

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department  
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee**

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**Community Development Section Report**

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**JUNE 2017**

- June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Parent & Toddler Group – Evergreen Club 10-12pm
- June 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:** Verschoyle Court Art & Photo Exhibition
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Ranelagh Plant Sale 10am
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup>:** Ranelagh Bloom Fringe
- June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Donnybrook Church Sesquicentenary 1pm
- June 8<sup>th</sup>:** Parent & Toddler Group – Evergreen Club 10-12pm  
Verschoyle Court Nature Walk – Eanna Ní Lamhna 2.30pm
- June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Terenure Dog Show 12noon (Registration 10am)
- June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Church Park / Mount Argus Family Fiesta 2-5pm
- June 12<sup>th</sup>:** Street Feast – Nationwide – South East Area Various Locations TBC
- June 13<sup>th</sup>:** Yeat's Day – Sandymount Green 10.30am  
Dance for Life 11am (Evergreen Club)
- June 15<sup>th</sup>:** Parent & Toddler Group – Evergreen Club 10-12pm  
Nature Tour of St. Stephen's Green 11am  
Verschoyle Court Garden Party 2pm
- June 16<sup>th</sup>:** **BLOOMSDAY**  
*Bloomsday Breakfast:*  
Iris Charles Centre Sandymount 9am  
Mayfield Terenure 9am
- Merrion Square Artists' Bloomsday 10.30am  
James Joyce 'Unplugged' Sandymount Green 11am  
Terenure 'Bloomsday' Tea Dance 2-4.30pm
- 'Seven Scenes from Ulysses'**  
Rathgar Village 2pm / Terenure Village 4.30pm / Harold's Cross 6pm
- 'Sceptres' Bloomsday'** Peggy Kelly's Pub 7pm

- June 17<sup>th</sup>:** International Yoga Day Pre Event – Dartmouth Square 10-12pm  
Bloomsday Ranelagh – Dartmouth Square TBC  
Seven Scenes from Ulysses – Ranelagh Village 1pm  
Sao Joao – Brazilian Day Archbishop Byrne Hall 1pm  
South Dock Festival – Pearse Park TBC
- June 18<sup>th</sup>:** SAMRA Fun Day – Sandymount Green 2-5pm  
Rathmines Community Day – TBC
- June 21<sup>st</sup>:** International Yoga Day – City Hall 1-3.30pm
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Let's Walk and Talk Visit to Glasnevin Cemetery  
**June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Harold's Cross Youth Club Fun Day 12-3pm

In addition to the above a number of weekly events continue to take place as part of ongoing community work.

Older persons' activities, weekly walks, (yoga, knitting club weekly events), allotment links etc.

**Friends of Green Spaces:**

Specific work and projects in:

Beech Hill, Dunville Avenue, Heskin Court, Macken Street, Magennis Square, Northbrook Avenue, Pearse House, Ringsend, Verschoyle Court and York Street. Company Volunteer Clean Up Projects Day in Verschoyle Court and St. Patrick's School garden in June. Tidy Towns and Dublin City Council City Neighbourhood Competition: support with village cleaning flowering and greening through main plant sales and direct work in Donnybrook, Harold's Cross, Lansdowne Park, Palmerstown Park, Rathmines, Ranelagh, Terenure and Sandymount.

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**Environmental Services Unit Report**

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**Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition 2017**

Entries in the various categories for the Dublin City Neighbourhoods residential, schools and business competitions have been received. Adjudication at area level will take place towards the end of June.

I Love Terenure 2030 has been nominated by the South East for the Pride of Place competition 2017

**Weed Control**

The first round of spraying throughout the South East Area has been completed. A second round is scheduled to take place in August.

**Events**

- Robbie Williams concert, Aviva Stadium, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Justin Bieber concert, RDS, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Dublin Pride, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Phil Collins concert, Aviva Stadium, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Docklands 5k run, Thursday evening, 6<sup>th</sup> July
- LAYA Healthcare City Spectacular, Merrion Square, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July

**Abandoned Bicycles**

88 abandoned bikes throughout the South East area have been removed to date in 2017.

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**Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements**

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**Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme**

The contractor moved on site on 23rd October 2014. The works are being carried out by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and various sub-contractors and supervised by various consultants for different aspects of these works. A number of ground condition problems have slowed this project down to date. The estimated cost of this whole project from Butt Bridge to Cardiff Lane is €3.5m and is around 75% completed. Georges Quay is reopened except for trees to be installed later. One third of flood gates were installed before Christmas 2016. Substantial completion will be around March 2017 except for some minor contracts on works.

**Grand Canal Sub Group**

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. The annual Canals Action Day was held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 and was a great success. A canal warden scheme is being prepared by Waterways Ireland. The annual Lord Mayor's Canal Volunteers Appreciation Night took place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in The Mansion House Oak Room. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)**

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January 2015 South East Area Committee. New lamp standards have been installed. The Part 8 was approved at the meeting of the full city council on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Implementation works will commence with re-alignment of the bring centre. Waste Management Section is preparing a tender document at present. Consultation has commenced with three local primary schools in relation to providing a nature play area in the woodland area. Works have been delayed on the pedestrian crossing in the village but should be resolved by end of May 2017.

**Ranelagh Gardens Park**

The Part 8 was approved at the city council meeting on Monday 6th July 2015. The playground has now been completed. Other elements of the Part 8 including bird garden, planting, works to pond edging and island will be carried out in 2017, subject to finance.

**Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)**

A draft Local Environment Improvement Plan was put on public display for consultation for a period of 6 weeks from 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and 39 submissions were received. A final draft Local Environment Improvement Plan, taking all submissions into consideration, has now been finalised. Marc Campbell of Mitchell and Associates will make a presentation to the June 2017 South East Area Committee.

### **Terenure 2030**

In 2016 six new lamp standards were provided in the village along with cycle parking and new litter bins. A further five new lamp standards have now been identified and Public Lighting has been instructed to order and install in 2017.

### **Charlemont**

Works continue on site with a revised completion date of 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Arrangements were made for the residents and members of regeneration board to visit sample apartments on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of May. A number of events will be organised in the coming months to assist in the smooth transition to the new apartments. The first event of the summer will be a World Café on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, where the various agencies / stakeholders will be available to answer any questions residents may have. This event will take place in Charlemont Community Hall in an informal atmosphere where people can sit and chat. The Dublin City Council Project Office continues to provide a service to the community.

### **Canon Mooney Gardens:**

The environmental improvement works for Canon Mooney Gardens are nearing completion.

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### Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Report

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- Roslyn Park College will take part in an 8-week **athletics training programme** commencing in June. Participants with mild learning difficulties will learn new skills in athletics at Irishtown Stadium where they will be able to avail of the track.
- **Chair Fit:** Chair Fit classes continue to take place in Sandymount at the Iris Charles Centre for older adults every Tuesday at 11.30am. This class helps to increase the mobility and flexibility of the participants, improving their overall general health.  
  
Chair Fit classes also take place every Wednesday evening from 6.15pm – 7.15pm for residents of Mount Drummond Court.
- **Dance For Life:** Dance classes take place every Tuesday morning at 11am in The Evergreen Centre in Terenure Village. Classes are for older adults looking to take up dance and keep fit. Classes cost €4 per session.
- **Yoga:** Yoga classes take place every Wednesday from 2.30pm in HOPS Rehab Care in Pearse Street, for adults suffering from mental health issues. The classes are a great benefit to all taking part and participants have found them very relaxing and therapeutic.
- **Men on the Move:** These 'men only' fitness classes take place every Tuesday from 7pm – 8pm in St. Joseph's Community Hall, Terenure and on Thursday's from 7pm – 8pm in The Evergreen Centre, Terenure Village. Classes are free and are open to all men. This programme is run in partnership with the HSE.
- **South East Area Orienteering Programme:** This programme is an annual initiative that takes place over the last 2 weeks in June in Trooperstown Wood. The DCSWP Sports Officer will work with 6 local DEIS Primary Schools as part of their School Completion Programme.
- A **Family Fun Day** (sport & games) will take place at the Cabbage Patch on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> for the New Street/Kevin Street/Clanbrassil Street community.
- A number of participants from the **Spellman Centre (Ringsend & District Response to Drugs)** are taking ongoing visits to Larch Hill Scout Camp throughout the Summer. They will be working to complete a number of activities & challenges with the overall aim of achieving the **Gaisce Award**. This has been facilitated by the local DCSWP Sports Officer.

## **Boxing**

- **‘The Ringer’**

This new boxing club is the first of its kind in the South East Area for approx. 30 years and is the result of some fantastic collaborative work between the DCSWP/IABA Boxing Officer, the DCSWP Sports Officer and Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre.

The official launch took place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April and the club hopes to be operational and open for business by mid-Summer.

- **Aviva Stadium Tours & Boxing Taster Session:**

All 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils and transition year students throughout the Dublin City area, including many from the South East Area, who took part in the Startbox Programme have been invited to take part in free tours of the Aviva Stadium throughout June & July (which will be guided by DCSWP / Irish Amateur Boxing Association Boxing Officers). Students will also experience a short coaching session and view some famous Irish, International & Olympic boxing memorabilia (this will be coupled with interesting & informative stories/anecdotes to inspire and educate the students).

## **Sports & Fitness Markievicz**

- **Pride @ Markievicz:** To celebrate LGBTQ Dublin Pride Festival 2017, Sports & Fitness Markievicz will host special spin and aqua classes on Wednesday, 21st June. Proceeds to go to the Gay Switchboard Ireland helpline

- **Swim Gala:** This will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 5pm, with 70 young people participating

- **Swim Summer Camps:** July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> from 2pm till 4.30pm, catering for 40 young people daily

## **Football**

- **Sprog Soccer:** This initiative for 4 – 8 year olds takes place every Friday morning in Sports & Fitness Irishtown (currently 60 participants) and every Wednesday at 9.30am in YMCA Aungier Street (currently 80 participants).

- **Girl’s Soccer:** Ongoing every Tuesday & Thursday evenings in Ringsend Park. Please contact the local Football Development Officer for more information.

- **Men’s League:** Ongoing every Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm in Ringsend Park.

- **Football for All:** This programme is aimed at young people with learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities and takes place in Irishtown Stadium on Fridays 5pm – 6pm.

## **Cricket**

- The Cricket Development Officer will be delivering **schoolyard sessions** in the following schools during the coming weeks:
  - Star of the Sea Primary School
  - St. Matthew's National School
  - Sancta Maria, Synge Street
  - Ranelagh Multi Denominational School
  - Harold's Cross National School
- When the schools finish, his focus will turn to working with the underage provincial players within the area for the rest of this period

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