

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

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

Community Development Section Report

**Please find below a list of forthcoming events organised and/or supported by the
Community Development Team of the South East Area Office:**

February:

- Feb 2nd:** Parent & Toddler Group – Evergreen Club 2pm
- Feb 7th:** Verschoyle Court Valentines Party – 2 - 4pm
Dance for Life 11 - 2pm
- Feb 9th:** Pearse Street Valentine's Day – St. Andrew's Resource Centre 2.30pm
Parent & Toddler Group (Evergreen Club) 10am - 2pm
- Feb 10th:** Come Sing Along & Dance – Iris Charles Centre 2 - 4pm
- Feb 14th:** Donnybrook Fair Valentines Party (Church of Sacred Heart Parish Centre 2 -
4pm)
Dance for Life 11 - 2pm
- Feb 16th:** Parent & Toddler Group – Evergreen Club 2pm
- Feb 21st:** Maxwell Court Valentines Party
- Feb 23rd:** Parent Toddler Group (Evergreen Club) 10 - 2pm
- Feb 24th:** Terenure Men's Shed
- Feb 28th:** Dance for Life 11 - 2pm

March:

- Mar 2nd:** Parent Toddler Group (Evergreen Club) 10 - 2pm
- Mar 3rd:** Seachtain Na Gaeilge - 1610 Walking Tour 11 - 1pm
- Mar 7th:** Dance for Life 11 - 2pm
- Mar 8th:** International Women's Day – Community Play TBC
Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Assoc – AGM
Sandymount Hotel 7pm
- Mar 9th:** Woodstock Court – St. Patrick's Celebration
Parent Toddler Group (Evergreen Club) 10 - 2pm

Mar 14th: The Importance of Being Oscar – Donnybrook Parish Centre 2pm
Dance for Life 11 - 2pm

Mar 16th: **Rathmines Cultural Day (TBC)**
Parent Toddler Group (Evergreen Club) 10 - 2pm

Mar 21st: Dance for Life 11 - 2pm

Mar 23rd: Parent Toddler Group (Evergreen Club) 10 - 2pm

Mar 25th: Terenure Village Market – Re-launch

In addition to the above a number of weekly events continue to take place as part of ongoing community work: Older persons Activities, Friends of Green Spaces, Allotment links etc.

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Environmental Services Unit Report

Abandoned Bicycles

Abandoned bicycles continue to be removed throughout the South East area. In January 2017, a total of 35 were removed.

Public Realm Enhancements

Intensive cleaning of the high footfall commercial village areas throughout the South East area will commence in March. This work involves using a low pressure, high temperature steam on the footpaths to remove chewing gum, but also stains and dog foul, the cleaning of street furniture, application of disinfectant on areas where needed including around bins, and the removal of waste. The work will be carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders, but also taking into account residents where relevant. This work will be carried out 3 times during 2017, in March, June and September. The village areas are listed below:

- 1) Ranelagh Village
- 2) Rathmines Village
- 3) Donnybrook Village
- 4) Sandymount Village
- 5) Rathgar Village
- 6) Ringsend
- 7) Harold's Cross
- 8) Terenure
- 9) Irishtown
- 10) Ballsbridge
- 11) Milltown
- 12) Baggot Street Upper and Lower

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Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Charlemont

Practical completion for the 79 units plus community centre is set for the 8th of December 2017 and the contractor is confident that he will meet that target. The Project Office continues to issue communications to the residents with regard to works on site. Staff in the Project Office continue to hold meetings with residents, various agencies and the Gardaí.

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 is around 75% completed. Georges Quay is reopened except for trees to be installed later. One third of flood gates were installed before Christmas 2016. Substantial completion will be around March 2017 except for some minor contracts on works.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 11th January 2017. Ms. Terre Duffy, Waterways Ireland Dublin Docklands Development Manager and her colleague Benny Cullen attended. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on Wed. 8th February 2017.

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. REDscape, Landscape Architects, were appointed to design a plan for Herzog Park. The Draft Landscape Masterplan 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 21st September 2016. The final day for making submissions or observations was 17th November 2016. The Part 8 was approved at the meeting of the full City Council on 9th January 2017. The contract for the Pedestrian Crossing was awarded to SIAC and works are due to commence in late January / early February 2017.

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 commenced on 30th January 2017. Other elements of the Part 8 will be provided in 2017 subject to finance.

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 28th

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 was in Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre on the 8th 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. A series of meetings took place in October and November with works departments and a second and final public workshop was held on 7th December 2016 to present a revised draft plan and take further comments. A draft Local Environment Improvement Plan has now been put on public display for consultation for a period of 6 weeks from 18th January 2017 until 28th February 2017, following which the plan will be brought before the South East Area Committee for adoption in 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. Further public realm improvements will be provided in 2017 subject to finance.

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Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Report

Change For Life

Change for Life will continue in Harold's Cross in partnership with the local Home School Liaison Officer. Classes take place every Tuesday & Thursday morning at 9am with an organised walk every Friday morning. Participants receive an initial assessment, a weekly weigh-in & classes (including nutritional talks). The programme will run for 8 weeks in line with the Operation Transformation TV show and all participants will be re-assessed at the end.

Operation Transformation 5K Run

This event will take place on Saturday 18th February in the Phoenix Park. Participants from the above Change for Life Programme will take part but it is open to everyone.

On Tuesday 14th February, **Sports & Fitness Markievicz** will celebrate its reopening by hosting a FREE open day for all. As it is Valentine's Day the theme will be to promote, encourage and celebrate a Healthy Heart and Happy Mind.

The centre will have a jammed packed agenda of activities, classes and challenges from 7am to 9.45pm. Come along and visit the newly refurbished changing village. Some of the activities scheduled for the day are:

- Swimming the distance of the Eiffel Tower (target to be set)
- PROBOX class with Olympic Boxing Gold medal winner Michael Carruth
- Professional swimming tips from Eamonn Tilley (top Triathlon Coach to Ireland's Tri Athletes)
- Insight into how the Dublin Footballers train - Weight Session (Dublin Team Star Guest – pre booking required)
- IK CARDIO challenge for the HEART, on treadmill /bike /rower
- Spot prizes
- Special offers for NEW members

There will also be plenty of group fitness classes to choose from throughout the day. Refreshments and light lunch will be served between 11.30am and 12.30am but this is an informal open day so come along whenever suits. The management & staff look forward to welcoming you to Sports & Fitness Markievicz!

Jumping Jacks

This is an initiative designed for young children to teach them fundamental movements skills through fun & games to help participate in activity throughout their life. The Programme takes place in Harold's Cross NS for Junior & Senior infants every Wednesday after classes have finished.

Chair Fit

Chair Fit classes take place in Sandymount with the Iris Charles Centre for older adults every Tuesday at 11.30am. This class will help to increase the mobility and flexibility of the participants, improving their overall general health.

Chair Fit classes also take place on Wednesday evening from 6.15pm – 7.15pm for residents of Mount Drummond Court in Harold's Cross.

Yoga

Yoga classes take place every Tuesday from 10.30am -11.30am in the Lantern Centre, Synge Street, for multi-national women. The class takes place every second Tuesday and will continue for 8 weeks.

Men on the Move

These 'men only' fitness classes will take place every Tuesday from 7pm – 8pm in St. Joseph's Community Hall, Terenure and on Thursday's from 7pm – 8pm in The Evergreen Centre, Terenure Village. Classes are free and are open to all men.

Transition Year Swimming Programme

This programme, in conjunction with CBS Westland Row, takes place every Tuesday morning in Sports & Fitness Markievicz from 9.30am – 10.30am (ongoing until end of school term).

Sport Na nÓg

This initiative, in conjunction with City Quay National School, takes place on site in the school every Wednesday morning from 9.30am – 10.30am (ongoing until end of school term).

After-School Sports Drop-in

Every Friday in PARC Recreation Centre from 1.30pm – 2.30pm for local primary school children in the area (ongoing until May).

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 St (currently 40 participants).

Girls' Soccer

Ongoing every Tuesday & Thursday evenings in Ringsend Park. Please contact the local Football Development Officer for more information.

Men's League

Ongoing every Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm in Ringsend Park.

Club Development Programme

The local Football Development Officer will be running a Child Welfare Course in late February in Irishtown Stadium for local clubs in the Dublin 2/4/8 areas (date & time TBC).

A 'Kick Start 2' Course is also planned for February 18th/19th.

The local **Rugby** Development Officer will be running several primary & secondary school tag rugby blitzes during February & March (dates, venues TBC due to mock exams etc...).

The local **Boxing** Development Officer is continuing to roll out the 'Startbox Bronze' Programme in schools throughout the South East Area.

The **Cricket** Development Officer is currently liaising with Sports Officers in the area to co-ordinate programmes for the coming months.

Provincial cricket sessions will continue on Friday nights from 5pm – 9.30pm. These are held in the North County Cricket Club where a number of players from the South East Area are involved. Players are between 10-18 years of age.

Mid Term Sessions will be taking place on the 23rd and 24th of February from 10.30am-4.15pm in North County Cricket Club (U12's and U14's) for any clubs that operate in the South East Area.

The Cricket Development Officer will be delivering **schoolyard sessions** in the following schools during the next quarter:

Star of the Sea Primary School
St. Matthew's National School
Synge Street CBS
Ranelagh Multi Denominational School

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