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**We would like to wish all the residents of Watson's Estate a Happy Easter.**



## Estate Clean Up Day

April is designated National Spring Clean month and to coincide with this the residents association is organising an estate clean-up at 11.00am on Saturday the 12th of April. The clean-up will be organised in conjunction with Johnstown Boys School and DLR Co.Co, who supply the labeled refuse sacks and collect these sacks the day afterwards. Council refuse sacks, gloves and litter picking devices will be available from committee members prior to the cleanup. If you're interested in helping, join us at the church car park at 11am. The filled council refuse sacks can be returned to the members between 12.00 and 12.30pm.

**Please give an hour to help clean the place up – 11am Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
All ages are welcome and refreshments will be made available afterwards for the kids.**

## Anti Social Behaviour

In the last number of weeks the antisocial behavior has been a great source of concern to all the residents in particular on lower Churchview Rd. Instances of the following have been reported: Taking of bins and burning of same in Kilbogget Park, loud and obnoxious behavior from youths inappropriately using the equipment in the Astro turf and playground & throwing of stones and other items at cars The gardai have been called and have been most courteous. However as you can imagine as the park is large the youths disperse and then reconvene once the gardai have left. Ideally the residents would ask the council to explore the possibility of moving the Astro turf pitch and the playground to another area within the park but at a very minimum we would ask that CCTV be installed in both the Astro turf Pitch and the children's playground. The committee has contacted local representatives re. a solution to the problem.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Following an increase of burglaries in the estate the committee has met the Community Garda for the area with the intention of revisiting the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the Group Text Alert Scheme. Residents are reminded to take extra care by remembering to turn on your alarm at night, reset timers on your lights and report all suspicious activities to the Gardai. Tel 6665400

## Church Road Development

**New Planning Applications:**

D14A/106-San Michelle, Arranmore and 19 Watson Road---8 three storey houses and sewage and surface water through to Watson Rd sewers, closure of entrances from 3 to one on Church Road.

D14A/107-Smallacre, Woodlawn and 43 Watson Road--- same as above.

The main issues are height: The double height of bungalows and windows at all three levels and massing to rear boundary which affects residents of Watson Road. To the wider Estate access to the sewers on Watson Road at no 19 and 43 have implications for all residents in Watsons from poor history with blockages, root ingress, pipe lining and general deterioration over the last 45 years approximately. The Developers now or in the past together with the Council have not put forward any plans to alleviate the situation. It would appear that they are happy to allow additions without any concern and this should be resisted. It is fair to say we have no capacity in a system worse than when it was installed with no repair or rectification.

The Fairhaven site is adding 7 new houses to the above 2 sites of 16 houses with space to add more on those sites if they get sewage connection and the possibility of adding/purchasing more lands on Church Road. We need housing but only that which is sustainable with the proper infrastructure to sustain what we have not learned from problems that have surfaced elsewhere.

The Committee will lodge an objection before 14/04/2014.

# News from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co.Co.

## NEW LITTER WARDEN

Each ward in the county has been assigned a litter warden and a staff member to deal with queries that you may have relating to litter and illegal dumping. The contact for your area is Shu Wai Tung. You may also contact him to request that your street is swept, gullies cleaned etc. Shu Wai will take your complaint and get the appropriate staff to investigate. You can contact him on 01 2054817, our litter free phone number 1800 403 503 or email [environ@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:environ@dlrcoco.ie)

## STREET LIGHTING

If you have an enquiry about street lighting in your area, please contact the Public Lighting Section in the Transportation Department on 01 2054809.

## F.O.G.S – FATS OILS AND GREASES

When Fats, Oils and Greases from cooking are poured down a kitchen sink, they cool and harden inside the public sewer pipe. This narrows the pipe and leads to blockages. This can cause flooding and damage to the Council's pumping stations.

Please do not pour your kitchen waste fats, oils and greases down your sink. Instead you can wipe the FOG residue with kitchen paper, toilet paper or newspaper and dispose of it in your brown bin or black bin. Alternatively cooking oils can be brought to Ballyogan Recycling Park. When FOG is disposed of in this way, it does not cause problems. If you have any questions, please contact the Pollution Control Section - Water & Waste Services Department - phone 01 205 4763 or Email [pbuggy@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:pbuggy@dlrcoco.ie)

## BLOCKED DRAINS

Toilets are for disposal of organic body waste & toilet paper only. Everything else should go into the bin! Did you know that nappies, cleansing wipes, sanitary towels and dryer sheets do not dissolve in water? So, if you flush them down your toilet they are likely to block your plumbing and to block a drain near to where you live. They are causing a big problem in the public sewers, at the pumping stations and at the sewage treatment plants. So please, when it comes to the below items, don't flush them down the loo, put them in the bin!

- Baby Wipes / Facial Wipes
- Sanitary Towels / Tampons
- Cotton Buds / Nappies
- Non-biodegradable Hygiene Products
- Items Containing thick Plastic or Cotton even if they are labelled flushable

## GREEN DOG WALKERS

The Green Dog Walkers' scheme is a positive and pro-active way to encourage and support responsible dog ownership. It aims to increase awareness of the problem of dog fouling which is among the most common and anti-social forms of littering. When a dog owner signs up to the scheme the Council will send them a complimentary green dog-walkers armband and a 'doggie bone' poop-bag dispenser with a roll of bags. By signing up the dog owner has 'Taken the Pledge' to always clean up after their dog, to carry extra doggie bags and to gladly give others a bag for their dog if they ask for one. By wearing the green armband they are signaling that they are a responsible dog-owner participating in and supporting the scheme.

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## ROAD AND FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

If a footpath or road is defective and in need of renewal in your area, please contact the Roads Maintenance Section on 01 2054879 or email them on [transportation@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:transportation@dlrcoco.ie)

## ROAD SIGNAGE

If there is an existing road sign /plate that is damaged and needs replacing you should contact the Roads Maintenance Section on 01 2054879 or email them on [transportation@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:transportation@dlrcoco.ie)