

Watson Killiney Residents Association Newsletter

Spring 2015

Neighbourhood Watch

Following response to our recent questionnaire we can confirm that Neighbourhood Watch is back now up and running in our estate. A pack has been delivered to all participants, and we ask that you display the Neighbourhood Watch sticker somewhere visible at your front door. As part of the recent re-establishment, we decided that a 'Text Service' would be beneficial, so we can immediately spread word of incidents or concerns to residents. There are approx. 670 houses in our estate. We currently have 150 members in the scheme. Our aim is to have all houses in the estate part of the scheme. If you wish to join please contact any of the committee members or check out our website for details

www.watsonkillineyres.ie

COMPETITION TIME

We are in the process of updating our website - thanks to the time and efforts of a local volunteer. As part of this update, we are seeking photos of our estate. The winning photo will be selected by the Residents Association, and uploaded onto our website main page as the caption photo for the estate.

Please email your photographs to watsonkilliney@gmail.com by 06/05/15

We are offering a €50 voucher for Café Solo, Killiney Shopping Centre to the winner of the competition. Their name and photograph will also be printed in our next newsletter.

Local Business Listing

Our aim is to support local business. We have decided to add a 'Local Business' section, as part of our website update.

If you have a business based locally and would like your details added to the Residents Association website, or you live in the estate and would like to advertise your business you can email your details to www.watsonkillineyres.ie and we will add it to the page.

Overgrown Hedges

If you are aware of any trees or hedges from private property that are overgrowing onto the road / footpath & are causing a hazard, you can report it to the Road Maintenance Section, Transportation Department in DLRCoCo who will address the situation. DLRCoCo Council can be contacted on:

roadmaintenance@dlrcoco.ie, or ph: 2054879 or in writing to Road Maintenance Section, Transportation Department, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

If in doubt don't flush it!

Toilets are for disposal of organic body waste & toilet paper ONLY. Everything else should go in the bin! Nappies / cleansing wipes / sanitary towels / tampons do not dissolve in water, so when you flush them they are likely to eventually block your plumbing or block a drain near to where you live. Recent reports indicate blockages in Auburn Close, Auburn Drive and Watson Road. So please don't flush these items!

News Update

Probation Service

Since the departure of the FÁS worker affiliated with our association, we have forged a new relationship with The Probation Service. The Probation Service works in partnership with community groups like ours, to reduce offending and make communities safer. Going forward The Probation Service will refer appropriate clients to our estate clean up days. This will assist The Probation Service in positively re-integrating people back into their local communities.



Annual Subscription



Collection for our annual subscription will soon commence. The fee remains the same as it has for the last number of years - €20 per household. Please put the fee in the attached envelope and leave it ready for collection. A nominated collector will call, show ID, collect the envelope and issue a receipt. All the money collected goes directly back into our estate.

Please do not expect your neighbours to pay for you! New collectors are urgently required to assist with this year's collection. If you have time to spare please contact any of the committee members or use the contact form on our website

Review of Speed Limits within Housing Estates

DLRCoCo is undertaking a review of speed limits in residential estates, and wishes to engage with interested parties in a non-statutory consultation process. The review is being undertaken to ensure that housing estate roads are as safe as possible for pedestrians, cyclists and especially children. In this regard, members of the public are invited to make submissions to the Council identifying residential estates for the possible introduction of a 30 km/h speed limit. The committee has submitted a request for a review of speed limits on all roads within the estate.

Estate Clean Up

The estate clean-up is taking place in conjunction with An Taisce National Spring Clean on Saturday the 18th of April. Committee members will be available to hand out refuse bags, gloves and litter pickers. We will also be available to collect the filled sacks.

**Meet in the Church Car park at 11am
on Sat 18/04/15**

Just an hour of your time can make a BIG difference to the quality of your neighbourhood

There is also a 'Clean Up' event in Johnstown Boys National School in conjunction with the Residents Association on 16/04/15. Volunteers are required to assist with a clean up in the school grounds and the immediate area. Meet in the School grounds at 6pm.

Website / Facebook

We would like to remind residents of our website - www.watsonkillineyres.ie. We endeavour to ensure we keep the website up-to-date. We also have a Facebook page, and aim to have as many residents linked with us as possible.

Rented Houses

There are a number of houses within our estate that are rented, and the association hopes that all tenants are happy with the service they receive from their landlord. In the event that a tenant has a difficulty with their landlord, or neighbour of a rented house has a difficulty with the landlord/tenant the Private Residential Tenancy Board (PRTB) is always available for contact. Complaints can be lodged with them by phoning 0818 30 30 37 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.



Dogs

In case anyone got a new dog for Christmas, and for seasoned dog owners, with the warmer weather soon approaching here is a reminder of some information regarding walking dogs in our area.

Under the 'Parks Bye Laws' it is an offence for a dog to be off the lead in parks in DLRCoCo with the exception of Killiney Hill Park and the specific off-leash areas in Marlay Park, Shanganagh Park and Cabinteely Park.

Under the 'Beach Bye Laws 2012' the following restrictions in relation to dogs apply:

Seapoint Beach Bathing Area - **No** dogs allowed all year round.

Sandycove Beach Bathing Area - **No** dogs allowed all year round. Outside of the bathing areas 10.00 am - 7.00 pm - dogs must be on leash all year round at both beaches.

Killiney Beach Bathing Area - **No** dogs allowed 1st June - 15th September from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm. At all other times in the bathing area dogs are required to be on leash.

Remember: DLRCoCo charge a €150 on the spot fine for fouling, and a Warden can issue you a fine of €100 if your dog is not kept under control / on a lead.

Neighbours: Is your dog barking and causing annoyance to your neighbours. Residents are reminded to control their dogs and avoid this occurrence.

Please note the above restrictions do NOT apply to guide dogs for the blind.

Read Environment letter from DLRCoCo on our website: www.watsonkillineyres.ie/environment

DLRCoCo Lexlcon

The Lexlcon in Dún Laoghaire, the new Central Library and Cultural Centre, is now open to the public. Located in Haigh Terrace it has over 80,000 items in the adult and junior libraries, 60+ computers, 100 study spaces and a floor dedicated to Local Studies. It is open 9.30am-8pm Mon – Thurs and 9.30am-5pm Fri & Sat, ph: 2801147.

NCT Test Reminder

NCT will not advise you when your test is due. You need to contact them yourself and arrange your test.

Remember from December 2014 driving without a valid NCT will incur 3 penalty points. **You can make a booking 90 days prior to your due date.**

Pendent Alarms

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government offers a grant to vulnerable people towards the cost of buying and installing a Pendent Alarm or 'Monitored Personal Alarm' in their home. Grant support can **only** be accessed through community and voluntary groups registered with the Department. Please contact the Seniors Alert Scheme in the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on 8882549 for further information and a list of our local community groups.

Spring Time

Did you know that DLRCoCo Parks Service manage some designated sites of nature conservation in our locality including Killiney Hill & Dalkey Coastal Zone and Dalkey Island. These areas are designated as proposed Natural Heritage Areas and support important species and habitats of national conservation. Dalkey Island is also a designated Special Protection Area and is of international importance due to the bird populations it supports. The Residents Association encourages us all to get out and explore our area this spring. Maybe even spot the protected 'Common or Arctic Tern' or 'Red Squirrel'.



Remember - This is YOUR Association

There are many ways to get involved: newsletter distribution, committee membership, subscription collection, contributing articles for our newsletter. Please get in touch - phone any of us or send us an email: watsonkilliney@gmail.com.

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Live DLR Council Meetings

From this link you will be able to access [webcasts](#) of live council meetings, view [archived council meetings](#) from the last few months, view or complete any [surveys or polls](#) and access any documents or presentations associated to the webcasts.

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