

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL



Cllr Nick Brown
Town Council Leader

In January, the Council confirmed its plans for 2018/2019 (see below), which have received the support of the Town's Citizens' Advisory Panel and responses through our Annual Survey. I am delighted to report that significant progress is being made towards delivering these plans as follows:

Thorpe Astley Medical Rooms: last month I reported that there is a proposal to utilise the unused NHS facility at Thorpe Astley Community Centre from Spring this year and I can confirm that building works have been commissioned and the services required, such as IT, to run a GP service from the Centre are now being installed. Further statements concerning this welcome and much needed expansion to GP services in the Town, including the opening date, will be issued shortly by the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Surgery and will be published by the Town Council on our website, social media and on our notice boards. This is excellent news and something the Town Council having been trying to bring about since 2010.

Library: the Town Council has been approached by the County Council to ascertain whether it remains interested in running the Library, which was confirmed by Policy & Resources Committee in February. If approved by the County Council's Cabinet in March, the Town Council will be in a position to take over the management of the Library in accordance with its proposals submitted in September 2015. We believe this will secure the long term future of the library after years of uncertainty.

Shakespeare Park: having received planning permission for our improvement plans to Shakespeare Park, we are now inviting tenders for the construction of the pavilion and redesign of the site. We anticipate work to commence this summer and the improvement works to be complete before the end of 2019.

Plans for 2018/2019

In addition to the continuing with the existing level of services, the Town Council aims to achieve the following during the forthcoming year:

- Invest in the redevelopment and improvement of sporting, recreation and play **facilities at Shakespeare Park;**
- Improvements to our community facilities** at both Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre;
- Continue to provide and support important **quality of life** initiatives, such as crime reduction and grants for community groups, youth projects and individuals and tackling poor air quality;
- Positively and proactively respond to the evolving and changing social demographic of the community through developing and supporting new and existing events and **community/social inclusion initiatives;**
- Meet the needs of Thorpe Astley residents by facilitating the delivery of **services and events at Thorpe Astley Community Centre;**
- Continue to work to **keep Braunstone Town Library open;**
- Complete the legal transfer of open spaces at Thorpe Astley to the Town Council in order to enable future investment and improvement to the facilities, including ensuring improvements are implemented to the **Culvert at Thorpe Astley Park;**
- Actively working with the developer and Blaby District Council to ensure that the **land adjacent to the M1 bridge is suitably landscaped** to provide protection for residents from the new road and to provide a leisure and recreation space;
- Continue to look to make efficiency savings while ensuring the existing **services are safeguarded and where appropriate improved.**

Your Invitation to the Town Mayor's Charity Curry Night



Braunstone Town Mayor, Cllr Bill Wright would like to invite all residents to his Charity Curry Night on 9th April, 7pm at Chef & Spice, Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 5PG, raising money for his mayoral charity for the year— Rainbows Children's Hospice. Tickets are priced at £15.00 each, and the charity will receive £9.00 of the ticket price. If you would like to attend you can purchase your ticket in both, Braunstone Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre. For more information please call on 0116 2890045.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 19TH MAY

Thorpe Astley Community Centre

If you are interested in hiring a table at the event please complete and return booking form with payment which are available at the Customer Services desk. The tables are available at a cost of £12 each with all proceeds being donated to the Town Mayor's chosen Charity.

For more information please call 0116 2890045 or email anna.gomes-alves@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk



ANNUAL SUMMER FETE ON

MOSSDALE MEADOWS ON

SATURDAY 28TH JULY FROM 11AM

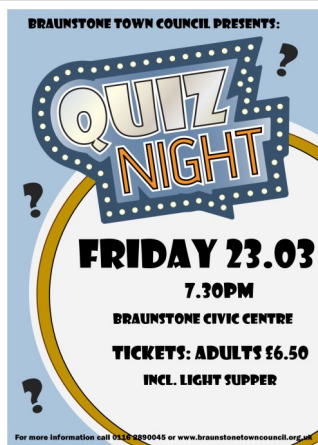
TILL 4PM

Braunstone Town Council is organising the Annual Summer Fete where all residents can enjoy this brilliant community event full of fun and activities for all the family. This year we have The Party Animals Encounters, bouncy castles, children rides, stalls, food and much more!

If you or your organisation would be interested in participating in the event with a stall or activity or require more information, please contact Mrs Pauline Snow or Mrs Anna Gomes-Alves on 0116 2890045 or alternatively email on enquires@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk

PUBLIC MEETINGS—DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLANS AND ENVIRONMENT	Thursday	8th March	7.30pm	Civic Centre
COUNCIL MEETING	Thursday	22nd March	8.00pm	Civic Centre
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Thursday	12nd April	7.30pm	Civic Centre



Customer Service Shop, Braunstone Civic Centre

Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

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