



Message in a Bottle

In conjunction with **Killiney and Dún Laoghaire Lions Clubs** the Residents Association are delighted to announce and launch a new initiative for our estate, 'Message in a Bottle'. 'Message in a Bottle' is an initiative that is supported by Ambulance and Fire services, the Gardaí, Medical Services, the HSE, Pharmacists and DLRCoCo.

What is it?

It is an idea that encourages people to keep basic personal and medical details in a the same place, so in the case of an emergency, the above services can easily access vital information about you including a list of your medications and details of your emergency contact person(s).

How does it work?

You are given a small green and white plastic bottle containing a form and three self-adhesive green cross stickers. You complete the form, put it back in the bottle and put the bottle in your fridge. Place a green sticker on the corner of your fridge, on the inside of your front door and the inside of your back door. In the event of an emergency / incident, emergency services will see the green cross on your door / fridge and know they can immediately access your information.

Who will benefit from Message in a bottle?

Anyone. Especially people on medication, older people, people living alone, people with life threatening conditions / allergies, people with disabilities, paramedics, the Gardaí, fire-fighters, social services and hospitals.

Killiney and Dún Laoghaire Lions Clubs will be in Johnstown Pastoral Centre on 15/05/19 at 8pm (after our AGM) to introduce and explain the scheme to residents. They will also be giving out the bottles to all present.

We strongly urge you to attend this meeting, and ask any questions you have to the members of Killiney and Dún Laoghaire Lions Clubs who will be present.

The Residents Association would like to sincerely thank Killiney and Dún Laoghaire Lions Clubs for funding and working with us on this initiative. We believe that this scheme has the potential to be life saving and is a valuable resource to us all.

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News Updates

Since the printing of our last newsletter we have a number of updates:

- We have been in contact with DLRCoCo regarding grass verges identified for the planting of new trees. We have also advised them of issues with a number of trees throughout the estate causing footpath and parking issues.
- We have liaised with DLRCoCo re: replacing the litter bin on Upper Churchview Road at the bus stop as there has been a considerable amount of littering since it was removed.
- We have liaised with DLRCoCo re: upgrading the entrance into Kilbogget Park at the junction of Coolevin and Churchview Road opposite Tesco. They have agreed to undertaking this upgrade in 2020 and making this entrance similar to the new one on Wyatville Road.
- We have engaged specialist consultation re: sustainable and environmentally friendly planting for all of our road name signs this year.
- We have recently welcomed a new committee member, Aidan Abbott from Auburn Drive.
- We have written to the Polling Scheme in DLRCoCo re: Watson's being listed as Ballybrack 3 in the electoral divisions in our area, asking for it to be re-listed as Watsons Killiney.
- Our DLRCoCo designated Wildlife areas (with signage) will not have their grass cut regularly this summer.

Committee Representation

We are actively seeking committee members from Watson Avenue and Watson Park, Granville Close and Granville Road (89 – 105 only), Brackenbush Park, Churchview Road and Avenue and Auburn Road to ensure we have representatives from everywhere in our estate!

If you are interested in working with us on the Residents Association please join us. It is a pleasure working together to improve the quality of life for us all. So please consider volunteering to enhance our committee with what you could bring.

Traffic Management Subcommittee

The DLRCoCo survey of traffic speed within our estate is finished. The results will be given to us in the coming weeks. We also expect to hear back from DLRCoCo as to how they plan to deal with our traffic speeding problems under their Traffic Calming Scheme. The issue of speeding and rat-running through our estate has become even more critical since planning permission has been given to a number of housing developments that seek to make use of our existing estate roads. The subcommittee will update residents as things develop and a full report will be provided at the upcoming Residents Association AGM. If you have an issue regarding traffic in our estate please email your concern using the contact form on our website or contact any committee member.

Bulb Planting



We have now planted 12,000 spring bulbs at various locations around the estate. Included in this year's planting was Granville Close, Brackenbush Green and Auburn Close. If you would like some planted in your area this autumn please let us know in advance.



First Aid for Residents

Keeping with the theme of health and safety, the Residents Association have been in contact with *Learn to Save a Life (LTSL)* regarding the possibility of hosting **Heartsaver AED Training** and/or a **First Aid Module** for residents. The training will be facilitated by qualified trainers in conjunction with the *Irish Heart Foundation Guidelines*, and will be held in Johnstown Pastoral Centre. Upon completion of the course residents will be issued with Irish Heart Foundation certificates.

There is a cost with holding this training, which is based on the number of residents wish to take part. The Residents Association will be contributing to this cost.

If you are interested in undertaking either of these trainings, please telephone Fran on 2856304 by 30/04/19.



Sewage System Blockages

Flushing wet wipes/nappies/cotton buds down the toilet costs local authorities approximately €7,000,000 annually to clear our drainage systems. There are also costs for home owners. Watson's sewage system comprises of a network of drains with several houses linked into the one line. It only takes 1 house flushing the above items for a blockage to occur. The individual(s) with the shore on the line in their garden is then left dealing with the problem! There are regular sewage system blockages on Churchview Avenue. Please think before flushing and remember that although the shore may not be in your garden, you share the line with others.



Annual Subscription



Collection for our annual subscription will take place for 2019 during the month of April. Please place the subscription in the attached envelope, and a collector with ID will call to collect it. A receipt can be issued for any subscriptions paid on request.

Once again our fee is €20 per household. Last year 69% of houses paid. Thank you to everyone who contributed. All the money collected goes directly back into our estate.

Please do not expect your neighbours to pay for you!

This year we would like to appeal to all members of Neighbourhood Watch to pay the annual subscription fee. There are some costs associated with running this scheme, which in the main are covered by the money we collect in the annual subscription collections.

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual AGM is being held on Wednesday the 15th of May in Johnstown Pastoral Centre at 7.00pm

All are welcome. Committee members will present annual reports and updates on work completed in 2018-2019. Similar to recent years numerous environmentally friendly raffle prizes will also be given out on the night.



Spring Clean

In conjunction with the *An Taisce National Spring Clean* and Johnstown National Schools, the next estate clean-up is taking place on Saturday the 13th of April. As usual, committee members will be present to hand out refuse bags, gloves, litter pickers and motivation! Tea / coffee and snacks will be provided for all volunteers.

We will also be handing out some RAFFLE PRIZES to lucky winners at the tea break after clean up!

Meet in the Church car park on 13/04/19 at 11am

Just 1 hour of your time changes our neighbourhood!

We are YOUR Association

Committee Members

Chairperson: Jennifer Moore, Auburn Close, Tel: 2856240	Angela Mac Mahon: Brackenbush Road, Tel: 2856541
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