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Jas Athwal selected to be Ilford South's next Labour Parliamentary candidate

Mayfield ward resident, and the Leader of Redbridge Council, Cllr Jas Athwal was overwhelmingly selected as the choice of Ilford South Labour Party members to be the Labour candidate for Ilford South at the next general election which is due by January 2025.

At a hustings event, held on Monday 10th October, to decide who should represent Labour in Ilford South, Cllr Athwal secured 499 votes compared to incumbent Sam Tarry who received 361 votes.

We wish Cllr Athwal well in his selection and look forward to him being elected as our MP in the near future.



Redbridge in Conversation

Cllr Khan joined fellow councillors from neighbouring wards for the inaugural Redbridge in Conversation event held at Loxford Polyclinic on October 6th.

The event focused on the rising cost of living and updated residents about the support available. It was a good opportunity to help residents that wanted to apply for the Household Support Fund, talk to them about The Redbridge Plan and take up casework on their behalf.



South Park fly-tipping enforcement action

A Redbridge Council investigation into bags of waste found dumped in South Park uncovered that the mountain of mess was discarded from a nearby household, leading to enforcement action against the fly-tippers.

The council's Enforcement Team was alerted to the large fly-tip at the park when a member of the public spotted and reported the unsightly mess by the children's play area.

On arriving at the scene, the team were confronted with more than 50 bags of rubbish and cardboard illegally dumped in the park.

Determined to find the offenders, the team conducted local door-to-door enquiries, and meticulous finger-tip searches of the contents of every bag looking for evidence that could identify the culprits.

During the course of the investigation a member of the public came forward to say they had witnessed a person dumping cardboard at the site from a vehicle.

The diligent witness supplied photographic evidence including vehicle registration plates, which led to enforcement action against an individual from Essex. The person was fined £400 for fly-tipping the cardboard.

As the investigation progressed further, evidence uncovered by the team showed the remaining fly-tip of 50+ bags appeared to be consistent with one address, which eventually led to a household near the park.

The Enforcement Team conducted interviews under caution with members of the household, resulting in enforcement action being taken against one member of the household and a person from outside of the borough, who had been visiting the household.

Both were fined £400 each for fly-tipping.



Annual Walk of Peace

Cllr Khan joined the Mayor of Redbridge and people from various different communities and religions for the Redbridge Faith Forum's Annual Walk of Peace on Sunday 16th October.

The walk started from the Holocaust Memorial Garden in Valentines Park, and visited the Redbridge Buddhist Vihara, VHP Hindu Temple, Ilford Islamic Community Centre, SS Peter's & Paul's before ending with a delicious vegetarian meal at the Karamsar Gurdwara.

The annual walk aims to bring people together in a spirit of harmony and aims to raise awareness of important issues of concern.

This year it focused on the topic of caring for our elderly and vulnerable.



Sewa Tree in South Park

Cllrs Athwal and Khan joined members of East London Sewa on Saturday 15th October to grow the Sewa tree in South Park.

This year's theme was around the environment and recycling.

Cllr Khan spoke about the need to preserve trees in the area and the need to teach children to take responsibility for rubbish.

Cllr Athwal officially planted the tree and spoke about the council's policy on the environment.



£ 1,665 raised for Pakistan floods appeal

At September's 'Redbridge Stands with Pakistan' event, Cllr Khan pledged to raise £ 1,000 for Pakistan flood relief efforts.

Thanks to the generous contribution of residents across Redbridge, including residents of Mayfield ward, a total of £ 1,665 was raised. This amount has now been passed to Islamic Relief.

Cllr Khan said, "I am extremely grateful to all local residents that contributed to this worthwhile cause."



Knox Field 5G Mast Application

An application to install a 17.5m monopole mast complete with a six antenna, two associated radio equipment cabinets, a meter cabinet and ancillary development works thereto including hedging screen planting at Knox Field on South Park Drive was rejected by the Council due to its height and bulk.

The Council noted that "The provision of high quality, reliable digital connectivity to enable communities to benefit is an important objective in the National Planning Policy Framework and something the Council looks to support. However, due to the unacceptable impact the proposed equipment would have on the visual amenity and open character of the area, prior approval cannot be granted at this time."



Councillor Surgeries

We had a very successful surgery at Goodmayes Library on Saturday 8th October. This was followed by a 'Coffee with a Councillor' event on Saturday 22nd October. Subjects discussed included leisure facilities in the borough, housing, leasing of council property and tree-planting initiatives.

We will be reporting back to the residents that raised these issues in due course.

Please do keep an eye out on our social media channels for dates of future surgeries.



Diwali 2022

CLlr Solanki was invited by SKS Swaminarayan Temple to attend the Diwali fireworks at Swaminarayan Sports World, Sports Ground, Blake Hall Road, Wanstead.

She also attended the aarti at the Mandir to celebrate the Hindu New Year alongside Newham Councillors and Unmesh Desai AM.



Selective Licensing Scheme

CLlr Solanki – in her capacity as the Cabinet member for Housing and Homelessness, has been leading on Redbridge Council's Selective Licensing Scheme.

Following Cabinet approval on October 20th, it was agreed to undertake a consultation on the Selective Licensing scheme to increase the numbers of wards from 14 to 18.

CLlr Solanki commented:

'Since introduction, 19,147 properties have been licensed. Licensed properties are checked for gas safety, fire safety, electrical safety, energy performance and space standards. Selective licensing in Redbridge has strengthened the council's ability to identify properties that present high risk hazards that impact upon the living standards of families. The licensing scheme is supported by a wider range of regulatory tools including "improvement" and "prohibition" notices, financial penalties and banning orders for rogue landlords.'



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