

Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023



# SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

## **Public Realm & Capital Programmes**

**Francis Street EIS:** The public realm works are now largely completed. Some final snagging is scheduled. A suite of new tree planters will be installed on the street in late May.

The Francis Street EIS represents the latest substantial investment by Dublin City Council in the public realm of the Liberties. The scheme has delivered greater levels of pedestrian space on the street, the upgrading of pavements, improved arrangements for businesses both in terms of loading, access and space for outdoor uses, and the addition of over 30 trees, areas of soft landscaping and public benches to the street.

**Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme:** Notice to initiate Part VIII for this proposed development to be advised to Members at this meeting.

**Dolphin's Barn:** Interim landscaping work is ongoing with the completion of the landscaped area at Coombe Hospital (including new tree planting) and the expected installation of street furniture beginning this week. Further work to remove excess guardrails at the SCR junction to be scheduled with DCC Traffic.

The Area Office has also received approval to proceed to detailed design stage with the **Dolphin's Barn Public Realm Improvement Scheme**. This scheme, approved under Part VIII in 2018, envisages more wide-ranging improvements to the footpaths, carriageways, parking and traffic arrangements, and the addition of street trees and new street furniture on Dolphin's Barn, Dolphin's Barn Street and a portion of SCR. It is currently envisaged that the process to procure a consultant engineer and support team will take place later this year. However the progress of this project remains subject to available staff resources within Roads Design Division.

**Cork Street/ St Luke's Avenue Greening:** Parks Services are developing proposals to 'green' a large section of wall separating St Luke's Avenue from Weaver Street. Some exploratory work will be needed before the feasibility of the proposal can be fully assessed. The Area Office will be installing 12 no. tree planters at locations along Cork Street in May. These planters will be augmented by seasonal three-tier planters to be installed by the Public Domain Office over the summer months.

**Linear Park at St James Walk:** Phase II work (area between Brandon Terrace and Fatima Luas stop) is ongoing. Work on site recently uncovered an impressive section of the granite basin of the former Grand Canal at a point known as 'The Gut'. The feature has been assessed by archaeologists. Working with the contractors, the park design is being updated to include the canal walls. These changes have delayed the works program by a month. The park is anticipated to reopen at the end of June, allowing time for de-compaction work around the tree roots and planting to establish.



The 'Edimental' community grow space in Phase II is also active with an enthusiastic group managing the area. To ensure the scheme is drought resistant, adapting to climate change that has resulted in hotter, dryer summers in Dublin, we are experimenting with two soil compositions; one bed has a hugelkultur construction containing high organic matter to improve soil structure and water retention. Another is sand based, planted predominately with drought-resistant plants.

Please see teaser video from the day – St James's Edimental\_Teaser.mp4 - Google Drive **Thomas Street to Suir Road Cycleway:** a post consultation report of this scheme is being finalized and will shortly be circulated to Members and made publicly available via the Consultation Hub. The Active Travel Office advise that work to install the interim scheme should commence in Q2/23.

**Street Tree Planting:** Parks Services and the Area Office are currently developing street tree planting schemes for Carmans Hall, Cook Street and St Augustine Street in the Liberties and Haroldville Avenue and St Anthony's Road in Dolphin's Barn. The projects envisage constructing tree pits and planted areas in the carriageway. The Area Office will be undertaking engagement with residents of these streets on the proposals over the summer. It is envisaged that work on these scheme will take place over the 2023/24 tree planting season.

**Pimlico Green:** Parks Services and the Area Office have made improvements to this area in recent months including painting and refurbishing street furniture, spring flower displays, tree planting and the planned reinstatement of painted detail signage.

37 Thomas Court: This property was acquired by the City Council under CPO in 2021. The building is currently in substantial disrepair as the result of fire in 2012 and neglect by its previous owner. A programme of work is now being developed by the Area Office to refurbish the property and convert it to educational/community use in line with a Feasibility Study commissioned for the property in 2021. It is envisaged that the use will align closely with the community work undertaken by St Catherine's Church, which immediately abuts No 37 (the property having previously been associated with the parish). No 37 is an early 18thC house and a protected structure. A conservation architect-led integrated design team is currently being procured. It is hoped to begin some initial works later in 2023. The project budget includes support funding from the Historic Structures Fund.

Enterprise/Community/Resource Spaces at Cork Street/ Bonham Street/ Bridgefoot Street: The Area Office is overseeing work to fit out three enterprise and community resource spaces at new developments on Cork Street, Bonham Street and an existing unit at Bridgefoot Court. Architect-led integrated design team are currently being procured to assist with the projects. It is envisaged that the small enterprise unit at Cork Street will be used for a suitable small business or social enterprise; we'll seek to match the two larger community resource spaces at Bonham Street and Bridgefoot Court with established community development organisations in the area.

**Inchicore Library Building.** A Condition Survey of the former Library Building, Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8 is expected to be completed later this month. This will include the identification and costings of the necessary refurbishment works in order that the building can be adapted to accommodate use by the local community. The report will be examined in detail before a plan is prepared and presented to Councillors and other stakeholders.



## **Economic Development**

The **Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2023** is currently accepting applications across the SWIC. The scheme offers small grants to support improvements to ground floor commercial and community use premises.

**Smart D8:** A third pilot call for the innovative Smart City District has been announced. SmartD8 is a consortium of Dublin City Council (SCAO and Smart Dublin) together with healthcare, third level and enterprise hubs in Dublin 8 investigating innovative solutions to health and community wellbeing challenges in Dublin 8. The pilot calls invites innovators to trial solutions within the area and partners them with clinical or research partners. More on SmartD8 at <a href="https://www.smartdublin.ie">www.smartdublin.ie</a>

# **Housing**

## **Oliver Bond Regeneration**

Anti-Social behaviour interviews between residents of the complex and the Area Office are ongoing and progressing

Building Community resilience problem solving group meeting monthly

New Bin chambers works are continuing

Installation of new playground at existing football pitch due to commence early summer

Contractors to finish cutting higher trees in the coming weeks

#### **Bonham Street Volumetric**

It is envisaged that units will be ready to let Q3 2023. DCC have designated a Project Estate Officer (Trevor Martyn) to engage with residents. <a href="mailto:Trevor.martyn@dublincity.ie">Trevor.martyn@dublincity.ie</a>

#### **Basin Street**

The design team have been appointed for PPP bundles 4 & 5 which includes Basin Street. The design team are now undertaking a review of the site layout, surroundings and requirements of the newly adapted City Development Plan, re-ordering of zoning on the site with sketch design commencing in the next four weeks.

A crime prevention assessment was carried out on the Basin street complex 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the request of the Area Housing Officer. We are reviewing the report received back from the Crime Prevention Officer with a view to implementing same.

We have secured funding for the Men's shed in the complex and works will commence in the coming weeks.

#### Mary Aikenhead

Works are reaching completion on the new bin chambers for the complex. Electrical Services are liaising with a contractor to get the vehicle gate operational to Block A-D



# **Tyrone Place**

A property for the Project Estate Officers Clinic still has not been sourced after discussions with the local family resource services, who use the community rooms in the complex. However the discussions are ongoing for use as a temporary measure. There is a possibility of using the Gate Lodge when it is refurbished.

#### **Emmet Crescent Gate Lodge**

Asbestos and lead paint surveys were carried out. A large amount of asbestos was found in the floor tiles and in the ceiling. All the paint that remains in the property is lead based. Both of these issues will have to be rectified by a specialist contractor. The QS is currently sourcing a contractor for this work.

#### **Islandbridge Court**

The Project Estate Officer has arranged to meet a window cleaning company to get costings for the complex. The Project Estate Officer is also in the process of engaging a contractor to investigate the possibility of repairing/replacing the vehicular gates in the complex. The motors in the current gates are defective and spares can no longer be sourced for these motors.

#### **Memorial Court**

The pedestrian gate into the complex is being replaced with a motorised gate. This will allow easier access for the increasing number of residents who are using mobility scooters.

#### **Dolphin House Regeneration**

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan approved on the 4th Feb 2021 by the Dolphin House Regeneration Board. We are progressing the masterplan in conjunction with the Dolphin House Regeneration Board and the Dolphin House Community.

#### Regeneration Board

Members of the Regeneration Board have met with the Minister for Housing, Darragh O Brien to discuss the frustration regarding the delay in progressing phase 2. The Board expect to be in a position to report back to the community in the coming weeks a response from the Department of Housing on how they can deliver new homes in a shorter time-frame.

#### **Demolition**

A snag list of the site was passed to the contractors on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to be addressed in the coming weeks

**Floor Cleaning in Block A** – The floors were cleaned in Block C2 late last year. We are awaiting quotes for cleaning the floors in Block A. (These are the worst affected buildings) – Floor cleaning in Block A commenced on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April by PMAC contractors

# **Interim Playground Facilities**

The new playground and additional surface works have been completed, date to be agreed for official opening. Dog Wardens have been contacted informing them of the situation of dog fouling. – Our Waste Management Section have informed that signs and new bins have been ordered, with delivery and installation approximately by early May 2023.



#### **Double Yellow Lines**

Our Engineer overseeing this project has stated a new contractor is currently being sought and is currently going for out for tender

#### **Old Football Pitch Site**

Consultation processes still ongoing to enhance and upgrade the area and floodlighting reinstatement is being explored.

## **Painting of Complex**

Works are still on schedule

## Lifts and Doors in Phase 1

An inspection of all lifts and doors carried out 14<sup>th</sup> April and all in good working order. The lift at C2 was out of action for a number of weeks as a part was needed which had to be imported from Europe. From there the part was fitted but the lift company had difficulty connecting it to the hard drive of the lift. All has been resolved.

# **Community Development**

#### **Little Fitness Programme**

The Little Fitness programme commenced with children residing in Viking Lodge on Francis Street on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The project has been well received with participants taking part in exercise, dance and art workshops.

The programme will continue following a short break for Easter.

## **Afternoon Tea Dances**

Following the tremendous success of the Easter Bonnet Tea dance in Dolphin House Community Centre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, the SWIC Community team are in the process of organising a number of dances in various locations throughout the area in coming months and are currently sourcing suitable venues for same.

## **Bridgefoot Street Park Fun Day**

Dublin City Council Community team in conjunction with local residents, Parks Department and with the support of local services have organised A Spring Fun day which will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April in Bridgefoot Street Park.

This event will include music, dance, fun and games. Advertising for the event will take place one week prior to commencement.

# **Annual Spring Planting Initiative**

The Community Development Team plans to again supply various community groups with a small amount of bedding and perennial shrubs to encourage groups to undertake and maintain environmental work in their local area. The team will be contacting groups in the coming weeks and will as always encourage groups to participate in this Year's City Neighborhoods Competition.

# **Ongoing Supports**

Our Community Team give continued support on a weekly basis to: Residents Associations, Youth Groups, Local Schools and Senior Citizens Groups.

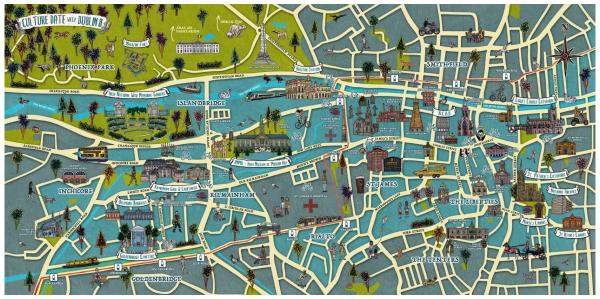


The Culture Date with Dublin 8 festival will take place on Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th of May. All events are free but booking is required. See <a href="https://www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie">www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie</a>

The full schedule of events will be available on the festival's website following their programme announcement on Wednesday 19th April (For full details please see pages 9-11)

www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie







Kilmainham Inchicore Network - next meeting 24th April 2023 5.30pm, 6 Tyrconnell Road

#### KIN Strategic Planning Process

Draft KIN Vision and Strategic Plan is due to be presented at April meeting of KIN.

The <u>"SHAPE YOUR LOCAL FUTURE"</u> booklet continues to be distributed to households and businesses in the area. The booklet shares information on developments in the area as well as outlining the work of KIN with the aim of encouraging greater engagement in planning and attending events.

<u>Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum</u> – next meeting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 7pm. 6 Tyrconnell Road.

Coilin O Reilly, Assistant Chief Executive, Housing and Community Services Department attended IRCF (5<sup>th</sup> April) to discuss design, management and maintenance of Community Hub building at ERD. The IRCF welcome the offer to engage a person with experience in facilitation, community engagement, community facility management and business plan development to work with us all and workshop this process through to conclusion.

# **Public Domain**

- Intensive cleaning programme for gum and stain removal completed under contract
  at the following locations: High Street, Cornmarket, Thomas Street, Inchicore VillageEmmet Road, Tyrconnell Road, & Grattan Crescent intersection. Meath Street is
  scheduled for mid- April. Urban villages to follow. Additional locations under
  consideration, resources pending. The South City intensive cleaning programme is
  extremely effective on removal of gum, stains and stickers on street furniture. This
  augments the Dublin City Council cleaning schedule.
- Guinness Storehouse environs of Market Street & Bellevue Power Wash by Waste Management night wash crew
- Painting programme lighting columns, bins, bollards and seating painted Market Street & Pimlico Green. Bollards & bins painted South Earl Street, Thomas Street, and Meath Street.
- Awaiting survey of Public lighting Cornmarket, High Street & Grand canal Place in order to progress painting programme.
- Deep Cleaning carried out at Cromwells Quarters. Night wash scheduled Waste Management
- Deep Cleaning at Bulfin Estate & Thornton Heights Inchicore & Merchants Quay cycle lane
- Graffiti treatment at: Engine Alley, Augustine Street, Carmans Hall, Thomas Street, High Street, Cornmarket, Lambe Alley, Back Lane, Hanover Lane and Arch, Dolphins Barn, Inchicore and School Street. Over 600m treated.
- Dublin Community Clean-up will take place 22<sup>nd</sup> April. All supplies and insurance provided upon registration <u>www.dublincommunitycleanup.ie</u>
- Closing Date for City Neighbourhoods awards April 21<sup>st</sup> 2023. Send applications to LMO@dublincity.ie
- Community Clean-up collections are now live on the Citizen Hub all community groups notified. Citizen hub link <a href="https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/">https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/</a>
- 21 Community Clean-ups facilitated since the February Report





# Culture Date With Dublin 8 Festival Celebrates its 5th Year with over 50 Free Events Announced

Dublin 8 is once again taking centre stage, as the free 'Culture Date with Dublin 8' festival celebrates its 5th year in what Time Out magazine refers to as one of "the coolest neighbourhoods in the world". From Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th of May, visitors will be immersed in a vibrant and inspiring experience; discovering local historical landmarks, heritage sites and museums, celebrating the area's world famous breweries, churches and hidden gems. Over the course of the weekend the Dublin 8 area will come alive with over 50 specially curated events including talks, walks, markets, concerts and tours, perfect for locals or travellers alike! This year, the festival will commemorate 100 years since the end of the Irish Civil War with a unique festival programming strand that reflects upon this emotional milestone in Irish history.

## **Heritage Sites & Museums**

As part of this year's programme, all of Dublin 8's key landmark heritage and cultural sites will be hosting free specially curated tours and events. Visitors can explore Christchurch Cathedral with the use of their new audio guide or experience a guided tour of the Irish National War Memorial Gardens. Families can dress like a viking whilst taking a family tour of Dublinia with a special preview of their latest exhibition. Enjoy a lego hunt at Marsh's Library or attend a special children's tour of Kilmainham Gaol. The Irish Museum of Modern Art will host a tour of their retrospective exhibition of the work of Irish artist Patricia Hurl, a "Gate to Gate" heritage tour of their grounds and a biodiversity tour of their "Green Cube".



#### **Civil War Reflection**

This May marks a century since the conclusion of the Irish Civil War and to mark this momentous event, Goldenbridge Cemetery is set to host an engaging tour that will explore the human tragedy of the war as well as some of the notable graves including the resting place of W.T Cosgrave the first political leader of the new state. Journalist Ronan McGreevy and historian Donal Fallon are scheduled for talks which focus on particular aspects of the conflict - with McGreevy discussing "The assassination of Sir Henry Wilson MP – prelude to civil war" while Fallon will delve into the significant 'Sites of Civil War in Dublin 8".

#### **World Famous Breweries**

Dublin 8 is home to some of Ireland's most historic internationally acclaimed breweries. This year the festival invites attendees to step into the world of brewing at Pearse Lyons Distillery, Roe & Co, Guinness Storehouse, Rascals Brewery, and Still Garden Distilleries where visitors can experience history-rich tours showcasing distilling processes along with special tastings opportunities that highlight this nation's unique drinks offerings. The Dublin Liberties Distillery will be hosting a late night cabaret event with special cocktail making masterclasses.

# **Walking Tours & Satellite Events**

Over the course of the festival weekend Dublin 8 will come alive with especially curated walking tours. The *Liberties Cultural Association* is inviting visitors on a tour that will explore the iconic churches and hidden gems of this historic area and a tour about Michael Mallin, the Irish Republican who took an active part in the Easter Rising of 1916. Join the *In Our Shoes Walking Tour* through some of Ireland's oldest streets as local guides share tales from generations past.

A host of satellite events have joined the programme for this year's event. The Trinity Regatta will take place on the Liffey. The popular *We Love Markets* will take place at The Digital Hub featuring a pop-up performance from the MaSamba Band. BLOCK T, will host a members' exhibition at the former allied bank on Watling Street. The Magnet bar, on Thomas Street, will host an exhibition photographer by Sorcha Frances Ryder. Pallas Projects, in the Coombe, will host an exhibition by local artist Venus Patel. At the Hyatt Centric Mark Jenkins will host a lecture exploring "The History of The Liberties in Images" and at Richmond Barracks Dermot Looney will host an interview with Brian Kerr the former manager of St Pat's Athletic.



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Report from: -

Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer South West Inner City Local Electoral Area.



# BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

## Housing

#### Cornamona

It is now anticipated that occupation of the completed units will commence in May.

## **Springvale**

As per the most up-to-date information available the current anticipated completion date is quarter 3, 2023.

#### Lissadel Maisonettes

Work is ongoing preparing a stage 1 application for the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to be submitted by mid quarter 2, 2023 with costing work currently being carried out. The insulation works are continuing with the 2 blocks completed.

#### **Bernard Curtis House**

The repainting of the units is continuing.

#### **Labre Park**

Council officials are continuing to engage with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the stage 2 application.

#### Bluebell

This LDA led project has procurement of the design team underway with the aim of having it appointed in June 2023.

#### **Cherry Orchard Point**

The LDA has appointed the design team and development of the preliminary design is progressing.

#### **Sons of Divine Providence**

A meeting between DCC and the Sons of Devine providence is scheduled for mid-April to progress the heads of terms for the agreement between the 2 parties.

# Slievebloom Court, Drimnagh.

The choice based letting applications have been assessed and prospective tenant interviews are currently taking place.

## Rafters Road

The integrated design team is progressing with design proposals and responding to queries raised as part of the stage 2 application stage.



#### Voids

There are currently 47 void units in the area, of that number 3 of the properties under offer and 10 of them have been advertised through choice based letting. Another 3 properties are undergoing the vetting process.

## **Community**

## **Community Participation**

#### **Community Festivals 2023**

Representatives from festival groups across the South Central attended a very informative meeting with Roisin Lonergan, the Organiser of the Five Lamps Festival. The Festival Committees picked up some great ideas from the meeting and were pleased with the supports the Council will provide regarding event organising and the preparation of event plans.

The criteria for City Council funding for festivals is based on the area, programme of events and length of festival, with funding allocated from the Area Office and 2023 discretionary funds.

Drimnagh Festival will take place on the 23<sup>rd,</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of June. The main event will be the family fun day in Brickfield Park on the Saturday which the Council will provide funding towards. The Council will also fund Opera in Brickfield Park in July and community play days during July.

Chapelizod Festival will take place this year during the first week in July. The Council is supporting the voluntary festival committee with funding, an evening of light opera and an environmental walk along the Liffey with Éanna Ni Lamhna.

Ballyfermot/ Cherry Orchard Festival will take place from 1<sup>st</sup> until 9th July. The Council will support the family fun days in Markievicz Park, Cherry Orchard Park and a Traveller Pride event in the Peoples Park.

Walkinstown will have their second festival which takes place on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August in Walkinstown Park. The Council are supporting the committee that will build on the success of last years' event.

The Council are supporting the newly formed committee in Bluebell to organise a Family Fun Day. The festival will take place in July in Bluebell Park.

The Council will also organise Opera in the Park in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh, host community play days on local Greens during July and a programme of family events in the Peoples Park.

#### Cruinniú

The Cruinniú Committee continues to work on plans to celebrate youth on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> with a music show case and well-being fair in the Peoples Park.



#### **Cherry Blossoms**

The Cherry Blossoms Festival has gathered great momentum locally with events being well organised and well attended. The community clean-up which was postponed on April 1<sup>st</sup> due to the inclement weather will now take place as part of the Team Dublin Clean Up on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Environment.**

# **Team Dublin Clean Up**

All Environmental groups and residents associations have been notified about the Team Dublin Clean Up which takes place on Saturday 22<sup>th</sup> April.

Register at: Dublin Community Clean-Up (dublincommunitycleanup.ie)

# **Environmental Groups Forum**

There are five active Environmental Committees in the Ballyfermot /Drimnagh Ward: Chapelizod Tidy Towns, Ballyfermot Environmental Group, Tidy Drimnagh, Bluebell Environmental Group and Make Walkinstown Great. The Groups have grown in numbers over the last few year and are now looking at how to develop.

The council has organised an information session for all the groups so they can share their knowledge and expertise regarding the weekly clean ups and identify how the Council can support them.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

#### **Plant Sales**

The annual community plant sales will take place during the month of May in 4 locations across the area. The bedding plants have been grown locally in the Cherry Orchard community garden and will be sold at a subsidised rate. The sales will take place as follows:



Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 PM	Bunting Park,
		Walkinstown
Thursday 18th May	10.30 AM	Our Lady's Hall,
		Drimnagh
Thursday 18th May	6.00 PM	St. Laurence's
		Grove, Chapelizod
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 AM	Ballyfermot Civic
		Centre





The Council has organised the repainting and replanting of the planter boxes along the Main Road in Ballyfermot and has contacted the local street committees to arrange the replanting of the planter boxes in Ballyfermot and Bluebell.

#### **Social Inclusion**

#### **Welcome Rooms**

There was great interest from local Community buildings to support the welcome room pilot scheme. The Council has identified a space in the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre and a space in the Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre to trial the project. Both buildings have a footfall of vulnerable people who may use these spaces. The Council will provided set up costs but each building will manage the day to day running of the service.

## Age Friendly Programme / Bealtaine Events

For the month of May the Age Friendly Programme will be running in connection with Bealtaine. The uptake for the age friendly events has increased since January and all weekly events are now at 90% capacity, with the exception of the tea dances which are oversubscribed. The senior population of Ballyfermot and surrounding areas are now reconnecting with friends and services in the area.

Events for May are:

## Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre

Tuesday 9th – Michael Judd play – "Galway Girl"

Tuesday 16th - Community Bingo with Fab Vinnie

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Line Dancing with Bernie & Friends

Tuesday 30th - Afternoon Tea Dance with music by The RAMS



# Moeran Road Hall, Walkinstown

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Community Bingo

Friday 12th - Michael Judd play - "The Importance of Being Earnest"

Thursday 18th - Afternoon Tea Dance with music by The RAMS





# **Funding**

The April –May 2023 edition of the Dublin City focused Funding point Local Digest is available to download on the Dublin City Council website. It provides up to date detailed information and links to viable alternative sources of local, national and EU funding to which local community groups can apply.

https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/community-grants-and-funding

The Walkinstown Community Centre replaced their entrance door with funding from the 2022 Discretionary Fund.

## **Orchard Centre**

The Orchard centre was delighted to support St. Ultans' school St. Patrick's Day Parade on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.





With over 500 children in the parade and well over 1000 on-lookers, despite the weather it was a resounding success. RTE covered it on the news and the event was fully supported by the Equine Centre, An Garda Siochána, Staff and children of St. Ultans. On behalf of above we really want to thank most sincerely the Cherry Orchard Community who supported on the day.

## **Chery Blossoms Festival**

The Orchard Centre is very much involved with the running of activities during the festival which takes place throughout April. We have a large number of events on in the centre during the month. All details are in the Cherry Blossoms Festival Brochure. Activities include Circus Babies Morning, Indoor Bowling Open Morning. Ballroom Dancing Open Morning, Information sessions on Menopause and the first ever live audience Podcast on April 25<sup>th</sup> with The Two Norries!

#### **Baby Massage Classes**

These classes have grown in popularity with some mornings having as many as 20 parents with their children.

## **Ballroom Dance Group**

Our Ballroom Dance group went away to Westport Co. Mayo for four days of dancing at the end of March. We started this group a few short years ago and they have grown in number steadily over the years. Today the group have over 40 members and meet twice a week in the centre. The group organise and pay for this week away themselves and this is their second trip away. What a success story this group is to have grown from nothing to now being a well-established group in the area and one that is sustainable and organises their own activities outside of their weekly dancing.

#### **Public Domain**

- Traffic Median Railings Ballyfermot Road painted. Ring Street Park decorative lighting poles scheduled for painting
- Drimnagh Road Shops & Bank of Ireland Traffic Island at Balfe Road junction scheduled for intensive cleaning
- Ballyfermot Road Shops intensive clean- scheduled for May 2023
- Re-scheduled Cherry Orchard Big Clean-up will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- Dublin Community Clean-up Day Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Registrations
   <u>www.dublincleanup,ie</u> for insurance cover and inclusion in City Neighbourhood
   Competition Contact <u>southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie</u> for equipment and
   collections.
- Groups can register on citizenhub for community clean-ups. Contact public domain for any assistance. citizen hub link https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/
- Reminder closing date City Neighbourhoods April 21<sup>st</sup> applications to LMO@dublincity.ie



- Martin's Row, Slievebloom & Comeragh Roads, Crumlin Village, St Mary's Road & Somerville Avenue, deep clean & scraping suburban estates provided by Waste Management crews
- Illegal dumping removed from Lane rear Balfe Road/ Drimnagh Road & Bigger Road,
   Walkinstown Litter enforcement investigation premises rear to Drimnagh Road,
- 65 Community Clean-ups facilitated by Public Domain.
- Public Domain requested Offensive Political Graffiti be painted out at De La Salle Site- entire boundary on Ballyfermot Road treated by Dwyer Nolan Development
- Graffiti treatment -Kylemore Road a tagging blackspot.

Report from: -

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