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