



SOCIAL EVENT SUCCESS

We are delighted to confirm our social event on 01/12/18 was a great success!! The bingo, quiz, magician, raffle prizes, games, food and music all went down a treat!

There was a great turn out on the night in The Graduate. Over 60 residents and friends enjoyed the activities, music and most importantly the fundraising. Thanks to the generosity of many residents, those present on the night and a number of local businesses we are delighted to announce we raised **€819** for 'The Meadow' classes in Johnstown Girls National School.

We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their commitment to and support of the event:

The Graduate, Green Dragon Well, Masala, Murray's Pharmacy, The Wardrobe, The Newsagents Killiney Shopping Centre, SuperValue, Deerings, Killiney Travel, Peter Mark, Delicious Desserts, Foxrock Electrical, Shades Hair Studio, Shankill Tennis Club and Special Touch Interiors.

Message to Residents from Our Lady of Good Counsel Girls School

"The Meadow, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Girls School in is a purpose built facility that educates children with autism from the age of 4 years to 13 years, in our community. The Meadow was opened in 2011. There are three classes of 6 children, boys and girls, which allows for intensive and individualized teaching. Within the centre there is a sensory gym and a quiet room. These facilities are used by the children daily and as often as required. We also are very lucky to have a small playground with a soft surface and a sensory garden. The school is very proud of the Meadow and its success in the provision of education for children with special needs and indeed many of our mainstream children use the Meadow facilities for movement breaks or for some quiet time when required. One of the many successes of The Meadow, has been the integration of the children from these special classes into both mainstream schools. This allows the children to be included as part of their class and to maintain social connections with their peers in the mainstreams school, this connection is vital for children with additional needs as they grow.

We are delighted to accept and greatly appreciate the recent donation of €819 that we received from the Watson Killiney Residents Association, in a setting such as the Meadow we are constantly updating and changing our resources and methods and this can be costly. On this occasion we have decided to put the money towards the purchase of IPADs for the children in the Meadow."



Fall prevention at home

Falls are a common but often overlooked source of injury at home. Everyone is potentially at risk of having a fall, but certain groups of people are more vulnerable than others. Below are some tips suggested by the HSE to minimize chances of a fall at home:

- Leave a low energy light on at night time.
- Use a non-slip shower or bath mat.
- Make sure wires or cords from lamps, telephones etc. do not trail where you walk.
- Arrange furniture so that you can easily move around all your rooms.
- Remove rugs or use non-slip tape or backing so rugs will not slip.
- Consider installing hand rails on both sides of the stairs.
- If you live alone consider having a pendent alarm or phone to hand.

Keep safe this winter. For more information visit www.hse.ie.

On top of the HSE's advice above, the Residents Association encourages everyone to keep an eye on each other, especially at this time of year in colder weather. If you haven't seen your neighbour(s) in a while call in to check that they are ok. If you know and trust your neighbour exchange phone numbers or possibly a spare key. Make yourself as safe and accessible as possible this winter.



Safety Tips at Christmas Time

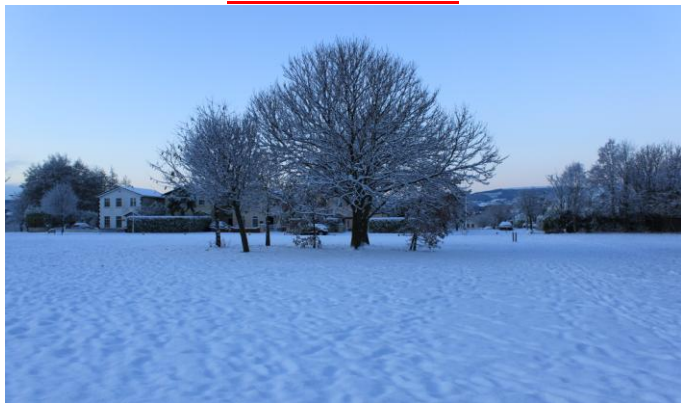
A number of agencies have safety tips for Christmas time. These tips include:

- Don't overload sockets and never use indoor extension leads outside.
- Place lighted candles at least 75mm apart from one another.
- Never burn wrapping paper in your fireplace.
- Never remove batteries from smoke alarms to use in children's toys.
- If you have guests keep peanuts out of children's reach in case they have allergies.
- Wear a hi-vis vest if you are walking in the evening.
- Only defrost your turkey in the fridge. Remember it takes 24 hours per 4-5lbs.
- Don't publicise any holidays on social media.
- Be a responsible driver. If you are going out plan who is driving home.

Tips courtesy of Dublin City Council, HSE, Safefood.eu, Zurich.ie and RSA.ie.



Christmas 2018

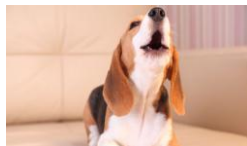
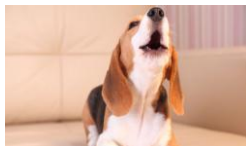


The Residents Association would like to wish every resident a very happy Christmas. The estate is looking extremely festive again this year! We would like to thank you all for your efforts the lights and decorations look fantastic again this year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered with us during 2018 as a Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Coordinator, volunteer during a clean-up, annual subscription collector or litter / leaf collector. We would like to also thank those who deliver the newsletters and all other notices for us throughout the year, and all who attended our AGM.

Your support and commitment is essential in the running of our residents association.

We are also aware that Christmas can be a difficult time of the year for some of our neighbours and friends. We are thinking of you, and are here to offer support in any way we can.



Dog Barking

This year we have been contacted by a lot of residents who are affected by dog barking. Many people love dogs and many houses have dogs as cherished family pets. While we understand this, there appears to be lots of residents who are exposed to ongoing dog barking when dogs are left in the back garden by their owner(s).

The ideal solution to this problem is if you are affected by dog barking that you are able to solve it by talking to the dog owner / your neighbour.

If a dog in your area is causing a nuisance by barking, you have the right to petition to the District Court for an injunction to prevent the dog barking. See <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/environment/animal-control/dogs> for further details.

The issue of dog barking is not something the Residents Association can engage in, other than to say it is important that we all get on with our neighbours! Please bare this in mind if you are a dog owner.



Our Achievements in 2018

- Wild bird sign installed in Brackenbush Green at Tesco
- Neighbourhood Watch text alert scheme monitored and updated
- 4 newsletters circulated to all houses
- 3,000 additional bulbs planted within the estate
- 3 clean up days took place
- Flashing speed sign successfully rotated amongst all 6 locations
- In conjunction with DLRCoCo we have focused on wildflowers flourishing in the estate
- We hung 15 more bird, bat and bee boxes
- We sent a list to DLRCoCo of trees to be replaced throughout the estate
- We held our first social in years during which €819 was raised and donated to The Meadow Classes in Johnstown Girls National School
- We entered the Tidy Districts 2018
- We submitted observations for both developments on Watson Rd / Church Rd and Watson Drive / Church Rd
- We erected the 50th Anniversary Stone on Watson Pk green area and a new granite stone at Churchview Park
- We redesigned the existing 20 granite road name signs situated at various locations around the estate

This is just some of the work that has been completed this year. As usual we have also facilitated the annual subscription collections, held an AGM attended meeting with and in DLRCoCo, had ongoing liaison with the Parks and Roads Departments in DLRCoCo and completed relevant courses promoted by DLRCoCo.



Winter Pet Care from the DSPCA

Even though you might want to stay indoors and wrap up warm, it's very important to remember your pets and other animals during the cold winter months.

- Outdoors bedding should be raised off the ground so they don't catch a chill from the cold, damp floor.
- Dog kennels should be lined with old rugs and linen to help keep dogs comfortable and warm.
- For walks in the dark the DSPCA recommend a reflective collar, lead and a winter coat for your dog.
- Make sure that your cat has a proper cat safety collar with reflective pieces on it.
- Never let your dog off the lead on snow or ice.
- Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter.
- Keep dogs away from ponds and lakes that have frozen over. Thin ice may break under your dog's weight.

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