

IN FOCUS MANOR PARK

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SAFETY FIRST IN THE NIZ

Members of Newham Council's private sector housing unit have been working with London Fire Brigade to promote fire safety visits in the Neighbourhood Improvement Zone (NIZ).

The NIZ was established by the council to drive up standards in the private rented sector by requiring landlords to register. Enforcement is carried out against poor quality properties that present a danger to tenants.

Now Stratford firefighters have been entering residents' homes to ensure their fire safety procedures are in order as part of the council's continuing efforts to increase standards.

They have been advising residents on preparing escape plans and fitting free smoke alarms.

So far more than 220 landlords have registered with the council and there are plans to extend the scheme across the whole of the borough owing to its success.

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Members of Newham's private sector housing team and Little Ilford ward member Cllr Andrew Baikie meet Stratford Fire Brigade members

Community lead councillor Kay Scoresby said: "So far no one has declined the offer of help and advice and this is most welcome given that statistics show fire safety awareness and a working smoke alarm significantly reduces serious injury in fires in the home.

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As well as fire safety, residents are able to get free home security assessments and may be eligible for help towards the cost of fitting new locks or alarms.

If you are aware of properties that are rented that will need to be licensed with us please contact the Neighbourhood Improvement Zone team on 020 8430 2000 or email Resid.Niz@newham.gov.uk

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(l-r) Aspiring students Pete Karikari, Rochelle Loblack, Jayd Alam and Nathasha Afrokoma



Summer school leads to new inspirations!

Four lucky students from Little Ilford Summer School have attended a three day degree course at London's City University where they met a former contestant of BBC's The Apprentice TV show. By taking part in a series of workshops and challenges, they gained an

understanding of what is involved for Business Enterprise Studies.

Apprentice 2008 runner-up and entrepreneur Claire Young was on hand to dish out top tips and advice to the aspiring students. Fifteen-year-old student Jayd Alam said: "I am considering going on

to study business at A-level after being here as the experience was so informative."

Each of the four students were presented with certificates and took away a range of ideas and information to help them in their future career paths.



An appeal against a decision by Newham Council to refuse planning permission to extend a property in Manor Park's Woodgrange Estate Conservation Area has been rejected by a planning inspector.

The council had in April refused proposals for a two-storey extension, a rear garden building and a new front wall at the end of

terrace home in Claremont Road.

An appeal was lodged but the Planning Inspectorate decided that it should be dismissed because of the effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the building and the conservation area.

The inspector decided that the spaces between buildings and gardens in the conservation area,

including those at the end of terraces, contribute towards the special character of the area. It was also decided that the scale of the extension and its design would not complement that of the dwelling.

Community lead councillor Kay Scoresby said: "It is important that we all understand and protect the character of our neighbourhoods."

SNOWSHILL MUGA IS UP AND RUNNING

A state-of-the-art sports facility and play area has been installed on the Snowshill Estate. The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) aims to improve facilities on the estate for young people. It features a basketball court, football pitch and running track and a seating area.

More than 60 residents from the Snowshill Estate attended an opening event to launch the new MUGA. Activities on the day included face painting, Indian head massage, badge making and T-shirt decorating.

Officers from the council's housing and community safety services as well as councillors Kay Scoresby and Amarjit Singh joined residents at the event.

Local councillors have also been working with residents to ensure the MUGA is a facility that will be used by all the community.

A residents group has been formed with people volunteering their time to manage and promote activities in and around the MUGA.

Cllr Singh said: "This facility is part of our commitment to invest in leisure facilities and parks for local people.

"This new space provides a perfect opportunity to participate in sport and improve the facilities and green areas for old and young alike."



The MUGA is open from 9am to 10pm for residents during the summer period; a timetable of activities is being finalised.

For more information on events and activities turn to the What's On section in the Newham Mag or read about local events at the back of In Focus.

COMMUNITY PRAISE

Mayor Sir Robin Wales has praised Newham's community for the way residents have responded to appeals for information following the recent unrest.

A special edition of the Newham Mag, containing CCTV images of those involved in disturbances in Newham, has generated a number of arrests and numerous warrants.

Around a third of the images have been identified thanks to information from residents.

Sir Robin said: "What we saw taking place in Newham and elsewhere across the country is completely and utterly unacceptable.

"Thankfully our borough was not as badly affected as others in London and elsewhere, because of

the strength of togetherness and cohesion in our community."

If you can identify anyone involved in the disturbances call Newham Police on 020 8217 5481 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. More images can be seen on page 10 of the Mag and online at www.newham.gov.uk/cctv

Spotlight on... Newham People's Panel

If you've got a lot of opinions on local issues, there is now an even easier way to have your voice heard. The Newham People's Panel is a new way for residents and visitors to make an impact on how the borough is run – and you won't even need to leave your sofa to get involved!

Visit www.newhampanel.com to find out more. Register as a member and the rest is plain sailing. We'll send you surveys on a range of topics; some surveys will include the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw.

Most surveys will take about ten minutes to complete. There will also be polls where you can log on and simply answer a quick question.

We want your thoughts on hot topics. This can be anything from employment to the cleanliness of your area, what leisure facilities you need, to what you want to see from the 2012 Games legacy.

Anyone aged over 16 can become a member of the panel

and you could be a resident or a visitor to Newham.

There may be some topics you're more interested in than others, so you can pick and choose which surveys you want to take part in. You will receive a summary of the results from each survey you complete and may be invited to give your opinion in future group interviews or focus groups – where you will probably be paid or receive vouchers for your help.

Become a member of the Newham People's Panel

To sign up to the panel, visit www.newhampanel.com and fill in a short registration form.



WHAT'S ON MANOR PARK

Games Clubs

Sony PS3, Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii games, board games and many more free activities for 8 - 13 year olds.
Mondays 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Manor Park Library,
Romford Road, E12 5JY.
Telephone: 020 3373 0858

Adult badminton aimed at 16 years and over

Sunday 11am - 1pm
Froud Centre,
Toronto Avenue, E12
Call Hilda on 020 8553 3223 or
email hildasilcock@hotmail.co.uk

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

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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 e.g. jose.alexander@newham.gov.uk



Jose Alexander



Firoza Nekiwala



Paul Sathianesan



Kay Scoresby



Amarjit Singh



Salim Patel



Andrew Baikie



Farah Nazeer



Khalil Kazi

East Ham North Ward

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

Manor Park Ward

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

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.