



BALLINCLEA HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Christmas 2005

Development of Ballinclea Park

Parks Department of DLRCoCo have agreed to a phased development of our park to include a Footpath, Railings (black steel) on the front boundary, Planting of the front boundary, Grinding out of tree stumps, Drainage of the flat playing area and an All-Weather asphalt games court. Their estimated expenditure is €116816

Between now and the end of 2006 Parks have agreed to:

- Install a footpath along the northern and eastern boundary. This footpath will be connected to the dead end footpaths outside the NE and NW corners of the park. Work on this is planned to commence in April 2006.
- Plant the front boundary with ground cover plants and low growing shrubs and Rowan Trees. This work is scheduled for March 2006.
- Install an All-Weather games court comprised of an asphalt base 20mx30m surrounded by a green graded mesh fence. It would be unlit and its usage would be under the

control of BHRA. Different coloured line markings would permit it to be used for Basketball, Football, Tennis and Volleyball. Inset goals and basketball hoops are included but not nets. Timescale for this proposal is a mid summer start with completion by end 2006. In terms of scale it would occupy approximately 5% of the park area

The money for the path and planting comes from the Parks budget allocation. This is a welcome development and represents what we hope will be the first stage of a cooperative process with DLRCoCo.

Finance for the All-Weather games court comes from a dedicated and separate stream of funding. Therefore the €75000 allocated for this proposed project cannot be used for any other purpose.

BHRA will circulate a questionnaire so that you can let us know what you think about these matters.

Following this we will arrange a general meeting in which Parks would participate.

Speeding

Let us all be mind-full of the hazard which speeding represents within our estate and act accordingly.

Street Cleaning

The DLR kerb cleaner should visit us every second Tuesday of each month. It would benefit the whole area if members parked their car(s) in the driveway on this day. In fact if this practice was followed every day it would make our roads and footpaths safer for children.

BHRA Christmas Appeal

Santa Claus will assist us in collecting non-perishable food donations in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday next 18th December from 6.30pm. Please have your donation ready for our collectors and let them know if your children would like a word with Santa.

Compost Bin

This process has been of benefit to members and has gained kudos for BHRA from political and environmental quarters. However it has been abused by a litterbug, who has dumped many green bags of garden waste beside the bin, along with loose vegetation and a large tree branch. We would appreciate information regarding this anti-social behaviour and we will not hesitate in contacting the Litter Warden who can impose a significant fine. Withdrawal of this material would also be welcomed.



Happy Christmas to All and a Peaceful New Year



Good Neighbourliness

We would encourage our members to attend to any overgrown hedges and vegetation which impinge on your neighbours or footpaths. Any such efforts would be appreciated.

Members Subscriptions

At this stage there are just a handful of residents who have not subscribed to BHRA and we would ask them to do so before the year end.

Dog Fouling

It has been brought to our attention that a few dog walkers who appear to behave properly are in fact getting rid of their doggy bags in hedgerows or over garden fences as they exit our open spaces. If any member has information on this disgusting practice we will get the Litter Warden on the case.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Many of you will be familiar with the large gatherings of youths on Friday/ Saturday nights. We are writing to the Garda Area Superintendent regarding this problem.

Fun Quiz

This night was a great success and raised €1114 for Ballinlea Park. It was well supported and attended by 4 TDs and 5 Councillors. Well done to Jim & Lillian Coffey and all other organisers

Ballinlea Park Fund

To date 77 members have contributed to this fund and we would urge all others to follow suit. This fund will enable us to enhance the recreational features of the Park, particularly now that the Parks Department have committed to a programme for 2006.

Contributions to
Scott Jungmann,
Hon. Treasurer,
No. 60. Telephone 2851341

Ballinlea Park Fund

Application to become a Patron of Ballinlea Park

Name _____

Address _____

(Cheques etc. to be sent to Mr. Scott Jungmann, Hon. Treasurer at No 60)

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