

Watson Killiney Residents Association Newsletter



Summer 2015

Proposed sale of the Playing Field

Merrion Property Group made a proposal to Johnstown Parish for the sale of a strip of Land on the right side of the Church Playing Field. This would have given access to their property at Culgrenagh via a new entrance on Churchview Road (near Watson Rd Junction). The proposed strip was the full length of the field and 12 metres wide (approx). As a result it was discussed at the AGM on 12th May. The committee decided as a result to inform all residents of the proposed sale and also to ask residents to send their concerns to Fr J Sinnott. It was also decided to survey the residents in the estate and to present the results to Fr Sinnott. Johnstown Residents Association and Glengarrif Residents Association also decided to carry out a similar survey. The results which showed an overwhelming decision not to proceed with the sale were then presented to Fr Sinnott. As a result of this and feedback from other concerned parties it was decided not to proceed with the sale. The playing field will now be reinstated and upgraded as an ongoing resource to all users.

Neighbourhood Watch

By now everyone who has expressed an interest in joining Neighbourhood Watch is a member. Membership is simple! It only involves receiving a pack from the Residents Association & Gardaí and agreeing to receive and send alert text messages. The purpose of these text messages is to immediately send reports of suspicious activity or crime to residents in the estate. You only text 1 person, your local coordinator – it is their job to then spread the word by text. We currently have 5 coordinators in the estate who are doing an excellent job.

We are urgently seeking MORE coordinators due to the uptake in this scheme.

If you wish to volunteer to be a coordinator or wish to join the scheme please contact any of the committee members or email us at watsonkilliney@gmail.com.



Local Business

Please play your part in supporting Local Business by spending locally where possible. If you would like to add your business to our website, please send us an email with a business description and contact details to watsonkilliney@gmail.com. There is no charge for this facility



The estate cleanup in conjunction with An Taisce National Spring Clean Up took place on Saturday 18th of April. 9 volunteers attended and cleaned up litter from Churchview & Brackenbush greens, and the green on the walk way to Tesco from Watson Drive & Park & Brackenbush Road. 30 bags of litter in total were collected.

The next estate clean-up is taking place in Sept 2015. Committee members will be available to hand out refuse bags, gloves and litter pickers. All residents will be sent details of this event in advance.

DLRCoCo Grass Cutting

The contract for grass cutting is now outsourced by DLRCo Co to a company named SAP. This company is responsible for cutting and maintaining all large green areas within the estate i.e. Churchview Rd/Pk/Ave, Auburn (in front of the church), Auburn Close, Brackenbush and the walk thru areas at Watson Drive/Park. The committee have been in regular contact with DLRCoCo regarding the timing of grass cuttings, and quality of cutting. As a result it is now agreed to cut these areas on a weekly basis during the growing season. We hope that you are happy with the service being offered this year. If you have any comments please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members or DLRCoCo Tel 2054700.

Website / Facebook

We would like to remind residents of our website - www.watsonkillineyres.ie. We endeavour to ensure we keep the website up-to-date. We also have a Facebook page, and aim to have as many residents linked with us as possible.

Annual Subscription

The Annual collection for the Residents Association is now completed for 2014/2015. During the year the committee has organised the planting of road name signs, grass cutting, elimination of graffiti, estate clean ups, production of newsletters and launched a new web site/ Facebook Page. Run on a purely voluntary basis the collection is the Associations only form of income and we would like to think that all residents get excellent value for their voluntary contribution. If you have not yet paid your annual subscription please contact any of the committee members to arrange.

Speed limits in the estate

As a result of complaints from residents the committee will contact DLRCoCo Traffic Section to make enquiries re traffic calming solutions on Watson

Just an hour of your time can make a BIG difference to the quality of your neighbourhood



Public Lighting

Public lighting within our estate is the responsibility of DLRCoCo. If you notice that a street light near your house is not working, please report it to DLRCoCo – do not assume someone else has. You need to have the number of the lamp post, the address closest to the lamp and the nature of the fault ie: light out / on 24-7 / going on and off, etc.

All faults can be reported to the Public Lighting Section on ph: 2054809.



Ballyogan Recycling Park

Ballyogan Recycling Park is our nearest DLRCoCo recycling park. They are open 7 days a week: 8.30-5.30 Mon – Fri, 9.30-5.30 Sat, 10.30-5.30 Sun. A number of items are free to recycle, some carry a fee. The fee is based on the size of vehicle you arrive in. Cars carrying chargeable items cost \in 30, small vans \in 60 and intermediate vans \in 100. Similarly garden waste is changed based on the size of the vehicle you arrive in. Cars cost \in 7, small vans \in 25 and intermediate vans \in 50. Regular use of this low cost service may save you needing a skip down the line!

Asides from recycling, Ballyogan also sell some items. Compost bins that hold 290 litres of waste are for sale for €35, and Water Butts that hold 190 litres are for sale for €40 (includes child-proof lid, stand, tap and diverter to connect to down pipe). Cards are accepted.

Please see www.dlrcoco.ie/aboutus/councildepartments/wasteservices/findit/ballyoganrecyclingpark for further information.

Houses Recently Sold

A number of houses have been sold within our estate since 01/01/15. Prices have included $\[\] 482,500, \] 492,500, \] 430,000, \] 700,000$ and $\[\] 512,500$. At a glance prices appear to be higher compared to similar houses sold in 2014.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new neighbours.

<u>Summer Time</u>

Fancy following someone to the ends of the earth this summer? 27 men followed Irish explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton to Antarctica along with two fellow Irishmen, Tom Crean and Tim McCarthy. Now you can witness THE most incredible survival story in Polar history through stunning photographs, artefacts and a life boat replica at the 'Shackleton Endurance Exhibition' in the Ferry Terminal Building, Dún Laoghaire. The exhibition is open until August 2015. Entry fees are of €6 per adult, €3.50 per child and €14 for a family of four.



<u>Irish Cancer Society (ICS) 'Sun Smart Code'</u>

The Irish Cancer Society is warning us all to be smart in the sun this summer because skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in Ireland. Most cases are caused by UV rays from the sun. The ICS advise you follow the 'Sun Smart Code' from April to September, whatever the weather. Step 1: Get some shade. Step 2: Cover Up with clothes and a hat. Step 3: Wear sunglasses. Step 4: Use sunscreen.

For detailed information please log onto www.cancer.ie/reduceyour-risk/sunsmart/code

or contact the ICS National Helpline on **Freefone 1800 200 700**.



Remember - This is **YOUR** Association

There are many ways to get involved: newsletter distribution, committee membership, subscription collection, contributing articles for our newsletter. Please get in touch - phone any of us or send us an email: watsonkilliney@gmail.com.

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