

IN FOCUS

ROYAL DOCKS

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Royal Docks to benefit from new Enterprise Zone

The regeneration of Royal Docks came a step closer last month when it was announced that 125 hectares of development land was given enterprise zone status.

Thousands of jobs are expected to be created by the new enterprise zone, which will offer businesses discounted rates worth up to £275,000 over five years for firms that move into the area, through tax breaks, reduced planning restrictions and superfast broadband.

Newham Council is working with the Government to flesh out the details of the agreement and ensure that residents will reap the benefits

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An artist's impression of the cable car

of this positive development. It is still early days to say what it will mean for residents but it will undoubtedly lead to the creation of jobs.

The Royal Docks enterprise zone is one of 21 new zones across the country created by the Government to stimulate economic growth.

Community lead councillor, Steve Brayshaw, said: “This is fantastic news for Royal Docks and we are working with the Government to ensure that we get the incentives right to maximise the potential for investment.

“We will be working with our partners at Workplace to make sure

there are jobs for our residents.”

The zones were pioneered in the 1980s in run-down areas such as the Docklands, where firms were attracted by tax breaks to create jobs and prosperity in what is now Canary Wharf.

Another boost to the enterprise zone will be the construction of the cable car across the Thames, linking Greenwich Peninsula and the O2 centre with the Royal Victoria Dock. Work to build the link begins this summer and should be completed in time for the London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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Go green with your garden waste



Green fingered gardener or eco warrior – whatever your reasons, make sure you recycle your green garden waste.

The council offers a FREE green garden waste collection to all residents. The service accepts grass cuttings, weeds hedge trimmings, leaves, small branches and flowers.

All you need to do is place them in a black bag, leave them at the front of your property and call to arrange a collection. The waste will be picked up within five working days.

All garden waste is turned into compost at Jenkins Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre instead of being sent to landfill sites. So if you want to do your bit for the environment, make the most of this council service.

To arrange a collection or for more information, call 020 8430 2000 or book the collection online at www.newham.gov.uk and search for 'green waste'.



CROSSRAIL WORKS BEGIN

Crossrail's contractor (J Murphy & Sons) has now begun works along Albert and Factory Roads to relocate buried pipes and cables to make room for the construction of the tunnel entrance which will begin in spring 2012.

In order to carry out the work safely it is necessary for sections of both roads to be closed to road traffic. However there will always be one lane open in each direction to maintain east-west flows.

Two crossovers between the roads will be constructed – one opposite Store Road and the other close to Lord Street so that traffic can divert

during the road closures. Footpaths will be included so that pedestrians can also use these new routes.

There will also need to be some local bus diversions and some bus stops will need to be temporarily relocated. Details of these minor diversions are being finalised with Transport for London (TfL).

There will be information at local bus stops advising you of where to catch bus services and you can also check the TfL website for updates.

For more information call the Crossrail 24-hour helpdesk on 0345 602 3813.



VANDALS WRECK PARK

Vandals have been wreaking havoc and causing serious criminal damage to trees in Royal Victoria Gardens and around Pier Road in a sustained campaign of vandalism.

Trees have been hacked with an axe and graffiti was daubed outside the boundary of the park. The damage amounts to about £20,000.

The council has increased police presence in the area but is appealing for your help to identify the individuals carrying out the criminal damage.

Help us keep our parks safe for everyone to enjoy. Please report anti-social behaviour (ASB) or suspicious activity in parks to the ASB hotline.

Please call Newham's ASB hotline, in confidence, on 0800 731 3300; Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or Royal Docks Safer Neighbourhood Team on 07879 662 147 or email royaldocks.snt@met.police.uk

Roll up, roll up for the Pier Parade Carnival!



Mark it in your diary now - this year's Pier Parade Carnival is coming to you on Saturday 18 June from 2-6pm in North Woolwich.

Newham Council is looking for residents and community groups to join our parade procession, as well as international performers to take part in the event. Whether you're a musician, singer, dancer, stiltwalker, juggler or general dresser upper, we want you to be part of the parade.

If dressing up isn't your thing but you'd still like to get involved in some way, then get in touch with Nadine Ford on 020 3373 1705 or email Nadine.ford@newham.gov.uk. Keep reading your In Focus for a full programme of activities on the day.

New GP surgery to serve Britannia Village

Work is almost complete on a new GP surgery in Britannia Village that will mean better access to primary healthcare for patients in the area.

The Practice Britannia Village will consist of two consulting rooms and a treatment room. Located at the north end of Britannia Village Hall in Wesley Avenue, Silvertown, the new surgery will function as a

branch of The Practice Albert Road. Patients will be able to see a GP at the site of their choice.

A new pharmacy is also being kitted out on the same site, providing patients with a one-stop shop for their health needs.

Marie Gabriel, chair of NHS East London, said: "The new branch practice will bring residents in

the Britannia Village area much needed access to GP services with improved facilities, including more space."

The two practices will work together to ensure residents have easy access to medical care. It's expected that the new pharmacy and GP service will open at the end of May.

Spotlight on...

North Woolwich Children's Centre

Visit North Woolwich Children's Centre in Winifred Street and you'll be visiting one of Newham's outstanding children's centres – according to a recent Ofsted inspection.

Inspectors were so impressed with the quality of services that staff provide at the centre that they scored the centre outstanding on all 17 criteria. Inspectors put this down to a 'highly effective management team which knows the needs of the community it serves'.

Mother-of-one, Kathryn Gealt, echoes some of the positive feedback in the report. She says: "The staff are really friendly and supportive and it's a good atmosphere for me and my baby Emily to be in."

To give you an idea of some of the workshops and classes the centre runs, here are a choice few:

> Parent/carers workshops:

Fussy eating – Tuesday 14 June, 10am-12noon - an interactive group with the family support worker and a nutritionist

Potty training – Tuesday 21 June, 1-3pm - advice and support on your child's development.

Crèche places available. Please call 020 3373 2727 to book a place.

> Child Safety Promotion

Wednesday 22 June 10am-2pm - information and advice from specialist health worker around scalds, falls, car seats, road safety, immunisations, poisoning and more.

> Baby Club

Mondays 9.30-11.30am - a friendly group focusing on early learning for babies and also a chance to meet other parents and carers.

To find out more about activities, courses and workshops at the children's centre phone 020 8430 2727.



(l-r) Alfred with Fangyuan Zhou at a World Book Day event at the centre

WHAT'S ON ROYAL DOCKS

Employment project – helps you improve your CV, interview skills, job searches and help with filling application forms

Every Thursday, 10am-2pm

Cost: FREE

Royal Docks Activity Learning Centre, Albert Road, E16

Call Jacqui or Robbie on 020 7476 1666 or email employment@rdlac.org.uk for more information

After-school club play project for 5-11 year olds – includes full-care and picking your child up from school. Parents must collect their child by 6pm

Monday-Fridays

Cost: £40 a week

Royal Docks Activity Learning Centre
Call 020 7476 1666 for more details

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 1705 or email nadine.ford@newham.gov.uk

To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. steve.brayshaw@newham.gov.uk



Steve Brayshaw



Patrick Murphy



Anthony McAlmont

Royal Docks Ward surgeries

First and third Thursday of the month (alternating), 7pm
Britannia Village Hall
65 Evelyn Road, E16

Second and fourth Thursday of the month (alternating), 7pm
The Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre, Albert Road, 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.