

Resident Involvement News

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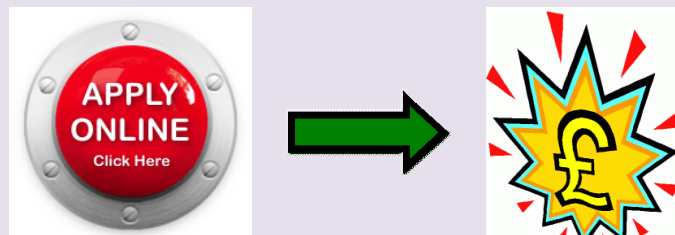
Second Residents Association Network meeting – Finding Funding

This introduction to finding funding session took place on Thursday 30th July and was attended by representatives from 7 Residents Associations: Fishermead, ABRA, The Lakes, Loughton, Central, Fullers Slade and Oldbrook.

We talked about our different experiences of applying for, obtaining, spending and evaluating local and national grant funding, listened to Charlotte Layton from MK Community Foundation who explained each of their grant programmes and how to access them, and then Bob Stones from Central Housing RA described how their association has used grants to improve their broadband access and printing capabilities.

The session finished with a look at a wide variety of local, regional and national grant applications covering many topics, going through top tips for writing the best applications, and there was mention of a potential new Platinum accreditation for Residents Associations in 2016 which will include new criteria; one of which will be securing grants from an external (outside MK) funder.

Many thanks to all who attended and we look forward to seeing you at the next Network meeting in October.



HOUSING SERVICES FORUM

Thursday 6th August, 7:30pm, Bronte Suite

Including:

- Tenants Scrutiny presentation from members of the Scrutiny panel and discussion of potential future issues
- Rent Review recommendations update
- Useful information on the Housing Complaints Procedure.



Useful Information in MK

Neighbourhood Employment Programme

Here to help you find work

Job Clubs

Free to access, no appointment needed, drop in sessions across the City where people looking for work can access internet based job search facilities, receive individual advice and guidance and also find training courses.

Each Job Club offers:

- Internet access for job searching
- Help with job search and with completing application forms
 - CV building and advice
- Interview techniques work shops
 - Support with confidence
- Individual support, impartial Information, Advice and Guidance
 - Access to free work related training courses
 - Free courses in IT, Maths, English and more.....

Locations:

Beanhill – Central Mk – The Lakes – Fishermead – Netherfield – West Bletchley
Wolverton - Leadenhall (Executives, Managers and Graduate Training) -
Oldbrook (Executives, Managers and Graduate Training) - Over 50's – Age UK Offices,
Peartree Bridge

For those in Housing Need – MKC on 01908 556749

Contact 01908 252323 or nep@milton-keynes.gov.uk for more information

MK Job Show

18th & 19th September, 10am – 6pm

Middleton Hall, Centre MK

- Free entry
- Free workshops and career clinics

MK Job Show showcases some of the very best employment and training opportunities from the region's most respected international, national, regional and local employers – it also provides direct access to a huge range of vacancies across numerous industry and business types from entry level to senior executive level.

Contact 01908 843646 or info@mkjobshow.co.uk for details

FOCUS ON..... OLDBROOK



On Saturday 18th July. Oldbrook Residents Association held a second table top sale at the local community centre to raise funds to promote community interaction in Oldbrook . We had fifteen tables let out with a 50% reduction for charities, the weather was kind to us, light refreshments, face painting, arts and crafts and a bouncy castle.

The event attracted many parents and residents who confirmed enjoying the day with their children with about 100 people passing through door etc. Children really enjoyed the day. We are very much looking forward to scheduling another such event to meet popular demand. After expenses, we made a surplus of about £100 taking into consideration that we asked parents to make a donation of 20p at the door. It was a great day as the pictures show. Thanks to everyone, especially our steering committee for their efforts towards this.

CONSULTATIONS

Kents Hill Park Development
Closes 13/9/15 01908 252708

Parish Funding Distribution Consultation
Closes 12/10/15 01908 254827

Learning Disability Services Planning Ahead
Closes 25/10/15 01908 253965

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There have been several occasions on MK estates lately where dumped rubbish and household items left on the streets or outside properties have been deliberately set on fire. This is a very serious hazard and potential cause of injury, damage or even death. Residents need to be aware that this is happening, to be very careful about where they leave rubbish and large items, and to be vigilant on their estates in case of further incidents.

For advice, please get in touch with Steve Baker, Thames Valley Police Arson Reduction Advisor on 01296 744676.



NHS HEALTH CHECK

Helping you prevent

- diabetes
- heart disease
- kidney disease
- stroke & dementia

Aged 40-74 ? A FREE NHS Health Check

Even though you might be feeling great, if you're over forty you may be at risk of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, diabetes or dementia.

Not already diagnosed and on a disease register ?

Contact your GP Practice to find out if you are on the invitation list . Book with your practice or make your appointment when you receive your invitation.

A FREE NHS Health Check can help you reduce these risks and make sure you stay healthy.

Family & friends 40 – 74 ? Let them know.....

FREE NHS Health Check ...pass it on.....

Dates for Your Diary August and September 2015

Thursday 6th August	<u>Housing Services Forum</u> - Scrutiny (tenants scrutiny presentation), Rent Review Update and information on Complaints Procedures, Bronte Suite, 7:30pm
Tuesday 18th August	<u>Carers MK event</u> – for parents and carers to participate in a session of fun activities together. 12-2pm at Moulsoe Millenium Hall, Cranfield Rd, Moulsoe, MK16 0HB. To book, email Anne Matthews at Carers Milton Keynes or call on 01908 231703.
Wednesday 19th August	<u>Resident Involvement Review</u> Group Room 4 @ 2:30 – final look at proposed Rent Review policy for September Cabinet and draft Housing Review
Tuesday 1st Sept	Scrutiny Group Room 3 6pm For info, call Janette Bobey on 01908 676320
Tuesday 15th Sept	Scrutiny Group Room 3 6pm
Wednesday 16th Sept	Resident Involvement Review Group Room 4 10:30am
Tuesday 29th Sept	Scrutiny Group Room 3 6pm

To find out more information or to book a place on any of the Resident Involvement events you can contact Katherine Geddes from the Community Partnership Team on **01908 253174** or email

katherine.geddes@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Meetings include light refreshments and we can arrange transport if you need it.

Information and updates from the Tenants Scrutiny Panel can be found here: www.mkhtenantscrutiny.co.uk



Important dates for Residents' Associations in August*

<u>Date and time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Residents Association</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday 20 th August, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	All Bradville <i>Facebook: ABRA All Bradville</i>	Bradville Hall Community Centre
Friday 14 th August, 7:30pm	EGM	Beanhill <i>Facebook: Beanhill AG</i>	Moorland Centre
Tuesday 25 th August, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Central Milton Keynes <i>Facebook: Central Housing Residents Association</i>	Centrecom
No meeting in August	Monthly meeting	Coffee Hall <i>Facebook: Coffee Hall RA</i>	Coffee Hall Community Centre
Monday 10 th August, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Fenny Stratford <i>Facebook: Fenny Stratford Residents Association</i>	George St Community Centre
Monday 17 th August, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Fishermead <i>Facebook: Fishermead Residents Association</i>	Trinity Centre
Wednesday 12 th August, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Lakes	Spotlight

Monday 24 th August, 6pm	Monthly meeting	Leon	Duncombe Street Community Centre
		Loughton <i>Facebook:Loughton Residents Association</i> www.loughtonmk.org.uk	
Wednesday 26 th August, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Netherfield	Woughton Community Council offices
Thursday 20 th August, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Oldbrook	Oldbrook Community Centre
Thursday 27 th August, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Tinkers Bridge <i>Facebook:</i>	Tinkers Drop in
No meeting in August	Monthly meeting	Water Eaton www.bfstc.co.uk	The Rest Centre next to Bletchley Library

*Information drawn from 2015 Healthchecks or given via email response. If your RA is not included here and you would like it to be, please contact me on katherine.geddes@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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