

BAM BULLETIN

Food Waste Recycling Consultation

You will soon be receiving a consultation document on food waste recycling on the BAM estate. Residents are being asked whether we are in favour of Camden's food recycling scheme, and specifically regarding the location of two food recycling bins. This is a voluntary scheme and our porters will not be involved. Please contact the estate office with your views.

Gas Mains Replacement

The National Grid is planning essential gas mains replacement work beginning in April. Flats 1-34 Avenue Mansions and 33-95 Marlborough Mansions may be affected by these works. If you are a resident and/or owner of one of these flats and have not yet discussed with the North London Gas Alliance how this may affect your flat then telephone Sinclair Walton on 07989 346122 as soon as possible.

Major Works, Cannon Hill

Major works to 1-32a Marlborough Mansions start on 21st March with the erection of scaffolding. Residents of those flats are advised to notify their home contents insurance company regarding the scaffolding.

Garden News

Buckingham Mansions Frontages

Works will soon be starting on the right hand frontage of 18 - 25 Buckingham Mansions. They are expected to take one week to complete if the weather stays fine.

Children's Vegetable Plot

James has prepared a number of propagation kits for children for Leeks to be planted in the vegetable plot located in the top garden. During the year we will be planting Leeks, Asparagus, King Edward potatoes, Onions, and Swiss Chard. We will also be growing Pumpkins in the mulch facilities. The vegetable plot is in the Sam Waldman memorial rose bed which will be replanted with roses in two years time.

Lawns Fertilizer

We are again this spring going to spread the lawns with a natural environmentally friendly organic fertilizer to feed the lawns. While unpleasant, the aroma of the organic fertiliser is fortunately not long lasting. Thank you for your patience. Our lawns will show the benefits.

Library Consultation

As you are aware, Camden Council is forced to make deep budget cuts and our local libraries, among other services, are at risk of closure. All Camden residents have been sent a library consultation. It is an opportunity for everyone to have your voice heard concerning how you think the cuts should be made. We urge you to complete the consultation document, either online on the Camden website, or by filling in the form and mailing it back.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed!

We urgently need some parents to help organize and run the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The BAM Estate will supply drinks and snacks. The Easter Egg hunt normally is held on Easter Monday at 11 am in the main gardens. If you can help and want to volunteer, please contact either Birgit at 07753 60 90 44 or Florence on

079 4196 4609. Posters will be placed in the communal entrances if we get enough volunteers.

Board Elections

The deadline for nominations of candidates for Director of the Board is Thursday 19th May. Formal Notices will be sent at the start of May.

Rubbish Bags

A number of residents have left bags of rubbish on Cannon Hill after normal rubbish collection hours. This recently caused foxes to strip the bags searching for food causing rubbish to be strewn the whole length of Cannon Hill. Please be considerate to your neighbours and do not leave any bags on the street out of collection times, especially on week ends. If you employ any home help, please make sure they are aware of the collections times.

Lost and Found

We have collected a large number of articles (clothing, toys, etc.) that have been left behind in the gardens in the last 12 months. The box is located in the Estate office. Please call in to see if any of the articles are your families as the box will be emptied soon.

Extracts from the West End Green Conservation Area Appraisal.

Mansion Blocks are characteristic of the area but the distinctive group at the Northern end of the area consists of Buckingham, Avenue and Marlborough Mansions – known locally as the BAM Estate – at the heart of which lies Cannon Hill. The mansion blocks have a uniformity that is a positive contrast to the nearby houses. Details are bold, boundaries and hedges to the blocks are neat and the roofline of the blocks make simple skylines. The mansion blocks present manicured hedges and front edges to the street and have a very

positive effect on the street – especially on Cannon Hill. Private shared gardens are a concealed resource within the mansion blocks. The rear gardens quietly add to the quality and biodiversity of the area.

These buildings relate to the core reasons for the conservation area designation and significance, and have a positive effect on the environment, and are a positive contribution to the heritage assets of North-West London.

The Heritage Dividend shows that private investment in the conservation area of BAM Estate brings financial rewards as well as environmental and social benefits.

Safety

Young children have been seen playing in the gardens unsupervised after dark. Children in this situation are vulnerable. Please keep your children safe.

Looking for...

Advertise your **search** or your **availability** here free of charge. Send your advertisements (50 words max) to communicate@bamestate.co.uk or drop it into the Estate office or call Graham Hamilton on 020 7419 1112.

Nanny Share:- French couple will have a baby boy mid April 2011 and are looking to share a nanny (we have the choice between a few nannies who are very good ones or we are ok to be introduced to another couple's nanny). If you are interested to share a nanny and its costs please call me (Deborah) on 07725757233. I live at 39 Buckingham Mansions

March 2011 onwards:- Retired couple seek a FURNISHED flat to rent on the BAM Estate or surrounding area. The property would need to be 1st floor or higher and it would need to be 2 bedroom (or 3 bedroom). Please call Claudia on 07789 222 496 .