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THE NEWSLETTER
OF MOUNT FLORIDA
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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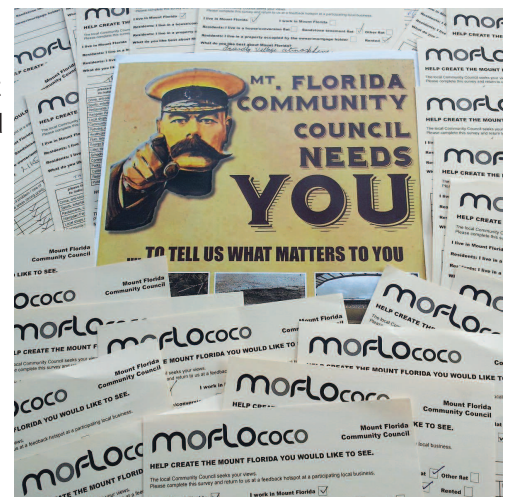
[COMMUNITIES
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THE COMMUNITY
COUNCIL IS MADE OF
UP LOCAL
VOLUNTEERS AND ITS
MAIN PURPOSE IS TO
ASCERTAIN THE VIEWS
OF THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY AND
REPRESENT THEM TO
THE CITY COUNCIL
AND OTHER BODIES.

If what you read in this newsletter is of interest to you we hope you will get involved with MoFloCoCo. Maybe you would like to offer input on local issues, or perhaps you'd like to help do something about them? Or perhaps you'd simply like to stay in touch via Facebook. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

MOUNT FLORIDA SURVEY 2013

MoFloCoCo recently ran a survey in which we asked what you like best about Mount Florida and what would improve it. We received lots of thoughtful and constructive responses. Many celebrated Mount Florida's friendly, "village-like" atmosphere, location and transport links. Amenities including healthcare, schools and Langside library were also highlighted.



Positivity about the improved parking arrangements for Hampden events was tempered by continued problems with the lack of public toilets for fans, as well as disruption to local business.

Litter, dog-fouling and potholes topped the list of complaints. Read more about these topics on page 3.

You can find out more about the survey and the resulting Community Action Plan on our website or at a MoFloCoCo meeting.

MoFloCoCo would like to thank the following businesses and organisations for their help in running the survey: **Loafers Cafe, Cafecart, Minnesota Fats Snooker Club, Keystore, Clockwork Beer Co., Mount Befriending Society, Mount Florida Medical Centre.**

NEWS [IN BRIEF]

Grant - MoFloCoCo is grateful to have been awarded a grant of £2000 by Glasgow City Council's Area Partnership. The grant will enable greater interaction between MoFloCoCo and local residents, including paying for the printing of this newsletter.

Cathcart Road Community Awareness Project launched

recently and aims to help residents save money and protect the environment. CARCAP, which is based at 1123 Cathcart Road, provides free home advisory visits and workshops on cooking and food waste. www.carcap.co.uk



Urban Roots is a community based environmental and health improvement organisation.



We're based in Toryglen run projects all over the Southside, including community gardening, biodiversity and schools projects, and offer workshops in cookery, cycling, gardening, bee keeping and much, much more.

Please visit our website urbanroots.org.uk, email projects@urbanroots.org.uk or phone us on 0141 613 2766.

M OFLO COCO MEETINGS:

All residents are welcome to attend meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month (but there are no meetings in July, August and December) **at 7pm Clincarthill Church on the corner of Battlefield and Cathcart Roads.** Special topics for forthcoming meetings:

SEPTEMBER 24TH

LOCAL IMPACT AND LEGACY OF COMMONWEALTH GAMES AT HAMPDEN.

OCTOBER 22ND

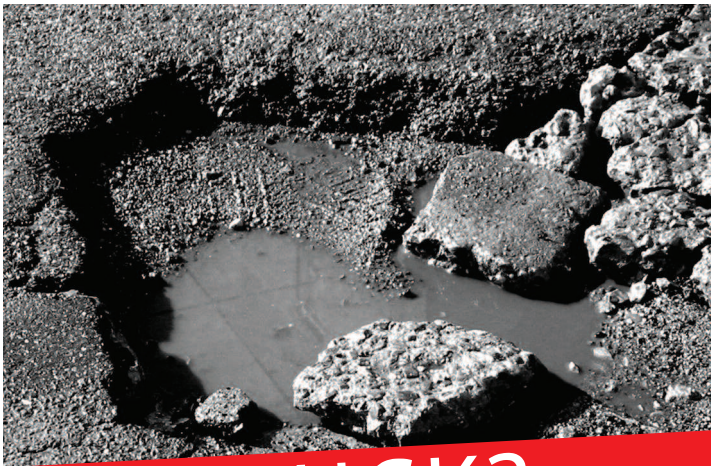
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, INCLUDING ELECTIONS.

NOVEMBER 26TH

POTHOLES.

Stanmore Social has been quiet of late, though that doesn't mean we've gone away! If you live on or near Stanmore Road, please check out our Facebook page ([/stanmoresocial](https://www.facebook.com/stanmoresocial)) and our **website: www.stanmoresocial.org**

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POT LUCK?

It can't have escaped the notice of any of the local residents that many of our roads and pavements are in a terrible state. In the survey, road conditions was one of the top concerns in the area, with at least one resident reporting that it had cost him £400 in car repairs. Others were concerned that road repairs were shoddy and did not last. It is also a problem for cyclists and pedestrians for whom it can be downright dangerous.

So what can you do to help? Take photographs of potholes in your street, including an object that gives an idea of scale and email them to us. We will collate these and send them to the City Council who we hope will take action to repair the damage once they are made aware of the full scale of the problem.



[MURDER AND MAYHEM]

Following a recent survey of Mount Florida residents fortunately murder and mayhem was not an issue that appeared to be a concern for anyone. Excellent news! However, something which did concern a great many local residents was the issue of litter. Now unlike murder and mayhem which require specialist support and equipment, litter is something we can all do something about. Three options are available to us:

- A) WE IGNORE THE PROBLEM AND HOPE IT WILL GO AWAY,**
- B) WE HOPE SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO THE JOB FOR US,**
- C) WE ACCEPT THE SITUATION CAN ONLY IMPROVE BY GETTING PERSONALLY INVOLVED.**

The reality is with council budgets being cut and services being reduced the quality of the local environment we live in is our responsibility and hopefully you'll consider option C and join us in addressing this issue. We held the first community clean up on 17th August and 14 brave souls turned out in



torrential rain to go beyond what our trusty street cleaners are able to do. We'll be making specific requests to the City Council for help with irresponsible dog owners and for more bins where they are lacking. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

IN MEMORY OF COLIN MACKENZIE

On 13 September 2012, Community Councillors attended the funeral of Colin Mackenzie who had stepped in as acting Chairman at a time when the future of MoFloCoCo was uncertain. In spite of his illness, he carried out his duties without fail. He was a very private and modest person, playing down his achievements. Many in Mount Florida will also remember him for his work at the Mount Befriending Service and his contribution to the Stanmore Social. His untimely death on 6 September 2012 saddened us all and he is sorely missed.

GET INVOLVED!

There are many ways to get involved in improving your local area. How about participating in a litter-pick, investigating major planning applications, writing letters, designing posters, or running the website or social media accounts?

Elections to the council will be held at the AGM on 22nd October, or you can get involved on an informal basis at any time.



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Graffiti, fly tipping and fly posting removal, irresponsible dog owners

0800 027 7027

Bulk refuse uplift, needle uplift

0141 287 9700

Parks Department

0141 287 5064

Roads & Lighting Faults

0800 373635

Water mains leakage or bursts

0845 600 8855

Anti-social behaviour

0800 027 3901 or

0141 276 7400

Noise nuisance

0141 287 9700

Police Scotland (Strathclyde)

0141 532 3000

Police non-emergency **101**

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

City Councillors for Langside Ward

Susan Aitken **0141 2873751**

Archie Graham **0141 2877048**

Liam Hailey **0141 2874405**

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The Community Council area is bounded by Aikenhead Road to the east; King's Park Avenue to the south; the train line to west, and extends north to include the Queens Park Recs and Cathkin Park.

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