

Limes Farm Community News

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Welcome...

To the first edition of your quarterly newsletter, where you will find exciting information about upcoming events and community news, in addition to other updates and news items.



Epping Forest District Council's Community Health and Wellbeing Team, together with local residents and staff from the True Stars Children's Centre, took part in the Limes Farm Spring Community Clean Up in March. The annual event, which aims to encourage residents to come together and take pride in where they live, was very well received.

The group, armed with litter pickers, high visibility jackets, bin bags and gloves, patrolled the estate collecting litter. One resident commented on how much she

enjoyed coming together with other residents for a common cause while making the environment cleaner. The session ended with a well-deserved cup of tea and cake. Thank you to everyone who took part and for the support from fellow EFDC colleagues and Biffa Waste Management. Well done to everyone!

Other events are planned throughout the year, including a Festival for Healthy Living. If you are interested in getting involved in future community projects contact Patrick Arnold, Senior Community Engagement Officer, on 01992 564556.



Come and visit the True Stars Children's Centre

True Stars Children's Centre offers a range of services to families with children aged five years and under.

The centre is managed by Spurgeons, working in partnership with Essex County Council, families and communities. It is based in the Limes Centre, Limes Avenue and serves the areas of Chigwell, Abridge and Lambourne.

They welcome all families and offer a range of information, family support and outreach in various areas of family life. Please feel free to contact them or come along and meet staff leading the groups and activities. There are lots of opportunities for families to meet at drop in sessions, groups and activities.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

The telephone service is available on 0208 500 9541, Monday to Friday 8:00am – 9:00am
5:00pm – 6:00pm

For an up-to-date programme drop in and see them or visit:



www.essexcentre.info/TrueStars



www.spurgeons.org



Facebook.com/truestars.childrenscentre

Who are the Community Engagement Team and what do they do?

The Community Engagement Team at Epping Forest District Council delivers a number of key community services with the aim of building a friendly, safe environment in which to live, play and work. These include:

- Community support, help and advice
- Social groups and events
- Play in the park, play in the forest, street play (organised play activities for families)
- Supporting community Partners

For further information please contact Patrick Arnold, Senior Community Engagement Officer:



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Have you got an article for this newsletter? If so, we would like to hear from you. Please contact owilliams@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Who's who? Getting to know us

Hi, I'm Beth Knight. I started as the new Tenant Participation Officer at EFDC in February 2016.

I have come from Centra Care and Support, part of Circle Housing South Anglia, where I worked as a Support Coordinator in the Tenancy Sustainment Team, so I'm used to working with people in their own homes and finding out what really matters to them.

I'm really excited to get involved with existing groups that are running in the district, such as Residents Associations, the Leaseholders Association and the Tenant and Leaseholders Federation, as well as setting up new groups across the district and getting your feedback and input on various issues and developments.

I will be holding an open meeting on Thursday 26 May 2016 at 7:30pm at Limes Farm Community Hall for all residents of Limes Farm to not only give me the opportunity to meet residents, but



to also set up a Residents Association, to encourage resident involvement in estate and local issues.

Please come along, I'm really looking forward to meeting you all. In the meantime, if you would like to participate and get involved with a current group, or set up a new group, please contact me on 01992 564524, 07801 597204 or email me at involvetenants@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

No smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the enclosed communal areas of the blocks of flats. This includes the foyer areas as you enter the front entrance door of the blocks and the stairwells.

Not only is smoking in these areas unlawful, damage is being caused to the communal flooring in these areas due to residents stubbing out their cigarettes on the flooring. Not only does this present a fire risk but destroys the communal flooring and is unfair to other residents as their environment is being degraded.

Smoking in these areas could result in a fine of up to £200. Also, the damage caused to the communal flooring is anti-social and a breach of your tenancy agreement.

Please ensure that members of your household and visitors do not smoke in these enclosed communal areas, or throw cigarette ends onto the communal walkway balconies.



Dog fouling

When you take your dog for a walk please ensure you have bags to pick up after your dog

The Council's Environment and Neighbourhoods Team have recently received a lot of complaints about dog fouling around the Limes Estate. In particular around the children's play area and the playing fields near to the red block. Aside from the nuisance factor, there are health risks associated with dog fouling, especially to children, from the bacteria and unpleasant parasites that can be present.

Dog Control Orders adopted by the Council make it an offence to allow a dog to foul on open land to which the public have access, including parks, footpaths and any part of the highway. Anyone responsible for a dog must clear up any fouling. Failure to do so could result in legal action being taken.

The Environment and Neighbourhoods Team and will issue fixed penalty notices of £75 or prosecute offenders, which could result in a court fine of up to £1000.

There are a number of dog waste bins on the estate, which are regularly emptied by our waste contractor. In areas where there is no dog waste bin, a normal litter bin can be used if the waste is properly wrapped in a plastic bag. We have a limited supply of bags for dog waste at the Limes Centre EFDC Office - pop in and grab a bag.

Please help us to keep your surroundings a clean and pleasant place to live. Dog fouling can be reported by email to erefuse@eppingforestdc.gov.uk or call 01992 564608.

Upcoming events

Throughout May 2016 - Festival of Healthy Living Programme

Leaflets with full details of the programme are available from the Limes Centre EFDC office.

Thursday 26 May 2016 at 7:30pm

Resident's meeting at the Limes Centre.

The Limes Centre EFDC Office
Limes Avenue
Chigwell, IG7 5LP

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