

Autumn 2015

Halloween

On the 25th of Oct DLRCoCo are hosting a **Haunted Forest Walk** in Marley Park from 3.30pm - 8.30pm. Ghouls and goblins are already practising their scares in preparation. The walk will feature a route of SPOOK filled with Halloween spirits. Chills, freaks and frights will be the order of the day as the woods in Marlay Park come alive with freaky fog, ghastly spiders, all seeing eyeballs, and menacing witches and wizards. Festoon lighting, sound effects and smoke will all add to the scare factor. The haunted forest is not for the faint hearted or easily freaked! The walk is approx. 1.7km long on a path suitable for buggies and wheelchairs. Go in your Halloween costume - but remember it is an outdoor event so warm clothing is recommended.

Entry is FREE but by WRISTBAND ONLY. For further details and wristband collection see: <u>http://events.dlrcoco.ie/event/samhain-2015</u>



Halloween Bonfires

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. They affect everyone and everything in your neighbourhood: children, the elderly, pets and other animals. They can cause health complications for some people including: skin rashes, asthma, and pose risks for people with respiratory conditions. When added to a bonfire wastes such as aerosols, pressurised containers and flammable substances can explode and injure bystanders and damage nearby properties. Smoke from burning wastes (particularly TYRES, PAINTS AND PLASTICS) can contain hazardous chemicals including sulphur dioxide, lead, mercury, arsenic and carbon monoxide which are dangerous to inhale. Children could swallow toxic material from dirt on their hands while playing near ash residue. Remember that bonfires also contribute to anti social behaviour and have high clean-up costs.

DLRCoCo have stated that residents are not to supply household waste for burning in a bonfire or hand over waste material to any unauthorised waste collector.

YOU WILL BE LIABLE FOR A FINE OF UP TO €3000. Anyone caught dumping waste in an open area can also be fined €150 under the Litter Pollution Act.

PLEASE REPORT INSTANCES OF DUMPING TO 1800 403 503 or the Environment Enforcement Unit in

DLRCoCo on 2047954 or wasteenforcement@dlrcoco.ie.



The Residents Association are seeking to set up a subcommittee whose aim will be to work with DLRCoCo in finding a solution to traffic and speed problems on Watson Drive. The Resident Association are aware that safety concerns remain an ongoing concern for some residents. Solutions discussed at our last AGM include the installation of ramps, increased signage, and turning Watson Drive into a 'Cul de Sac' at Ralahine.

If you are interested in joining this subcommittee, please contact any of the members of the association. This is your estate, make sure your voice is included.

DLRCoCo have the final say in all changes.



The Residents Association have been in contact with DLRCoCo regarding the 'Children at Play' signs in our estate. We have surveyed all of our roads, and noted that some do not have such a sign. We have requested that these signs are immediately installed, and others are cleaned of graffiti. This request is currently with the Traffic Area Engineer in DLRCoCo for consideration, we are hopeful it will be addressed as soon as possible.

We have also requested the sign at the junction of Watson Road and Watson Avenue is corrected. Has anyone noticed the mistake???

Website / Facebook

We would like to remind residents of our website -<u>www.watsonkillineyres.ie</u>. 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.



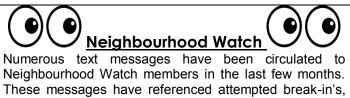
The next estate clean-up is taking place on 07/11/15. Committee members will be available to hand out refuse bags, gloves and litter pickers. We will also be available to collect the filled sacks.

Meet in the Church Car park at 11am on

Saturday the 7th of November

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





These messages have referenced attempted break-in's, burglaries and suspicious activity within our estate. The texts have created awareness, conversation and have reminded us all to be vigilant about our safety and that of our neighbours. We hope that everyone who received a Neighbourhood Watch Pack, has by now, also completed the 'Home Safety Questionnaire' and has considered their individual results. If you are not a member of Neighbourhood Watch and wish to join please complete the sheet attached and deliver to 25 Churchview Drive. The Residents Association would like to take this opportunity to thank the 6 coordinators in the estate continue to do an excellent job.

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

If you wish to volunteer please contact any of the committee members or email us at <u>watsonkilliney@gmail.com</u>.

We are also currently working with An Garda Siochana to have Neighbourhood Watch signs installed throughout the estate. We will keep you up to date on this progress – as all signs need to be approved by both the Gardaí and DLRCoCo.



Following liaison with DLRCoCo regarding speed limits within our estate, work has begun by them on surveying traffic volumes and speeds. We will keep you up to date with the progress and outcomes of this exercise. The purpose is to consider changing speed limits within the estate.

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.



Tidy Districts Competition 2015

Results are in from the above competition. Unfortunately we did not win this year. Although our overall score was 93/100 competition was tight, with Broadford Residents Association in Ballinteer winning.

This year we scored:

- 9/10 in 'Neatness and Appearance of Estate'
- 40/40 in 'Litter and Graffiti' with 15/15 awarded for graffiti control
- 18/20 in 'Community Participation and Effort in Environmental Improvement'
- 4/5 in 'Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities'.

Our overall comments this year were excellent with the judges stating:

"Lovely presentation of flowers at the entrances to all roads. Litter free in Churchview and Watson areas. Lovely flowers in Brackenbush walkway. In all a well maintained estate which residents should be proud of! Estate is graffiti free. Properties and gardens are well maintained. Some weeds/debris at the corners of some roads, but most were practically immaculate. Initiatives such as planting ivy to deter graffiti and giving residents a reduced rate for grass cutting when they are not in a position to cut their own verges as well as involving the local school are to be commended'.

The residents association would like to thank all residents for their involvement in the above comments. We aim to win next year!



Remember - This is **YOUR** Association

The Residents Association are actively seeking new members to join us! If you would like to be involved in promoting, representing and caring for our estate please get in touch with Jennifer Moore on 2856240

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: <u>watsonkilliney@gmail.com</u>.

Committee Members

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