

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF LONDON

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How the City is helping Grenfell victims



The City has been at the forefront of the response to the Grenfell tragedy. In June, the Corporation were unsuccessful in the purchase of 68 homes in Kensington Row which were to be allocated to Kensington and Chelsea Council for victims. However, the City's Town Clerk, John Barradell, has won praise for his leadership of the Grenfell Response Task Force.

This month, the City's charitable founder, City Bridge Trust, has given £114,000 to 18 organisations in Kensington & Chelsea to provide a summer programme of activities for young people and families affected by the fire.

I commend the City's speed and efforts during this tragedy.

Update on Portsoken Pavilion & Square



In January this year, the City Corporation were informed that the anticipated completion for both the Pavilion and the Square would be at the end of 2017.

While the opening of the Pavilion is still on schedule to take place at the end of 2017, the completion of the Square is now scheduled for March 2018.

Access to the Pavilion is likely to be facilitated by a temporary footway during this period as the finished surfaces around the Pavilion may not be constructed by the time it opens.

A Winter Fair is being organised at the Pavilion on 1 December. So, put the date in your diary!

The City launches the Culture Mile



The City unveiled the 'Culture Mile' this month – an initiative to create a vibrant cultural area stretching from Farringdon to Moorgate over the next 10 to 15 years.

The partnership between the City Corporation, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London Symphony Orchestra and Museum of London plans to make the Square Mile a major destination for culture and creativity.

At the centre of the plans are a state-of-the-art Centre for Music, a new Museum of London and the transformation of Beech Street. Expect imaginative collaborations and outdoor programming 7-days a week. Watch this space!

Get involved in City Giving Day 2017!



City Giving Day is on 26 September 2017. Last year over 200 companies took part and more than £300,000 was raised for the Lord Mayor's Appeal, charities and community groups.

Companies that register this year will be included in the Roll of Honour on the City Giving Day website as well as in City A.M. You will also receive an invitation to the Countdown Breakfast at Mansion House on 5 September and to a photocall with the Lord Mayor in Guildhall Yard on City Giving Day itself.

You can find out more information about getting involved in City Giving Day by visiting:

<https://www.thelordmayorsappeal.org/city-giving-day/about/>

Got questions about the City of London?

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6PM - 8PM

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