

Dear Resident,

**Fireworks Night – Victoria Park, Sunday 3 November 2019**

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets is pleased to announce the borough’s free Fireworks Night on Sunday 3 November 2019:

- Display starts at 7pm and finishes by 7.45pm (approximately) with food and beverages from 5.30pm.
- The event is free and un-ticketed. Booking is NOT required.
- The event set up will start on 28 October with equipment scheduled to be off site by 6 November.

The display will incorporate a soundtrack and it will be necessary to carry out intermittent PA sound checks between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday 2 November, and between 1pm and 5pm on Sunday 3 November. On 3 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 travel 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 Lauriston Rd, Grove Rd, Roman Rd and surrounding roads. **All residents living within the road closure catchment are kindly advised not to use vehicles between 5pm – 9pm, when audience members will be arriving and leaving.** If you are attending the event we advise you to travel on foot or by public transport but please note that bus routes on Roman Rd and Grove Rd 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](http://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 minimise this. To safely manage the large number of visitors expected on Sunday 3 November it will be necessary to implement extensive road closures around Victoria Park and the surrounding area.

Closures will be **enforced from 5pm** and will be kept in place until crowds have dispersed safely away from the park. Roads will be reopened as quickly as possible and no later than **9pm**. Please note that road closures have been reviewed this year to include a hard closure of Lauriston Rd with no vehicle access (including residents) to ensure the safety of Hackney residents leaving the event. This been done in consultation with LB Hackney.

#### **Road closures (5pm to 9pm) in the vicinity of the park:**

- Old Ford Rd will be closed between Parnell Rd and Bonner St, access only from Cambridge Heath Rd.
- Grove Rd will be closed northbound from Mile End Rd to Gore Rd and southbound from Gore Rd to Antill Rd. By default there will be closures of a) Wennington Rd, b) Gernon Rd / Thoydon Rd c) Haverfield Rd, d) Arbery Rd between Strahan Rd & Grove Rd.
- Bonner St will be made southbound only, with No Entry at Roman Rd.
- St Stephen's Rd will be closed between Old Ford Rd and Tredegar Rd.
- Gunmakers Lane will be closed.
- Roman Rd will be closed westbound from Parnell Rd to Bonner St and eastbound from Globe Rd to Kenilworth Rd, with access only eastbound between Cambridge Heath Rd and Globe Rd.
- Lauriston Rd; resident access only from Victoria Park Rd until 6.30pm approximately – NOTE: no vehicles will be permitted to use Lauriston Rd between Victoria Park Rd and Grove Rd during the hard closure therefore residents living on Gore Rd, Skipworth Rd, Redruth Rd, Derby Rd, Rutland Rd and Morpeth Rd will need to access and exit only from Victoria Park Rd. Unfortunately, to ensure public safety, residents on Wetherell Rd and Iveagh Close will not be able to access these roads during the closure but will be able to exit onto Victoria Park Rd during the closure period (6.30pm to 9pm). Residents of Ruthven Rd may have restricted access during the closure.

#### **Additional to the closures outlined above the following closures will be implemented (5pm to 9pm):**

- Bishop's Way; signed Access Only at Cambridge Heath Rd.
- Sewardstone Rd: closed south of Approach Rd / St James's Ave.
- Approach Rd: Closed between Bonner Rd and Sewardstone Rd.
- St James's Ave: Closed between Bonner Rd and Sewardstone Rd.
- Antill Rd will be closed between Selwyn Rd and Lyal Rd.
- Aberavon Rd and Rhondda Rd; closed at their junctions with Mile End Rd.
- Maplin St closed between Tony Cannell Mews and Mile End Rd.
- Tredegar Square closed between Tredegar Square Gardens and Mile End Rd.
- Coborn Rd will be One Way towards Mile End Rd (No Entry from Mile End Rd).
- Coborn Street will be One Way from Mile End Rd with No Entry from Coborn Rd.

If you require more information, including a map of the road closures please visit [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/festivals](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/festivals)

#### **Parking Restrictions:**

**There is no parking at this event.** Limited Blue Badge holder parking **only** will be available 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 Rd). There will be no access via Grove Rd and vehicles will not be permitted to cross over Grove Rd at Roman Rd or Old Ford Rd. Please refer to the closure map online.

There will be parking suspensions on Old Ford Rd between Crown Gate and Driffield Rd; St Mark's Gate; Grove Rd opposite Wennington Green and by Haverfield Rd; and on Wennington Rd. These suspensions are to enable the safe movement of crowds. 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 Rd will also be suspended and vehicles parked in these areas will be towed.

#### **Contact details:**

If you anticipate any problems on the day please contact us before the event via email or phone.

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

Email: [festivalsandevents@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:festivalsandevents@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

Site office contact: 07939 237 093 (28 October until 6 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**