

**The Chairman and Members of  
North West Area Committee.**

**Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Item No: 12**

## **PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT**

### Illegal Dumping

The Public Domain team can report that there has been a notable decrease of illegal dumping in the recent two months. There were 378 incidents in July and 262 incidents in August. The August figure is almost half of the May total, which is welcome, but we will continue working to reduce this figure month on month. As per separate report: camera use in Ballymun is ongoing.

As part of the Anti-Dumping Initiative funding we have arranged a WEE collection and a mattress amnesty to take place in September.

On 17<sup>th</sup> September a WEE and mattress amnesty will take place in the Finglas Area and on 18<sup>th</sup> September WEE will have a collection in Ballymun. We will arrange a Mattress Amnesty in Ballymun also before the end of September. Locations to be confirmed and all relevant information will be advertised on week ending 13<sup>th</sup> September. We are hopeful that this will reduce the level of mattresses and white goods dumped around Halloween.

### Halloween

Preparations are underway for Halloween and the prevention and management of bonfires. To date we have already had numerous fires in the area and we are cleaning them up as they occur. Meetings and ongoing communication with Gardaí from both Finglas and Ballymun are already in place. We will have teams in place from Public Domain, Housing and Waste Management for the investigation and removal of bonfire material. We have examined our records for the past 5 years and the number of bonfires over that period have remained more or less stable with approx. 20 fires each year between the two areas. Although there are large fires in some places we noted that most of the fires were small scale. Further update and plans at October NWAC meeting.

### Power Washing



The Public Domain Team has arranged for power washing for the pavement to the front of all the schools in the North West Area to coincide with the return to school. Poppintree, Sillogue, Shangan and Coultrey Neighbourhood centres also completed. A deep clean of the Dick McKee memorial was undertaken and is now on a roster for monthly washing by the Wash Crew.

### Better Ballymun

Better Ballymun is planning to have some students, staff and other agencies in the area out doing many sorts of environmental work on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Due to Covid restrictions this will be limited to students and staff from Trinity Comprehensive working within their assigned groups. There are fantastic plans for the day and a DCC WEE collection will take place on the same day. It was hoped that the students would be able to assist with the WEE collections but again, due to Covid, this is not possible.

Plans for the day include:

- Gabion Walls project - building walls and benches using rubble from the old Shopping Centre - at 3 different venues: Trinity Comprehensive, RECO and Rediscovery Centre.
- Ghost Trail launch - at Trinity Comprehensive- designed and written by pupils with help from the Afric, Aideen and the school JCSP Library.
- Recycle your old clothes (must be bagged) for a FASHION SHOW at a future date, at Trinity Comprehensive.
- Freshways donate Buddy Benches to five local Primary Schools and to Trinity Comprehensive (organised by DCC). All schools will clean up outside their school that afternoon, with pizza refreshments kindly donated by Sika
- Traffic surveys carried out by Trinity CSPE, Geography classes, BTT and UCD, to increase awareness coming up to World Car free day.
- Stephen and Muriel from City Farm will deliver outdoor practical workshop to the Sports Scholarship Garden pupils and the Parents Polytunnel group, so that both groups can grow food effectively. This food will help, among others, people in Direct Provision.
- Dean Scurry and St Margaret's Residents will design and paint up an outdoor circuit training area.
- There will be planting at a number of areas: Marewood, the area behind SuperValu and Santry Cross.

### City Neighbourhoods' Competition

The City Neighbourhoods Competition is now in full swing. Ninety entries were received for the competition this year. Judging is now complete and winners will be announced and prizes distributed over the next few weeks. The standard of each entry this year was incredibly high. We would like to thank all the groups for their participation in the competition this year. Some pictures of entries:



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