



New Logo and New Facebook

The Residents Association Committee are delighted to officially launch our new logo and Facebook page!

Logo: In designing our new logo the committee had a number of discussions about what we would like our logo to reflect. We were very mindful of the unique history our estate has starting out as a nursery. So, we decided we would like to incorporate this history into our logo. We engaged the assistance of Lucy Molloy a young resident who took on board our thoughts and independently designed our wonderful new logo. We are delighted with the final product and are proud to launch it in this Newsletter. The red rose is a testament to the award winning roses that were once upon a time grown in Watson Nurseries.



Facebook: Due to technical issues we have recently had to close our old Facebook page and open a new one (with invaluable technical assistance). We are therefore delighted to launch our new Facebook page called 'Watson Killiney Residents Association'. Please find us on Facebook, like us and follow us. Facebook is the best way for us to share information and keep residents up to date with everything that is happening. Our page is already full of lots of information!



Planning approved for the site known as Culgrenagh on Church Road / Churchview Road (Ref: 304823)

As you are all aware the closing date for observations to this planning application was 06/08/19. On 17/10/19 An Bord Pleanála communicated their decision that they **have approved** the proposed development. This decision was reached by reviewing the file which included all the planning details, all observations received and a response from DLRCoCo.

What we have done since hearing about the application:

- Delivered a specific Newsletter to all 680 houses in Watson's.
- Followed this newsletter up with door to door calling and a second more detailed newsletter.
- In conjunction with the Watson Road Action Group written and submitted an observation.
- Written to all the Cllr's and TD's in our area asking they support the concerns detailed in our observation.
- Attended DLRCoCo council chambers to witness an extraordinary meeting called for Cllr's to discuss the proposed development.



Hands For Life First Aid/CPR Training

Hands for Life CPR / First Aid training ran in conjunction with **The Irish Heart Foundation** successfully took place in the Pastoral Centre on 25/09/19. There were three fully booked sessions with 90 residents present on the night facilitated by Des Kelly on behalf of The Irish Heart Foundation. We would like to sincerely thank The Irish Heart Foundation, ESB Networks, Abbott (who funded the training) and the Parish and Pastoral Centre for hosting the event.

Coincidentally, in the days just before our training Ballybrack / Shankill First Responders installed an AED in Ballybrack Shopping Centre just outside Tescos. Please see www.watsonkillineyres.ie for a link to all local AED's.

DLRCoCo Tidy District, 2019

Unfortunately this year we did not win in our category in DLRCoCo's Tidy District's competition, but we were runners up winning a €300 prize!

Our results were:

- Overall presentation of the estate: 8/10
- Road and street presentation: 12/15
- Landscaping: 8/10
- Natural amenities and habitats: 8/10
- Absence of litter: 17/20
- Graffiti Management: 15/15
- Voluntary Community Participation: 13/15
- Communication with residents: 5/5.

Overall result: 86/100.

Comments: The judges noted our positive move from annual to perennial planting, the cleanliness of the estate and our ongoing efforts to rapidly remove graffiti. While we clearly have things to work on, the committee are delighted with our overall score as we have had a number of changes this year.



'Tackle it Tuesdays'

Reflecting on the summer months and the maintenance of our estate we have had an idea!! Tuesday every week is now estate maintenance 'Tackle it Tuesday'.

On these days we will be planting, pruning, digging, weeding, brushing, watering, collecting, cleaning, litter picking, having FUN and chatting.

Think about joining us, we would love to see you. It is a great way to get to know your neighbours (and us) and feel good by doing something for our estate.

If you would like to join us contact Olivia Moore (number on reverse page) who will send you the meeting time and plan in advance of the day.



Halloween Bonfires

As they do every year, DLRCoCo have stated that Bonfire burning is a very serious threat to public health and our environment. The Residents Association would like to second this stance, and remind **ALL** residents that bonfires are illegal and dangerous.

PLEASE REPORT INSTANCES OF DUMPING TO 1800 403 503 or the Environment Enforcement Unit in DLRCoCo on 2047954 or wasteenforcement@dlrcoco.ie.

Enrolment in Our Lady of Good Counsel Schools

We are delighted to advise that applications are now open for Junior Infants in both Our Lady of Good Counsel Girls and Boys National Schools for September 2020. Application forms are available on the individual school websites or by email request from either school office.

Air Pollution

With the winter months fast approaching, days and evenings at home around the fire are becoming increasingly more popular. We would like to remind all residents to be mindful and conscious about what you burn in your fire at home, as it can affect air quality for your neighbours.

Thank you

The Residents Association Committee would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the residents who helped us this summer. It was a busy summer for us all ensuring our new plants settled in and litter was kept under control. We couldn't have done it without your help and we really appreciate it. Our youngest helper is 7 years of age and we have to say she did an amazing job with the Watson Park Stone which flourished all summer.



Rats on Churchview Green

Over the summer many of you many have noticed the HSE signs on Churchview Green stating the area was being treated for rats. We did some investigation. Following a complaint from a resident to DLRCoCo, on 30/05/19 HSE Pest Control Services placed biodegradable bait boxes under the trees (at both ends of Churchview Park) and erected signs to notify residents that the area was being treated with poison. The situation was monitored by both the HSE and DLRCoCo and has been resolved.



Our Winter Social is Returning

on

30 / 11 / 19

Time: 8 'till late

Where: Function room upstairs in The Graduate

What's happening: Finger food, bingo, a quiz, a raffle, spot prizes, music and FUN.

Everyone is welcome. We look forward to welcoming you and your family / friends (over 18) this year.

The best part of the event is ALL the money raised on the night will be donated to Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders for an AED to be purchased and located in the vicinity of Killiney Shopping Centre.

In addition to money raised in the raffle, we are charging €8 per ticket for the night. As the event is being held in The Graduate we are limited to 150 tickets.

Tickets are on sale now from either Olivia or Mary on the Residents Association. Their contact details are at the bottom of the back of this page.



Estate Clean Up

Our next estate clean-up is taking place on the 9th of November at a new time! Committee members will be available to hand out refuse bags, gloves, litter pickers and motivation! We will also be available to collect all of your filled sacks. Light refreshments and a small raffle will take place afterwards at Brackenbush Green. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Meet in the Church car park on

9th of November at 9.30am

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

We are YOUR Association Committee Members

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