

IN FOCUS CUSTOM HOUSE & CANNING TOWN

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NEW PLAY FACILITIES NOW OPEN IN STAR PARK

A brand new area to play a range of sports is now available in Star Park for Canning Town residents.

The multi-use games area (MUGA) was funded by the Football Foundation's Play Sport London Facility Fund and supported by Newham Council. The area is already proving popular offering floodlit facilities for a range of sports including football, basketball, netball and hockey.

This is the latest of a number of improvements with input from the local community and councillors. Last year, as part of the upgrade, a new play area and table tennis tables were introduced in the green space, which have proved very popular.



Top, second from left Cllrs Marie Collier, Paul Schafer and Clive Furness, help launch the facilities

Cllr Paul Schafer, community lead councillor for Canning Town and Custom House, said: "It is wonderful to see so many children and parents using the play equipment we have now installed in the park. Not a day goes by that local people are not seen to be using the new equipment. It was being used by enthusiastic locals even before it was fully completed.

"We would like to take this

opportunity to thank the Mayor, Sir Robin Wales, for allocating money which was used to pay for the installation of this new equipment in Star Park. It has been welcomed by all."

For further information about the improvements contact Vanessa Hampton on 020 3373 7938 or email Vanessa.hampton@newham.gov.uk



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Newham London

Games makers wanted

Newham Young Mayor Ali Mohamed is encouraging all the borough's 16 to 18 year-olds to grab the opportunity of a lifetime and volunteer during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

During her time as Young Mayor, Ali's predecessor Kaycee De Belen was instrumental in lowering the volunteering age for the Games from 18 to 16 years so that more teens had the chance to be involved.

The London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG) are holding a national selection event to choose teams of anything from two to 18 people to help with next year's events. Whether you're a group of friends or a specialist team, like a sport, dance or music group, as long as you have a supporting adult who can guide you, get involved and next summer could be the best of your life.

Applicants have until 31 October to apply. Visit www.london2012.com/young-games-maker for full details.



GROW YOUR OWN IN CUSTOM HOUSE

A community garden set up by residents has been launched in Custom House.

The William Paton Community Garden on Leslie Road was set up by the Custom House and Canning Town Forum and gives residents the chance to grow their own food and also offers a pleasant place for them to relax. The name was chosen in memory of William Paton House, which used to be located on the site.

Both Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration team and Groundwork, the environmental regeneration charity, have helped to support the project which was officially opened by Cllr Pat Holland.

For more information about this project please contact Sam Clark at sam.clark@newham.gov.uk or by calling 020 3373 3538.



Left to right - residents Claudine Leandre and Joseph Samud with neighbourhood coordinator Sarah Braithwaite

BARKING BELLES RUN 5K TO RAISE MONEY FOR CANNING TOWN CHARITY

Staff from Anchor House on Barking Road recently put their best feet forward to raise £200 for the homeless charity.

The all female team, called the Barking Belles, they were made up of nine staff members and five residents from the charity. They took part in the Adidas Women's 5k Challenge in Hyde Park which was held in September.



Barking Belles after they'd completed the run

The run was an opportunity for women of all ages and fitness levels to enjoy themselves, get fit and raise money for charity.

For further information about the charity go to www.anchorhouseuk.org or call 020 7476 6062.

CHANGES TO CANNING TOWN LOCAL SERVICE CENTRE

From Saturday 1 October Canning Town Local Service Centre ceased to operate from the existing premises.

The council is now offering customers different ways to access services as part of a council-wide programme that is both improving access and allowing us to make savings by operating from fewer buildings.

As part of these changes, some services previously accessed at Canning Town LSC can now be carried out on-line from the comfort of your own home or via new self-service kiosks installed in the newly refurbished Canning Town Library. Ask a member of staff at the library to provide a demonstration of our self-service offer and for advice on how to register on My Newham - our new one stop shop for on-line services.



Examples of services available on-line via kiosks and library PCs include:

- > Check your rent and council tax balances
- > Pay your council bills with a credit/debit card
- > Set-up Direct Debit or Standing Orders, visit www.newham.gov.uk/cashless
- > Choice Based Lettings, view and bid for properties
- > Report environmental issues.

The council's remaining Local Service Centres, right, will continue to deal with enquiries that traditionally take longer or may be more complex.

Beckton: 1 Kingsford Way, Beckton, London E6 5JQ

Docklands: 4 Pier Parade, Pier Road, North Woolwich, London E16 2LJ

East Ham: Town Hall Annexe, 330-354 Barking Rd, East Ham, London E6 2RT

Forest Gate: 4-20 Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate, London E7 0QH

Green Street: 403-405 Green Street, Upton Park, London E13 9AU

Manor Park: 685-689 Romford Road, Manor Park, London E12 5AD

Stratford: 112-118 The Grove, Stratford, London E15 1NS

ANCHOR HOUSE WINS HANGING BASKET COMPETITION



Right, Cllrs Paul Schafer and Bryan Collier help celebrate the win

A charity which provides accommodation and training for the homeless has won a hanging basket competition.

Anchor House which is located on Barking Road won the competition which was organised by Newham Council and supported by SERCO.

Cllr Paul Schafer, community lead councillor for Canning Town and Custom House, said: "This was an excellent initiative and it was fantastic to see local businesses making an effort to add some colour to Canning Town. All of the displays were deserving winners but Anchor House won because they had maintained their hanging baskets very well and incorporated further planting to enhance their display."

Spotlight on... on crime and disorder



Take a close look at these CCTV images, do you recognise anyone? Newham Police want to speak to these people in connection with the disturbances experienced in London this summer.

Since August, Newham Council has been supporting the police's efforts to hold those involved in looting and disorder to account. Since August, the Newham Mag

has hosted images of suspected criminals up to no good. An unprecedented response from residents and business has identified many culprits but these people are still wanted for questioning.

We need your help. If you have any information that could help the police, call 020 8217 5078 or Crimestoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555 1111.

WHAT'S ON CUSTOM HOUSE AND CANNING TOWN

Cundy Park Pond Regeneration Day

29 October, 10am – 1pm
Cundy Park, Victoria Dock Road,
Canning Town

Help improve the park for people and wildlife. Join charity Thames21 for a special regeneration day as part of the East London River Rescue project. This event is suitable for the whole family. Parental supervision is required for under 16s.

Please confirm your attendance in advance by contacting Rita Serra on rita.serra@thames21.org.uk or call 07554 402772.

Keir Hardie Recreation Ground Discovery Day

29 October, 12noon – 4pm
Tarling Road, Custom House

Help celebrate the improvements in Keir Hardie Recreation Ground. Fun for all the family – everyone welcome. Attractions include arts and crafts and sports sessions.

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 4008 or email stella.hales@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. marie.collier@newham.gov.uk



Marie Collier



Clive Furness



Paul Schafer



Bryan Collier



Michael Nicholas



Alan Taylor



Patricia Holland



Gavin Pearson



Conor McAuley

Canning Town North Ward

Cllr Collier and Cllr Schafer
Every Monday (alternating), 10am
7a Avondale Court, Avondale Road
Canning Town, E16

Cllr Furness
First and third Friday of the month, 6-7pm
Helping Hands, 42 Balaam Street, E13

Canning Town South Ward

Cllr Collier - Second and fourth Monday of the month,
11am-12pm, Workplace Canning Town, The Place, 2
Silvertown Way, Canning Town, E16 1EA

Cllr Nicholas - First and third Thursday of the
month, 10.30am-12.30pm, Workplace Canning Town,
The Place, 2 Silvertown Way, Canning Town, E16 1EA

Cllr Taylor
First and third Thursday of the month, 6-7.30pm
Trinity Community Centre, Bothwell Close, E16

Custom House Ward

Cllr Holland
First Saturday of the month

Cllr Pearson
Second Saturday of the month

Cllr McAuley
Third Saturday of the month, 10-11am

St Joachim's Catholic School
Shipman Road
Custom House, E16

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.