

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**To: The chairperson and members of  
North Central Area Committee**

Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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**DONAGHMEDE LEA & CLONTARF LEA - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM  
UPDATE FOR THE  
OCTOBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

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### **Fun Days**

The Community Development team were happy to support a number of fun days in the local area.

Sion Hill Fun Day was held in September. This event was attend by approximately 150 people and great fun was had by all.

The team supported Grace Park Meadows Fun Day held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. The event was attended by approximately 100 local residents. The Community Development team engaged with our colleagues in the Sports & Wellbeing Section who provided sporting activities for both young and old.



### **KCCP – Seniors Day Out**

The Community Development team were delighted to support Kilbarrack Coast Community Programme's trip to Naas Race course on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. 35 retirees from Kilbarrack took part in the trip.



### **Community Grants 2022**

The Community Development team have been working through the list of applicants who applied online for the 2022 Community Grant. The Local Area Community Grant recommendations have been returned to Community & Social Development Administration Office, Wood Quay for review.

### **City Neighbourhoods Awards 2022**

The Community Development team were delighted to support the return of the City Neighbourhoods Awards. The awards took place in Grange Woodbine Club House on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. There was a fantastic turn out on the night and it was enjoyed by all.

### **Edenmore Safety Forum**

The Edenmore Safety Forum was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September in St. Monica's Youth Centre. The meeting was well attended and a list of actions were established for Dublin City Council to follow up.

### **Donaghmede Safety Forum**

The Donaghmede Safety Forum was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September in T.A.R.G.E.T., Newbrook Avenue. The meeting was attended by representatives from DERA, Grange Woodbine and The Donahies Residents Association. A list of actions were taken and to be followed up by Dublin City Council.

## **Community Groups**

The Community Development team continue to support all existing and new groups within the Clontarf & Donaghmede LEA's. The following list is a sample of groups we engaged with in September 2022:

- We engaged with and supported both Raheny Court Senior Citizens complex and St. John's Court Senior Citizens complex in the month of September and provided both groups with winter bedding plants to enhance their local environs.
- We met with Tuscan Downs residents on site on the 6<sup>th</sup> September to offer advice regarding setting up a Residents Association. We are in the process of sourcing plants and equipment for the group to enhance the green open space within their estate. Parks and Public Domain personnel were also in attendance.
- On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September we were delighted to meet members from St. Brigid's Court Senior Citizens complex and advise them how to set up their Residents Association. There are approximately 53 units in St. Brigid's Court Senior Citizens complex and we look forward to working with this new group henceforward.
- We met with Foxfield/Kilbarrack Seniors Group in September to look at ways in which we can continue to support them. We are currently engaging with our colleagues in Sports & Wellbeing to develop and deliver an exercise programme to the group and are also engaging with guest speakers to come out and talk to the group.
- We met with representatives from Clongriffin Community Residents Group on the 26<sup>th</sup> September. We agreed to support their Halloween parade scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> October and will continue to support and work with the association.

## **Halloween updates**

Spooktacular returns for 2022! The Spooktacular event will be held in Marino Crescent on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm to 4pm. This event will include, spooky storytelling, face painting, spooky park trail, the big dig, various children's entertainers and much more spooky family fun.

This Halloween, Dublin City Council has organised Halloween activities for the Clongriffin / Belmayne area. This Halloween event will be held in Fr. Collins Park on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 1-4pm. This event will include spooky story telling walks, face painting, walk about entertainers, pumpkin carving workshops and much more.

The North Central Area is supporting DERA with free Halloween celebrations in Donaghmede Shopping Centre on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> October from 12.30pm to 4.00pm. Acts will include Gary the Great's Ghoulish Juggling, Waffles the Witch Magic Show, Gary the Great stilt walker and face painting.

The North Central Area is supporting KCCP with their Halloween celebration on the 31<sup>st</sup> October in Scoil Eoin Primary School from 1pm to 6pm. Some of the acts confirmed include Gary the Great's Ghoulish Juggling and stilt walking.

The Community Development Team continue to engage with local groups in the Clontarf & Donaghmede LEA's to support their Halloween activities.

All events will be advertised on the lead up to Halloween.

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