



Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 20th March, 2024



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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Newmarket Pedestrian Improvement

Measures: An update/short report to councillors on these proposals is provided at this meeting.

Blackpitts Greening: Work will commence on 19th March to install landscaping along the section of Blackpitts between Donovan Lane and Clanbrassil Terrace. It is expected that our contractor, Redlough Landscapes, will take approximately 5-6 weeks to complete the scheme. Notices advising the public are in place.

Vicar Street Parklet: The Area Office is proposing to refurbish the small playground at Vicar Street (adjacent to Mallin House), enlarging the area, retaining play features and adding landscaping and seating to create a parklet. The views of local residents are being sought on the proposals until Friday 22nd March. It is expected to undertake the work later this year. This project will be supported funded by the Area Discretionary Fund.



Economic Development

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2024:

Invitations are now invited from IRCF Civic and Community Space subcommittee- next meeting on 15th March 2024.

businesses with street fronting commercial unit for grant assistance under the Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2024. This is the 10th year of the scheme, which applies across South West Inner City Area. More details at www.dublincity.ie. This scheme is supported funded by the Area Discretionary Fund.

Smart D8: A fourth call-out for pilot projects is currently underway for this area initiative that trials digital solutions and innovations in healthcare and community wellbeing in the area. Smart D8 is part of the wider Smart Dublin network of innovation districts, and the Smart D8 consortium brings together Dublin City Council, local enterprise centre partners, hospitals and healthcare partners, and third level and research institutes.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

Kilmainham Inchicore Network (KIN) - next meeting 25th March 2024, 5.30pm @ 6 Tyrconnell Rd

At the March meeting Jenny Keogh, *Stand Out Films* will present work on promotional videos commission by KIN via Dublin City Council about the local area.

KIN's Media Strategy will be reviewed at this meeting as well as KIN membership; including their roles and responsibilities.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF) – next meeting 25th March 2024, 7pm at 6 Tyrconnell Road.

The Emmet Road Development Project Manager and Design Team are due to give a comprehensive update at the March meeting. The IRCF March 2024 meeting reviewed the purpose/function of the IRCF as it heads into this next stage of the design.

IRCF Education Subcommittee next meeting 15th May 2024.

This subcommittee met 29th February 2024 at Ring Street Youth Club. An update on the meeting will be given to IRCF delegates at the 25th March 2024 meeting.

Dublin City Council / Waterways Ireland Partnership - Grand Canal Activation and Animation Programme 2024

DCC and Waterways Ireland are at advanced stages of planning, determining priorities for 2024 including rolling out a

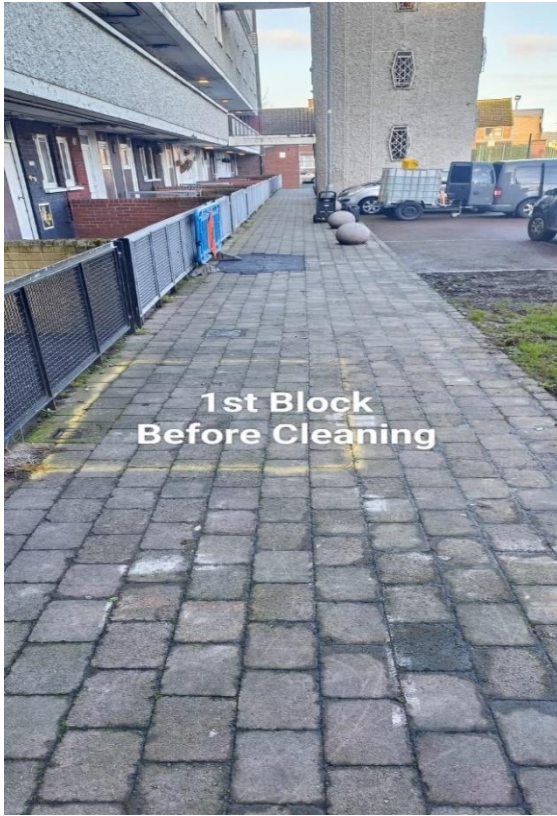
seasonal water sports participation programmes for adult and youth residents along the corridor as part of the Grand Canal Activation and Animation Programme. Engaging existing community organisations and groups as the link between activities and communities is a priority in order to build capacity and long term interest and sustainability of water sports on the Grand Canal here. Once the final programme and timetable determined engagement with relevant organisations will commence.

Housing

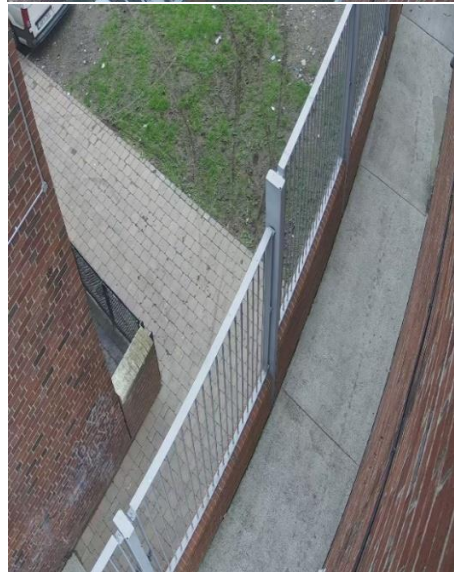
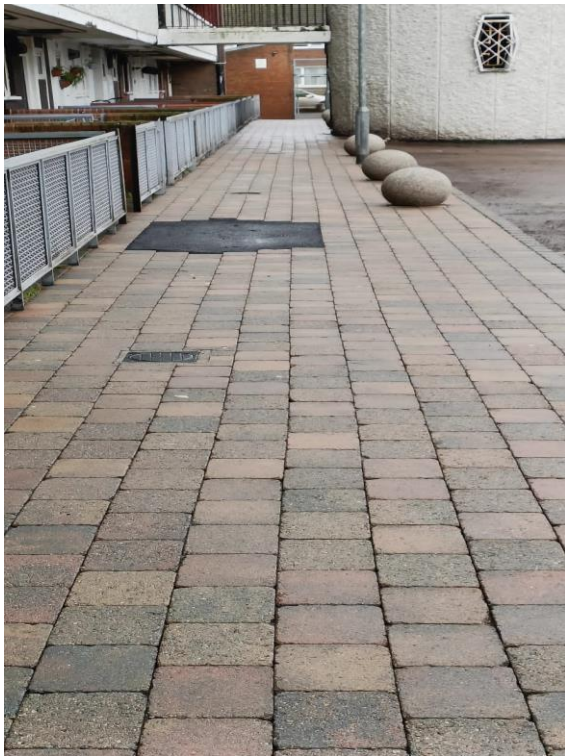
Tyrone Place

Communal areas including playgrounds and stairwells have been treated and power washed.





1st Block
Before Cleaning



Tyrone Plan (continued)

The Football/ Basketball pitch is to be totally refurbished including the replacement of the goals/basketball hoops and the surface. The community have been informed of this refurbished pitch through both DCC and the family resource centre. This work should commence before the end of March.

Bowbridge Court

The complete intercom system in Block 1 to 24 has been fully replaced.

Memorial Court

Local Historian Cathy Scuffle holding a talk for the older persons on the civil war era.

Grand Canal Basin

Meetings held with DCC Area Office/Parks Section and Waterways Ireland - working to explore collective initiatives and ideas to improve safety along the canal area.

Bonham Court

The allocation of the units in Bonham is almost complete. Snagging issues are being dealt with as they arise. A proposal is with City Architects to replace the current code access system with a fob access one.

A demonstration session was arranged for all the residents on the heating pump system. City Architects and the Heating Contractor were onsite and provided the demonstration in an unoccupied apartment. Residents were shown how the system operates, how to trouble shoot issues and note faults on system when reporting repairs. This demo was well attended by residents and proved beneficial for both tenants and area office housing staff.

An information evening was held for all residents of Bonham Court on Wednesday 6th March 2024 in St. Catherine's, Marrowbone Lane. Several community

services attended the information evening including Dublin City Council Housing and Community Services, Local Youth Services, Child and Family Support Network, Robert Emmet C.D.P. and the School Street Family Resource Centre.

Oliver Bond

DCC Housing & Community Services received initial approval from the Department of Local Housing, Government and Heritage to proceed with the regeneration of Oliver Bond House.

TST Engineering have been engaged to carry out ground surveys in the complex, as well as surveys of vacant flats. These surveys will commence on Tuesday 18th March 2024 and will be ongoing for approximately four weeks.

Michael Mallin House

Design work has commenced on the playground for Michael Mallin House.

It is proposed to install an information board at Vicar Street to facilitate residents share feedback and comments.



Perspective sketch from Haslam & Co. Architects

Basin Street

Weekly clinics are up & running successfully & being held each Tuesday from 11am to 1pm.

Community consultation is ongoing regarding the proposed redevelopment. Monthly meetings are occurring on the last Thursday between the Residents Group and Dublin City Council. The project is scheduled to go to formal planning in approximately 6 weeks' time. Once planning permission is received Dublin City Council will then progress towards the de-tenanting process.

Robinsons Court

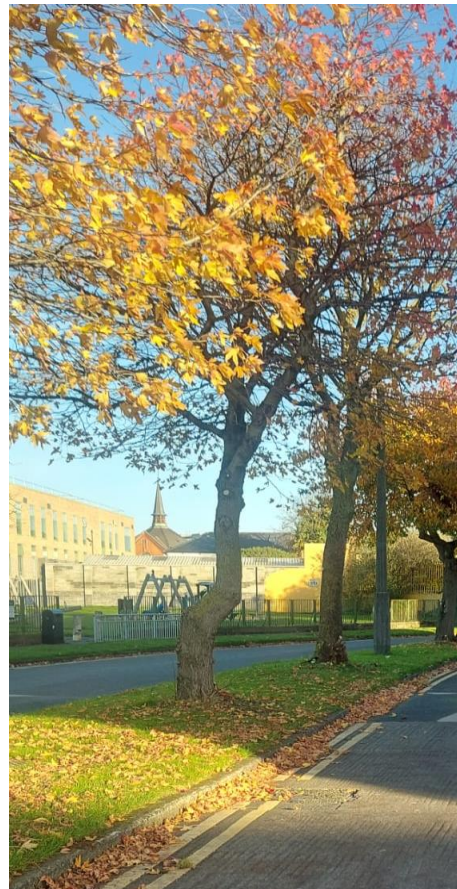
An onsite meeting was held on 11th March between Dublin City Council Housing Engineers, Project Estate Officer and Contractor regarding new vehicle & pedestrian gate. Works are to commence in April. It is envisaged that the gate will be fully operational by the end of that month

Mary Aikenhead

Notices have been put up & tenants leafleted regarding recycling guidelines for new bins.

Dolphin House

Trees trimmed and cut back at entrance to estate.



De-tenanting Block

Top floor in one of the blocks has been steeled and secured.

Two more residents from the de-tenanting block have signed for new properties. We

New Phase

Bushes cut back and trimmed



are actively sourcing more properties for the remaining residents.

Old Dolphin Park

Demolition Contractors due on-site 19th March 2024.



Herberton/Reuben

Clamping has been introduced into the underground car park in the Herberton.

Bulfin Court

Two units ready for letting in the complex. Allocations sending on nominations for new residents.

Coombe Court

Road resurfacing work has been completed and designated parking spaces are now in place in Coombe Court. Melanie Lambert PEO is now liaising with APCOA to update the parking permits for qualified residents and to ensure monitoring takes place and enforcement measures are undertaken when required.

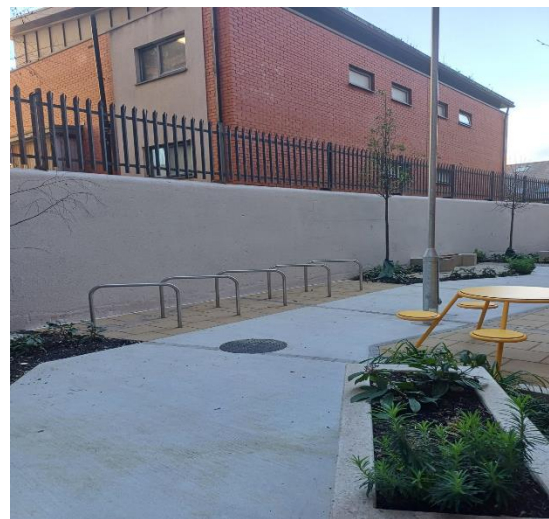


Weaver Place/Poplin Place

The allocation of the units in Weaver/Poplin Place is now complete. Snagging issues are being dealt with as they arise. A proposal is with City Architects to replace the current code access system with a fob access one.

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The courtyard within Weaver Place has been painted and is now completed.



Community

Little Fitness Programme

Following last year's success, Little Fitness recommenced their programme with the young people residing in Viking Lodge on 19th February 2024.

The aim of this programme is to bring a sense of fun and belonging in the daily lives of the children living in emergency accommodation. The programme includes exercise, dance and art workshops.

As Viking Lodge accommodation is transitional, this programme sees new faces taking part in this year's activities.

History Talk- When the Post Boxes Turned Green

Presented by Cathy Scuffil Historian in Residence. The talk "*When the post boxes turned green*" took place on Wednesday 13th March at 3p.m. in the Memorial Court Common room.

This talk centres on the year 1922 which was a huge year of change for the country. The Dáil had ratified the Anglo-Irish Treaty and the Civil War commenced. Cathy guided us through this fascinating period and how it changes Irish Society, and was well received by all in attendance.

Afternoon Tea Dance

The Dublin City Council Community team will commence this year's series of Afternoon Tea dances with an Easter Bonnet Tea dance on Monday 25th April at 2.p.m. in Dolphin Community Centre.

These events have proved very popular with older residents and are a great opportunity for social engagement and interaction.

This is a ticketed event. The team is working closely with Dolphin House Community Development Association on this event and tickets will be distributed to

residents within the estate and the wider community.

Summer Projects

The community team in conjunction with Crosscare are engaging with Voluntary Summer Projects, Islandbridge Court Summer Project and Bridgefoot Street Summer Project, to support and encourage their programmes for 2024.

Environmental Projects

Dublin City Council Community Team are currently making contact with local groups with a view to encouraging environmental projects. Groups will be supported in the coming months with some plants, topsoil etc. and encouraged to enter competitions such as City Neighbourhoods.

BAM Ireland New Children's Hospital Community Grants Scheme

Applications are now invited for what will be the final round of the BAM Ireland New Children's Hospital Community Grant Scheme as part of its Community Benefit Programme. Funds are available for groups, projects and social enterprises based in Dublin 8 and Dublin 12; the areas neighbouring the new children's hospital.

Dublin City Council Community Team have circulated the applications to local community groups, organisations, schools and services locally for their consideration.

Culture Date with Dublin 8: the 6th edition of the festival, initiated by the Area Office together with local cultural and tourism partners, takes place across Dublin 8 from 8th to 12th May 2024. Over 40 programme partners will take part this year, with the programme running across 5 days.

Public Domain

Graffiti Treatment

Locations this month: St Augustine Street, James Street, Francis Street, Parkgate Street, Thomas Street, Back Lane & Bridgefoot Street.

Francis Street



James Street



Grattan Crescent Recycle Amenity

In a co-ordinated response to requests from the community the bottle banks were lifted and all the loose litter caught in between and under the banks was cleaned up. The tagged clothing banks were swapped out with cleaned receptacles



Waste Management responding to illegal dumping on Earl Street South



Abandoned bins	9	0	9
Dumped (Labelled)	15	0	15
Dumped bags (Not labelled)	125	1	126
Fly tipping	11	1	12
Hazardous Waste	8	0	8
Household Junk	35	3	38
Other	30	3	33
Grand Total	233	8	241

Molyneux Yard Clean-up

Wednesday 13th March 2024



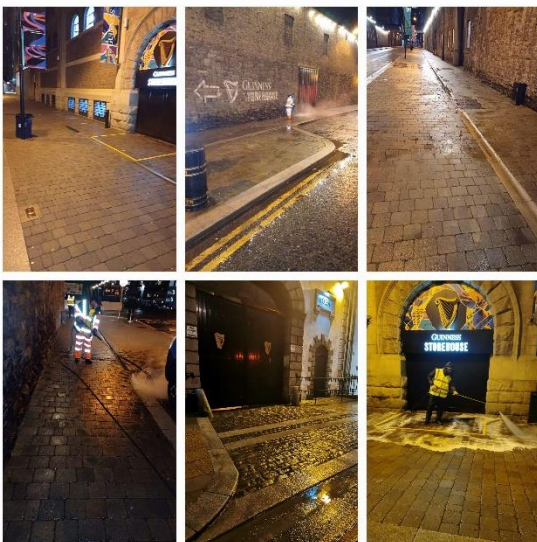
Tree Planting Clarkes Terrace

Thursday 14th March 2024



Parks & Landscape Services delivering on re-planting of Clarkes Terrace as agreed with local residents

St. Patrick Festival deep clean of Guinness Storehouse environs



Spring Bulbs Planted



...to enhance Pimlico Green

Team Dublin Clean-Up Reminder

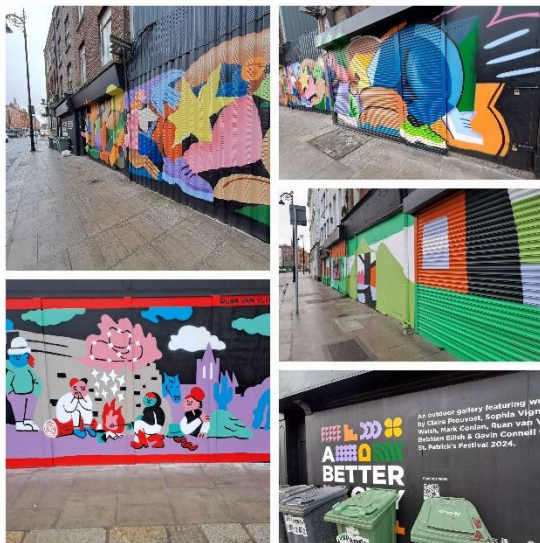


Dublin A Better City Launch

A spectacular outdoor gallery featuring works by six artists in partnership with Guinness Storehouse, The Digital Hub and Dublin City Council.

Artworks are featured on Thomas Street, Crane Street and Market Street.

The outdoor gallery will be on display from Friday 15th March to Wednesday 15th May, 2024.



BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Elanora Court

The majority of successful housing applicants have signed their tenancy agreements and are in the process of moving into their new homes.

Springvale

It is anticipated that successful applicants will begin signing their tenancy agreements from Tuesday 18th March.

Bluebell

A meeting with the residents of Bluebell maisonettes took place on Friday, 8th March and further communication with local groups and residents will take place with a community public consultation event planned for the 11th April.

Lissadel

Initial inspections of the properties have taken place and detailed inspections of individual properties will commence in the next 6 weeks.

Sons of Divine Providence

The draft Heads of Terms for an agreement were issued to the Sons of Divine Providence at the beginning of March and they have commenced their review. This process is likely to take some time and negotiations will progress using the agreement as a basis. Work has begun on drafting a brief for procurement of the services of an integrated design team. It is anticipated that the SWG will be reconvened when this process completes to enable DCC share more relevant project updates with the group.

Cherry Orchard

Site 1 of the Local Area Plan:

The door-to-door surveying of 400 local non-home owners is continuing.

Site 2 of the Local Area Plan:

Work is continuing in relation to the preparation of the technical design for the project with the public consultation now likely to take place by the end of April

Site 4 of the Local Area Plan:

The planning application for this development is with an Bord Pleanala. The outcome of the application will be reported to the members when it is known.

Labre Park

The traveller accommodation unit and Cluid met with the Department officials on Tuesday 27th Feb 2024 to present the new redevelopment plan/layout. Overall, the plan was well received. Further detail is required regarding the steps to alleviate the flood risks to the site and an updated CAS 2 application is to be submitted to cover the new design. The procurement process is completed for the installation of play facilities on site through funding received from the Department's Dormant Account Fund.

The following is a summary of the vacant units in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area:

Property Type	
House	36
Maisonette	2
Apartment	9
Senior Citizens	18
Total	65

Type	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status	Estimated Completion date/Status
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	N/A	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GROVE	3	N/A	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	2	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	BALLYFERMOT ROAD	4		Tenant selected	
House	BARNEVILLE PARK	1		Tenant selected - AGS checks being carried out	
Senior Citizens	BERNARD CURTIS COURT	1	21/01/2024	Tenant selected	TBC
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Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	06/08/2023	Tenant selected - AGS checks requested	13/03/2024
House	BENMADIGAN ROAD	2	04/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	07/03/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	21/02/2023	Tenant selected - AGS checks being done	
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH ROAD	1		For framework	TBC
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	4	16/08/2023	Tenant selected	10/02/2024
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	13/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/03/2024
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	26/11/2023	Tenant selected - financial contribution	26/01/2024
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	27/09/2023	Issued to Depot	10/05/2024
House	CLIFDEN DRIVE	3	19/10/2023	Issued to Contractor	05/04/2024
House	CLIFDEN DRIVE	3	01/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	05/04/2024
House	COMERAGH ROAD	2	10/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	01/03/2024
House	COMERAGH ROAD	2	21/11/2023	For framework	21/04/2024
House	COLEPARK AVENUE	3	22/01/2024	Acquisition	TBC
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3	12/09/2023	Advertised on CBL 01/03/24	10/02/2024
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	4	28/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	28/02/2024
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	09/07/2023	With framework	03/03/2024

House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	22/08/2023	Acquisition	07/03/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	21/02/2023	Tenant selected - AGS checks being carried out	08/03/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	25/11/2023	Tenant selected - AGS checks being carried out	10/03/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	20/09/2023	Tenant selected - AGS checks being carried out	08/03/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0		Issued to Depot	TBC
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0		Offer refused - new tenant selected	
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	04/03/2024	With Depot	10/06/2024
House	DRUMFINN AVENUE	3	20/10/2023	For Framework	20/04/2024
House	DRUMFINN AVENUE	2	25/09/2023	For Framework	17/03/2024
Senior Citizens	FATHER KITT COURT	1	24/02/2024	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	FATHER KITT COURT	1		Tenant selected	
Senior Citizens	FATHER KITT COURT	1	18/01/2024	Issued to Depot	30/05/2024
Senior Citizens	FATHER LEMASS COURT	1	20/06/2023	Tenant selected	13/02/2024
Senior Citizens	FATHER LEMASS COURT	1	29/06/2023	Tenant to be selected	13/02/2024
Senior Citizens	FATHER LEMASS COURT	1		Tenant selected	
House	GALTYMORE ROAD	3	03/10/2023	Issued to Contractor	06/03/2024
Apartment	KINGS HALL	1	19/10/2023	For framework	10/05/2024
House	KNOCKMAREE	3		Temporary maintenance let	TBC
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1	20/09/2023	Issued to Depot	04/04/2024
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1		Tenant selected - AGS checks underway	
House	LALLY ROAD	3	06/02/2024	With framework	19/04/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	10/01/2024	With framework	12/04/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	28/08/2023	Tenant selected	08/02/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	2		On offer	
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	18/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	26/03/2024
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	3		Issued to Contractor	26/04/2024
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2		Issued to Contractor	10/05/2024
House	LE FANU ROAD	3	28/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	05/04/2024
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	25/05/2022	Legal issue with boundary	
House	ORANMORE ROAD	3	12/12/2023	For framework	12/04/2024
House	ORANMORE ROAD	2	03/12/2023	For framework	20/05/2024

House	ORANMORE ROAD	3	12/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	08/03/2024
Senior Citizens	RIVER VIEW COURT	1	20/07/2023	Issued to Depot	08/01/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1		Issued to Depot	25/02/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	03/12/2023	Issued to Depot	03/04/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	09/10/2023	Issued to Depot	08/03/2024
Apartment	Seven Oaks	1		Tenant selected	
House	WALKINSTOWN DRIVE	4	20/12/2023	For Framework	11/04/2024

Community

Community Participation

Community Festivals

The City Council will provide financial support to the festivals taking place in the area and access to professional support and advice from an event management company regarding event plans, risk assessments and park permits, which can be difficult for local voluntary groups to navigate.

Community Development staff are supporting the following groups:

Cherry Blossoms: The Festival Programme will be finalised this week with over 30 events registered. The programme will be launched by the Lord Mayor Daithí De Róiste on Tuesday 19th March in St. Ultans School at 12:30.

Ballyfermot Festival: The Festival will go ahead in 2024 with provisional dates set for July 7th to July 14th. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th of March at 7:00PM to commence fundraising and programme planning.

Walkinstown Festival:

The Festival will take place on 2nd September

Chapelizod Festival:

The Festival will take place from the 1st – 7th July 2024

Drimnagh festival:

Initial meeting to take place on March 19th



Seachtain Na Gaeilge (Parade update)

The Seachtain Na Gaeilge parade will take place on: Friday 15th March.
Starting at Ballyfermot Library
At 10.00AM.

Music will be provided by the BCFE. The parade will travel up Ballyfermot Road, with the assistance of An Garda Síochana, up the Civic Centre where a cultural concert will take place from 11.00am.

Thanks to the Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste who agreed to attend both the Cherry Orchard and Ballyfermot Parades.

Sheltered Housing Complexes

Update on activities

The community development staff have visited and assessed all the sheltered housing complexes and met with the committees (where in place), to discuss the animation of the spaces with various activities.

A meeting will take place on Thursday 14th March at 6.00pm in Rossaveal Court to organise a new committee.

The City Council is working with the Residents group in Fr. Kitt Court to re-establish a programme of events in the Common Room. Activities will be held on Tuesday afternoons e.g. Flower Arranging & Chair Yoga, Board Games on Wednesday Afternoons.

Environment

Green Flag Raising Event

Dublin City Council Parks, Biodiversity & Landscapes Services Division are delighted to announce that the People's Park in Ballyfermot has been successful in winning a Green flag in 2023.

The Green Flag award is an annual international competition which assesses parks and open spaces on 8 strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability and community involvement.

The ceremony takes place on Wednesday March 13th in People's Park at 12 midday, with the Lord Mayor Daithí De Róiste in attendance.

Team Dublin Clean Up

The Team Dublin Clean-up will take place on the 27th April 2024 from 11am to 1pm.



As part of the Cherry Blossoms Festival the day is assigned specifically for a community clean-up of Cherry Orchard with approximately 10 residents groups taking part.

Social inclusion

Grant information

Climate Action Community Funding: The City Council supported local groups to apply for this funding and are delighted that following a series of 3 workshops and with professional support funded by the area office approximately 12 community & environmental groups from the South Central area have applied for this fund.

Heritage Fund: Notification sent out to all Community Groups & Organisations

Community Enhancement Funding: Notification sent out to all SC Community Groups & Organisations

Internal Protection Integration Fund: Notification sent out to all SC Community Groups & Organisations

Wheel Funding Resource: Notification sent out to all SC Community Groups & Organisations

Crowdfund: Notification sent out to all SC Community Groups & Organisations

Cruinniú Na nÓg

Ballyfermot Youth organisations supported by the City Council have applied for funding to host "Unsung Youth" showcase and well-being event which will be held in the People's Park on Saturday June 15th. Workshops will take place through the youth services including singing coaching, stage and set design.

AGE Friendly Programme

Walkinstown Age Friendly Spring Programme commenced on Thursday March 7th and will run until Thursday 4th April. Activities include Easter tea dance with Easter bonnet competition, Holistic

Afternoon, dance, history talks with DCC historian in residence, Cathy Scuffil and Bingo. This will be followed by Monthly Spring/Summer Seasonal Tea Dances in April and May.

Chair Yoga & Flower Arranging Classes at Fr Kitt

Chair Yoga

- When: Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March
- Time: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.
- At: Fr Kitt Common Room (Crumlin Village)
- Admission: FREE!
- If you are coming to Yoga please wear comfortable clothing and bring a small towel or rug if you have one! (for keeping toes warm)

Flower Arranging

- When: Tuesday 5th March – Demonstration Tuesday 12th, 19th & 26th March – Make & Create your own!
- Time: 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. (4.30 p.m. if you would like to stay a bit longer)
- At: Fr Kitt Common Room (Crumlin Village)
- Admission: FREE!
- If you have any unused vases or any other type of container, please bring it with or a photo of it to discuss creative ideas with tutor @

AGE FRIENDLY SPRING PROGRAMME MOREAN ROAD HALL (WSAF)

MARCH 7th – April 4th 2024 (5 X WEEKS)

<p>THURSDAY 7th MARCH 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. MOREAN ROAD HALL WSP</p> <p>HOLISTIC HEALING AFTERNOON MEDITATION, RELAXATION, CUPPA & ANGEL CARD READING (OPTIONAL)</p>	<p>THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. MOREAN ROAD HALL WSP</p> <p>DANCE WITH BEATRICE ENJOY A VARIETY OF DANCE STYLES FOR IMPROVE FITNESS & STAY HAPPY, FUN, CUPPA TALK & CUPPA SOCIAL</p>	<p>THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. MOREAN ROAD HALL WSP</p> <p>LOCAL HISTORY TALK "NOT PHOTO, MANY STORIES" CATHY SCUFFIL D.C. HISTORIAN IN RES. BRING A CUPPA & GOOD OLD FASHIONED GOSPEL!</p>	<p>THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. MOREAN ROAD HALL WSP</p> <p>EASTER AFTERNOON TEA MUSIC & DANCE WITH MYSTERY GUEST EASTER EGG RAFFLE & EASTER BONNET COMPETITION</p>	<p>THE MONDAY 4th APRIL 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. MOREAN ROAD HALL WSP</p> <p>BINGO JOHN IN AN AFTERNOON OF BINGO, CUPPA, CHAT & SPOT PRIZES!</p>
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Lord Mayors Afternoon Tea:

Approximately 10 Groups from Drimnagh, Walkinstown and Bluebell will attend afternoon tea with Lord Mayor; March 11th Drimnagh Walkinstown Ladies Club, Men's Shed, Linkage Social Group March 14th Bluebell Sister Shed, nior Citizen Group, Ladies Club

Cherry Orchard

On 8th March 2024, two referendums were held to decide if changes should be made to the Irish Constitution. The Orchard Community Centre is a recognised Polling Station and it was a hive of activity from 7am through to 10pm on the day. The centre was happy to provide refreshments for those assisting with the voting.

Over the last number of months The Centre when providing Toasties with Tea & Coffee have been using the Mixed Salad Leaves from The Orchard Community Garden led by Peadar on behalf of The Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership.



The Garden has gone from strength to strength and is supplying certain Super Value retail outlets across Dublin.

The garden also work with St Vincent De Paul regards fresh food produce for their clients.

With our Sports Officer Sharon Kelly we have been trialling Badminton, Pickle-ball



and corn hole throwing amongst other small sided games aimed primarily at the active age community in the area.

Whilst it's a number of months away we shall begin forming the Halloween Festival shortly. The theme as always will be decided by the community.

St. Patricks Day Parade (15th March)

As previously reported St. Ultans with assistance from Dublin City Council will welcome Lord Mayor Daithi De Róiste at 10am on 15th March to act as “Mini” Grand Marshall with the entire school and some representatives from Mary Queen of Angels. A huge thanks must go to the organising committee made up of a wide number people from the local community.



Public Domain

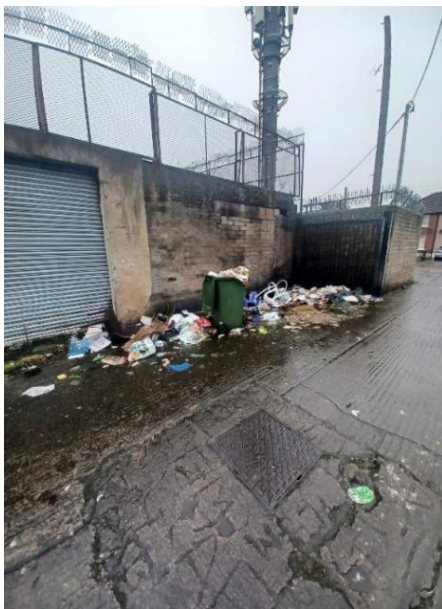
Clean up of Illegal Dumping Black Spot

The Public Domain Officer with the Support of Waste Management Services and the Litter Warden Service have looked to address the historical issue of illegal dumping on Colepark Avenue, located at the rear of Colepark shops. Waste Management Services had the lane deep cleaned, the resources required for this operation included a large road sweeper, 2 transit trucks, 1 grab truck, and 3 cleansing staff. The road has now been placed on a cleansing route, to be monitored daily.

The Litter Wardens also carried out a number of inspections and issued a number of fines to identified offenders, they also called into the commercial retailers, who back onto the road to remind them of their responsibilities when it comes to the presentation of their waste and that they are not entitled to store waste on a public road, outside collection day parameters.

The litter warden service have advised they will be closely monitoring this location going forward.

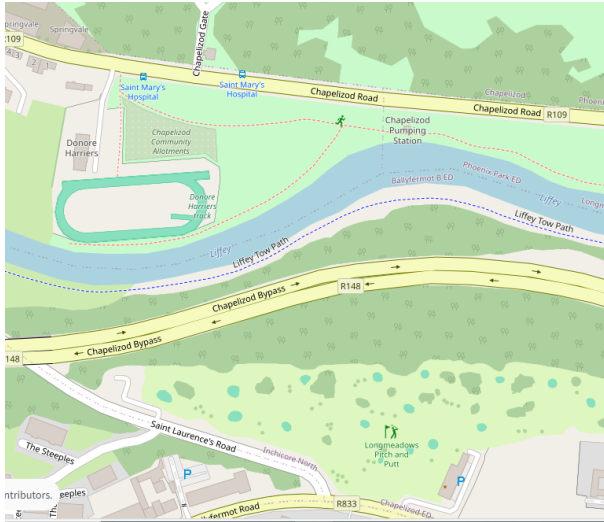
The Public Domain Officer has proposed this site for inclusion in Dublin City Council proposed CCTV scheme for the Prevention, Decton & Prosecution of Litter Offences. The Public Domain Officer is also arranging for “no dumping” signage to be erected to deter illegal dumping in the future.



River Liffey Pollution, Chapelizod

The Public Domain Officer received a report from a local resident stating that raw sewage was being discharged into the River Liffey. The resident reported the issue of sewage was most notable when walking along the Liffey tow path entered off St Laurences Road opposite the Donore Harriers Running track and down as far as St. Brendan's GAA Longmeadows again on the opposite side of the river. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Public Domain Officer contacted Water Pollution Control who in turn conducted an investigation at these locations.

Upon inspection by the Water Pollution Control Section, an active storm water overflow was observed, discharging into the River Liffey at Memorial Gardens off St Laurence's Road.



Storm water overflows activate to relieve pressure on foul/combined sewers. This typically occurs during storm events or emergency situations to prevent flooding in the upstream catchment.

Water Pollution Control immediately contacted Uisce Éireann(UÉ), the sanitary authority, to notify it of their findings. UÉ are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

It is important to highlight that Uisce Éireann manages the foul sewer network in Ireland, and DCC has no control over the overflows.

Further information including reports are publically available on the EPA's website.

De La Salle Development site, Ballyfermot Road - Cleaning of roads, footpaths & cycle lanes

Following concerns raised at last month's Area Committee meeting the Public Domain Officer contacted the Developer of the De La Salle site and discussed the issue of the mud and dirt being deposited into the public footpath and road, including the cycle lane. Following lengthy discussions it has been agreed to improve & upgrade the current cleaning regime on site and of the surrounding roads and footpaths. It has also been agreed to bring

forward the installation of the internal road network to reduce the potential for the depositing of any mud or dirt onto the public roads from the site, and to install a static wheel wash system within the site. It has also been agreed that the cleaning regime outside will be monitored to ensure that if anything is deposited on the roads or footpaths that it will be immediately be cleaned by the developer.



Dublin City Council's Waste Management Crew cleaning the cycling lanes





Pisces Sculpture – Ongoing improvement works

Repair and improvements works to the Pisces sculpture is now nearing completion with the landscaping around the sculpture now complete. The landscaping, while enhancing the view of the sculpture, will also prevent the shrubbery from encroaching the sculpture in the future, which caused some significant damage to the piece, in particular to the base of the sculpture were the stone cracked, we hope to have the stone base repaired and the missing sections replaced and repointed shortly.



Rough Sleeping

If you notice anyone rough sleeping in your community, please report it. There are a number of ways this can be done. You can go directly online to the Dublin Region Homeless Executive website (link below) and report it

<https://www.homelessdublin.ie/homeless/i-am-rough-sleeping/report-rough-sleeper>

Or

Download the Dublin Rough Sleeper Alerts app from the Apple store or Google play

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive is provided by Dublin City Council as the lead statutory local authority in response to homelessness in Dublin. The information you provide will help street outreach teams, run by Dublin Simon Community for the DRHE, to locate the person and offer support.



Graffiti

The Public Domain Office continue to address the anti-social issue of Graffiti in the area, both by engaging contractors to remove graffiti from public infrastructure/property and by engaging with private property owners, and utility companies such as the ESB, Dublin Bus and Eir to remove graffiti from their infrastructure located in the public realm.

Below is some of the more recent and prominent graffiti removals in the area.

Canal walkway Labre Park, off Kylemore Road

Before



After



Ballyfermot Road opposite O'Hogan Road

Before



After



Jamestown Road - Graffiti at the back of houses beside Jamestown Court complex and the canal

Before



After



La Touche Rd, Bluebell & St Agnes Road, Crumlin Village

– Stickers removed



Rafters Lane just off Rafters Rd

Before



After



E.S.B., Eir Infrastructure

Spiddal Rd, Ballyfermot

Runners removed from overhead line attached to ESB pole



Lynchs Lane, Ballyfermot

- Graffiti removed from ESB Substation



Killeen Hall Apartments

Graffiti removed



Claddagh Road/ Green - Graffiti removed



St Marys Drive off Bunting Road

Graffiti removed



Illegal parking Chapelizod, Main Street

– An additional community planter was needed to be added to the recently installed planters on this stretch of footpath to prevent all illegal parking. The intervention seems to be working while also improving the visual appearance of the area.



Community Clean ups



Building on the success of previous clean-up days, Dublin City Council is again asking all residents, volunteers and community groups around Dublin city to join forces to organise the biggest ever clean-up around the city. Let's get together to clean-up our streets, laneways,

canal walks and beaches and make Dublin a fair city again.

April is also the month when the National Spring Clean takes place. To make it extra special, Dublin City Council are calling on all volunteer groups to come out at the same time on the same day to help to clean-up Dublin city.

Groups that register with an Taisce on <https://nationalspringclean.org> will be covered by their insurance.

DCC are seeking the assistance of all DCC members working Environmental and Community Groups to contact volunteer groups in your area to inform them of the Team Dublin Clean-up and to get them involved on the day.

As usual, Waste Management Services will be to provide litter pick equipment and will be to collect and dispose of the bags.

A very important point to remember, please inform all groups that get involved that they will be entered to the City Neighbourhoods Competition 2024 and could be in with a chance to win €1,000.

Tree Pits

The Public Domain Officer in conjunction with our Park Department are drawing together a list of empty tree pits in the area. This list will then be assessed by Parks, to determine if they can to be replanted but where a pit cannot be reused, due to issues such as overhead wiring or underground services, we will seek to have these closed up thus removing what can become an unsightly weed catchment area.



If members are aware of any particular tree pits that they would like to be assessed please forward them on to our Public Domain Officer

