

FOUR OAKS ESTATE NEWSLETTER



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AGM – Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm

The 2019 AGM will be held as usual at the tennis club and there will be a free buffet at 7pm, kindly sponsored by Harveys Estate Agents. You will receive full details of the meeting in the first week of April, including the agenda, last year's Minutes and the 2017/18 draft accounts. Please do your best to attend this important meeting.

Fibre-Enabled Broadband update

The upgrade of Cabinet 32 was finally completed in December. Residents served by this cabinet (mainly Hartopp Road, from the tennis club to the park) can now receive superfast broadband.

Edges & Hedges

Edges & Hedges have been the Estate's grounds maintenance contractors since 2012 and have improved the appearance of the Estate considerably over previous contractors. In a bid however to improve standards further we are trialling an 'enhanced contract' with them from April which will include more staff 'on the ground', monthly road sweeps (rather than bi-monthly) and a faster response in clearing debris after stormy/inclement weather and to cases of vehicle verge damage.

Traffic Mitigation Update

In our last Newsletter we mentioned that following specialist legal and planning advice we were hopeful that a plan focusing on curtailing through traffic will be capable of implementation. Since then we have met with a specialist gate manufacturer and a specialist gate installation company with a view to trialling a gated junction on Wentworth Road. These meetings have included a trip to the gate company's factory as it is essential that any gates erected are aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with the general ambience of the Estate. There is still the process of obtaining a Certificate of Lawfulness from the council to go through, but progress is certainly being made on this project which we appreciate is top priority. A detailed report and provisional plan will be outlined at the AGM.

Refuse Collections

Due to the ongoing dispute at Birmingham City Council there is understandable confusion over the day and type of collections – general/recyclables/green. The link beneath will take you to the council's webpage where you can check collection days and register for updates.
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20009/waste_and_recycling/1062/check_your_collection_day

Directors Elect

Following requests for applicants to the board of Four Oaks Estate Ltd we are delighted that three residents will be put forward for election at the AGM to fill the board vacancies. Thanks and congratulations to Vivek Chadha (Hartopp Road), Farrell Dolan (Heather Court Gardens) and Craig Johnson (Ladywood Road). In accordance with the company's Articles of Association the three candidates completed an application, were proposed and seconded by other residents and were interviewed by the Nominations sub-committee.

Parking in Sutton Park

Birmingham City Council is about to commence a consultation exercise in relation to its plan to introduce '365 day' charging for its car parks in the park. We are concerned that this may lead to unauthorised and nuisance parking, especially on Ladywood Road and Hartopp Road. We will be making representations to the council and will ensure that residents are informed about how to take part in the consultation exercise. Should the council scheme proceed this will clearly have an influence on our gating plans to prevent any increase in unauthorised parking on the Estate.

Circulation Information

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