



**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
18th October, 2023**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme: The Part 8 process is ongoing. A statutory public consultation on the proposals closed on 25th September. A briefing note and draft CE report will be presented to the Area Committee in November.

Greening Projects: An update on 4 no. active greening proposals is being provided to this Area Committee – Dolphins Barn area street trees, Carman Hall street trees, landscaping proposal for Blackpitts and refurbished median planting at St Luke's Avenue. A localised consultation on Dolphin's Barn street tree planting is underway and will conclude on 20th October.

Thomas Street to Suir Road Cycle/Walking Route: Work continues on this interim cycling route. New traffic arrangements are now in place at St James Walk and Forbes Lane.

Inchicore Library

An overview of the existing design and plans for Inchicore Library is now complete.

The overview has indicated that we can make time and cost savings in the project delivery. We are now planning to use the existing designs with modifications to make the refurbishment project more affordable. The details of the revised design will be fully known once we have the amendments fully worked out and costed.

We have had successful discussions with the original project architects Donal Walsh and Associates. They are interested in re engaging with the project and I am now going through a specialised internal procurement process to make this happen. This re-engagement will allow us quickly prepare an amended design and work with a Quantity Surveyor to ensure the end design is affordable and deliverable. We anticipate that our amended plans can remain within the scope of the Part VIII planning consent and that there will be no need for a further planning application.

We have also made good progress resolving access issues. As you are aware the site is extremely challenging for facilitating universal access. To date we have been looking at both ramp and lift access. We now have agreement that either a ramp or lift will suffice to meet our universal access requirement for a Protected Structure. This will lower costs considerably and help make this refurbishment project affordable.

DCC Parks – Tree Pruning 2023

There will be tree pruning (crown reduction) for South Circular Road of the 50 remaining London planes from the New Children's Hospital to Islandbridge commencing 6/11/2023. The contractor will be inform local residents nearing the time.

Other tree pruning works in 2023 include: Jim Mitchell Park – Crown Raising - clear sight lines / Tyrconnell Road – Crown reduction x 22 / Bulfin Road – Crown raise & reduction (removal one dead tree) / Connolly Ave – crown raise & reduction.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network - next meeting 23rd October 2023 5.30pm 6 Tyrconnell Road

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – next meeting 23rd October 2023 7pm 6 Tyrconnell Road. The Project Manager will attend this meeting and update delegates on ERD.

IRCF Management of Community Space subcommittee – met 29th September 2023 at 2.30pm, 6 Tyrconnell Road.

DCC have allocated resources, process consultant Rita Burtenshaw, to help process the development of future operations and management of the Community facilities in ERD. Rita has met with the director, independent chair, this subcommittee and DCC Libraries. The outcome from this process will be a short action based report outlining next steps.

IRCF Education Subcommittee – next meeting 22nd November, 10am Ring Street Youth Club

The education subcommittee will meeting quarterly per annum, allowing for networking among life-long-learning professionals in the area. In the future, themed meetings will determine the agenda.

The Community of Practice (COP) for Regeneration in Dublin 8/10 and 12 Group - next meeting Wednesday 8th November 2023, 9.30am – 1pm Richmond Barracks.

The COP, facilitated by CAN, have received DCC funding to complete a programme of events over the next year. In 2022 a wide group of stakeholders from Regeneration Boards and Forums in Dublin 8 and 10 came together and reflected on their operation and processes. The events provided a space for safe and structured dialogue and the sharing of experience from different perspectives, outcomes from those meetings were a series of actions with regard to communication processes, now being delivered. More information on the programme for the next year will be circulated to IRCF delegates shortly.

Grand Canal Activation and Animation

The partnership of Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland to activate and animate the Grand Canal, nurturing positive perceptions, preserving and enhancing the sense of place, continues with an Autumn 2023/ Spring 2024 programme, facilitated by Irish Leisure Consultants. It includes supporting the development of a new initiative (club) in partnership with community groups to include water recreation as an activity for their young and adult members.

Kilmainham Mill

DCC have commissioned Catherine Heaney to undertake a process to develop a master vision for Kilmainham Mill and its future uses, including focus group workshops in early October. More information will follow with regard to public consultation process and engagement.

River Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme (CFRAM) was the largest ever flood risk study carried out in the State. It culminated with the launch, in 2018, of 29 flood risk management plans which proposed 118 new outline flood relief projects. These were in addition to the major projects already completed and the schemes that were ongoing at the time within the existing capital works programme of the Office of Public Works (OPW).

The Camac River, which runs adjacent to / through the area concerned was covered by the CFRAM Programme, and the flood mapping for the area is available on <https://scanner.topsec.com/?d=1962&r=show&u=www.floodinfo.ie&t=85b404262382c929bafccd9a371cd39b6451170d>.

The flood maps currently available indicate that certain sections of the area in question are susceptible to some form of fluvial flooding in a Medium Probability flood event, which has approximately a 1-in-100 chance of occurring or being exceeded in any given year. This is also referred to as an Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) of 1%. The wider area would also be vulnerable to pluvial flooding during this type of flood event.

The area is currently being assessed under the River Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) as it lies within the catchment of the scheme and where more up to date flood information will become available. Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council in partnership with the OPW, have commissioned the River Camac FAS to address flooding within the catchment of the Camac River. The River Camac FAS is being designed to protect properties from fluvial flooding in a Medium Probability flood event and will also make recommendations in regard to minimising the risk of pluvial flooding in a Medium Probability flood event.

New Bridge at War Memorial Gardens

The Office of Public Works continues to work with consultants, Ian Ritchie Architects, to complete the necessary documentation to submit a planning application for a new commemorative bridge and entrance plaza at the Irish National War Memorial Gardens and Conyngham Road. Due to the environmental sensitivities of the location, an extensive Flood Risk Assessment and Section 50 Application is currently being carried out by consultants for the OPW. All other baseline studies have been completed including the Feasibility Study, Ecological studies and a Business Development Strategy. Funding has been approved to planning permission stage and approximately €100,000 has been spent on design consultant costs, along with the survey reports required for the planning application. A further €700,000 is allocated for projected works to bring this to planning. It is anticipated that the OPW will tender for the construction works later in 2024. It should be noted that Dublin City Council amended the local area plan for Inchicore to allow for development of this piece of infrastructure and the project is widely supported by local elected representatives, community, stakeholders and the general public. Subject to further availability of funding, a full procurement process will be undertaken and it is hoped that works will commence on site before the end of 2024.

Housing

Oliver Bond Regeneration

CBL's are ongoing and the Area Office continues to engage with the community in relation to the process.

A Housing clinic commenced on 11th October 2023 in the Robert Emmet Community Centre in October. A DCC staff member from rents attended this clinic and will continue this service going forward. The appointment system is also in place in conjunction with Deirdre Smith, Oliver Bond Regeneration Co-Ordinator (contact number Tel 6708880). Our first clinic was a success.

Our monthly clinic with the TRY and Solas project is ongoing where the Project Estate Officer engages with their service users co-ordinated by the project leaders. Positive engagements and the multiagency approach is working well here.

Painting is ongoing in block M and N

We are awaiting new Dog Fouling signs and these will be erected when received.

Emmet Buildings

A contractor has been engaged to trim and clear the flower beds. He will turn the soil, prepare the flower bed, sow wildflower seeds and leave the area clean and tidy.

The contractor will remove buddleia off the walls and remove the green waste off site.

Emmet Walk/Close

Gutters in Emmet Walk will be cleaned on 21st of October and a date will be looked at for Emmet Close

Contractor to come back with costing with pruning/cutting back of trees.

Canal Walkway/Linear Park

Waterways Ireland have begun pruning bushes along the canals area to improve visibility. The Area Office and our Parks department are meeting regularly and exploring resolutions to improve the safety. Positive feedback regarding the new Linear park and children's play area have been received from the local residents.

St Audeon's House

The Area Office is looking to get a power wash carried out and include on the works programme – awaiting to hear back from Housing Maintenance on cost.

Awaiting on cost regarding pruning of large trees and removal of buddleia.

Updating playground is to commence in the near future, awaiting date from contractor

Garden View Court

The Area Office is looking to get a power wash carried out and included on the works programme – awaiting to hear back from Housing Maintenance on cost.

Waiting on Dog Fouling signage. Will be erected when available

Michael Mallin House

Area Office met City Architects to examine feasibility of redesign of playground. Still at concept stage.

Bonham Street Volumetric

It is envisaged that units will be ready to let Q1 2024. DCC have designated a Project Officer (Eric Brennan) to engage with residents. eric.brennan@dublincity.ie

Basin Street

Rolling out the *Building Community Resilience Project*..the first part of the programme has been completed and the next stage will commence shortly.

The steel crew are installing increased fencing at the rear of the southern block backing onto the Haven Centre in two parts, the first of which is scheduled to be done in advance of Halloween.

A community Information Session regarding the Basin Street PPP redevelopment project is proposed for early November venue and date/time to be confirmed.

A Public Community Safety meeting was held on the night of 9th October 2023 in St James Primary School with the Area Housing Managers from SWIC in attendance

Mary Aikenhead

A rodent infestation has been reported in C & D blocks. Various measures are being instigated by both the Area Office & Housing Maintenance to deal with this including baiting, extra cleaning & grounds maintenance.

Robinsons Court

Our electrical services section has completed installation of Video Doorbells for all residents.

The Area Office met with Housing Engineer on site with regard to installation of secure vehicle & pedestrian access gate & plans are currently being drawn up for installation.

Bowbridge

45 Fire Extinguishers inspected – 16 of these are to be replaced as they are past their safety date (10 years)

Sarah Place

CBLs Complete two properties let awaiting Garda clearance on last nomination

Old playground equipment to be replaced with new more age appropriate equipment. This work is to commence next week

Tyrone Place

Two faulty sets of gates currently being repaired.

CBLs completed 1 property let awaiting keys for 2 more properties. Have nomination and Garda Clearance for those put forward.

Clearance received from City Architects in regards repairing the damaged wall so that gates can be installed to enable clear out of rear of property. Works passed to depot.



Islandbridge Court.

Damaged / old playground equipment to be removed and replaced with new equipment suitable for the relevant ages. This work is to commence when Sarah Place is finished.

CBLs completed two properties let. Second set of motorized gates currently being installed.

MCD Landscapes cleared out weed overgrowth. See below before and after photos below.

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After





Before



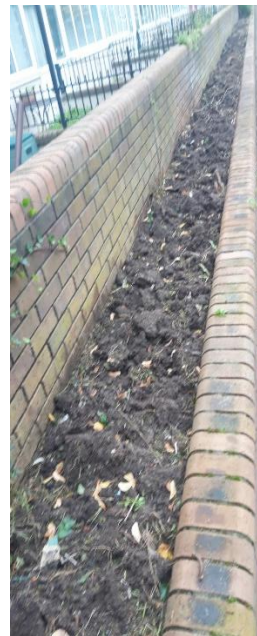
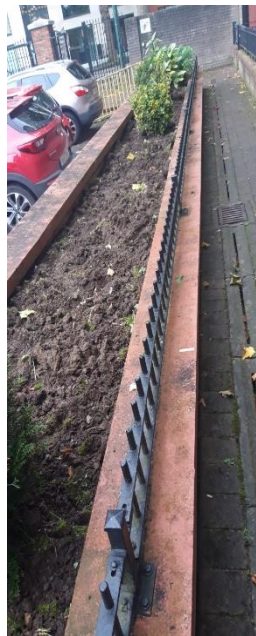
After



Before



After



Memorial Court

Pedestrian gate has been motorized. Larger gate into garden are totally refurbished with new wood panel insets.

Dolphin House

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan was approved on the 4th Feb 2021 by the Dolphin House Regeneration Board. We are progressing the masterplan in conjunction with the Dolphin House Regeneration Board and the Dolphin House Community.

De-tenanting

Another detenanting case has been relocated in October. The Area Housing Manager and the Project Estate Officer met with the remaining tenants of the long block who have a de-tenanting priority. A number of voids have been identified in Area L for offer to the remaining tenants and they will also be offered the option of applying for all of the CBL's in Area L.

Dolphin Park

Demolition to commence in Quarter 4.

Community Centre

A number of upgrading works & repairs have been completed including roof repairs, gutter replacement, boiler upgrade and electrics repaired in the home work club. Quotes for further works to include ramps, handrails and fire doors received. It is anticipated works will commence in Q4.

Painting of Complex

The painting crew will be back onsite in the middle of this week (week commencing 16th October). Priority jobs previously disrupted the ongoing works.

The stairwells in the older blocks have now been completed. The railings are due to be painted initially and then painting will commence in the newly built apartments commencing with Block A.

St Teresa's Gardens Development Site

LDA

Planning permission granted on 29th June for 534 social and cost rental homes.

On-going reports of anti-social behavior on the site, teenagers accessing the units above Donore Boxing Club – Area Housing Manager met with the Project Manager Martin Donlon on site and it has been agreed that all windows in the units in the front block be secured. Housing maintenance should have this completed by early October. Ongoing dumping in and around the site. Project Estate Officer has implemented a regular cleaning programme. Housing Delivery Manager Laura O Gorman has confirmed that the demolition will be carried out in two phases and is likely to commence Quarter 2 2024.

Peter Finnegan to carry out internal investigations prior to the demotion of the inner block.

There was a delay in the windows being boarded – expect to be done over the next 2 weekends.

Margaret Kennedy Road/Court

The Area Office have engaged a specialist door company to supply and fit a new front door with a more robust locking mechanism to Margaret Kennedy Court. The door will be fitted by the end of October along with security cameras.

Two 3 bed properties currently secured on Mary Kennedy Road. These properties will be advertised through CBL when they are ready for occupation.

Weeding has been carried out within the Courtyard.

Bonham Proposed Units: 57

- 1 Bed / 2 person = 26 units
- 2 Bed / 3 person = 3 units
- 2 Bed / 4 person = 23 units
- 3 Bed / 5 person = 5 units

Weaver Place & Poplin Place proposed Units: 55

- 1 Bed / 2 person = 32 units
- 2 Bed / 3 person = 2 units
- 3 bed / 4 person = 8 units
- 3 Bed / 5 person = 13 units

Current Estimated Completion of both schemes –Q4 2023

It is anticipated that these units will be allocated under CBL.

Reuben / Herberton

The Project Estate Officer holds a drop in clinic in the F2 Centre. This is for locals who have any housing queries that they wish to have dealt with. This clinic operates one day a week from 10.00am -12.00 noon.

Ash Grove

Cleaning of the guttering has been completed. Housing Maintenance to send in team in a few weeks to do a clear out and clean-up of the area.

Weavers Row

Quote has been received by New Creation Cleaning Services to deep clean the stairwells. All quotes are to be agreed on with the Area Managers and Maintenance before they can be booked.

Allocations SWIC: 70 Units allocated to date



Community

Halloween Events

TERROR in TINSELTOWN A Murder Mystery Night in St Andrews Community Centre. Doors Open at 7.30pm Sharp. A three Course Meal will be served. There will be a prize for the teams that solve the Murder Mystery. Too book your place: 01 4530744

The Liberties Haunt Returns

Once again the Haunt returns to the Liberties and will take place on Halloween Night.

This Year's Halloween Festival presents a **Wicked Night of Halloween Fun** and will celebrate some of the Legends and Scary Ghost Stories of the Liberties, including the ghost known as **The Green Lady** who appears on St Audeons steps!

The Parade will leave from Bridgefoot Street Park at 4.15pm and make its way up to Thomas Court where the main event will take place to include:

Stage Performances, Carnival Games, Street Performers, Live Entertainment, Free Treats and much more.

A number of art workshops will take place in various afterschool's clubs where the children will make props for the Festival Parade.

Once again the local teenagers are busy preparing for the ever popular HAUNTED HOUSE.



Samhain Inchicore Festival

This Year's Samhain Festival returns to Inchicore (Inchicore Community Sports Centre) Dublin City Council in association with the local community presents - Samhain'23, a unique ancient Celtic Festival (The Original Halloween) bringing all ages and tribes together under one banner to ward off the dark nights with a diverse exhibition of Music, Dancing, Performances and Fire. All are Welcome to this exciting family Fun event! Entry and participation is free of charge. This is a no Alcohol Event.

Date: 31/10/23 Time: 16:30 - 18:30

One Man Show

Banba's Crown Theatre Company in Association with Dublin City Council presents... **The Importance of Being Oscar**

In this live performance Michael Judd, will take the audience on a spirited and entertaining journey from Dublin to Paris via London and New York recounting the wit, triumphs, and tragedy of Oscar Wilde!

Venue: St Catherine's Sports Centre Marrowbone Lane.

Date: Wednesday 25th October at 6pm Sharp.

Light refreshments will be served.

Holistic Health & Wellbeing Event

The UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty will take place on October 17th. In recognition of the day, a Health and Wellbeing event has been organised By Dublin City Councils Community Team in association with Robert Emmet CDP. Over 30 Women will attend this event and will avail of a whole range of holistic therapies including: Massage, aroma therapy, Reflexology, Aura Soma Readings etc.

International Children's Day

In the lead up to International Children's Day the SWIC community team have organised a coach to bring children from three homeless hubs to a Fun Filled Afternoon. The Children will be picked up from the Hub on South Circular Rd, Viking Lodge, Horizon House and will travel on to Cross Care in Wellington Street where they will participate in a day of fun, games, musical entertainment and lots of treats.

Trips to Dublin Zoo

The Community Team have also organised a number of zoo passes for the children in the South Circular Rd and Viking Lodge Hubs.

The children and their parents will visit Dublin Zoo during the school Mid Term Break.

The Little Fitness Programme – Viking Lodge

We are delighted to announce the Little Fitness programme has returned to Viking Lodge. The children will once again get to participate in a series of exercise programmes and art sessions over an eight week period.

The aim of this project is to give the children who are residing in homeless accommodation a sense of place, belonging and to instill confidence and improve motor skills and physical balance.

As there are now more children using the service and smaller groups work well there will be two programmes running this term. Classes will run for 45 minutes.

Dublin City Council SWIC will support one programme and Little Fitness will support the second.

Autumn & Spring Planting

Winter flowering plants and Spring Bulbs will be delivered to a number of local groups throughout the area over the course of the next two weeks.



PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT FOR SWIC

Weed Treatment Programme

- The Greentown Environmental New way Spray Weed treatment programme is still in Progress and the 3rd spray is underway.
- Waste Management Manual weed treatment in the following areas has taken place: SCR, St John's Rd West & Rialto.

A community supported deep clean of SCR completed Sunday 1st October 2023. Gulley Cleaning took place in advance of this and Waste Management suburban crew followed with sweepers and manual cleaning. Notices were distributed by the local community group and the movement of parked cars facilitated the deep clean.



The City Neighbourhoods Awards

The awards ceremony took place in Croke Park on 5th October. The event was hosted by the Litter Management Office with Cllr Tom Brabazon deputising for the Lord Mayor.

- Overall Winner in Business category – **Puck Lane Café, Collins Avenue**
- Overall Winner in Residential Competition – **Lakeglenn Residents Association**

South West Inner City had **four** Joint Winners overall: Individual Contribution to the



Community, Individual Garden, Community Garden & Dublin Community Clean-up. *Photographs will be available for all successful participants.*

Runner-Up prizes for Oliver Bond, Memorial Court, Stillgarden & Glenmalure Environmental Group.

Individual Contribution to the Community

Joint winners – Patricia Whelan of Eastwood Community, Jim Sherlock of Newbury Enhancement Group, Maeve

Foreman of Mud Island, Doug Hazel of Back of the Pipes Residents Association (SWIC entrant).

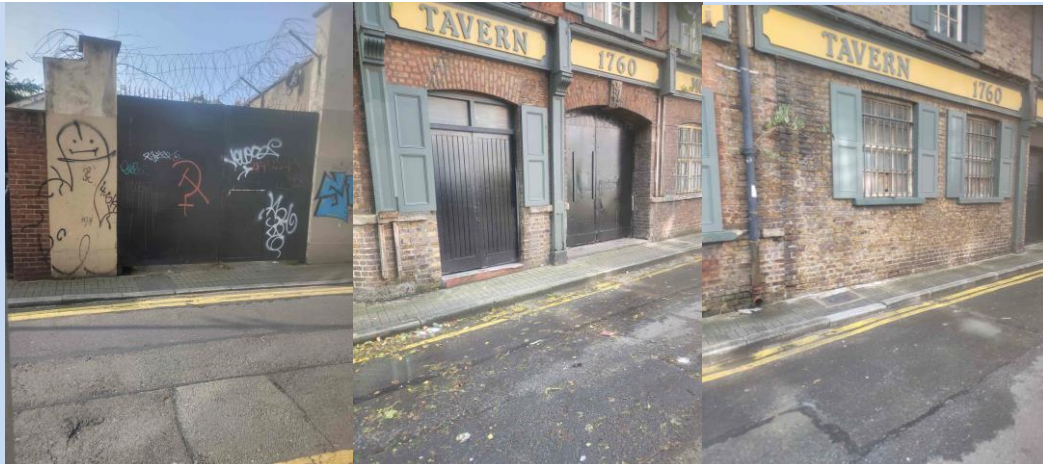


Individual Garden – Joint Winners Maria O'Reilly of Cow Parlour (SWIC entrant), Dublin 8 and Leoni Steers of Knowth Court, Poppintree.

GRAFFITI PROGRAMME 2023

420 metres of Graffiti removed or overpainted by contractor. Locations treated: High St, Hanover Lane, Augustine St, Steevens Lane, Back Lane, John St, Con Colbert Rd, Oliver Bond St, James St.







Bonfire removal Campaign 2023 - Housing Maintenance, Waste Management, Parks & Public Domain collaborated effectively in 2022 to remove 441 Tons of Bonfire Material that otherwise would have been set alight causing damage and environmental pollution.



Public Domain can be contacted on 01 222 3536 during office hours for any reports of stockpiling or transportation of bonfire materials eg. Pallets, Tyres. Public Domain will investigate all reports regardless of whether site is public/private, vacant or in use.

CLEAN UPS

36 Community Clean-up bag collections requested across the South Central Area
216 Illegal Dumping
28 Street cleaning requests actioned
29 public litter bin maintenance actioned

Environmental
Projects/Clean-ups
Brandon Terrace Clean-up,
Long's Place, D.8



Report from: -

Bruce Phillips,
Senior Executive Officer
South West Inner City Local Electoral Area.



BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Cornamona Court

Cornamona Court has been shortlisted in the 2023 National Age Friendly Achievement Awards. A panel of judges visited the complex at the beginning of October. The complex has also been selected to participate in the Open House Dublin, Festival of Architecture, this will take place on Saturday 14th October 2023 between 11am-2pm.

Elanora Court

Elanora Court is nearing completion and will be advertised on through choice based letting.

Lissadel Maisonettes

Work is continuing on the preparation of the stage 1 application for funding to the DHLGH with the final piece of work, the costings underway.

Rafters Road

As reported previously, a revised Stage 2 funding application was submitted to the DHLGH in July 2023, which is still being reviewed by department officials.

Springvale

The anticipated completion date remains Quarter 4, 2023 with a likely phased handover of the 71 no. 1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments.

La Touche Court

Painting is continuing in La Touche Court.

Labre Park

Funding approval has been received from the DHLGH for the accommodation element of the project. In order to progress the project DCC is funding the carrying out of necessary soil testing which should be completed by the end of the year. Options in relation to the provision of flood defences for the proposed housing units are now being considered.

Cherry Orchard Point

As reported previously, the Land Development Agency intends to lodge a planning application for this phased project of 1,000 housing units with an Bord Pleanála this month. As part of this process there will be a 6 week public consultation period prior to a decision being issued by the Bord.

Bluebell Regeneration Project

Dublin City Council and the Land Development Agency are continuing to engage with the local community and stakeholders, particularly Bluebell Community Council. All stakeholders were represented at a workshop hosted in the Mansion House on Tuesday, 26th September.

Sons of Divine Providence

Project Planning is continuing in relation to the stage 2 funding application to the DHLGH and both parties are continuing their engagement in relation to title and development issues



Vacant Units

There are currently 62 vacant units in the area, 19 units have been surrendered in the period August – October, 2023. It is anticipated that 6 properties will be available for letting by the end of October with a further 3 units expected by the end of November. The vetting process with AGS is underway in relation to 3 other properties and another 3 properties are currently being advertised through choice based letting.

A more detailed voids report will be produced for inclusion in the Director of Services report from November.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Halloween 2023

The Ballyfermot Halloween Committee is planning a great day of activities on Tuesday October 31st. 10 family friendly and free events will take place throughout the day with a finale of fireworks in Cherry Orchard at 7:00PM.



The City Council will host an accessible and inclusive Halloween themed space in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre on Tuesday October 31st. The **Spooky, Spinny & Sensory Space** is aimed at supporting children and young people of all ages and abilities, with specific focus on supporting those with neurodiverse conditions.

The Council will hold a fire safety talk for 150 children from 5th and 6th class on Monday October 23rd in the Ballyfermot Sports Centre and are liaising with the Fire Prevention Section and Local Garda to visit local schools in the run up to Halloween.

The Council will also support the Bluebell Youth Project and Bluebell Residents Association to host a two-week Halloween themed activity programme during the school mid-term break which includes the week before and after Halloween.

The Council will support Ring Street Youth Project to organise the spectacular ROGU Fire Show in Jim Mitchell Park at 2:00PM on October 31st.

The South East Area Community Team are supporting the Halloween event in Brickfield Park.

Social Inclusion

Community Grants

The Community staff processed the 2023 Community and Informal Adult Education grants. The Grants have been a great way to connect with the voluntary groups throughout the area and to support their initiatives. In addition to providing funding for groups our Community staff support the groups and encourage them to collaborate and play an active role in their area.

Community Staff continue to provide ongoing information to community organisations on funding sources:

Funding point Local Digest. It is also available to download on the Dublin City Council website at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/community-grants-and-funding>

It provides up to date detailed information and links to viable alternative sources of local, national and EU funding available to local community groups.

Social Inclusion week



The City Council is supporting the following events taking place during Integration and Inclusion Week from 6th to 11th November.

The Ballyfermot Sports Complex will host a “Big Breakfast” in the Sports Complex on Gurteen Road on Friday morning, November 10th providing a free breakfast for their neighbours and an open invitation to residents from the Rossaveal sheltered housing complex.

The Council is liaising with local community organisations to host a neurodiverse film screening and event in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre during Social Inclusion week.



Great credit is due to the Ballyfermot Resource Centre who will open their community welcome room this month. The welcome room will provide a comfortable space where people can relax and feel at ease in a warm quiet space. Free tea /coffee and Wi-Fi will be available and the room will be open daily initially from 4:00PM – 8:30PM.

The welcome room is a City Council pilot and depending on usage will be rolled out in community centres across the city.

Chapelizod Tidy Towns will host an event on Saturday 11th November on the Plaza from 12.00 – 3.00 pm. celebrating Chapelizod's culturally diverse community. They intend to have an open afternoon of “bring and share” dishes from different countries and music from around the world.

Age Friendly Programme

The Age Friendly Programme is going from strength to strength with events based in the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre.

Older residents from the sheltered housing complexes and the Tuesday Age Friendly Club will visit the Mansion House for Afternoon tea on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th of October.



Older residents from Walkinstown, Drimnagh, Bluebell Groups will attend on Wednesday 25th October and Thursday 2nd November.

The Council are be working with the Ballyfermot / Chapelizod Partnership on a joint winter cold weather information sheet and to produce care packs for vulnerable residents to be distributed before Christmas.

Orchard Centre

Positive Ageing Week.

To promote positive ageing the centre held an indoor bowling event on Tuesday 3rd October. Positive ageing week is all about showing older people that ageing does not have to mean withdrawing from society. The event was a great success with some new people coming to the centre to try their hand and hopefully make Tuesday bowling part of their weekly routine.

Baby Massage Classes & Others

This group started back after breaking for the summer. Other groups returning after a short break in the summer including Men's Music Shed, Sisters Shed, Irish Dancing, Cherry Orchard Running Club, Baton Twirlers &, Smashing Barriers Disability Group

Halloween 2023

All the necessary preparations are in place for the Halloween fireworks event to complete the 2023 Halloween festival on October 31st.

Cherry Orchard Boxing Club.

The club held an international event in the centre in late August. It hosted a Boxing Club from Wales that took part in a competition throughout the weekend in the centre. The event was a great success for the local club as well as the Welsh group and for the area of Cherry Orchard as it brought people into the area from another country. Both clubs hope to hold a similar event in 2024 with COBC travelling to Wales.

Dublin Festival of History.

As part of the Dublin Festival of History a talk on the life of Liam Lynch former old IRA Chief of Staff was hosted in the centre. The event attracted people of all ages from as far away as Newry and included a photographic exhibition of Liam's life.

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The Library in the Community will host a talk by Historian Gerard Shannon titled 'Liam Lynch: To Declare a Republic' in the **Orchard Centre, Cherry Orchard** as part of this year's Dublin Festival of History.

Date: Monday 25th of September
Time: 7pm

Gerard Shannon will outline the life of Liam Lynch, one of the IRA leaders of early twentieth century Ireland. 2023 marks the centenary of his death on 10th April 1923, at a time when Lynch was IRA Chief of Staff. His death was the beginning of the end of the military fighting of the Irish Civil War.

There will also be on display an illustrated timeline on the life of General Liam Lynch by historian Neil Donovan.

Please email
libraryinthecommunity@dublincity.ie
to book a place.

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PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT FOR BALLYFERMOT / DRIMNAGH

Waste Management Services – Weeding, scraping and sweeping in Cherry Orchard.

Waste Management crews have been in Cherry Orchard carrying out some much needed weeding, scraping and sweeping including Barnville Park, Cherry Orchard Crescent, Cherry Orchard Green, Orchard Lawns, Cherry Orchard Avenue, Cherry Orchard Drive, Croftwood Crescent, and Cherry Orchard Parade.

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dublincitycouncil Another busy weekend weeding, scraping and keeping Dublin beautiful. Our Waste Management crew were out and about carrying out work at Cherry Orchard Avenue/ Drive/ Parade & Crescent, as part of our weeding programme. Thanks Tony, Mark & all the team. #YourCouncil

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Pisces sculpture, Chapelizod - Repairs and Improvement works

Pisces by artist Gerard Cox is located beneath the Chapelizod bypass at the junction of the Kylemore Road and Lucan Road in Chapelizod, commissioned in 1992 as part of the building of the bypass.

Over time the sculpture became covered by overgrown shrubbery, however thanks to our colleagues in Parks the shrubbery has been cut back to expose the sculpture and to allow for much needed repairs works. The base of the sculpture has cracked and the bronze badly needs cleaning and repatination. After representations from the Chapelizod Residents Association and Dublin City Council's Arts Office, the Public Domain Office has agreed to fund these repair works. The Public Domain Office is currently investigating the possibility of landscaping around the sculpture to prevent the shrubbery from encroaching the sculpture in the future.



City Neighbourhoods Awards & Tidy Towns

Congratulations to Chapelizod Old Village Association for their 3rd place finish for best Urban Village and St Laurence's Grove Environmental Group for their 2nd place finish in the Open Green Space category at this year's City Neighbourhoods Awards, hosted in Croke Park. A special mention to Tidy Drimnagh who won an endeavour award in the Tidy Towns Competition.



Crumlin Car Park St Agnes Road

Recently, maintenance and repair works were carried out to Saint Agnes Road Carpark including repairs to pothole defects at the entrance to the Carpark, Gully defects inside the Car Park, removal of a very large overgrown bush at the entrance causing difficulty for drivers using the carpark and overgrown bushes/ overhanging trees on the right hand side of the car park encroaching on parking bays.



Parking Awareness – Make Way Day

The issue of illegal parking has been raised by many in a number of communities recently and there seems to be a general lack of awareness of the impact of illegal parking on others.

Wheelchair users, pedestrians with mobility or sight issues, people pushing buggies etc. can struggle to get past vehicles parked on footpaths and can be forced to walk on the public roads to avoid these obstacles. **Make Way Day** on 23rd September promoted awareness of the consequences of illegal parking has on others in our community.

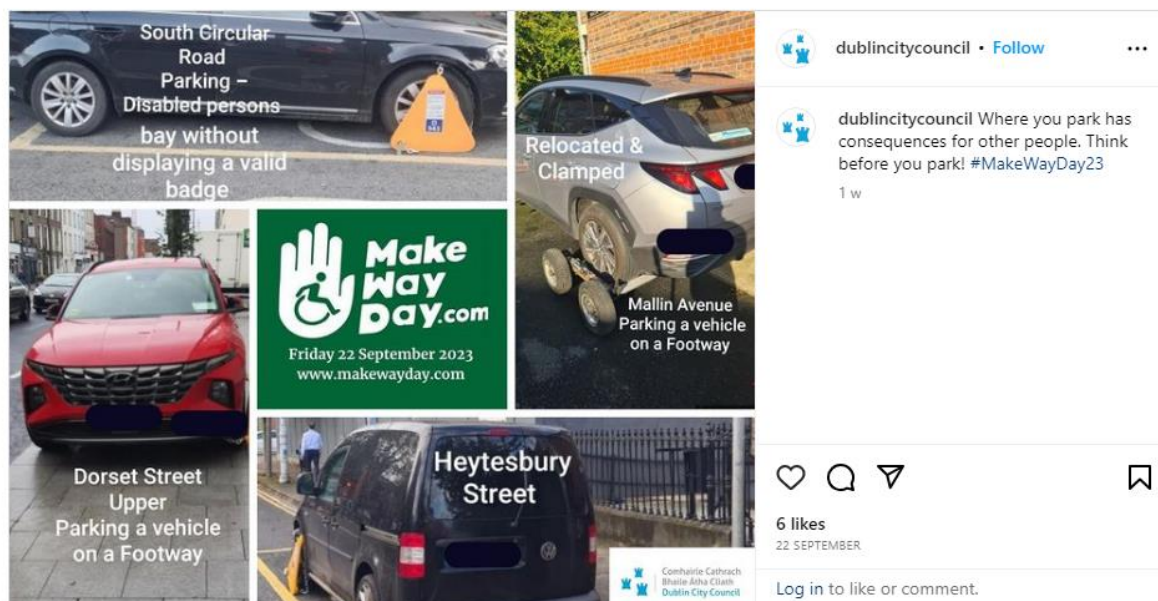
Illegal parking on footpaths is a large and problematic issue especially in the suburbs of Dublin City, with many of these residential streets not designed for on street parking of cars. While some might feel by parking up on the footpath is polite to other road users, by not blocking the road, they are forgetting about their fellow pedestrians, especially those with additional mobility needs.

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Recently the Public Domain Office has received a number of reports of vehicles being left permanently parked on footpaths. Reports have been submitted to our Abandoned Vehicles Section to investigate these illegal parked vehicles. **If you are aware on any similar illegally parked vehicles please log in to citizen hub and report it or report the issue to the local Area office.**

Halloween

A list of business premises details has been forwarded to Waste Enforcement Section to advised that it is an offence under Section 32 of the Waste Management Act 1996 for a person to “hold, transport, recover or dispose of waste in a manner that causes or is likely to cause environmental pollution” or to “transfer the control of waste to any person other than an appropriate person”. This is particular issues around Halloween with some businesses leaving potential bonfire material accessible to passers-by to take.

Our Public Domain Office will continue to monitor the situation and any business behaving in this manner will be reported to the Waste Enforcement Section for further investigation and possible prosecution, which could result in a fine of up to €5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both. They may also be held liable to pay the costs and expenses incurred in relation to the investigations, detection and prosecution of the offence.

Bonfire Materials

Anyone can now log/report directly Bonfire Material to DCC via Citizen Hub <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/WasteManagement>, be it located on a Public Street or Laneway, Park or Green Area, Private Property or DCC Housing Complex.

Simple log in or continue anonymously and follow the on screen instructions. You will be asked to either drop a pin on a map or type in the address, you then select either Pallets, Tyres or other. You can state if it's an immediate hazard and you can upload a photo, if you wish. You will be asked to give a brief description of the amount of material you're reporting plus any additional information that you feel is relevant.

Community Clean ups, Public Realm Repairs, Graffiti Removals,



Delighted to support a number of local community groups on their Community Clean –up activities, including:

Stone Soup Project

Camac Park Community

Stewarts Care - Saol Hub Team

Oblate's Church

Church of Assumption

Plus some community minded individuals

Road Maintenance works





Graffiti



Report from: -

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