



BALLINCLEA HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Christmas 2006

Development of Ballinlea Park

This year we have seen great achievements in our park with the installation of the All Weather Court, Footpath and planting. The AWC has yet to be covered with a special green coating which will be marked by lines to accommodate various games. This special surface is safer for children's play. Parks Department are to install Railings of black steel along the front boundary, remove the chain link fence and gate and grind out the many tree stumps left after we felled the Lawson Cypress trees in 2004.. They have also committed to finishing the footpath and restoring any damage, planting flower bulbs, providing seating and a piece of sculpture. Realistically some of these tasks may run into next Spring. This year's program of work represents circa €160000 expenditure.

Table Tennis Table

We are delighted to announce that DLR Parks have accepted our offer of a TTT which they will install in Ballinlea Park in early Spring 2007. The concrete table tennis table

is being purchased from The Hugh Lane Gallery who have asked us to acknowledge the artists involved, with a plaque on the table, which we are hopeful they will provide. The table was used in an open air art exhibition. Parks will lay a honeycombed surface around the table, through which grass can grow, thus allowing all year round play.

2007 Program of work

Our Park Sub Committee will meet with Parks Dept. soon to discuss future developments. The agenda will include;

- Drainage and Top-soil for flat playing area
- Path on west and south sides to complete a circuit of the park.
- Path to AWC
- Play Equipment
- Railings on East side
- Tree line on front boundary
- Trees within park
- Boules Court and Chess Board/Bandstand to be funded by BHRA

Parks have said that they will clear any rough or weed infested areas, trim back briar hedges and fill in sink holes in Spring 2007.

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 is scheduled to visit B.H. every second Tuesday of each month. It would benefit the whole area if residents 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 and would facilitate the grey and green bin collections.



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 10th 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.

Litter

We wish to compliment DLR CoCo Litter Wardens Dave Moran and Nigel Dunne for their prompt action in decisively dealing with dumping on the Cat's Ladder and Vico Road. They stated that they will step up visits to Ballinlea Heights and will not hesitate to impose fines in relation to dog fouling and dumping. Since they do not wear a uniform their presence may not be apparent. They have been alerted to the discarding of plastic bags of dog faeces. Hopefully this disgusting practice will cease and the few offenders will gain a respect for our environs. LITTER NO 1800403503

Happy Christmas to All and a Peaceful New Year



Good Neighbourliness

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

House & Car Alarms

We ask all residents with such security devices to ensure that they are well maintained so that they do not become a nuisance. In any event an arrangement should be made with a neighbour to re set alarms in your absence. A siren free Christmas would be a bonus.

Ballinlea Park Fund

To date over 100 members have contributed to this fund. We would urge all households to follow suit. This fund will enable us to enhance the recreational features of the Park.

Our first purchase from this fund is the Concrete Table Tennis Table from The Hugh Lane Gallery for €500. See article on page 1. Contributions to Niall Kelly, Hon. Treasurer. No. 73 phone 2750036

Members Subscriptions

We are delighted to announce that 99% of 2006 subscriptions have been paid, leaving only 2 refusals out of 200 homes. Well done to all concerned. Bank Standing Orders account for 70+% Anyone who wishes to use this efficient system of subscribing can download a S/O form from our website. www.ballinleaheights.org

Fun Quiz

We hope to hold this popular event during Spring and will bring you details closer to that time.

Open Spaces

Your committee is working on a Five Year Plan to enhance our four open spaces with the addition of flowers, shrubs, trees, landscaping etc. We would like to hear your thoughts and suggestions on improvements you would like to see implemented.

Your suggestions can be e mailed to; officers@ballinleaheights.org



REMINDER
Next Sunday 10th December we will be collecting non-perishable food stuffs for families in need from 6.30—8 pm

Ballinlea Park Fund
Application to become a Patron of Ballinlea Park
Name _____
Address _____
(Cheques etc. to be sent to Mr. Niall Kelly, Hon. Treasurer at No 73)
For accountability purposes the house number only will appear on our website