

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

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

Report of the Director of Services

Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

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 have now been completed in blocks 1 and 2. Insulation works are approximately 90% complete on block 3 and have also commenced on block 4. New Fire safety hall doors have also been installed in blocks 1, 2 and 3. They will be rolled out to the block 4 in the next few weeks.

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.

Rafters Lane – WALK Voluntary Housing Association (VHA)

WALK VHA, who provide a range of support for people with disabilities, are constructing 10 x 1 bed units and 1 x 5 bed communal unit at Rafters Lane in Drimnagh. The one bed units will accommodate senior citizens with general needs and the communal unit will accommodate older persons with intellectual challenges who are currently supported by WALK. The units are expected to be completed by the end of October. The Housing Allocations Section has started looking at potential nominations.

Armagh Road - FOLD Voluntary Housing Association (VHA)

We have been advised by FOLD VHA that the new senior citizens' units will be handed over on a phased basis by the contractor. The first block, consisting of 16 units, is expected to be completed by the end of October. FOLD have agreed to issue DCC with a reviewed construction programme when it is confirmed. They have also advised that following some design adjustments the complex will now provide 101 one bed units, an increase of 4 units from the original plan. The Housing Allocations Section, in collaboration with the Crumlin Area Office, are currently selecting applications for nomination for the first phase of the complex. While applicants will be selected from all Housing, Transfer and Priority lists, given the large number of units available there is a unique opportunity for older DCC tenants in underutilised accommodation to transfer to brand new, large, high quality dwellings located in a quiet and convenient area. If Councillors are aware of eligible DCC tenants who would be interested in these units they may pass on details to Áine Tobin in the Crumlin Area Office.

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.

Grove Road CCTV

Following the receipt of a Garda report we have completed a Privacy Impact Assessment in relation to the installation of CCTV in the complex. A contractor has been appointed and is currently completing required Construction Regulations documentation. It is expected that works will commence the week beginning 7th October and should be completed within a few days.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 4th September 2019. Letter was sent to Waterways Ireland on 12th September on foot of a motion from South East Area Committee seeking a meeting to propose a new format for interaction with Dublin City Council. In the meantime the canal sub-committee group will continue to meet. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Subcommittee will be held on 29th October 2019.

Portobello Harbour Square

An initial meeting will be held with City Architects Department in October to examine an outline brief for the proposed redesign of Portobello Harbour square, bearing in mind the new hotel development on the site which has recently commenced. Subsequent to that we will engage with local residents and businesses and other stakeholders, including Waterways Ireland, to agree a sustainable design for this important public space.

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 has been carried out. The MUGA is rostered for use by local schools and will then be offered to other groups in the area. Works to re-align the bring centre are complete and it has reopened to the public in mid-August 2019. The redrawing of the park boundary and its treatment along with the re-alignment of the car park area is the final phase of the Herzog Park project. Roads Construction and Design are costing the car park works and it is proposed to carry out the works in late 2019 / early 2020, subject to funding being available.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

The installation of new park benches has now been completed. Works to light / enhance the main entrance archway will be considered for 2020 subject to funding.

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 were received and have been reviewed by the project team. A revised design is being drawn up and will be the subject of discussion with internal departments in October 2019. Following that Councillors will be briefed prior to holding a second public information 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 planned to hold a further series of meetings with internal stakeholders before proceeding with the Part 8 planning application.

New Playground at Sean Moore Park

The playground in Sean Moore Park is now complete and is open to the public. The official opening was held on Friday 27th September 2019.

O'Carroll Villas

Housing Maintenance sought prices from 5 separate contractors for the proposed landscaping work at O'Carroll Villas and no response was received. Housing Maintenance are assessing their options and we are currently awaiting a response.

Mercer Street Play Area

Play area was completed – outside fence remains to be painted.

Cabbage Patch

We are working with a range of stakeholders regarding rejuvenating the Cabbage Patch. We held a public consultation earlier this year to ask local residents what they would like to see in the Cabbage Patch and among the priority items were the refurbishment of the football pitch and also the creation of a play area for children. We had some archaeological testing done in the Cabbage Patch during the summer and work on the pitch and the play area will be done in consultation with the City Archaeologist. Over the next quarter we hope to complete the spec. and issue a tender for the refurbishment of the new pitch. We have had a number of events in the Cabbage Patch over the Summer months which were reasonably well attended and currently our Community Section are planning an event for the Cabbage Patch for Halloween.

Markievicz House

Ground works have commenced and we continue to meet with residents regularly.

Community Development

Please find below a list of events taking place in October in the South East Area, organized or supported by the Community Development Team of the South East Area Office:

Tuesday, 1st October at 2.30pm – “Guide to the Statues & Sculptures of Dublin” Talk
Talk at Donnybrook Church of the Sacred Heart Parish Centre for Donnybrook Active Retirement Association.

Thursday, 3rd October at 12pm - Autism Support Group Event at the Hope Centre for **Social Inclusion Week.**

Thursday, 3rd October at 8pm – “Beezie” Play with Sheila Flitton at Milltown Parish Centre for Milltown ICA.

Saturday, 5th October from 12 - 4pm – Bushy Park Market Children’s Activities (face painter and children’s entertainer) at Bushy Park for **Social Inclusion Week.**

Sunday, 6th October at 11am – The Rather Heritage Trail Tour with historian, Ged Walsh. Meet at Herzog Park.

8 - 13 October – Ranelagh Arts Festival at various locations in Ranelagh Village.

Wednesday, 9th October from 6.30-9pm – Friends of Green Spaces Thank You Evening at Charlemont Court.

Thursday, 10th October at 8pm – "Beezie" Play with Sheila Flitton at Harold's Cross Pastoral Centre for Rathgar Ladies Club.

Friday, 11th October at 2.30pm – Afternoon Tea Dance with live music from Past Times at the Irish Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue.

Sunday, 13th October at 12pm – Ranelagh Dog Show at Dartmouth Square. Registration from 10.30am.

Friday, 18th October at 7.30pm - Irishtown & Ringsend Villages:
Launch of Dockers & Demons III - The Seven Deadly Sins.

Saturday, 19th October from 12 - 4pm – Rathgar Children's Book Festival at Christ Church Rathgar, Rathgar Village.

Sunday October 20th 12noon – 4pm - RSA / Multiagency Fire, Emergency, Garda Day, Blue Cross / DSCPA / My Lovely Horse Rescue, Cabbage Patch Park.

Wednesday, 23rd October at 2.30pm – "Going Wild in Beggars Bush Court" Walk & Talk with RTÉ / TV3's Éanna Ní Lamhna. Meet at the community room, Beggars Bush Court

Halloween Bank Holiday Weekend

Thursday, 24th October

Dockers & Demons: The Wake of the Wicked Cabaret - The Chapel of Ease, Irishtown, 7.30 – 9.30pm.

Friday, 25th October

Sandymount Halloween Pumpkin Festival - Christchurch Hall, 5.00 – 7.00pm.

Dockers & Demons: The Wake of the Wicked Cabaret - The Chapel of Ease, Irishtown 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Saturday, 26th October

Bushy Park Halloween Market at Bushy Park, 11am – 4pm.

Dockers & Demons: The Secret of the Seven Rooms - Art Installation Launch, Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre, 3.00pm.

Dockers & Demons: Glutton Spud Fest at Whelan House / O'Rahilly House, 5.30pm.

Sunday, 27th October

Dockers & Demons: Sloth & Sustainability - An Educational Biodiversity Walk with Éanna Ní Lamhna - Irishtown Nature Reserve, 2.00pm, Meeting point TBC.

Greedy George Party – George Reynolds House, Irishtown, 5pm.

All Souls of Donnybrook - A Halloween costume parade, local entertainment and a remembrance finale for all "Souls of Donnybrook", 5.00pm.

This is a very poignant moment that allows us all remember those who have gone around the Feast of All Souls Day. Check out Donnybrook Tidy Towns's website, or Facebook page for more details.

Monday, 28th October

Installation of Our Lady of Lourdes Statue at O'Rahilly House grotto, 7.00pm.

Tuesday, 29th October

Dockers & Demons - The Demons Ball - Older Persons Halloween Tea Dance - CYMS Ringsend, 2 – 5pm.

“Going Wild in the Garden” talk with RTÉ / TV3's Éanna Ní Lamhna at the Carmelite Centre for the Golden Wonders Group, 2.30pm.

Halloween Tea Dance with live music from Past Times at Verschoyle Court community room, at 2.30pm.

Trip to the Hellfire Club for CLAY Youth Services, Crumlin (Members only), 5pm.

Formal Opening of the Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre, 7pm.

Wednesday, 30th October

Halloween Tea Dance with live music from Past Times at St. Andrew's Resource Centre Day Care Centre, Pearse Street, 2pm.

Trip to the Hellfire Club for Bru Youth Services, Crumlin (Members only), 5pm.

Thursday, 31st October – Halloween Night

11 - 2pm – **Halloween Storytelling** with Wanda the Witch and face painting at Dolphin's Barn Library.

2 - 4pm – **Halloween Storytelling** with Wanda the Witch and face painting at Walkinstown Library.

1.30pm – **Halloween Festivities** with Model Train (1.30pm) and Zombie Run (3pm) at Brickfield Park.

3.30pm – **Zombie Run** at Sundrive Road.

12 - 3pm – **Halloween Festivities** with Haunted House, Bungee Basketball, DJ, Face Painting, Children's Entertainment and more at Clogher Road Sports Centre.

6 - 10pm – **Halloween Open Night** with various activities at Bru Crumlin.

5 - 10pm – **SCARE D8 - The Cabbage Patch Cauldron**

8pm – **Halloween Fun and Screening of Hocus Pocus**

Dockers & Demons III - The Circus of Sin Finale

3pm – **Halloween Party** - Spellman Centre.

5.30pm - Pre Circus Party - The Procession of the Seven Secrets – Halloween Parade leaving RICC at 6.45pm.

7.30pm – The Circus Of Sin - Dockers & Demons III Finale - Ringsend Park, off Cambridge Avenue.

Community Grants Scheme 2020

The annual Community Grants Scheme has been launched for 2020, the closing time / date for applications is **5.00pm on the 8th of November 2019**.

All Applications should be returned by the closing time / date directly to:

**Dublin City Council
Community and Social Development Section
Block 1, Floor 3
Civic Offices
Wood Quay
Dublin 8**

All enquiries regarding applications should be made by phone to **01 222 2148** or by email to **community@dublincity.ie**

Please note that applications for community grants should not be sent to either the Crumlin Area Office or the South East Area Office; any applications received at these locations will be returned to the applicant and not accepted.

Crumlin Swimming Pool

Crumlin Swimming Pool has re-opened, the hours of opening are as follows: **Mondays to Fridays** are either 9.00am – 6.00pm or 1.00pm to 9.00pm depending on private bookings. There are no open public sessions during these times. **Saturdays** are 10.00am – 1.45pm, this is an open public session. The first public session will be Saturday the 5th of October. **Sundays** – closed.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Due to ongoing works at the Crumlin Village Garda Station, it will not be possible to use the space where barriers have been erected, so we have applied to hold the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the grounds of the church on **Wednesday the 4th of December at 5.00pm**.

Environmental Services

Public Realm Enhancements

Lamp posts painted in South East Area.

- Ballsbridge Avenue
- Bath Avenue / Gardens / Londonbridge Road
- Burlington Road
- Charleville Road
- Elm Park
- Herbert Place
- Kingsland Parade
- Richmond Hill

Graffiti

Ongoing removal of racist / political / offensive graffiti off public buildings and structures. Letters being issued to owners / occupiers to have graffiti removed from private property.

Abandoned Bike Removal

27 abandoned bikes removed.
Additional 15 tagged for removal.

Weed Control

Ongoing manual weed removal by Waste Management crews.

Events

Bram Stoker Festival, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th October:

Various events

- St Patrick's Park
- Meeting House Square & the Ark
- Grand Canal Dock

Mark Pollock Run in the Dark, 13th November 2019.

Halloween 2019 in the South East

Halloween is a time of fun but also of concern. The safety and security of people can be put at risk by the irresponsible actions of others. The most obvious threat is the creation and location of bonfires but equally the irresponsible use of fireworks can cause injury and damage.

The South East Area Office will take a strategic approach to Halloween within the overall approach of council departments by putting in place measures that tackle the danger while at the same time organising community events where safe fun can be had on the night.

Removal and Reporting of Bonfire Material during Halloween 2019

City Council departments have deployed labouring crews and vehicles to facilitate the removal of bonfire material in the days leading up to and including Halloween. The services are being provided through the Housing, Parks, Waste Services and Development departments. The removal of bonfire material will be prioritised on risk. The following risks are examples of cases that will be prioritised:

- Material that poses a risk to safety and wellbeing of the public
- Material that poses a risk to critical public infrastructure
- Material that can become a focal point for major public order issues

Reporting of locations of stored bonfire materials can be made to either of the following:

- Call Dublin City Council **01 222 2222** or **1800 293949** (evenings and weekends)
- Report 'bonfire materials' online at <http://www.dublincity247.ie/>

In the South East Area we will follow a twin track approach to the removal of materials. Where materials are discovered they will be removed immediately or the site will be watched and materials will be removed when they have built up.

Parks will be responsible for all removal and bonfire prevention in major parks.

Housing and Public Domain will concentrate on housing complexes, green spaces within housing estates or flat complexes or immediately adjacent to them.

As in 2018 we will agree arrangements for support from the Gardaí, including the use of the Public Order Unit and meetings have taken place already.

Dublin City Council is promoting a safe and enjoyable Halloween for everyone this year. Bonfires are illegal and Dublin City Council is asking the public to report stockpiling of bonfire material as soon as possible so that it can be removed and avoid the risk of serious injury, damage to property and our environment over the Halloween period.

The council will carry out dozens of stockpiling raids removing bonfire material across the city between now and Halloween as part of its drive to promote a safe Halloween that all of the community can enjoy.

DCC is putting in place an extensive action plan for the 2019 Halloween period to ensure that we remove as much material as possible to help ensure a family friendly Halloween for all.

In 2018 Dublin City Council successfully removed 600 tonnes of bonfire materials during the Halloween period in response to over 600 reports of stockpiling from the public.

The excellent cooperation received from An Garda Síochána is essential to the success of these operations.

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP)

Marathon Kids 2019

DCSWP is delighted to be re-engaging with the Marathon Kids programme for 2019 in partnership with South Dublin Council and Fingal County Council Local Sport Partnerships. Marathon Kids is an 8-week initiative encouraging and promoting the social, physical and mental benefits of physical activity for our children.

During the programme 5th and 6th year primary school students complete four running sessions each week inching them closer to completing their first marathon. The students will come together for the last marathon mile in a grand finale event held in Morton Stadium, Santry on 13 November 2019 making their achievement even more special.

DCSWP has had a very positive response to the programme; 15 schools in the city are currently participating in regular physical activity through the programme during school-time meaning over 500 of our children are getting out and active on a daily basis.

- The Marathon Kids programme continues in the South East Area in Star of the Sea, Sandymount throughout October / November.

The Daily Mile 2019

The Daily Mile is simple, free and gets children out of the classroom for fifteen minutes every day to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and in a better position to concentrate in the classroom. DCSWP is involved with this initiative in partnership with Athletics Ireland Officers and Frank Grealley, the Daily Mile ambassador from Athletics Ireland. The launch of The Daily Mile took place at the start of DCSWP's flagship event, Dublin Sportsfest on 23rd September 2019 and will be rolled out across schools in the area.

Halloween Highlights 2019

DCSWP Sports Co-funded and Community Officers are currently planning multi-sport Halloween camps to keep our young people happy, focussed and fit when school is out over the mid-term break. 2019 Zombie Fun Run will take place in Brickfield Park, Drimnagh on Halloween in partnership with DCC Community Officers. Details below:

- Brickfield Park Zombie run - 3pm start.
- Sundrive park Zombie run - 3.30pm start.

DCSWP Core Programmes October – November 2019

Below are details of highlight core programmes during the next period. DCSWP are currently in the planning period for the autumn / winter period. For full details please contact Dee O’Boyle in the DCSWP office at 222 5433 / sports@dublincity.ie

Couch to Parkrun (Core) Underactive Adults

The October / November Couch to Parkrun programme continues over the period and takes place on the grounds of St. Vincent’s Hospital:

- **Programme:** Couch to Parkrun Mount Merrion
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 4.30 – 5.30pm
Location: Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex, Harold’s Cross

Forever Fit (Core) Older Adults

The Forever Fit programme is aimed at older adults and focuses on activities to improve balance, increase mobility, strength, and coordination and prevent falls. Details of Forever Fit programmes running in the South East Area during the next 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, Woodstock, Ranelagh
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 3 – 4pm
Location: Woodstock Sheltered Housing Complex
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga Beech Hill
Dates / Times: Wednesdays 11.30am – 12pm
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

Youth Fit Youth at Risk 10 - 21 Years

Rugby, football and dance Youth Fit programmes continue in local schools in the area in following locations:

- CBS Westland Row, Rugby Programme will take every Wednesday in October.
- In partnership with Riccy’s Youth Services a six-week soccer programme is scheduled throughout October.
- Bike Safety Events will also take place over the next period.

Co-funded Programmes October – November 2019

Boxing Development Officer Update

The **Startbox** Initiative, a partnership between the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership will be recommencing during the school year.

The programme is an ideal way for young people (10 – 17 years) to first engage with amateur boxing, Ireland’s most successful Olympic sport. It is delivered by our five dedicated IABA / DCSWP Development Officers via local schools (primary & transition year level) in communities across the Dublin city area. Approximately 2,000 young people take part each year in the programme.

The programme is structured into Bronze (non-contact), Silver and Gold phases. The first phase focuses on general strength and fitness, method and technique. The Silver Programme consists of higher intensity sessions and limited contact and the Gold phase takes it on to another level again.

The DCSWP / Leinster Rugby Development Officer is currently engaging with schools across the South East Area in relation to the Bronze Boxing Programme.

Cricket Development Officer Update

The Cricket Development Officer will be liaising with local officers to deliver Schoolyard Cricket Sessions in from mid-October - November in the following schools in the area:

Star of the Sea	Wednesday – 1.00 – 2.30pm	Sandymount
Cricket – Rathgar NS	Tuesday 11am – 12.30pm	Rathgar
Cricket – St. Matthews NS	Thursday 1.00 – 2.30pm	Sandymount
Cricket – Ranelagh MDS	Friday 1.00 – 2.30pm	Ranelagh

Football Development Officer Update

Football Programmes in October / November will continue to target schools in the local area. Other initiatives will include football racial awareness programmes, grassroots programmes and DCC specific initiative and football sessions for females in local clubs.

Rowing Development Officer Update

The Get Going Get Rowing Programme continues in schools across the city over the next period including schools in the South East Area.

Islandbridge Municipal Rowing Centre will host the delivery of on the water session be for secondary school students across the city on Saturday 19 October.

The Get Going Get Rowing School Indoor Rowing Blitz will take place on Thursday 24th October in Trinity College Dublin.

Women’s Citywide Football Development Officer Update

DCSWP’s Women’s FAI Development Officers work on a north / south basis delivering football programmes aimed at encouraging and facilitating female participation in football. School coaching sessions and social inclusion drop-in sessions are currently in the planning process across the South East Area. A full update will be included in the next report.

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