

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department  
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee**

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**Community Development Section Report**

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At present a large amount of community work is taking place in villages across the South East Area (SEA), in planning for the autumn – winter season, reviewing and supporting 2016 environmental improvements and planning the full Christmas programme.

We will begin processing all our grant applications for 2017 in November. Assistance with maintaining the developed greening, flowering, cleaning and building on community cohesion and volunteerism is being given by SEA Community Development team, working closely with the Public Domain and Waste Management Sections.

**November:**

- Nov 1<sup>st</sup>: 'Dance for Life' – Evergreen Club 11am  
Let's Walk & Talk Visit to 'Epic Ireland Expo' 3pm
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>: Let's Walk & Talk Visit to 'Epic Ireland Expo' 2.30pm
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>: Let's Walk & Talk Visit to 'Epic Ireland Expo' 2.45pm
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup>: Let's Walk & Talk Visit to 'Epic Ireland Expo' As Gaeilge 12.45pm  
Let's Walk & Talk Visit to 'Epic Ireland Expo' In French 3.15pm
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup>: Dance for Life – Evergreen Club 11am
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Let's Walk & Talk 'Statues & Sculptures Tour' Kildare Place 2pm
- Nov 15<sup>th</sup>: Dance for Life – Evergreen Club 11am
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup>: Terenure Parent & Toddler Group – Evergreen Club 10am
- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>: Dance for Life – Evergreen Club 11am  
Let's Walk & Talk 'Richmond Barracks' Tour 3pm
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup>: Terenure Parent & Toddler Group – Evergreen Club 10am
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup>: Let's Walk & Talk 'Richmond Barracks' Tour As Gaeilge 12 noon  
Let's Walk & Talk 'Richmond Barracks' Tour in French 12 noon
- Donnybrook Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – 5pm**

- Nov 26<sup>th</sup>: Brazilian Cultural event – TBC
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup>: Milltown Parish Christmas party – Pastoral Centre 12 noon  
**Harold's Cross Christmas Tree Lighting 5pm**
- Nov 29<sup>th</sup>: Dance for Life – Evergreen Club 11am  
**Rathmines Christmas Tree Lighting 7pm**

**December**

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup>: World Aids Day Event - TBC  
Terenure Parent & Toddler Group – Evergreen Club 10am  
**Rathgar Christmas Lights events – 7pm**
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: Terenure Christmas Tea Dance – Evergreen Hall 2-4pm  
**Sandymount Christmas Tree Lighting Festival 5pm**
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>: Terenure Christmas Market – 11am – 5pm  
**Terenure Christmas Tree Lighting 4pm**
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup>: **Ranelagh Christmas Tree Lighting 5pm**
- Dec 6<sup>th</sup>: Dance for Life – Evergreen Club 11am
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup>: Terenure Parent & Toddler Group – Evergreen Club 10am
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup>: Beech Hill Christmas Party 8pm
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup>: Verschoyle Court Christmas Party 2pm
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup>: Evergreen Christmas Dinner 12.30pm
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup>: Woodstock Court Christmas Lunch – 1pm
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup>: 'Mad Hair Day' World Missions Ireland Rathmines 2pm
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup>: AMBI Brazilian Christmas party – TBC

In addition to the above a number of weekly events continue to take place as part of ongoing community work including older persons activities, Friends of Green Spaces and allotment links etc.

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**Environmental Services Unit Report**

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**Leaf Collection**

In residential areas many residents groups, associations and individuals are now involved in helping to manage their own areas by carrying out leaf clearing initiatives. The South East Area is providing bags and equipment to these groups and arranging for the removal of the collected bagged leaves free of charge.

**Halloween**

Bonfire material was collected in the South East Area up to as late as possible on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. This operation was in conjunction with other Dublin City Council departments and would not have been possible without the assistance of the Gardaí. Safety campaigns were promoted through DCC Fire Brigade Services and DCC Media Relations and also by the Gardaí.

**Weed Control 2016**

Weed Spraying throughout the South East Area is now complete.

**Events**

- Grafton Street switching on of Christmas Lights, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Mark Pollock Trust Run, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- VIEW: (Temple Bar Company) Politics, Arts and Ideas Festival 16<sup>h</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November

**Dog Fouling Enforcement / Awareness Campaign**

This current campaign throughout the South East Area began in May and will end shortly. It was found at times of patrol that the vast majority of dog walkers in our area were compliant. It is expected that additional bins, specifically for dog dirt, will be installed within a short period of time.

**Enforcement**

1. Authorised staff supported by An Garda Síochána patrolled public areas, mainly parks, to observe the behaviour of dog walkers. Fines of €150 were issued to dog owners who failed to clean up after their dog. Eight Fines have been issued so far under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and at least two of these are likely to lead to prosecution due to non-payment. Dog walkers were observed and monitored in the following parks and surrounding areas: Pearse Square, Belgrave Square and Dartmouth Square, Ringsend, Sean Moore, Herbert, Dartry, Orwell, Herzog, Palmerston, Bushy, Harold's Cross, Mount Argus, Eamonn Ceannt, and St. Patrick's parks, Ranelagh Gardens, Irishtown Nature Park, Sandymount Strand and also along the Dodder Walkway and the Grand Canal. Patrols were carried out mainly at week-ends, but also some early mornings and evening times were included.
2. Dog wardens also patrolled some of our parks over the last few months. They requested dog walkers to produce evidence of poop bags. In addition, sixty 10 day

notices were issued by them to dog walkers in respect of the following: (1) dogs not on a leash in specified areas at specified times, (2) un-muzzled restricted breeds and (3) failure to produce a valid dog licence.

### **Awareness**

1. International rugby player Jamie Heaslip was engaged to produce a short video for social media encouraging dog walkers to clean up after their dog. A poster campaign is currently taking place with the same message featuring Jamie with his dog. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5E10UIDDXpg&feature=youtu.be>
2. Authorised staff while on patrol spoke to numerous dog walkers about their responsibilities and also rewarded some of the many who were compliant with small gifts.

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**Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements**

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**Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme**

The contractor moved on site on 23rd October 2014. The works are being carried out by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and various sub-contractors and supervised by various consultants for different aspects of these works. A number of ground condition problems have slowed this project down to date. The estimated cost of this whole project from Butt Bridge to Cardiff Lane is €3.5m and the current programme is to substantially complete the works by end of 2016.

**Grand Canal Sub Group**

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Ms. Terre Duffy has been appointed by Waterways Ireland as Dublin Docklands Development Manager and will attend the next meeting. Clean-ups have been arranged in Grand Canal Dock. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)**

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January 2015 South East Area Committee. New lamp standards have been installed. New pedestrian crossing will be in place in 2016. REDscape, Landscape Architects, were appointed to design a plan for Herzog Park. The Draft Landscape Master plan was open to informal public comment until Friday 8th April 2016. 27 submissions were received. Pre Part 8 went before the SEAC on 11th July and Part 8 Planning Application was advertised on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016. The final day for making submissions or observations is 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**Ranelagh Gardens Park**

The Part 8 was approved at the City Council meeting on Monday 6th July 2015. The tender for the playground has now been awarded and works are due to commence in December 2016.

**Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)**

Consultation commenced in January 2016, beginning with meetings with local business groups and others, followed by an open morning in Ringsend Library on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Following tender process, Mitchell and Associates were appointed to deliver the Local Environment Improvement Plan in March 2016. Initial internal consultations with relevant Dublin City Council departments and Mitchell and Associates took place during March and April 2016. A draft presentation of the plan was presented at a public workshop in Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to further canvass the views of local residents, businesses, community groups and other stakeholders. Proposals have been refined by Mitchell and Associates based on comments received at the workshop and subsequently, and a further workshop will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to present a revised draft plan and take further comments. It is proposed to submit a draft Local

Environment Improvement Plan to the South East Area Committee for adoption in early 2017.

### **Terenure 2030**

In 2016 6 no. new lamp standards were provided in the village along with cycle parking and new litter bins. Village greening projects were ongoing in 2016 as part of Vibrant Villages.

### **Crampton Buildings**

The lettings are practically complete. A number of outstanding snagging issues are being remedied.

### **Charlemont Street**

This project is on target for completion in December 2018. Dublin City Council continues to operate the Project Office at 40 Tom Kelly. The Regeneration Board in conjunction with the city council issue a bi-monthly newsletter. The Project Office issue regular communications to the residents regarding works on site. The first of a number of information events for residents was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, it was well attended and the information was well received.

### **Moss Street / Gloucester Street**

Co-operative Housing Ireland received preliminary approval under the 2015 Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) Programme to carry out a feasibility study on the Gloucester Street / Moss Street site. However, the adjoining landowner has approached Dublin City Council with a view to developing both sites which would yield approximately 20 social housing units. Discussions are ongoing and councillors will be informed in the monthly Housing Report to the council meeting.

### **Luke Street**

Preliminary discussions are ongoing regarding development possibilities for this site. All development opportunities to maximise the potential for the site are being explored and up to date information will be made available to councillors as part of the monthly Housing Report to the council meeting.

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**Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Report**

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**MEN ON THE MOVE**

Exercise classes for men in the Terenure area will continue until the end of November. New members are still welcome to join. We will be including a nutritional talk on healthy eating. Classes take place on Mondays at 7pm (walking group) & Thursdays at 7pm (exercise class) in the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.

**DANCE FOR LIFE**

Dance for Life will continue every Tuesday morning from 11am – 12pm at the Evergreen Centre in Terenure. Class is for older adults and is free to join. Open to new members.

**MEET AND TRAIN**

A running group has started up in Irishtown on Tuesday evenings. The group is mostly female novice runners who are just starting out or seeking to improve. Group meet at 7pm outside Irishtown stadium and will run for around an hour. Newcomers welcome.

**FITNESS CLASS**

A fitness class for women in the Irishtown / Ringsend area will take place every Monday morning at 10am in Irishtown stadium. Open to all ages and fitness levels.

**MARATHON KIDS**

Three schools in the South East Area are participating in a programme with 6<sup>th</sup> class students to complete a marathon over eight weeks. The schools will all come together on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the National Sports Campus, Abbotstown, to complete their final mile and celebrate their achievement.

**FOREVER FIT**

Chair-Fit classes for older adults will take place on Wednesday evenings at 6.15pm for the residents of Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex. This is a great way for the residents to improve strength and flexibility for day to day living.

**YOGA - LANTERN CENTRE:** Yoga classes take place every Tuesday morning for women in The Lantern Intercultural Centre in Synge Street. These are of huge benefit to the women and help them to integrate with the community.

Our **Cricket** Development Officer will be delivering school yard sessions in the area during the November / December period, focusing in particular on Synge Street, Star of the Sea National School and St. Matthews National School.

Provincial cricket sessions will continue on Friday nights from 5.00pm - 9.30pm in North County Cricket Club where a number of players from the South East Area are involved. Players are between 10 - 18 years of age.

**Late Night League:** This long running and hugely successful initiative will run for four weeks each Friday night in Irishtown Stadium from 7pm – 9pm, commencing on November 18<sup>th</sup> and culminating in ‘finals night’ on December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a partnership programme between Dublin City Council (DCC), the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) and An Garda Síochána.

**Sprog Soccer:** This initiative for 4 – 8 year olds takes place every Friday morning in Sports & Fitness Irishtown (currently 60 participants) and every Wednesday at 9.30am in YMCA Aungier Street (currently 40 participants).

**Girls’ Soccer:** Ongoing every Tuesday & Thursday evening in Ringsend Park. Contact local Football Development Officer for more information.

**Women’s Soccer:** Ongoing every Monday & Wednesday evening in Ringsend Park with a view to establishing a new women’s team. Contact local Football Development Officer for more information.

**Men’s League:** Ongoing every Monday & Wednesday evening from 6pm to 8pm in Ringsend Park.

**Club Development Programme:** The local Football Development Officer will be running several courses (including Safeguarding) for local clubs over the next 5 weeks.

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