

Message from Queen's Park Community Council



Dear Resident

Welcome to Queen's Park Council's July newsletter. Below informs you about what the Council has been up to on your behalf over the last month, as well as some information about various events and opportunities.

QPCC Community Shop

The Council opened its Community Shop at 548 Harrow Road on Tuesday 28th June and, so far, it has been a great success. We have hosted a variety of workshops from the history of Queen's Park to services for under 5s and the elderly. The shop will be open this week with the following events:

- 14th July 18.30-20:00** Accessibility and Sustainability – workshop
- 14th July 20:00-22:30** Youth Engagement – workshop
- 15th July 18.30-20:30** Environment and Planning Committee – meeting
- 16th July 18.30-19:00** GLA talk on High Street Regeneration
- 19:00-20:00** Other Community Projects in London – talk
- 17th July 18:00-20:00** Closing party – Join us for a drink

We were given money by the Mayor of London to regenerate a High Street shop and host workshops

from it about key areas/services in the community. We are collating comments from local residents and information from the workshops which will feed into our Neighbourhood Plan.

You can find out more on our website www.queensparkcommunitycouncil.gov.uk

New Community Grants Fund launched

At the start of June 2015, the Council launched its new Community Grant Fund and invited individuals, community groups and local organisations to apply for funding for projects and activities to benefit the residents in Queen's Park.

The first round deadline was June 29th and I am pleased to say we received a lot of applications and we are in the process of assessing them. This process will include all applications being presented to a panel which will then make recommendations to the Council's Policy & Resources Committee.

We have set out some terms and conditions and the information pack states clearly what sort of things we will and won't fund. We have made a real effort to make the process as simple and straightforward as possible and aim for all applicants to receive a decision within 6-8 weeks of the closing date.

The closing date for the next round of funding is 14th September. If you would like to find out more or to apply, contact Mike Simpson, QPCC Director at director@queensparkcommunitycouncil.gov.uk or info@queensparkcommunitycouncil.gov.uk. We would particularly welcome applications for projects that would benefit older members of the community this time as there were not many of these in our first round.

We are currently looking for panel members – local residents who are interested in the Community Grants funding process.

Would you like to be a panel member? If so please contact Mike Simpson as above.

Queen's Park Summer Festival

The plans for our August 1st summer festival are shaping up nicely. This year we have enlarged our team with a dedicated volunteer coordinator - Paola - responsible for recruiting and managing volunteers and we hope to have more residents than ever getting involved with planning and running stalls and activities on the day. To contact the volunteer coordinator Paola Pagliarin email - paola@pdt.org.uk or call 07923379841.

Space at Queen's Park Gardens is limited but we're aiming to expand our Kids' Zone so that queues for the bouncy castle and climbing wall aren't as long as in previous years. Requests for stalls have been coming in and we have been working hard at securing sponsorship. The acoustic zone, which was a new introduction from last year, held in the Rose Garden was very successful and it will continue to be our second stage area again this year. This year's festival, now in its 12th year, runs slightly longer from 12 until 7pm – so let's all cross our fingers for good weather. See you there!

To book a stall email info@queensparkcommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Queen's Park's Got Talent

Auditions for this year's Queens Park Summer Festival were held at St Jude's Hall June 27th and with it brought some young new talent out of the woodwork. Local residents showcased a range of great talent, including poetry, dance and singing. We are very excited that performers from the Avenues Youth Club will also be on stage on the day showcasing an hour of exciting Avenue's Talent.

We also had a very special performance by the 'Queen's Park Court Squad', or 'QPCS' as they like to be known, who presented the judging panel with an exceptionally good dance off to the chart hit 'Uptown Funk' which you will get to see live on August the 1st over at the main stage. To contact the festival stage manager Ryan Dalton email - ryan@oliverjamesevents.co.uk or call 07802826609.

Over 50's Zone with Open Age & City West Home

After the fantastic success of 2014's over 50's celebrations, Queen's Park Community Council have once again joined forces with Open Age and City West Homes who will be helping to hold an afternoon of fun and activities in Queen's Park on August 1st. The annual party based at St Jude's Hall from 1pm – 5pm will have a very special visit from the Mayor of Westminster and local MP Karen Buck. There will also be live music from Franz Black, food and drinks galore and of course nobody can forget the very intense games of bingo either. As always, there will be an array of prizes and goodies to be won, so don't miss out! If you would like to volunteer at the Over 50's zone contact Gill Blackwood at Open Age GBlackwood@openage.org.uk

Last call for stall holders for Summer Festival

Like every year, stall requests for the Queen's Park Summer Festival have been arriving daily and the Council has now got the caterers for this year's celebrations in place. However, we still have a few pitches available for people who want to sell items such as jewellery, art or even homemade jam. We are very excited about trying out this year's bubble tea and the new fancy chocolate stall. If you would like to book a last minute stall or would like further information on becoming a festival sponsor, or have any further questions, then please email the Director director@queensparkcommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Queen's Park In Bloom

The Queen's Park In Bloom 2015 competition took place last month where we had over 20 entries. There were some excellent nominations for best front garden and window box. The winners will be announced in the next edition of Queen's Park Voice and prizes awarded at the summer festival.

Upcoming QPCC Meeting Dates

Wednesday 15th July 6.30pm – Environment & Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 548 Harrow Road

Monday 20th July 6.30pm – Communications & Events Meeting QPCC Office

Wednesday 22nd July 6.30pm – Policy and Resources Meeting QPCC Office

Thursday 23rd July 12pm - Queen's Park Festival Working Group Meeting 548 Harrow Road

Thursday 30th July 12pm – Queen's Park Festival Working Group Meeting @ 548 Harrow Road

With best wishes from your 12 Queen's Park Community Councillors: Musa Ahmed, Katie Cowan, Philip Andoku, Ryan Dalton, Gill Fitzhugh, Julius Hogben, Emma Morgan, Eartha Pond, Susanna Rustin, Angela Singhate, Emma Sweeney, Joe Fernandes

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