

Item No.4 - Halloween 2020

Public Domain – North West Area

The Public Domain Team have already met with Gardaí from both Finglas and Ballymun to co-ordinate operations for Halloween.

The Public Domain Team along with Housing, Parks, Waste Management and Waste Enforcement will be carrying out continuous checks of known stockpiling areas and will coordinate action within departments or with contractors to have stockpiling removed. Our Waste Enforcement Team will be visiting all tyre suppliers to ensure compliance from them in the next few weeks.

The Public Domain Team will be in contact with as many businesses as possible to inform them of their responsibility with regard to the securing of their pallets and any other materials that maybe stolen from their premises.

To date we have already had numerous fires in the area and we are cleaning them up as they occur. Many of these fires are more related to anti-social behaviour than traditional bonfires e.g. burning of wheelie bins and household rubbish.

On Thursday 17th and Friday 18th we carried out recycling days in Finglas and Ballymun. We had an Electrical Recycling Company to take all forms of electrical equipment and Eco Mattress Company (Thursday Only) to take mattresses. There were 3 truckloads of WEEE collected each day and 187 Mattresses in Finglas. Ballymun Mattress collection will take place on September 29th. This initiative is again to limit the volume of these items in any fires that may occur and prevent environmental damage.

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, most of the fires were small scale.

Presently we are working with our own DCC resources to clear stockpiling or green areas that have experienced damage from fires. From Saturday 24th October to 2 p.m. on October 31st we will have a more concentrated effort with contractors available each day to remove any stockpiling.

Currently the on call numbers for the week prior to Halloween is not available but will be distributed through the usual channels when it becomes available mid-October.

Any stockpiling in the meantime can be reported to the Public Domain Officer at:

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Community – Finglas

In relation to Halloween 2020 the Finglas Area Office has been working towards a crowd free event. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it should be noted that the changing level of restrictions makes planning difficult and subject to change.

Our plans for Halloween 2020 are as follows:

- Create a video of local musical talent for streaming on the night.
- Community messages from local Community Groups for streaming.
- Drone footage of Finglas with music from the Finglas Concert Band (I believe that the band may have commissioned a piece of music for Finglas).
- Archive footage/photos of previous Halloween events.
- Colm Dawson magic show.
- Top billing of songs from Aslan and the Brilliant Trees, both confirmed.

The above will be pre-recorded and streamed on Halloween night. It is felt that to attract interest a headline act was required.

In addition to the above the Finglas Area Office is working with our colleagues in Ballymun to look at streaming appropriate material for the under 10's. This could include the following,

- Story Telling
- Craft segment
- Local talent
- Environmental piece with Gap Ballymun

Again, all of the above will be pre-recorded and then streamed on the night.

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Community – Ballymun

Otherworld 2020

The following activities are being proposed at present under the Otherworld Festival banner (this program may change for some activities due to any changes in Covid 19 guidelines). We have engaged Tony Kileen once again as a Health and Safety Manager and he will oversee the safe organising and running of all initiatives this year.

- A range of online activities and music for Halloween Night (an online Halloween at Home Party), some pre-recorded, some live from Axis. Local musicians and creative artists will be commissioned to create a piece and perform in some manner. We are planning to collaborate with the Finglas Community Development Team in relation to the young person's element of the online party which will likely start at 6pm on Halloween Night.
- A spooky art exhibition in Axis (this may be online)
- A Spooky Boilerhouse Tour at Rediscovery Centre (over a number of evenings, will be offered to families of max six members)
- Spooky cinema/theatre experiences at Axis (depending on guidelines)
- Activity packs will be delivered to houses.
- Arts workshops and Halloween Party for young people from the Travelodge at GAP Community Garden (subject to outdoor guideline numbers)
- Best Spooky Garden Competition (with Ballymun Tidy Towns)
- Otherworld logo Projection on Civic Offices
- Spooky At Home Games and Spooky Halloween Activities for Young People at BRYR
- Spooky Activities at Aisling Projects

- Stilt Walking Workshops, spooky residential and Halloween Party and creation of Spooky Fairy Garden at Poppintree Youth Project
- Trinity Comprehensive Transition Year Students will develop a spooky trail in Ballymun, this will tie in with Historical trail signs already erected as a part of Better Ballymun initiative. This will be a ongoing programme involving creating stories hinging on local legends with a spooky twist.

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