

Neighbourhood Improvement Zone works wonders

MANOR PARK » IN FOCUS

Covering East Ham North,
Manor Park and Little Ilford



(l-r) Cllr Andrew Baikie and community safety officer Jason Pearson have a chat with Angela Matthews about the improvements she's seen in the NIZ

Newham Council launched a pilot Neighbourhood Improvement Zone (NIZ) in Little Ilford ward to tackle residents' key concerns.

A year into the two-year pilot and the area is much improved, thanks to residents working together with the council and the police. Some of successes achieved so far include:

- Landlords that were privately renting were made to apply for a licence. This is called selective licensing and is part of the Housing Act 2004. It gives the council power to monitor how private properties are managed and maintained. If a house fails to obtain a licence the court can fine the landlord £20,000. To date 128 homes are licensed with more being processed. Eight prosecutions

have been issued for failing to licence

- 148 properties have been inspected and 61 enforcement notices served on those landlords who have not improved their rented accommodation

- 82 private rented properties have been brought up to the Government's decent homes standard

- A shed intended for accommodation in the back of a garden in Gloucester Road that didn't have planning approval has been demolished

- Three unsafe flats were closed because they posed significant health and safety hazards

- Flytipping, litter dropping and dog fouling have been reduced

- Two brothels have been closed on

Gloucester and Romford roads.

Lucia Demetriou of Gloucester Road has noticed a huge difference since the arrival of the NIZ. She said: "We are enjoying the positive transformation of our streets and commend everyone for working tirelessly to improve our environment."

Little Ilford ward councillor, Andrew Baikie, said: "In the next year, we aim to ensure all private landlords are licensed. Those who don't comply will be prosecuted. All private rented properties will be inspected to ensure they meet the decent homes standard criteria."

For more information call the NIZ team on 020 3373 0995 or email Resid.Niz@newham.gov.uk.



We've bin on your street

Recycling has got a whole lot easier with the introduction of recycling bins with an orange lid across the borough.

We've almost finished delivering the bins to homes that we have determined have space following a door to door assessment.

If you haven't received your bin yet, don't worry, we're getting them to you as quickly as we can.

You should continue using orange recycling bags, placing them beside your rubbish bin, not inside, until you receive your recycling bin.

Please note that:

- you can recycle all cardboard in your new bin
 - rubbish bins will be collected in the morning
 - recycling bins will be collected in the afternoon/evening
 - put your recyclables directly into your bin – you don't need to put them in a bag first
 - if you live in a high or low rise flat you should continue using orange recycling bags as normal.
- We'll be consulting with residents in these properties to see what improvements they would like to see with their recycling service soon – look out for details.

For more details on what you can recycle visit www.newham.gov.uk/recycling



Plant for life

Play your part in beautifying Plashet Park in Plashet Grove and help plant 2,012 trees on Saturday 26 March from 11am-3pm.

The FREE Plant for Life event is open to all green-fingered enthusiasts who want to help plant holly, alder buckthorn, dog rose, hawthorn and blackthorn trees and shrubs. The plants will form a hedgerow which will create a new habitat for wildlife.

To find your nearest Plant for Life event check out www.newham.gov.uk/whatson or call the parks team on 020 8430 2000 or email parcs@newham.gov.uk

**Plant for Life
Saturday 26 March
11am-3pm
Plashet Park
Plashet Grove, E6**

Changes to Monega RPZ

Last May an experimental Residents' Parking Zone (RPZ) was introduced by Newham Council to ease residents' parking woes.

The Monega RPZ mostly falls in Manor Park but also affects a small area in the Green Street East ward. A consultation was carried out last month to find out what residents thought about the RPZ hours.

Almost a third of all households and businesses within the zone replied and completed questionnaires. More than 60 per cent of the responses indicated

that the hours of control should be reduced from 8am-6.30pm, Monday to Saturday. The new hours will come into effect in May.

The RPZ covers an area off Katherine Road that runs from Romford Road to Chester Road and will affect Rosendale, Sherrard Road, Halley, Monega, South Esk, Bristol, Stafford, Derby, Rutland and Chester Roads and runs further east until High Street North.

To see a map of the RPZ visit www.newham.gov.uk and search for Monega map.

Pupils get up to all sorts of mischief at the sleepover



A sleepless night at Kensington Primary



Night school at Kensington Primary

More than 60 children from Kensington Primary School had a sleepless night to raise more than £700 for charity.

Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils from the school in Kensington Avenue took part in the Big Sleep and stayed awake for as long as they could to raise money for Action Medical Research.

To keep awake, the children took part in dance competitions and

indulged in face painting hand, painting and apple bobbing. They also paid to splat a foam pie on the face of a teacher. Food and snacks donated by parents were available to buy.

The school's middle hall was transformed into a temporary camp with PE mats covering the floor, creating a comfortable surface for sleeping bags.

To while away the hours, the

children were also treated to an after-dark spooky tour of the school by head teacher David Barker. He said: "Alongside raising money for charity, we wanted the children to have a different experience of school and teachers. As well as a place where you can learn, it's also a place where you can have fun."

Every child who took part received a certificate confirming how long they'd been awake.

Name the new space

A new multi-use games area (MUGA) and children's play area for under fives is being created behind Manor Park Community Centre and we want your suggestions on what the space should be called.

Due to be completed in May, the enclosed, floodlit MUGA will provide a retreat for ball enthusiasts, who will be able to play sports including football and basketball. The play area will have adventurous equipment to encourage little imaginations to run wild and seating for parents to sit and relax.

Since the project began in November, the council has been consulting residents, Manor Park Community Centre users, councillors and the police. The groups have had input into everything, from what play equipment should be installed to the colour of the new fences.

As well as suggestions for a name, opinions are being sought on what time the MUGA lights should be switched off. Share your thoughts with project manager Sasha Kulidzan on 020 3373 8789 or email Sasha.Kulidzan@newhamhomes.com



(r) Sasha Kulidzan checks plans with Andre Culleton on the site that will be transformed in coming weeks

SPOTLIGHT ON... STREET PARTIES

It's party time – and it's coming to a street near you. The only catch is you have to organise it.

With Newham Council's new street party planning pack, organising one has never been easier so celebrate St George's Day and the royal wedding next month in style with your neighbours.

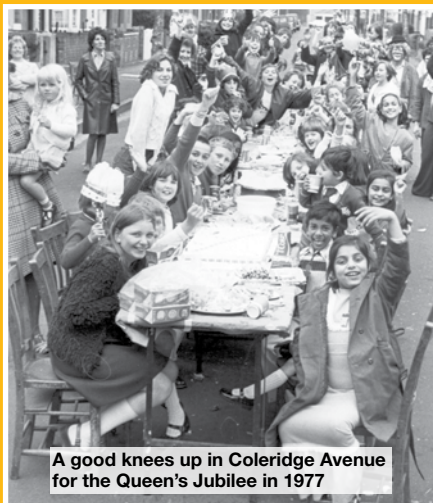
A street party is one that is organised by and for all residents in one or two small streets without external publicity. They are a great way to meet your neighbours and have a good knees-up.

The planning pack contains an application form, useful contacts and top tips to help you get started, including how to apply for a Go For It grant to help towards funding the event.

Organising small private street parties is very simple and generally does not require a licence. However, if you want to sell alcohol or intend to provide certain types of entertainment such as music, singing, or dancing you will need a Temporary Event Notice if you expect no more than 499 people to attend. This costs £21.

Larger public events attracting more people may require an application for a Premises Licence.

If you would like to hold a larger public event, please contact the



Licensing Team by emailing Licensing@newham.gov.uk or by writing to the Licensing Team, 1st Floor Town Hall Annexe, 330-354 Barking Road, East Ham, London, E6 2RT.

If you would like to hold a street party you must email or write to the council to register it. If you plan on closing the road for your party you need to get your application in by Thursday 31 March.

Email street.party@newham.gov.uk or write to street party, 1000 Dockside Road, E16 2QU. To find out more about how to organise your own street party visit www.newham.gov.uk/streetparty

WHAT'S ON MANOR PARK

Free internet café

Wednesdays
50p per hour on other days
Jack Cornwall Centre
Jack Cornwall Street, E12
For more information call
020 8553 3459

Ballroom dancing Fridays, 7.30-8.30pm

Cost: £4
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For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events visit www.newham.com

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on: 020 3373 2684 or email: infocus@newham.gov.uk

MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Councillors out and about: If you would like a councillor to visit your community organisation, school, place of worship, meeting or event please call 020 3373 8382 or email glennette.bowles-dove@newham.gov.uk. To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk



Jose Alexander



Firoza Nekiwala



Paul Sathianesan

East Ham North Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10.30 - 11.30am
Kensington School,
Kensington Avenue,
Manor Park, E12



Kay Scoresby



Amarjit Singh



Salim Patel

Manor Park Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11.30am
Manor Park Local Service Centre,
685-689 Romford Road,
Manor Park, E12



Andrew Baikie



Farah Nazeer



Khalil Kazi

Little Ilford Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11am
Jack Cornwell Community Centre,
Jack Cornwell Street,
Manor Park, E12

Need to talk to Mayor Sir Robin Wales? Being an elected mayor, Sir Robin is directly accountable to you. Look out for Question Time times and dates in the Newham Mag, visit www.newham.gov.uk/mayor or call 020 3373 0437.