

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

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

Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Crumlin Area Office

As a result of the recent change in local electoral areas, the Crumlin Area Office is now part of the South East Area and accordingly Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager will be attending the South East Area Committee meetings.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 23rd April 2019. The Canal Ambassador Scheme pilot is running well. There was a large turnout for the canal element of the Dublin Community Clean-up Day on 27th April 2019 in conjunction with the four Dublin Local Authorities and Waste Management Section DCC. The IWAI Dublin Branch Boat Rally took place in May on both canals. Waterways Ireland are to propose a new format for canal sub group meetings in the coming months. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on 4th September 2019.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The redesign of Herzog Park is the final element of the Rathgar VIP to be undertaken. The Nature Play Area was officially opened by the Lord Mayor on 13th September 2018. Works to construct the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the bowling green are now complete and park landscaping is underway. The MUGA will be open in September 2019. This constitutes phase 2 of the works. Works to re-align the bring centre are almost complete and it will reopen as soon as leaf collection area is completed in mid-July. Internal planting, boundary treatment and the car park area will be addressed in the final phase 3 later in 2019.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

The installation of new park benches and ancillary works has commenced in Ranelagh Gardens Park and it is anticipated that the works will take two weeks to complete.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. It is now proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7pm in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions have been received and are being reviewed by the project team. A revised design will be drawn up following further consultation with internal departments prior to holding a second public meeting and commencing Part 8 process.

Cambridge Road: (Redscape Architects) An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC on Thorncastle Street. Meetings with internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop/meeting on 28th November 2018. Further information is required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal and it is hoped to proceed with the Part 8 process once these issues have been addressed.

Terenure Village

Proposal to screen recycling bins in car park on Terenure Road North was examined in partnership with Terenure 2030 / Tidy Towns and Waste Management Services and will be carried out in 2019. Dublin Canvas has been asked to create a design. They will commence work on the project in June 2019.

New Playground at Sean Moore Park

The playground in Sean Moore Park is almost complete and Parks are currently allowing for the establishment of the grass matting on the mounds. However before the playground can be opened it will be necessary that the ball stop netting, as recommended in the Planner's Part 8 Planning Report, be installed and Parks are currently in discussion with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the contractor to agree a timeline for this installation.

O'Carroll Villas

Housing Maintenance sought prices from contractors for the proposed landscaping at O'Carroll Villas and we are currently awaiting an update on this.

Mercer Street Play Area

A play area was installed in Mercer Street and we had a request that the external fencing be painted and we have asked Housing Maintenance for this work to be done.

Cabbage Patch

We held a public consultation earlier this year to see what local residents wanted for the future of the Cabbage Patch and two particular items were suggested by the residents; namely the provision of a play area in the Cabbage Patch and also improvements to the Football Pitch and the objective is to attract more people to visit the Cabbage Patch in the future. We are currently liaising with the City Archaeologist who will be arranging trial excavations to establish how much of the Cabbage Patch has been previously archaeologically resolved. The results of these excavations will then dictate progress on the play area and the pitch.

There are also a number of events taking place in the Cabbage Patch this summer. The Pride Dog Show took place on Sunday 23rd June and there will be an event for the Hospice on the 13th July. Housing Maintenance have tidied up the public realm in the vicinity of the Cabbage Patch and Public Lighting are going to improve the lighting in Cathedral Lane.

Stannaway Court, Senior Citizens' Complex

Insulation and upgrading works are well underway in the complex. Following the completion of the required gas works insulation works are almost completed in block 1 (No.'s 1 -12) and have commenced on 2 other blocks. New Fire safety hall doors have also been installed in block 1 and are being rolled out to the other blocks.

Raleigh Square - Tuath Housing Association

Tuath Housing are constructing 33 senior citizens' units at Raleigh Square in Crumlin. Works are progressing on these units but there has been some delays experienced. The contractor is claiming weather delays, supply chain issues and unforeseen design elements and the new completion date is October 2019. Tuath have advised they will be seeking nominations, from Housing Allocations, for the 33 units (28 x 1 bed, 5 x 2 bed) in September.

Rafter's Lane – WALK VHA (Voluntary Housing Association)

WALK VHA are constructing 10 x 1 bed units and 1 x 5 bed communal unit at Rafter's Lane in Drimnagh. The one bed units will accommodate senior citizens and the communal unit will accommodate older persons who are supported by WALK. Works are well underway on site and the project is due to be completed in August 2019.

Armagh Road - FOLD VHA

Construction works are continuing on the site for 97 senior citizens' 1 bed units. These units are being purchased by and managed by FOLD VHA and the expected completion date is Q4, 2019.

Mount Argus

DCC have agreed to acquire 13 units in block H of this development. The units acquired will include 4 x 1 beds, 8 x 2 beds and 1 x 3 beds. The units are expected to be ready in Q4 of this year.

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Community Development Section Report

Please find below a list of events taking place in the South East Area in July 2019, organised or supported by the Community Development Team of the South East Area Office.

- **2 July at 2pm – Let’s Walk & Talk visit to Airfield Estate.** Meet outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street.
- **13 July from 11 - 4pm – ‘Funster’ children’s entertainment at Busy Park Market.**
- **13 July at 2pm – Dartmouth Square Picnic in the Park.**
- **13 July at 2.30pm – A Galway Girl** (play) at Beechill Court Community Room.
- **14 July at 2pm – Cabbage Patch Family Fun Day** (off Kevin / New Street).
- **20 July at 2pm – Canon Mooney Gardens Fun Day.**
- **20 July at 2pm – Colombia Independence Day Celebrations** at 1 Windmill Lane.

Weekly Activities:

- Every Monday from 11am - 1.30pm – **Verschoye Pottery Club** at Verschoye Court Community Room.
- Every Monday from 2 - 4.30pm – **Verschoye Art Group** at Verschoye Court Community Room.
- Every Monday from 7 - 9pm – **Verschoye Drama Group** at Verschoye Court Community Room.
- Every Tuesday at 11am – **Dance for Life** dance classes for older people at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- Every Tuesday at 2pm – **Let’s Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street.
- Every Wednesday from 11.30am - 12.30pm – **Chair Yoga** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook.
- Every Wednesday at 2pm – **Let’s Walk & Talk in Spanish** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- Every Wednesday at 2.30pm – **Knitting Circle** at Verschoye Court Community Room.
- Every Thursday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- Every Thursday at 2pm – **Let’s Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at Sandymount Green.
- Every Thursday from 3 - 5pm – **Knitting Circle** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook.
- Every Friday at 11am – **Let’s Walk & Talk as Gaeilge** walking group, meeting at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar.
- Every Friday at 2pm – **Let’s Walk & Talk in French** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- Every Saturday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- Every Saturday from 11 - 4pm – **Bushy Park Market.**

- Every Saturday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at the car park of the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown.

Many thanks to all volunteers and those involved in the above for their commitment and efforts.

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Environmental Services Unit Report

Public Realm Enhancements

44 hanging baskets erected.

25 abandoned bikes removed in June.

49 abandoned bikes removed in May.

BIDs / Dublin Town

Ongoing contact and support.

Proposal for spending additional funding allocated for locally based waste management initiatives in South East Area.

Pilot dog dirt bag dispenser installed in Dartry Park.

Ongoing patrols in South East Area parks and along Sandymount Strand.

Events

Summer in the City 21st July.

Laya Healthcare spectacular (Merrion Square) 12th - 14th July.

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DCSWP HIGHLIGHT EVENTS & PROGRAMMES JULY - AUGUST 2019

DUBLIN SPORTSFEST 2019

Following on from last year's success DCSWP's flagship annual event, Dublin Sportsfest 2019 will take place during European Week of Sport (September 22 – 29). The focus will be on encouraging participation across all ages, backgrounds and abilities and, importantly, sustainability. There will also be the added bonus of the chance to showcase DCC's many sport and recreation facilities.

The festival will comprise of a week-long programme of events across many of DCC's facilities, parks and urban spaces.

The DCSWP Project Team is in place and is currently in the planning stage. A full list of highlight events and programmes will be communicated across all social media channels, websites etc. once confirmed.

DOCKLANDS DIP 2019

The Docklands Dip is back for 2019 and will take place on Wednesday 17th July from 10am – 4pm at Spencer Dock. This event is aimed at young people aged between 12 - 18 years.

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in water safety sessions, learn how to jump and dive and try their hand at water polo and kayaking.

SMALL GRANTS 2019

Sports clubs operating within the administrative area of Dublin City Council and affiliated to a National Governing Body (NGB) were recently invited to apply for financial assistance from the Sport For Young People Small Grants Scheme (10-21 years of age). The Grant Scheme is funded and administered by Sport Ireland and the Dublin Sport and Wellbeing Partnership. The scheme supports clubs in some of the following;

- Purchase of equipment
- Administrative costs
- Training and coaching courses

Applications for the Small Grants Scheme closed on 28th June 2019.

DCSWP CORE PROGRAMMES JULY - AUGUST 2019

CHANGE FOR LIFE Underactive Adults

The Change for Life programme aims to improve the health of local communities by supporting people to become more physically active on a regular basis and adopt a healthier diet. The programme was rolled out from January to March in tandem with RTE's Operation Transformation in 15 locations across the city with over 1,000 participants including the South East Area.

Due to its success the following Change for Life programme continues in the South East Area over the next period;

- **Programme:** Fitness For All Classes
Dates/Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8 – 9pm
Location: Charlemont Street Community Centre
Participants: Mixed 18+ years

FOREVER FIT (CORE) Older Adults

The Forever Fit Programme is aimed at older adults and focuses on activities to improve balance, increase mobility, strength, coordination and prevent falls.

Details of Forever Fit programmes running in the South East Area during the next six week period are outlined below.

- **Programme:** Chair Fit, Mount Drummond
Dates/Times: Mondays 7pm – 8pm
Location: Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex, Harold's Cross
Participants: Older Adults –55+ years
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga, Ranelagh
Dates/Times: Tuesdays 3pm – 4pm
Location: Woodstock Sheltered Housing Complex, Dublin 6
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Beech Hill Yoga
Dates/Times: Wednesdays 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Location: Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Dance For Life
Dates/Times: Tuesdays 11am – 12pm
Location: The Evergreen Centre, Terenure
Participants: Mixed Older Adults 55+ years

GO FOR LIFE GAMES Older Adults

The aim of the Go for Life Games is to involve older adults in recreational sport with emphasis on participation and fun. The games can be played in singles, pairs and teams and are played in a non-competitive way (as much as possible!) with participants encouraged to umpire their own game.

The programme involves the following three sports;

- **Lobbers** - adaption of Petanque and Boules
- **Flisk** - adaption of Frisbee and Horseshoe Pitching
- **Scidil** - adaption of Ten-Pin Bowling and Skittles

Programme: Go For Life – Active Retirement

Dates/Times: Mondays 7pm – 8pm/Wednesdays 3pm-4pm

Location: Mount Drummond Court, Harold's Cross (Mondays) Beechwood Centre, Ranelagh (Wednesdays)

Participants: Mixed 55+ years

CO-FUNDED PROGRAMMES JULY - AUGUST 2019

ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE

The Athletics Ireland summer camp will take place from 8-19 July (10am – 2pm) in Morton Stadium, Santry. The camp is aimed at children age 6 – 12 years.

- A Family Fun Day with various athletic activities is scheduled for Sunday 14 July in Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot. Details TBC.

BOXING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE

The StartBox Aviva Stadium Experience provides an opportunity to primary schools, secondary schools and community groups to visit the National Soccer and Rugby Stadium and be inspired by stories of past sporting heroes. Groups visiting the stadium have full access to the stadium's facilities. This event is free of charge to all participants. Bookings for this event are ongoing. On-site visits take until 26th July from 12pm-2pm.

CRICKET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Cricket Development Officer will be liaising with DCSWP Sport Officers in the area to organise the running of cricket programs for the coming months and any Summer Projects that may be on in the area;

A number of players from the Sandymount and Ringsend are involved in the U11, U13, U15, U17, and U19 DCC Cricket teams this summer. Players are mixed and aged between 9-18 years. Over the next period participants meet for training sessions and cricket tours in various locations in different venues in the Dublin City area.

Citywide cricket summer camps take place in the following locations in July and August;

- Dublin City Summer Camp - 15-19^{of} July from 10am-4pm in the Phoenix Park.
- Dublin City girls camp from 30 July – 3 August from 10.00am-16.00pm (Venue TBC).

The U11 District tournament takes place from 22 - 25 of July from 10am -5pm in Pembroke CC. Members of the Dublin City team will be from the Sandymount /Ringsend area and from cricket clubs in the area.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

School is out for summer but children are encouraged to stay active and learn new skills through the Sports Direct FAI Summer Soccer School programme. This programme will enter its 23rd year in 2019. Every year boys and girls of all abilities sign up for five days of fun and football. While participants will learn new skills and tricks from our FAI Officers, the most important element of the camp is for children to have fun and enjoy themselves. The camps are fully inclusive, so if your child has a disability he/she is more than welcome

Details of citywide camps and camps in the South East area can be found on the FAI website; <https://summersoccerschools.ie/dublin>

The Sprog soccer programme is aimed at 4 to 8 year olds and is held in 3 locations on a weekly basis;

- Sports and Fitness Irishtown on Fridays. Time TBC.
- YMCA on Wednesdays at 9.30am.
- 3 St. Catherine's sports centre on Mondays.
- Pearse House on Saturdays at 10am.

The men's league continues over the period every Monday and Wednesdays in Sports and Fitness Irishtown from 6pm to 8pm.

The 'KICKIN FOOTBALLTHROUGH ENGLISH' initiative will be delivered in partnership with Tusla in the area for teenagers seeking asylum. Full Details TBC.

RUGBY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

For details of rugby programmes and initiatives over the next period please contact Ken Knaggs at ken.knaggs@leinsterrugby.ie

FURTHER DETAILS

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