RESIDENTS SPEAKING UP FOR RESIDENTS

ma MOORLANDS RESIDENTS NEWS

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FREE EVENT

FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Dexter's Adventure Playground are hosting a great day out for young people of Brixton. There will be competitions, food, workshops, and live music from local band Soothsayers - as well their vouth section. as Youthsayers. Come and express your vourself share and experiences with others. The event is sponsored by REACH, and takes place from 11:00-17:00 on 27th October.



WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!

MRA are planning a Christmas celebration on 18th December from 18:00-22:30 in the community hall. There will be a buffet, alcohol-free drinks, music, dancing and lots of socialising! Bring the family and let's celebrate. We are also looking forward to Brixton Chamber Orchestra (BCO) returning for a festive concert in December. Look out for posters appearing on the estate!



JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

BRIXTON HOUSE IS HIRING

Brixton House Theatre has been going up at the end of Somerleyton Road over the last two years, and now. as it is close to opening its doors, there are jobs on offer for all positions from Box Office and Front of House to technicians. theatre actors. and administrators. There will be a job fair soon where a range verv of opportunities will be available. It's a great chance for local people to get involved! MRA members went to visit the site: see over the page for more..

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Big Kid Foundation are working with MRA to plan activities for young people on Moorlands for 2022. Meanwhile, they would like to remind us about the regular **Youth Club** that they run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 16:00-19:00 at Dexter's, 6 Montego Close for children from 11-18 years old. There are opportunities to get involved in podcasting, basketball, Anime, and boxing, and Big Kid also have access to a music studio for enterprising musical talents.

RESIDENTS MEETING

RAISE YOUR VOICE

Residents are invited to come to a meeting to talk about any outstanding concerns regarding repairs, maintenance, leaseholder terms and anything else that is important to discuss. There are a number of issues we are pursuing with MTVH, but as always, these actions can take longer than we would like to resolve. **The meeting will be in the community hall on the 27th October from 18:15-19:15.** Light refreshments provided

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SAVE THE DATE

On 30th October from 15:00-19:00

Brixton Dominoes Club will present free Black History Month а celebration at Lambeth Town Hall. which will showcase Black Caribbean and British Colonial cultures reflected in music, arts, and cultural traditions. They hope that local performers including musicians, poets and others will contribute to the celebration, and there will, of course, be dominoes! The club aims to provide a cultural space for the local community.



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REPAIRS

Concerns have been raised with MTVH about residents not being routinely given reference numbers for repairs and other issues. MTVH have confirmed that reference numbers should **definitely** be given, and that if residents do not have email, the resident or the person reporting the issue will be contacted by text message three times: 1) to confirm the repair, 2) to confirm the appointment, and 3) when the operative is on their way . MRA are discussing with MTVH the fact that text messages are not always sent out when appointments are cancelled, and that some workmen are turning up to do a job without an appointment.

SOUTHWYK PANTRY UPDATE



Southwyk Pantry has moved temporarily to The Street Gym at 10 Somerleyton Road. Anyone living on Moorlands is eligible to go along to collect fresh fruit and vegetables and other healthy food options. The service saves food going to waste from supermarkets and other suppliers, and offers a much more diverse range than food banks. The aim is also to create community solidarity. Opening hours are Thursdays 10:00-16:00. You can drop in, contact Carla Thomas on 07833994445, or email southwyk.pantry@gmail.com for more information.



MRA MEMBERS VISIT BRIXTON HOUSE SITE



This month, several members of MRA went on site to visit Brixton House to see how it is shaping up, as opening time is not far off. It is going to be a great place for all, with 3 theatre spaces and 6 rehearsal rooms as well as a cafe and bar. Brixton House are determined to involve local people of all ages and backgrounds in the development of the theatre, which will also be able to house live music, dance, and, to some extent, cinema. They want to hear from local people with ideas, so get involved! There will be Job Fair leaflets coming out soon.

GAS CONCERNS

HEALTH & SAFETY

Several residents as well as MRA members have queried the safety of having gas pipes routed to outside walls. MTVH's response is that the pipework is compliant with current standards / codes of practice. It is stated that it is safer to route gas pipes outside rather than inside a property, pipes can corrode where unseen and create a hidden danger; whereas external pipes will vent to the open air if there is a leak. Steel pipes have been used up to a height of 2 metres above floor level to reduce the risks of damage, Fire Safety inspectors are currently on site examining the work: please contact MTVH and let them know if you still have concerns. Gas meter not connected? Look out for a letter soon regarding this issue.

FREE LIVE MUSIC

Among the **free musical events** around Brixton is this evening of classical music which you might enjoy on October 27th

