

MANOR PARK » IN FOCUS

Covering East Ham North,
Manor Park and Little Ilford

Hello from Councillor Pat Sheekey

Hello and welcome to February's edition of In Focus.

This month you can find out all about the Monega Controlled Parking Zone which is set to go live by the end of March and make parking better in Manor Park. Once it begins we'd like you to keep us updated with how it's going to make sure we're on the right track.

Changes are also happening in Little Ilford with a pilot Neighbourhood Improvement Zone almost in place. You can also find out more about keeping busy during winter at your local Warm Centre. Enjoy the read!

**Community lead councillor,
Pat Sheekey**



(l-r) Cllr Pat Sheekey, Cllr Amarjit Singh, parking engineer Mo Islam and Cllr Kay Scoresby on Strone Road, which will be part of the Monega CPZ

Monega CPZ set to ease parking woes

Following a round of community consultations, the Monega Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Manor Park is anticipated to be in place by the end of March.

The initiative is being delivered after residents voiced their concerns to local councillors

The scheme received strong community support in a series of public consultations, with 68 per cent of respondents voting in favour of it.

Under the new controls, drivers can only park within the CPZ if they have a permit and residents living in the area are automatically eligible. There will be a number of free short-term visitor parking bays.

The council will notify residents and businesses before their affected area goes live. Letters will be sent informing them of on-street works and the conditions of the CPZ.

The CPZ roughly covers an area bordered by High Street North, Romford Road, Katherine Road, Chester Road and Strone Road. The restrictions are effective between 8am

and 10pm, Monday to Saturday.

For the first six months it will be experimental and residents can comment about any concerns they may have. From this, adjustments can be made to make the CPZ more effective.

Manor Park ward councillor, Amarjit Singh, said: "It's exciting to see the Monega Controlled Parking Zone coming into practice.

"Following the public consultations I'm confident residents are behind this move and I'm looking forward to a better parking situation in the area.

"Once the scheme has gone live I urge anyone with comments or concerns to contact the council so we can make it as effective as possible."

For more information about the Monega CPZ or to comment once the scheme has gone live, call 020 3373 2650.

RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Last year we increased our recycling rates from 15 to 20 per cent. Let's improve on that figure for 2010 and continue recycling, reusing and reducing.

To help you, the council have installed 16 new textile recycling banks so you can recycle unwanted clothes and shoes while helping a good cause. There are now 32 banks across the borough.

You can recycle everything from T-shirts to saris, school uniforms to shoes or even accessories like belts. Your unwanted clothes are sorted, graded and sent to other parts of the world where they are reused. Many go to the most deprived countries in the developing world.

Your nearest textile recycling bank is located on:

- Plashet Grove (near Plashet School).

For a full list of all 32 textiles recycling banks visit www.newham.gov.uk and search for recycling.

BADMINTON THRILLS AND SPILLS



Last year's Manor Park badminton champs (second left) Bir Singh and Kilvir Bahra with champion Rajiv Singh (left) and Cllr Richard Crawford

Calling all badminton enthusiasts! Newham Council is running an inter-community forum competition that will see the best players in the borough in action at a prestigious grand final.

The knock-out tournaments are mixed for boys and girls aged eight to 11 and single sex for young people aged 12 to 16. Youngsters take to the court from 1-5pm and adults from 6-8pm on Thursday 18 February at Little Ilford School, Browning Road, E12.

The group winners of those tournaments will then go forward to represent Manor Park in the grand final at Newham Leisure Centre on Sunday 21 February from 1-6pm.

It's free to enter and to register. Email lisa.brivati@newham.gov.uk or turn up on the day of the tournament. Finalists will receive a T-shirt and medal.

So dust off those shuttlecocks and limber up for a fun and free community forum event for all ages and abilities.



MIRRORS PUT SAFETY FIRST

Special mirrors have been installed on a railway bridge in Southend Road to help tackle anti-social behaviour.

Responding to residents' concerns, council officers and councillors obtained permission from Network Rail and London Underground to place them on the footbridge.

The move follows reports of people causing trouble for others using the important link.

Councillor Sukhdev Singh Marway said: "The bridge is an important link

that's used by a lot of our community. We need to make sure they feel safe when crossing.

"These new mirrors will enable residents and pupils from nearby schools to see if there is anyone already on the bridge before they cross."

If you see anything that might arouse your suspicions, call the council's Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Service hotline on 0800 731 3300. In an emergency call 999.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD PUTS RESIDENTS' MESSAGES ON DISPLAY



(third l) Cllr Kay Scoresby, (third r) Cllr Amarjit Singh and Manor Park residents at the new community notice board

Manor Park Village now has a new community notice board to help spread the word on local ideas and events.

The Manor Park residents' group worked with their ward councillors to erect the new notice board which will be used to promote upcoming events.

Local business Clover Signs were responsible for construction and used the group's own design.

Councillor Kay Scoresby said: "This is a great opportunity for the Manor Park community to communicate with one another.

"I'd like to thank all those involved with the project, especially the local mini market who have kindly allowed us to install the board on their property."

You can find the new notice board on the corner of Romford Road and Carlton Road. If you've got something that you'd like to put on the notice board please email Anna Dragonetti at annadragonetti@yahoo.co.uk



(l-r) Cllr Khalil Kazi, Neighbourhood Improvement Zone Team officer Toby Morgan, Environmental Health Officer James Dykes and Cllr Andrew Baikie

Neighbourhood Improvement Zone delivering safer community

Little Ilford ward will soon be safer, cleaner and a better place to live with the introduction of a Pilot Neighbourhood Improvement Zone (NIZ).

The scheme will deliver fast-track environmental and social improvements including fly-tipping operations, intensified street patrols and a crackdown on property management.

Landlords will need to licence properties in the NIZ and meet strict new standards. They'll face fines of up to £20,000 if they don't comply.

Police, NIZ partners and community safety officers will work together to tackle burglary and petty crime,

handing out ASBOs (Anti-Social Behaviour Orders) and criminal prosecutions to anti-social tenants.

The NIZ team will help residents reduce their carbon emissions through more effective insulation and energy efficiency improvements. Council officers are currently visiting homes to gather information about these issues.

Councillor Andrew Baikie said: "These new measures will bring a raft of improvements to Little Ilford and help residents enjoy the stronger community that they deserve."

To find out more about the NIZ call 020 3373 0995 or email resid.niz@newham.gov.uk

MAKE THE MOST OF NEWHAM'S WARM CENTRES



(l-r) Cllr Sukhdev Singh Marway, Pamela Lynas, Cllr Paul Sathianesan and Violet Mulhern enjoy dominoes at the Hathaway Centre

With winter now well and truly set in, it's the perfect time to make the most of the council's Warm Centres, designed to keep Newham's over-50s active when the temperature drops.

There's a wide range of activities to choose from including dancing, bingo, board games and even water-skiing, boxing, tennis and much more on the Nintendo Wii console.

There are six centres in Manor Park: the Hathaway Community Centre, London Tamil Sangam, Katherine Road Centre on Katherine Road, Malayalee Association of UK, the Trinity Community Centre and the Jack Cornwell Centre (go to pg 15 of The Newham Mag for full list).

Cllr Paul Sathianesan said: "Warm Centres are a great way to try something new and escape the cold.

"It's also a chance to meet new friends so I urge you to contact your nearest centre and have some fun."

For more information about what's on at each centre call 020 3373 0625 or visit www.newham.gov.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON... LITTLE ILFORD YOUTH ZONE

If you find yourself at a loose end after school or on the weekend, then head down to the Little Ilford Youth Zone and try out some of the exciting activities that they have on offer.

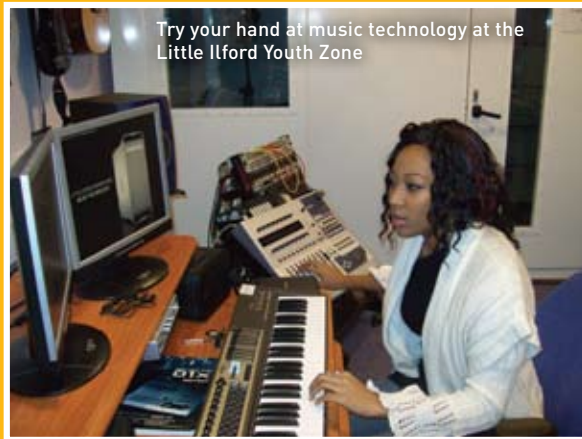
From street dancing to film making, Dhol drumming to music technology, there really is so much to try.

The centre offers a range of ongoing activities including DJ workshops, song and poetry writing, drama, job skills classes and cookery sessions.

You can stay active with table tennis, fitness and weight training, and indoor and outdoor football competitions.

The Youth Zone also regularly offers one-off workshops delivered by specialist agencies.

Everyone aged 11 to 19 is welcome. Most sessions cost only 30p and there



Try your hand at music technology at the Little Ilford Youth Zone

are concessions for special needs groups and hardship families.

This year to celebrate Valentine's Day the centre is putting on a variety show with a range of performances, including MC Battles.

The event runs from 6–9pm on Friday 12 February. Admission is £1 or free if you bring a Valentine.

To find out more about the show or any of the other activities on offer, drop into the centre at 1a Rectory Road, E12 or give them a call on 020 8522 5778.

WHAT'S ON MANOR PARK

ICT Surgery

One-to-one help with all your computer queries.
Every Thursday 2-4pm
Bookings essential
Manor Park Library
Romford Road, E12
Call 020 8430 2207 for more information

Yoga at Jack Cornwell

Free yoga sessions for all ages
Every Wednesday
10.30-11.30am
Jack Cornwell Centre
Jack Cornwell Street, E12
Call 020 8553 3270 for more information

For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar at www.newham.gov.uk/whatson

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 1804 or email shamilla.kumari@newham.gov.uk



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Andrew Baikie



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East Ham North Ward

Every first Friday
of the month, 6 - 7pm
Katherine Road
Community Centre
254 Katherine Road
Forest Gate E7 8PN
Councillor Pat Sheekey

Every Saturday
(alternating)
10.30 - 11.30am
Kensington School
Kensington Avenue
Manor Park E12 6NN

Manor Park Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11.30am
Manor Park Local Service Centre
685-689 Romford Road
Manor Park
E12 5AD

Little Ilford Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)
10 - 11am
Jack Cornwell
Community Centre
Jack Cornwell Street
Manor Park E12 5NN

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.