



TERENURE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Our New Website

We are in the process of setting up our own website. It is hoped to have it up and running in early 2012. If you would like to be notified by E-Mail of its launch or to add your name to receive news updates etc., please E-Mail to: news@terenureresidentsassociation.ie

Dublin City Neighbourhoods and Tidy Towns Competitions

Our entry in the Dublin City Competition was for housing areas of more than 300 houses. We did not win a prize but were awarded a certificate of commendation. We should do better than that and it is likely that we are marked down because of the rash of graffiti in the area.

The whole of Terenure is entered in the national Tidy Towns competition by Terenure Village Network. The results there were better with Terenure getting 272 marks out of a possible 400. The winner, Killamey, got 310. Terenure got an endeavour award of €500 and a county highly commended award of €800.

Time to Start Getting Ready for Next Year's Competitions

Because of the nature of the area we serve, we depend on efforts by individual residents, rather than communal projects. There is much that can be done on a continuing basis between now and competition judging, which can be in June.

Leaves which the Council did not get around to removing should be taken up before they become a permanent mushy mess.

Hedges which seriously overhang front walls are unsightly and are also an obstruction. This is the time to cut them back.

Report graffiti on public property to Dublin City Council Waste Management Division (2221000). The Council will clear graffiti which is offensive from private property, otherwise, the owner must do it.

Dereliction, dumping etc. should also be reported to the same division.

The vast majority of our residents keep their houses and front gardens in first class order but the June judging is rather early for best results.

Garda and Security Advice

We are asked to report any unusual unexplained noises to the Gardai at any time of the day or night. (Terenure Garda 6666400)

We are also asked to keep our back doors locked and to

keep burglar alarms on, even when we are at home.

Car keys should not be left exposed in the house. If they see them, burglars will break in just to get them. They have even been known to use fishing rods through letter boxes. Parents are asked to ensure that children wear high visibility jackets or markings so that they can be seen by motorists in these dark mornings and evenings.

We repeat our regular warnings about not dealing with any unsolicited callers who offer to carry out house repairs, maintenance etc. At this time of year this particularly applies to tree cutting and pruning. Use firms where you have an independent recommendation. Some operators may not be insured and, some, even though they say they will do so, do not remove cuttings etc.

Roads and Traffic

Templeogue Road, within the City area, was completely resurfaced recently. We were disappointed that the improvements in road markings we requested at Lakelands Park and Olney Crescent were not included to the extent we requested..

We also noted that all the markings on Rathfarnham Road were renewed, notwithstanding the considerable changes that will be required when the proposed bus corridor improvements are implemented. This included renewing the box and yellow lines at the entrance to Westbourne Road. We had been asking for this for years. We asked for some yellow lines at the entrance to Westbourne Court and for an extension to those at the junction. We also asked for a yellow box on Rathfarnham Road at Beechlaw Way. Infill yellow lines required on Rathdown Park have been provided. Requests for infill lines on Rathdown Drive and a review of traffic calming on Wasdale Park are still outstanding.

Rathfarnham Bus Corridor Revision

Detailed design work is in progress. It will be some time before the revisions proposed are implemented.

Dublin Bus Network Direct Proposals

Cost saving proposals to amend the bus route network in our area were put on display for public consultation by Dublin Bus last June. We made a detailed submission as did many residents. As a result, one of the proposals which would have left Bushy Park Road without a service was changed. The revised plan was issued on 22nd July and a partial implementation plan was announced on 9th December. Details are on www.dublinbus.ie. This plan cancels routes 16a, 74 and 74A. The frequency of route 16 would be

doubled and all these buses would go to the Airport. Route 15B would be rerouted via Bushy Park Road, Rathfarnham Road and Butterfield Ave. to Marian Road and would pick up the present 74A route at Ballyboden Road. The 15 would become a cross town service from Clongriffin (Portmarnock) to the present 74 terminus at Stocking Avenue. The route from the City through Terenure and Templeogue would be unchanged. There will be no changes to other routes through Terenure except that the 65B will go through Firhouse.. There will be reduced frequencies on some routes. The changes to routes 15, 15B, 74 and 74A will be implemented on 18th December. The 16 and 16A changes will be later. Dublin Bus say they will distribute leaflets before changes are put in place.

Terenure Car Park

The car park has been operated for some time now by the HSE's contractor. We had representations made about clampers pouncing early in the morning on cars which had been left overnight. As a result, there is now a facility to prepay the night before for hours in the morning after the payment period starts at 7.00am. The long term future of this car park is uncertain as the HSE intends to move its facilities to a new health centre to be built as part of the redevelopment of the former Clarnico Murray/Tayto/Cape Insulation site at Mt. Tallant Ave.

Planning

There have been no major applications since our last newsletter and very few others. The proposal to demolish the old tram sheds on Terenure Road East and build an **Aldi Store** with underground car parking was granted permission last June but that decision was appealed by a number of third parties. We made an observation to An Bord Pleanála outlining traffic concerns. A decision is imminent.

Permission was granted for the following: Rebuilding the burned out **Townhouses on Terenure Road East.**

Vehicular entrances at **19 and 20 Fergus Road.**

Alterations to **97 Terenure Road North** (formerly Morewear Shoe Repairs) for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Rebuilding of an existing extension at **16 Templeogue Road.**

Extension at **30 Fergus Road** after an appeal by some residents on Fergus Road.

There are strong rumours that the former Sunday World site has been sold, possibly for a retail outlet.

Environmental

We asked the Parks Dept. if they could they do anything about the serious level of algae in the pond in Bushy Park. Over the past few years they had been using a non chemical control. They could no longer afford this but were hoping to do some manual clearing. The Council says that the high level of nutrient in the pond is causing the algae and this is

a result of overfeeding the ducks. We also asked to have more attention given to the rules about the times when dogs can be left off leads.

We ask that residents ensure that barking by their dogs does not annoy neighbours, particularly at night.

We thank the City Council for their rapid response to requests for replacement litter bins at the bus stop at Window Fashions and at the junction of Greenmount Road and Wasdale Grove.

It has been announced that the City Council will outsource its refuse collection services on 16th January. The contract has been awarded to Greyhound who already do the green bin collection. It is not clear yet what the charging arrangements will be but the cost will be the same for the time being. Let us hope there will be no diminution of the service as a result of this change.

We had some incidences of local flooding following the downpour on 24th October. Many of these could have been avoided if drains had been cleared of leaves.

Dog fouling continues to be a problem. Owners are again asked to carry a suitable receptacle and to clean up. Allowing dog fouling is breaking the law and is a health hazard, particularly where children play.

Large Trees

We have many large and high trees in our area. Owners should be sensitive to the impact these might have on their neighbours. Where such trees could damage property or people if they fell, it is important to have them regularly inspected to ensure that they are safe. Household insurance policies should also be checked to ensure such incidents are covered.

Electoral Boundaries

The Dáil constituency boundaries will be reviewed shortly because of the government's commitment to reduce the number of seats. We will again make a submission asking to have all of Terenure in one constituency. The present boundary runs along Terenure Road North and Rathfarnham Road, dividing our area.

Miscellaneous

The Christmas tree lighting ceremony was held at Terenure Rd. North car park on 2nd December. Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Henry Upton did the honours.

A very successful street party, organised by "I Love Terenure" was held during the Dublin City Marathon on 31st October. It received excellent TV coverage.

We welcome our new committee member, Birgit Schmidt of Westbourne Road.

If anyone has a subscription envelope which was not collected, please drop it in to your committee member.

*Best Wishes To All Our Residents
for Christmas and the New Year*

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