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BANGLA HOUSING ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF BANGLADESHI

Hackney Mayor, Philip Glanville, and Deputy Speaker Cllr Humaira Garasia were amongst the guests who joined Bangla Housing Association's Board of Management, residents, and staff for these celebrations.

Over 50 people attended this milestone event in a glorious setting at the North London Muslim Community Centre on Thursday 16 September 2021.

See page 3 for more details.

MAYOR'S CIVIC AWARD



The Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville presenting the Mayor's Civic Award Certificate to the Chair of Bangla Housing Association, MA Nazim Rahman watched by the Deputy Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Humaira Garasia and Bangla Housing Association's Chief Executive, Bashir Uddin.

BANGLA'S SERVICES

Although we are slowly recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, Bangla staff are still working from home and occasionally going in the office. Our office will remain closed until further notice. During normal office hours, you can contact us on any of the two following mobile numbers.

07983 467 036 or 07519 715 039

You may also text us or send WhatsApp message on these numbers with your issues and we will ring you back as soon as possible.

During out of office hours, please ring or text us on the above mobile numbers only if it is an emergency and we will get back to you.

Shah Uddin: shah@banglaha.org.uk (repairs)

Fatima Begum: fatima@banglaha.org.uk (rent)

Leena Khan: leena@banglaha.org.uk
(other tenancy matters)

COVID

Stay Safe and Protect yourself and others from the coronavirus.

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SHANAZ RE-ELECTED BANGLA TENANT BOARD MEMBER.

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EDITOR'S COMMENT



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Bangla Post.

We held our AGM and celebrated Bangla Housing Association's 30th Anniversary and the 50th Anniversary of Independence of Bangladesh on 16.09.2021.

You will be able to read reports about it in this newsletter.

Although life is slowly returning to a normality following the Covid-19 pandemic, the coronavirus is still with us, so please stay safe and follow the governments advice.

If you or anyone in your household who are aged over 18 and have not yet taken the vaccine, please do take it soon as possible.

The vaccine is safe, and it provides the best protection against Covid-19.

As always, we welcome your comments. Please drop me an email: bashir@banglaha.org.uk or send a text or call on 07983 467 036 to let us know what you think about this newsletter and about any other services we offer.

RENT STATEMENTS

We are shortly going to send you details of how you can access your rent account through Bangla website using your unique log in ID and Password. Please watch out for this information as we will contact you about this via your mobile phone or email. Please let us have your email if you have not given it to us already. Your email will be registered to your rent account. We hoping to go live on 1st December 2021.

In the meantime, if you would like to have your rent statement or if you have any queries with paying your rent then please contact Fatima Begum on 07519 715 039 or email: fatima@banglaha.org.uk



PAYING YOUR RENT

To avoid accruing rent arrears we urge you to continue to pay your rent. If you are facing financial difficulties, please contact Fatima Begum on 07519 715 039 or email: fatima@banglaha.org.uk

You can pay your rent in the following ways.

- Using a rent card – you can pay your rent at any post office or any shops displaying Pay Point signs. If you need a rent card, please ring 07519 715 039
- By bank Standing Order – See our Bank details given below
- Internet Banking: Paid directly into our Barclays Bank Account: -

Bangla Housing Association Ltd
A/C No. 60899089
Sort Code: 20.46.57

Give first line of your address as reference (Flat / house no. and name of your block /Street.

BANGLA HOUSING ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF BANGLADESHI



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Mayor, Philip Glanville said 'It's always a pleasure to come to Bangla. This event is so special as Bangla celebrates its 30th Anniversary and the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of Bangladesh. Bangla Housing has served to improve the lives of the local community over the past 30 years. This is an amazing record. Bangla Housing can also feel proud for its lifesaving Bangla Covid-19 Advice Project delivering health messages to 40,000 people in the Bangladeshi community in East London. In recognition of its work for the community through the pandemic I am delighted to present a Mayor's Civic Award to Bangla Housing Association'

A short video on the history and work of the association and another short video on the history of the Bangla Independence was screened at the event. These were introduced by Bangla HA's Chief Executive Bashir Uddin. Khalid Mair, Executive Support for BME London Landlords Group, introduced the Bangla Covid-19 Advice Project's Evaluation Report.

The Deputy Mayor Cllr Humaira Garasia presented certificates of recognition to 20 volunteers who helped the Bangla Covid-19 Advice Project during the pandemic. For the first time this year and in memory of Bangla's longstanding tenant and Board member Abrus Ali who passed away in May 2021, Bangla announced the Bangla Best Tenant Award. This year it went to Gloria. Although Gloria could not attend personally to collect this award from the Deputy Speaker of Hackney, she sent an audio message thanking Bangla Housing Association for selecting her for this magnificent award and that she is proud to be a Bangla resident.

The event ended with a mouth-watering Bangladeshi buffet and refreshments.



Philip Glanville, Mayor of Hackney



Cllr Humaira Garasia, Deputy Speaker of Hackney.



MA Nazim Rahman, Chair of Bangla Housing Association welcoming the guests



Over 50 people representing Bangla HA Board members, staff, residents, guests, and members from the community attended the event held on 16.09.2021



Khalid Mair introducing the BCAP Evaluation Report



Lotifa Begum receiving certificate of recognition for volunteering for BCAP

BANGLA HOUSING ASSOCIATION'S AGM

Bangla's 30th Annual General Meeting was held on 16 September 2021 at the North London Muslim Community Centre. At this meeting the Chair of the Association, MA Nazim Rahman presented the Annual Report and Treasurer, Margaret Aboraa presented the audited accounts for the year 2020/21 which were approved by the members. You can read our Annual Report for year 2020/21 on our website: www.banglaha.org.uk

Despite the lockdown and Bangla staff working from home, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the association has been able to deliver its services and achieve most of its performance targets last year. The Annual Report captures our work and the highlights of Bangla's achievements and performance results over the past year.

Please contact Bashir Uddin email: bashir@banglaha.org.uk if you have any comments or if you would like to have a hard copy of the Annual Report.



Bangla Housing Association's 30th AGM held on 16.09.2021 at the North London Muslim Community Centre, Hackney

SHANAZ RE-ELECTED BANGLA TENANT BOARD MEMBER

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Shanaz Begum has been re-elected to represent the tenants on the Bangla Housing Association's Board of Management for year 2021/22.

In the July 2021 issue of the Bangla Post we invited nominations from tenants as Shanaz's one-year term expired in July 2021.

By closing date for nominations on 31 July 2021 we did not receive any nominations and as Shanaz was seeking re-election, she has been duly returned to serve on the Bangla Board for another year up to July 2022.

Congratulations and our best wishes to Shanaz
You can contact your tenants' reps via email:
info@banglaha.org.uk

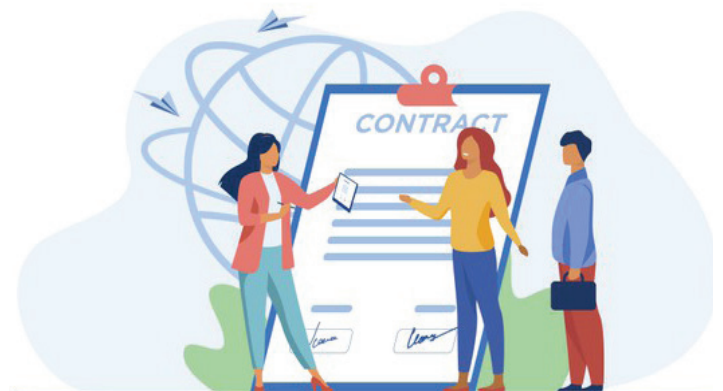
FIRE SAFETY



To minimise any risk of fire at your home or in your building please follow these simple rules:

- Do not leave any items in the communal areas.
- Do not smoke in the internal communal areas.
- Do not use a barbecue anywhere inside the building or in the balcony.
- Do not use faulty electrical items.
- Do not leave the kitchen unattended when cooking.
- Be careful when using lit candles.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working.
- If you are concerned about fire safety at your home, please contact Bangla on 07519 715 039.

TENANT BOARD MEMBER REQUIRED



We are now looking to Co-opt a Bangla HA tenant to replace Abrus Ali on the Bangla Board. Abrus Ali sadly passed away in May 2021 after serving on the Board for 17 years.

If you or if you know of any other Bangla HA tenant who might be interested to join the Bangla Board, please contact Bashir Uddin on 07519 715 039 or email: bashir@banglaha.org.uk

STAY SAFE AND PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

Coronavirus remains a serious health risk. You should stay cautious to protect yourself and others.

- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer
- Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- Get tested and self-isolate if required.
- If you haven't already, get vaccinated.

For further information log onto:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



KEEPING COMMUNAL AREAS CLEAR



Please do not leave items in communal areas, such as stairwells and corridors, as these pose a risk in the event of a fire.

We recently wrote to all residents to explain that we would be using contractors to remove any unclaimed items from communal areas, including bicycles and prams.

Any items removed will be disposed immediately and Bangla cannot be held responsible for them.

GAS SAFETY CHECKS



Landlords are required to carry out gas safety checks annually. When we contact you to give access for these inspections, please keep the appointment and help us to keep your home safe.

If you have any query about gas safety inspections at your home, please contact Shah Uddin on 07983 467 036 or email: shah@banglaha.org.uk

Please note: If you smell gas contact Transco immediately on 0800 111 999

RESIDENTS MEETINGS



Our next Tenants Ficus Group meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Thursday 4 November 2021 at 6.00pm -7.00pm.

The following items will be discussed.

- My Tenancy – How Bangla tenants will be able to access their rent accounts and other information using their unique ID and password via Bangla Website which is currently being processed.
- Bangla office staff current working arrangement and how we can further improve our services to our residents.

All Bangla tenants are welcome to join this meeting. For the link to join this meeting and for any further information about these meetings please contact:

Leena Khan on 07519 715 039 or

Email:leena@banglaha.org.uk

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

	Hackney	Islington	Waltham Forest
Service Centre	020 8356 3000	0207 527 2000	020 8496 3000
Housing and Council Tax Benefit	020 8356 3399	020 7527 4990	As above
Council Tax Queries	020 8356 3154	020 7527 2633	As above
Domestic Violence Unit	0800 056 0905	0808 2000 247	0208 558 6228
Noise reporting	020 8356 4455	020 7527 3258	0208 496 3000
Racial Harassment Unit	0800 056 0905	0207 230 2229	0208 496 3000
Victim Support	0800 056 0905 0208 356 4457	020 7272 0784	0208 503 6226
Rubbish Collection/ Recycling	020 8356 6688	020 7527 2000	0208 496 3000
Bulky Waste/Street Cleaning	020 8356 6688 up to 5 items	020 7527 4900	0208 496 3000
Parking Enquiries	0208 357 8877	020 7527 2000	0208 496 3000
Police	020 7739 1212	020 7704 1212	020 8520 3211
Gas Leaks	(TRANSCO) 0800 111 999	(TRANSCO) 0800 111 999	(TRANSCO) 0800 111 999
Sewage	(Thames Water) 0845 920 0800	(Thames Water) 0845 920 0800	(Thames Water) 0845 920 0800

Answers to Puzzles (from Children's' page)
 (1) When it is 11 a.m., adding six hours makes it 5 p.m.
 (2) 1, 2, and 3.
 (3) 3 tickets (the grandmother is also a mother, and the mother is also a daughter)
 (4) A decimal. 7.8 is greater than 7, but less than 8

CHILDRENS PAGE

COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Stay alert, stay safe!

Now that most people have been vaccinated and less people are falling ill with Covid-19, the government has lifted the lockdown rules. Until Covid-19 has been eradicated fully, we will all still have to continue to be careful by staying alert and safe. Continue to follow the school and government's advice on Covid-19.

SHARE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND WIN £75 GIFT VOUCHER!

Send us your pictures, short stories, poems or drawings about your feelings, thoughts, and experiences of the past 18 months of living with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

You can ask your parents or carers to send a picture of your work by email – bashir@banglaha.org.uk or by WhatsApp to 07519 715 039 with your name and first line of your address.

All entries must be received by 30 November 2021. The best work as judged by our panel of judges will receive a gift voucher worth £75 and it will be published in our next newsletter. Our Panel of Judges' decision will be considered as final.

We will not share your name or address with anyone without your permission.

CAN YOU SOLVE THESE RIDDLES?

1. I add six to eleven and get five. Why is this correct?
2. You know $2 + 2$ comes to the same as 2×2 . Now find a set of three different whole numbers whose sum is equal to their total when multiplied.
3. A grandmother, two mothers, and two daughters went to a baseball game together and bought one ticket each. How many tickets did they buy in total?
4. What can you put between a 7 and an 8 so that the result is greater than a seven, but less than an eight?

See answers on page 6

WORDS OF WISDOM



"We learn from failure, not from success"

— Bram Stoker

"He who knows all the answers has not been asked all the questions."

— Confucius

"The more I read, the more I acquire, the more certain I am that I know nothing."

— Voltaire

"We live in an age when unnecessary things are our only necessities."

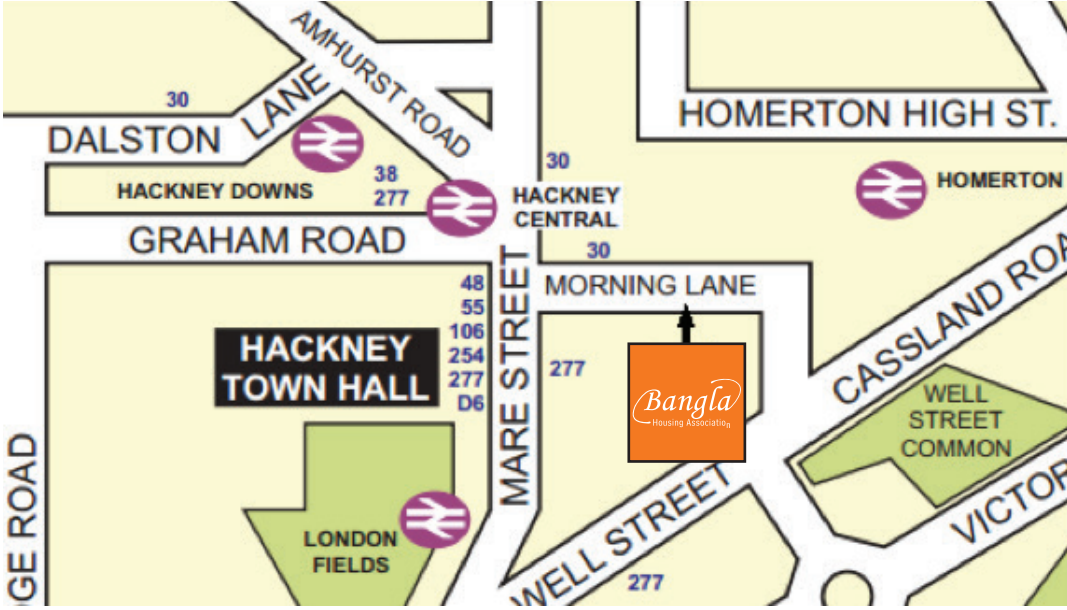
— Oscar Wilde

"Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, 'What's in it for me?'"

— Brian Tracy

DIRECTION TO BANGLA OFFICE

CONTACT US



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But you can contact us on the following numbers and email.

Mobile: 07519 715 039

Mobile: 07983 467 036

Web:
www.banglaha.org.uk

Email:
info@banglaha.org.uk

Our office is at 100 Morning Lane,
London E9 6LH

(see map above)

It is about 5 minutes' walk from Hackney Central Station and Mare Street.

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Bus routes along Mare Street:

38, 48, 55, 106, 254, 277 and D6

Bus routes along Morning Lane:

30, 236, 276 and W15

CAN WE HELP?

You can ask for this document in large print, on audio tape or in another language. Please contact us on 020 8985 1124.

আপনি এই ডকুমেন্টটি বড় হরফে, অডিও টেপে বা অন্য যে কোন ভাষায় অনুরোধ করতে পারেন। দয়া করে আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন ০২০ ৮৯৮৫ ১১২৪ নম্বরে।

Haddaad u bahan tahay warqad far waa weyn ama CD afkaaga ah fadlan nagala soo hadal numbarkaa 020 8985 1124

Bu belgeyi büyük baskı, ses bandı veya başka bir dil olarak isteyebilirsiniz. 020 8985 1124 'ü arayarak bize ulaşın.

এই নিউজেলটারে যেসব খবর রয়েছে।

বাংলা হাউজিং এসোসিয়েশনের ৩০ তম বার্ষিকী এবং বাংলাদেশের স্বাধীনতার ৫০ তম বার্ষিকী উদযাপন।
সম্পাদকের মন্তব্য।
আপনার রেন্ট স্টেটমেন্ট ও রেন্ট কি ভাবে প্রদান করতে পারবেন।
শানাজ বাংলা বোর্ডে ভাড়াটিয়া প্রতিনিধি হিসেবে পুনরায় নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন।
মেসারামতের কাজের জন্য কিভাবে রিপোর্ট করবেন।
অগ্নি নিরাপত্তা।

গ্যাস নিরাপত্তা চেক।
দরকারী যোগাযোগ নম্বর।
আমাদের পরবর্তী টেন্যান্টস ফোকাস গ্রুপের সভা জুমের মাধ্যমে আগামী ৪ নভেম্বর ২০২১ ইং সন্ধ্যা ৬টা থেকে ৭টা পর্যন্ত অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।
বাচ্চাদের পৃষ্ঠা
এই নিউজেলটার পড়তে বা বোঝতে অসুবিধা হলে ০৭৫১৯ ৭১৫ ০৩৯ নং এ ফোন করে আমাদের জানান।