

Resident Involvement News

News from the Community Partnership Team
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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NETWORK

MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

ROOM 2, CIVIC OFFICES, 7pm

"Recruiting and Retaining Members"

- Why we should
- What may be stopping us
- Local practice in action - Josan Race, Community Action : MK
- Different ways which would work for us
- What next for your RA?

Come and share ideas and experiences, think about what has worked, what hasn't and why, listen to the experiences of a local volunteer recruitment worker and take away your own action plan for 2016.

RESIDENTS INVOLVEMENT REVIEW GROUP

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

ROOM 2, CIVIC OFFICES, 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY

ROOM 4, CIVIC OFFICES, 10:30am

- Tenant Satisfaction Surveys
- Service Charge review – consultation
- Impact Assessment – results
- Housing Service Forums 2016 – topics

To find out more information, 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.

Useful Information in MK

Your vote matters - don't lose it!

Elections will take place in Milton Keynes on Thursday 5 May 2016 across Milton Keynes Council, for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley and in some Parish Councils.

To be able to vote in elections you need to be on the Electoral Register. If you have recently moved or your details have changed (e.g. you have got married) then you will need to update your details on the Electoral Register.

It is easy to do this on-line by going to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and it only takes a few minutes to complete your registration. To register online, you will need your national insurance number and date of birth. If you don't have access to the internet you can phone 01908 254706 and someone will take your details over the phone or send you a form to complete. .

If you currently vote by post and have recently changed your name or signature, you will need to provide us with a copy of your new signature to make sure that your postal vote is accepted. . You can download a new postal vote application at www.gov.uk/voting-in-the-uk/postal-voting or you can call 01908 254706 or e-mail elections@milton-keynes.gov.uk and a form can be sent to you.

ACTIVE LISTENING SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to develop your communication and listening skills?

- Recognise the barriers to listening
- Recognise body language and other non-verbal communication
- Increase your awareness

- Thursday 28th January 2016 at Bradwell Abbey MK13
- Tuesday 8th March 2016 at The Cornerstone CMK
- Saturday 21st May 2015 at Westcroft Library MK4
- Friday 1st July 2016 at The Cornerstone CMK
- Wednesday 7th September 2016 at Oakgrove Leisure Centre MK10

Courses run from 10am – 4pm. Free parking available at all venues.

Tel: 01908 310010 Email: appointment@relatemk.org

FOCUS ON..... THE LAKES



On November 5th, the Lakes Estate community once again celebrated our annual firework event. Starting with the samba band, followed by the mayor and Pete Winkelman leading the countdown to the start of the fireworks, with the help of Richard, our favourite firefighter DJ, and finishing with music from the young people's showcase, it was a fun packed and enjoyable evening!

As always, the successful night was only possible due to the hard work and contributions of many residents and organisations. The Lakes Estate Community Centre and Sir Herbert Leon School provided the venue. B&FSTC and MK Community Foundation gave us grants towards the fireworks. FSG provided hi-vis vests, gazebos, transport and help on the day. We were also supported by Crosslinks, Spotlight, the Police and as always Bucks Fire & Rescue Service. Finally, it was another brilliant firework display from Rockstar Fireworks. We're already looking forward to next year!



CONSULTATIONS

Milton Keynes Skills Strategy – donna.wilkinson@milton-keynes.gov.uk, 01908 253284

Draft Pascal Drive, Medbourne, Development Brief Consultation – urban.design@milton-keynes.gov.uk

01908 254727 Closes 1/12/15

School term dates 2017 -18 – sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk

01908 258035 Closes 11/12/15

Admissions arrangements Sept 2017 – sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk 01908 258035
Closes 11/12/15



For 2015/16 season we are operating from Monday 30th November until mid March 2016.

If you or someone you know needs our help during this time, please read this information carefully:

Admission Criteria

The temporary night shelter is for men and woman (aged 18 and over) who have nowhere else to stay. There are 15 bed spaces per night. Every guest must be referred in order to have a bed.

Referrals

If you or someone you know needs help, please contact the Welfare Officer for an assessment interview on welfare@winternightsheltermk.com. Our welfare officer can also advise if there are any vacancies between late November and mid-March (please note that we do not operate at any other time of the year).

Reception Cafe

After the assessment, the homeless person will be invited to the friendly Reception café in Central Milton Keynes which is open between 5.15pm and 7.15pm.

Unfortunately, we are unable to admit guests without a full risk assessment being carried out beforehand.

Safety and Security

For everyone's safety, anyone who shows threatening or disruptive behavior will be asked to leave; guests are admitted on the basis that they accept the WNSMK rules.

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/wnsmk

Important dates for Residents Associations in December*

| <u>Date and time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Residents Association</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Thursday 17 th December, 7:30pm | Monthly meeting | All Bradville <i>Facebook: ABRA All Bradville</i> | Bradville Hall Community Centre |
| Friday 11 th December, 6pm | Monthly meeting | Beanhill <i>Facebook: Beanhill AG</i> | Moorland Centre |
| | Monthly meeting | Central Milton Keynes <i>Facebook: Central Housing Residents Association</i> | Centrecom |
| No meeting | Monthly meeting | Coffee Hall <i>Facebook: Coffee Hall RA</i> | Coffee Hall Community Centre |
| | Monthly meeting | Fenny Stratford <i>Facebook: Fenny Stratford Residents Association</i> | George St Community Centre |
| No meeting | Monthly meeting | Fishermead <i>Facebook: Fishermead Residents Association</i> | Trinity Centre |
| No meeting | Monthly meeting | Fullers Slade <i>Facebook : Fullers Slade Community Links</i> | The Rowans Childrens Centre |
| | Monthly meeting | Lakes | Lakes Estate Community Centre |
| No meeting | Monthly meeting | Leon | Bletchley Library |
| No meeting | Meeting | Loughton <i>Facebook: Loughton Residents Association</i> | All Saints Church hall, Church Lane |

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| | | www.loughtonmk.org.uk | |
| | | Moor Park | Windmill Hill Golf Club |
| No meeting | Monthly meeting | Netherfield | Woughton Community Council offices |
| No meeting | Monthly meeting | Oldbrook | The Cricketers |
| | Monthly meeting | Tinkers Bridge <i>Facebook:</i> | Tinkers Drop in |
| | 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

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



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