

Community and Social Development Section – Main Halloween Events 2018

As part of the Area's Halloween Diversionary Activities, the Area Office has provided funding for the past eight years for a series of official fireworks events designed to be a safe alternative to bonfires and illegal firework. These events are co-ordinated by the Community Development Team in collaboration with Public Domain Section and Parks Department. These events take place in areas which have been selected on the basis of past experience, where there has previously been a high degree of Halloween related anti-social behaviour and bonfire activity. While the Community Staff are in attendance at all events on the night, it must be stressed that local involvement and advance planning is the key to their overall success and it is now our general policy that such events will only go ahead if there is a community partner. The co-operation and participation by the Gardaí Civil Defence and St. John's Ambulance has also proved essential for the safety and success of these events.

For 2018, four main events are planned.

- **Brams Stoker Park (Malahide Road/Clontarf)**: The fourth annual Spooktacular' Event. This is a spooky interactive light and sound show with music and special effects. This event is run in collaboration with Fairview Business Forum and local residents groups, with music and dance provided by Centre Stage School. It runs from 17:30 to 19:30. It has become increasingly more popular each year with approximately 2,000 in attendance last year. It is particularly popular with families and younger children.
- **Donaghmede Park (Fireworks display)**: This will be run with the Donaghmede Estate Residents Association) and it takes place in Donaghmede Park. Last year, the event was at 18.00 on Halloween night and similar timings are proposed for this year. Attendance was in the region of 1,000 people in 2017 There was good stewarding and the committee took extra precaution by lighting up the control area with a mobile flood light.
- **Kilbarrack (Fireworks display)**: This will be run in conjunction with the Kilbarrack Coast Community Programme (KCCP) and will. take place at Roseglen Football Pitch. Last year the event was at 19.00 on Halloween night and similar timings are proposed for this year. Attendance was in the region of 1,500 people and there was good stewarding and local involvement in the event.
- **Edenmore Crescent Park**: This will be run in conjunction with the Safety Association for Edenmore (SAFE). Last year there a programme of events held in St. Monica's Youth Club, followed by a parade up to the Fire Works display which took place at 20:00 on Halloween night. Stewarding was good and the committee hired mobile lighting which greatly contributes to the security of the event. Around 1,000 people attended.

In addition to all the above, the team members are supporting local community groups around around a number of smaller Halloween Events/Parties. For more information on the above, please don't hesitate to contact us as follows:

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