

#### **Watson Killiney Residents Association Newsletter**



Summer 2017

#### **Summer Planting**



Our 20 road name signs and 3 planters have recently been planted with a variety of colourful summer plants. Hopefully they will add great colour to the estate when they are in full bloom. We hope that you enjoy them © In order to ensure the plants last as long as possible during the dry and sunny weather, we would be grateful if you could assist us with watering the plants.

If you live near any of the road name signs or planters please feel free to water them (regularly), so we can enjoy them for as long as possible.



#### Neighbourhood Watch Road Signage

We are delighted to announce that we have recently collected 6 Garda and DLRCoCo approved Neighbourhood Watch Signs from a manufacturer. They are currently in the care of DLRCoCo who will be hanging them as soon as possible in the pre-approved locations. We are delighted with this achievement and hope that the signs will contribute towards improving community safety and awareness, reduce antisocial behaviour and prevent crime.



## **News Updates**

Since the printing of our last newsletter a number of initiatives and improvements that we have been working on have taken place throughout our estate:

- In conjunction with An Táisce National Spring Clean and Johnstown National Schools we held our annual spring clean, during which over 20 bags of litter and rubbish were collected.
- Traffic management bollards were installed at the entrance of the church car park (with support from dedicated local councillors).
- In conjunction with our subcommittee Watson Traffic Action Committee we held our 1st road safety campaign. 6 posters were displayed throughout the estate asking all road users to voluntarily reduce their speed to 30kph. To ensure all age groups were included in the campaign, we also ran a poster competition in Johnstown Boys National. Prizes were awarded to those who designed the winning posters.









- We held our AGM on 10/05/17 which included an informative and educational hour long presentation from the Crime Prevention Officer in the Gardaí who covers our district.
- The traffic islands and kerbs along the length of Churchview Road have been repainted by DLRCoCo.

#### **DLRCoCo Tidy Districts**

Judging for DLRCoCo Tidy Districts 2017 takes during the month of July (we don't know when).

We are hoping to keep our winning title this year! Please support our participation in this competition, by picking up and binning any litter you happen to walk past. Every bit helps. Fingers crossed we do well!









#### <u>Dún Laoghaire Harbour Bicentenary</u>

Dún Laoghaire harbour is 200 years old this year, so we are set for a summer of celebrations to mark the occasion. The *Dún Laoghaire Harbour Bicentenary Steering Group* has announced a programme of activities to coincide with the milestone event. Starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May a variety of events and demonstrations take place in the harbour all summer right up to the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. Please see <a href="http://events.dlrcoco.ie/event/d%C3%BAn-laoghaire-harbour-bicentenary">http://events.dlrcoco.ie/event/d%C3%BAn-laoghaire-harbour-bicentenary</a> for all the details.



# Loss of Blue Flag Status for Killiney <u>Beach</u>

Unfortunately Killiney Beach does not have its usual Blue Flag Standard this summer. A blue flag standard is an international award, operated in Ireland by An Taisce. It recognises outstanding compliance with sewage treatment and bathing water quality criteria. As recently reported in the *Irish Times*, Killiney Beach did not apply for blue flag designation this year because it would not have been awarded - due to a drop in annual bathing water classification from excellent to good.

We have contacted DLRCoCo who have confirmed that although the beach has temporarily lost its blue flag status, the water remains safe for us to swim in and enjoy.



### 2017 Subscriptions



Collection of the 2017-2018 Residents Association Subscriptions has ended. This year we collected almost the exact same as last year.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection this year. As our committee and initiatives have grown so has our need for funding, so thank you.

# Fatata Classa Ula

**Estate Clean Up** 

Our next estate clean-up is taking place on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. 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 afterwards.

## Meet in the Church car park on 01/07/17 at 11am

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





## <u>Dumping on Churchview and Auburn</u> Greens

Unfortunately the dumping of garden and domestic waste is still happening on Churchview and Auburn Greens. In our Spring 2016 newsletter, we highlighted this issue and are disappointed that it remains a reality within our estate. Given the health and social impacts of dumping, we have liaised with DLRCoCo's *Litter Warden* regarding the problem. Fines and other ways of managing this reality have been discussed and will be explored asap by the council.

In the summer months our greens are an asset to us all, and we want to ensure they remain a safe and healthy space for us all (particularly children) to enjoy.



#### Picnic in the Playing Field

As you are aware we regrettably had to postpone our planned 'Picnic in the Playing Field' due to unforeseen circumstances. We have decided to reschedule it to 2018, when we will be holding it in conjunction with Street Feast and hold it in June 2018.

#### We are YOUR Association

#### **Committee Members**

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