

Life



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Welcome to the fifth issue of Lambeth Life, the residents' newsletter from Lambeth Council, delivered door to door, with news and information about services for you and updates from your local area.

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June 26 sees the Athens 2004 Olympic Torch Relay, presented by Coca-Cola and Samsung, in Lambeth on its journey to the games in August.

Lambeth welcomes Olympic torch!

It's the first time the Torch has been in London since 1948, and residents can welcome it to Brixton with entertainment from 10.30am in Windrush Square. The torch sets off around noon, followed by a carnival procession featuring South Connections Carnival Band, and goes north via the YMCA in Stockwell Road to reach Kennington Park at 12.30pm.

The Council has 10 pairs of tickets to give away for the grand Torch Relay concert which will take place in the evening of June 26 at the Mall, where the London leg of the relay terminates. See www.london.gov.uk/torchrelay for details of the concert. To win the tickets call 020 7926 2453 or email ehook@lambeth.gov.uk with your details. Winners will be picked at random on June 23.



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Recycling record

Lambeth residents are recycling a massive 70 per cent more of their rubbish than this time last year.

The first figures from the council's new improved recycling scheme launched in April show that local people are giving the new service a big thumbs-up! Recycling has soared from 279 tonnes in the last two weeks of April last year to 487 tonnes in the same period this year.

"This is great news," says Council Leader Peter Truesdale. "Recycling is good for the pocket and good for the environment. I hope that all of us can do even better over the coming year!"

The new scheme means that a lot more rubbish can be recycled - all cardboard and plastic bottles, as well as paper, including Yellow Pages and telephone directories, glass bottles and jars, cans, tins and aerosols.

Recycling and rubbish is now collected on the same day, which makes it much more convenient too - and everything to be recycled can go in the new orange sacks and/or in the green boxes.

More information on recycling on 020 7926 9000

Have your say!

Crime matters to everyone - which is why Lambeth Council works closely with the police to make the borough a better place.

Now we want your help in putting together our new plan to tackle crime, the Lambeth Community Safety Strategy 2005-2008.

With this issue of Lambeth Life is a questionnaire asking for your views on crime and how to tackle it. Have your say and you could win a big prize - Four London Eye tickets, a DVD player, year's membership of the Ritzy cinema, meal for two at Chilli Chutney, selection of Body Shop products and a bottle of champagne from Marks and Spencers.

More information: Call 020 7926 2733, email lblake3@lambeth.gov.uk

Time to get growing

Lambeth's housing department has launched its annual floral jamboree, the Estates in Bloom competition 2004.

The event is an opportunity for tenants and leaseholders to show off their horticultural prowess and contribute to the greening of the borough.

There are prizes for:

- Domestic Grassed Garden;
- Domestic paved garden;
- Domestic balcony display;
- Community Garden;
- Sheltered scheme garden;
- Young Gardener (under 25).

Residents can also nominate a housing office and a contractor who has made a positive horticultural impact on a housing estate. Or you can enter the 'Art in Bloom' category and paint or draw a picture of local flowers or planting.

The competition closes on June 28 at 5pm. For information and entry forms please contact Matt Kempen on 020 7926 3528, mkempen@lambeth.gov.uk

Lambeth's Community Strategy will be officially launched at events over the summer.

Looking forward to 2015

The community strategy is the long-term vision for the borough and is produced by Lambeth First, the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for the borough. The strategy describes present-day Lambeth in detail and what Lambeth may look like in 2015, as well as setting out an action plan to promote the social, economic and environmental well being of everyone living and working here.

Lambeth First brings together the Council, the Police, Primary Care Trust, community groups, Lambeth College, businesses, Jobcentre Plus, faith organisations, the Tenant's Council, housing associations and resident representatives of the five town centres in the borough.

The community strategy has six key themes:

Creating a cleaner and greener environment. This requires a better public realm, environmental sustainability and improved public transport.

Making safer communities. Safer communities will see Lambeth working to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime, actively reducing crime and reducing the impact of drugs and alcohol.

Investing in children and young people. This means making sure services are focused on children's needs, that there is ongoing educational achievement for all young people and better opportunities for people to keep learning, plus making sure children are safe and healthy.

Better homes and sustainable communities. Only by ensuring that homes are warm, watertight, and safe – and creating more affordable homes – will there be better homes and sustainable communities.

Encouraging enterprise, employment and culture. The strategy recognises there is a need to reduce barriers to employment and the mismatch between opportunities and skills, as well as creating sustainable economic growth.

Supporting healthy communities. Expanding health education programmes are vital, as is focusing on vulnerable people and improving access to care.

See the strategy on the Lambeth First website www.lambethfirst.org.uk or for more information call Ian Jackson, LSP manager, on 020 7926 2462.

in brief

There's a new **local 24 hour number for Lambeth police**. Just call 020 7326 1212 to speak to police in Lambeth on all non-emergency matters. Remember, if a crime is happening or someone is in immediate danger, always call 999.

Lambeth Council is backing a possible legal challenge to any expansion of Heathrow airport. Said Executive Member for Environment Councillor Clare Whelan: "A third runway at Heathrow will mean a much greater number of flights over the borough, making this daily nuisance unbearable."

Sports facilities across all Lambeth's parks and the Ferndale sports centre in Brixton can now be booked by calling one number – 020 7733 4282. The one stop booking line is open seven days a week, 9.30am to 9.30pm Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5pm weekends. Credit card bookings accepted.

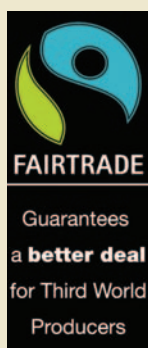
Illegal street traders are on the run on the South Bank, with goods, hot dog trolleys and ice cream vans confiscated by the council's street care officers. Illegal traders cause nuisance to residents and visitors, and what they sell may be dangerous.

Been a victim of **blue badge crime**? The Council is launching a new disabled badge for Lambeth to help reduce theft and fraud. The new scheme, which will work alongside the existing blue badge, will be introduced by the end of the summer. Call 020 7926 4504 for details.

Carers Week in Lambeth is celebrating those who look after others with a series of events, including a drop in session on June 16, 11am to 3pm at Lambeth Carers, 336 Brixton Road SW9. Call 020 7926 0773 for more information.



The famous **Brockwell Lido** open-air swimming pool is gearing up for a hot summer, with a £2.5 million facelift on the way over the next two years. The pool is open from June through to September.



Lambeth Fairtrade borough!

Lambeth has become only the second borough in London to win Fairtrade status.

The Fairtrade scheme was set up by a number of major charities to promote a better deal for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Fairtrade status means that fairly traded products are available at council meetings and in local shops and cafés, and that other local workplaces and organisations are taking them up.

To find out more, please contact Jessica Currie on 020 7926 6210, jcurrie@lambeth.gov.uk

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Good citizens from across the borough picked up their certificates from outgoing Mayor Tim Sargeant at the annual civic awards ceremony last month. The new Mayor for 2004-5 is Irene Kimm, councillor in Thurlow Park ward.

Local heroes

Young people get involved!

Young people in Lambeth are getting more involved in events, activities and organisations than ever before. Lambeth Life takes a snapshot of what's been happening over the past few months.

A busy year for the Youth Council

Members of Lambeth's Youth Council are having a busy year – and it's far from over yet!

Selected Youth Council members travelled to Orlando in March to take part in Youth Service America's National Youth Decision-Maker's Forum, where the team presented their work as an example of international best practice.

Lambeth's teenage pregnancy rates are among the highest in the country. It's an issue that directly affects young people and the Youth Council members wanted to try and make a difference. Following a successful pilot project, the Teen Pregnancy Peer Education Project has been expanded to several schools in Lambeth. The project sees young people running classes and

workshops themselves, talking openly about sex education and teenage pregnancy.

The Peer Inspection Project was set up after young people expressed concerns about the standard of youth facilities in the borough. A full-time Lambeth council officer and a group of young people inspect, report on and make recommendations for improving facilities such as youth clubs and sports centres.

And young people have been working with Lambeth Police to develop a video to help train police in appropriate 'stop and search' techniques. As well as the video, a special 'Snakes and Ladders' training package has been drawn up helping officers understand what it is like to be a young person in Lambeth.



Singing and Dancing

More than 2,000 school children from across Lambeth sang, danced and performed their way across the stage at Royal Festival Hall during the Lambeth Schools Music Festival.

An exciting series of concerts, some featuring specially commissioned compositions, brought children together to make music and perform. Later in the week the venue rang to the sounds of the Infant Singing Festival, when five to seven-year-olds took centre stage. Other events included the traditional Indonesian percussion ensemble Gamelan, and Science of Music and Composing workshops.

The Festival is one of the largest schools' music festivals in the country and is now in its third year.

Young people are getting together in community safety forums in each of the borough's Town Centres. First off the block is the Norwood forum, which has been named BTI - 'Bringing The Image'.

The forums will meet four times a year, with up to 12 young people aged between 13 and 21. They will discuss young people's community safety concerns, come up with solutions and get training, for example in basic drug awareness and CV and interviewing skills. Any young people interested in taking part should contact Shaila Mahomed, Young People's Community Safety Co-ordinator on smahomed@lambeth.gov.uk or 020 7926 2709.

Childcare and more

Lambeth's new Childcare Information Point was launched at the end of March, with face-painting and other activities celebrating the new service, at the education department's offices in International House, Canterbury Crescent, Brixton SW9 7QE.

Residents can drop in, call 0845 601 5317 or go to www.childrensdirectory.org for information on childminders, out of school clubs, nurseries, pre-schools, after school clubs, one-o'clock clubs, crèches, breakfast clubs and adventure playgrounds – and details on jobs in childcare, becoming a registered childminder and how to set up nurseries or playgroups.



Useful numbers

Lambeth Youth Council 020 7926 2193 Kshaw@lambeth.gov.uk • Education Business Partnership 020 7926 9840 Jhogarth@lambeth.gov.uk
Lambeth Youth Service 020 7926 3321 • Connexions (advice, information and support for young people aged 13-19) 020 7926 9620

car crime costs... don't forget to lock up and take your valuables with you!

Vehicle crime affects all of us. Don't get caught out. And if you have an unwanted car, Lambeth will now remove it free of charge. Don't dump it. Just call 020 7926 9000.

Pick up a free car crime prevention air freshener at any Lambeth parking shop.


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