

Dear Resident,

Fireworks Night – Victoria Park, Sunday 4 November 2018

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets is pleased to announce the borough's free Fireworks Night:

- Sunday 4 November
- Display to start at 7pm and finish by 7.45pm (approximately) with food and beverages available to purchase from 5:30pm.
- The event is free and un-ticketed. Booking is NOT required.
- The event site build up will commence on 30 October and is scheduled to be removed by 7 November.

The display will incorporate a soundtrack and it will be necessary to carry out intermittent PA sound checks between 3pm and 5pm on Saturday 3 November, and between 2pm and 5pm on Sunday 4 November. These checks will be kept to a minimum. On 4 November, during the display period, the PA will be in operation from 5.30pm to 9pm for public announcements, with soundtrack playing from approximately 7pm to 7.45pm.

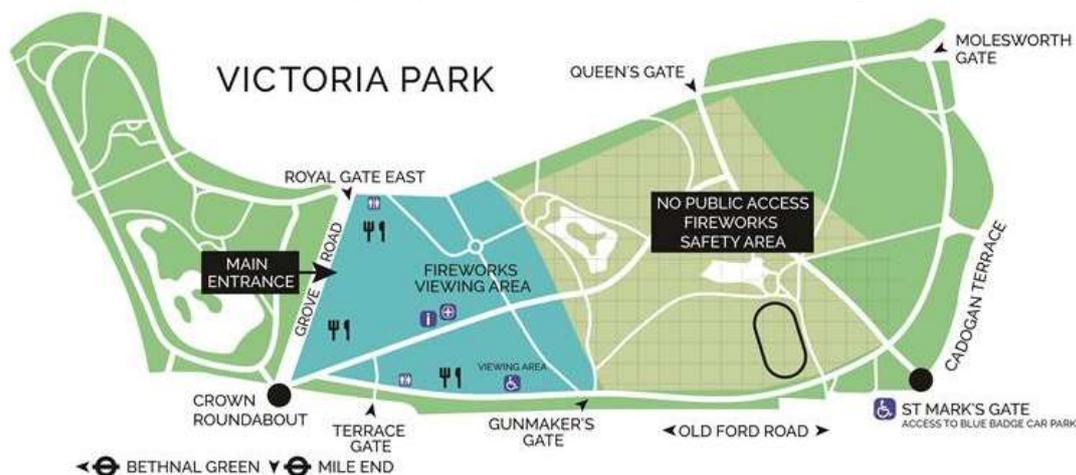
Plan your visit:

There will be major disruption and you will not be able to use vehicles in the area local to the event. There will be extensive road closures from 5pm to 9pm on Grove Road, Roman Road and surrounding roads. **All residents living within the road closure catchment are kindly asked and advised not to use vehicles between 5:00pm – 9:00pm, which is when audience members will be arriving and leaving.**

All persons attending the event are advised to travel on foot or by public transport, but please note that bus routes that normally run on Roman Road and Grove Road will be diverted. There is no bike parking at the event and bike users will be prohibited from attaching bikes to park railings in order to keep walking routes clear.

Tower Hamlets Council is working with local police and has dedicated security/stewarding to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable evening. The event will have CCTV, enhanced lighting and observational towers to enable our security and police personnel to monitor the event. Our teams will be conducting bag searches and prohibited items, such as fireworks (including sparklers) or glass, will not be permitted on site. Due to the nature of the event only assistance dogs are permitted. Full terms and conditions including a full list of prohibited items can be found at: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/festivals

Please see below for a map with details of where to view the event, and which gates will be accessible on the evening of the event. Please allow plenty of time to reach the main viewing area within the park.



Impact on the surrounding area:

We acknowledge that the event may cause you some inconvenience, although we are working hard to keep this to a minimum. To allow for the safe movement of the large number of visitors expected at the event on Sunday 4 November it will be necessary to implement extensive road closures around Victoria Park and the surrounding area. These closures will start being implemented from 5pm and will be in place until the crowds have dispersed safely away from the park. Roads will be reopened as quickly as possible as and no later than 9pm.

The affected roads that immediately surround the park are:

- Old Ford Road will be closed between Parnell Road and Bonner Street, with access only from Cambridge Heath Road.
- Grove Road will be closed northbound from Mile End Road to Gore Road and southbound from Gore Road to Antill Road. By default there will be closures of a) Wennington Road, b) Gernon Road / Thoyden Road c) Arbery Road between Strahan Road & Grove Road.
- Bonner Street will be made southbound only, with No Entry at Roman Road.
- St Stephen's Road will be closed between Old Ford Road and Tredegar Road.
- Gunmakers Lane will be closed.
- Roman Road will be closed westbound from Parnell Road to Bonner Street and eastbound from Globe Road to Kenilworth Road, with access only eastbound between Cambridge Heath Road and Globe Road

Additional to the closures outlined above, the following closures will also be implemented:

- Lauriston Road; access only from Victoria Park Road.
- Bishop's Way; signed Access Only at Cambridge Heath Road.
- Sewardstone Road: closed south of Approach Road / St James's Avenue.
- Approach Road: Closed between Bonner Road and Sewardstone Road.
- St James's Avenue: Closed between Bonner Road and Sewardstone Road.
- Aberavon Road and Rhondda Road; closed at their junctions with Mile End Road.
- Maplin Street closed between Tony Cannell Mews and Mile End Road.
- Tredegar Square closed between Tredegar Square Gardens and Mile End Road.

If you require more information, including a map of the road closures please visit

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/festivals

Parking Restrictions:

There is no parking at this event. Limited accessible parking will be available for Blue Badge holders **only** via St Mark's Gate. Please note that due to the road closures outlined above this will only be accessible from the east (Wick Lane, Cadogan Terrace, Parnell Road etc). There will be no access via Grove Road and vehicles will not be permitted to cross over Grove Road at Roman Road or Old Ford Road.

There will be parking suspensions in place on Old Ford Road between Crown Gate and Driffield Road; at St Mark's Gate; on Grove Road opposite Wennington Green and on Wennington Road. These suspensions are to allow for the safe movement of audience members in congested areas. There will be a dedicated vehicle removal unit in place for the event. Please note that any parked cars within the suspensions will be towed. Single yellow lines along Grove Road will also be suspended and any vehicles parked in these areas will be towed.

We have worked hard to ensure that there will be sufficient staff and facilities for the number of people that are likely to attend the event. However, if you do anticipate any problems on the day please contact us before the event via email or phone (see below).

Phone: 0207 364 7900 (Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm)

Email: festivalsandevents@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Site office contact: 07913 776 884 (30 October until 7 November only)

We do hope you will take the opportunity to join us for this free event and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Arts, Parks & Events Team