

Annual General Meeting – 26 June 2013

The Annual General Meeting of Wimbledon Park Co-operative Ltd will take place on Wednesday, 26 June 2013, at 7:30 pm in the Estate Office at 2 Fernwood. Members will receive an agenda and documents this week.

If you are not a Co-operative member, it is not too late! Membership is currently open to leaseholders and Council tenants, though one of the topics to be discussed is whether to open membership to all lawful residents of Wimbledon Park Estate. If you would like to join before the AGM and be able to vote on this and other issues, please contact the Estate Office. A membership share is £1.

Reduced Office hours in July

From Wednesday, 3 July to Tuesday, 16 July, the Estate Manager will be on annual leave. The Office will be open as usual from 10 am to 4 pm, but will be closed for lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm. Normal services will be available from Anne, the Administrative Assistant.

Summer is almost upon us ...

... and children on the Estate will have more time to play in the fresh air. We encourage parents and children to use the two playgrounds and the facilities at Wimbledon Park, just across the road. Please remind your children that ball games, bicycling, skating, and skateboarding are not allowed on the Estate. This is for the safety of our elderly and vulnerable residents, and of the children themselves.

... and (should the weather ever stay warm and sunny long enough to warrant it!) we'd also like to remind residents that barbecues and grills are not allowed on the Estate, for fire safety reasons.

New Gardening Contract

The Gardening Committee has completed a months-long re-tendering project for the Estate gardening contract. The Committee retained an expert to draw up a detailed specification of what gardening services are required on the Estate, then sent pre-qualification forms to four gardening firms. Three responded and prequalified. They were sent the specification and requested to bid for a three-year contract, with the option to cancel with one month's notice if the work is not up to the specification. One submitted an extremely expensive bid and was eliminated. The other two bids were considered by the Board, which voted in favour of the lower bid, from the existing gardening firm, World Wide Plants. In addition to weekly meetings to ensure the firm's work is up to the specification, the Gardening Committee and World Wide Plants will meet each month to plan the next month's work and discuss any issues. Residents are welcome to attend these meetings; please contact the Office for more information.

Thinking of joining the Board?

We can always use new members to help manage the Estate! Members are elected at General Meetings, including the upcoming Annual General Meeting. If you would like to stand for election, please email us at committee@wimbledonpark.org, or contact the Estate Office and the Estate Manager will put you in touch.

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Anti Social Behaviour

As a result of a number of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents on the Estate in recent months, the Board arranged a meeting on 6 June 2013 between representatives from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) of the Metropolitan Police and interested residents.

Residents were able to report the various types of ASB they had seen and experienced to the SNT representatives. This ranged from graffiti, to non-residents congregating and smoking in stairwells, to dangerous-looking dogs being walked on the Estate without leashes, to open sexual behaviour and drug use. In most cases the residents had not informed the SNT or police of what they had seen.

The SNT representatives explained that, although in future they will be patrolling more and spending less time in the office, they must cover a large area and cannot be on the Estate at all times. Therefore it is vital that residents act as their eyes and ears and contact them regarding ASB incidents, even after they are over. The more information they have, the more they can build up a picture of what is happening on the Estate, and devote resources accordingly. In some cases, when they have enough information, they can convince a perpetrator to stop the ASB or risk losing his or her Council housing due to violating lease conditions.

When contacting the SNT, residents should give as good a description of the person(s) involved as possible, including physical characteristics (gender, height, build, hair colour, nationality) and clothing, particularly logos on hats, sweatshirts, trousers, and trainers.

Please consult the list below to report ASB and other issues. Emergencies should still be reported to 999, but for non-emergencies such as most ASB, residents should call 101. This number is answered by the local police force (a recording will inform the caller to which police force he or she is being connected). 101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is a 15p charge for each call, which funds the service. Interpreters are available, and the hard of hearing or speaking may contact 101 via text phone at 18001 101.

Residents may also email the SNT at SNTWW-WestHill@met.police.uk (non-emergency use only). For more information on the SNT, see <http://content.met.police.uk/Site/saferneighbourhoods>.

Reporting Anti Social Behaviour and other issues

- **To report emergencies (e.g., a crime in progress (including public sex or drug use), danger to life, or violence being used or threatened) – call 999 (the police, who will respond as soon as possible)**
- To report other ASB (e.g., groups of non-residents congregating in stairwells or on the Estate) that is currently happening – call 101
- To report other issues (graffiti, your car has been stolen, your property has been damaged, you suspect drug dealing in the neighbourhood, you had a minor traffic collision, you wish to speak to the police about a general enquiry) – call 101 or email SNTWW-WestHill@met.police.uk
- To report noise – call 020 8871 7490 (Wandsworth Council Noise Complaints)
- To report dog fouling or dogs off leashes on the Estate – call 020 8871 7606 or email dogcontrol@wandsworth.gov.uk (Wandsworth Council Dog Control)
- To report suspected drug use or other illegal activity anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or fill out a form at <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>

When calling, give your location as appropriate (Wimbledon Park Estate (and block and number if needed), West Hill, Putney Section, Wandsworth). Also give a description of the perpetrator, particularly of logos on hats, trainers, or clothing, plus gender, height, hair colour, nationality, and any distinctive physical features).