



TERENURE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Website and E-Mail

We are still in the process of setting up our own website and hope to have it up and running later this year. The website address is www.terenureresidentsassociation.ie. We also want to include a facility to enable us to E-mail residents with details of events, news items etc. To do this it will be necessary to compile a database of addresses. You can add your address to this database by E-mailing news@terenureresidentsassociation.ie. When we are doing our annual collection later this year, our collectors will record addresses of residents who would like to be on the database. We undertake that these addresses will not be passed on to any other parties or be used for any purpose other than as described above.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods and Tidy Towns Competitions.

We have entered our own area in Dublin City Council's Neighbourhoods competition in the category of housing areas of over 300 dwellings. The overall Terenure area is entered in the national Tidy Towns competition by Terenure Village Network. While we got a commendation last year in the City Council competition, we could do better. Unfortunately, judging takes place in mid June which is a little early for gardens to be looking their best. However, tidiness is what counts. We set out again the ways in which we all can help to improve our neighbourhood:

1. Keep your gardens and house fronts as neat as possible.
2. Keep front hedges and shrubs neatly pruned and not projecting over walls.
3. Remove weeds from the bases of the outside of front garden walls,
4. Weed areas around trees on footpaths.
5. Cut grass verges on footpaths, where they exist.
6. Take up litter from the road and footpath outside your house.
7. Remove graffiti from your property.
8. Do any of the above for an elderly or infirm neighbour.
9. Encourage a neighbour to get involved.
10. Clean up after your dog and encourage others to do the same..

Graffiti

Terenure has in past competitions been marked down because of the amount of graffiti all around the area. We have asked the Gardai to do what they can to control the problem. We have also asked the City Council to remove graffiti from public property. They are also prepared to remove it from private property provided the owner signs a waiver form. We will arrange for the Council to send waiver forms to owners of affected properties which come to our attention, or the owners may apply for them themselves. The address to apply is, depending on which side of the boundary you are, Dublin City Council, South East Area Office at Wood Quay or the South Central Area Office at The Maltings Business Park, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8.

Terenure Garda Station

Terenure Garda Station has, among many others, reduced its hours of opening. The opening hours are 8.00am to 10.00pm. Outside these hours the station will be closed to public access but will be fully operational otherwise. Incidents can be reported by phone at all times and help sought. Routine business such as passport application will have to be done during the opening hours.

Dáil Constituency Boundaries

A commission is currently preparing a revision of Dáil constituency boundaries consequent on revised ratios announced last year. As there is likely to be a reduction of one seat between the two constituencies which cover Terenure, this is an opportunity to solve the long standing problem of having the boundary running right through the village and the area we represent. The problem is compounded because Dublin City Council has aligned its representative and administrative areas along the same boundary. We made a submission to the commission asking to have all of Terenure put in one constituency. Some unfortunate wording in another submission from the Terenure area brought a lot of media attention to the issue, not all of it helpful. We await the commission's report.

Planning

An Bord Pleanála has been dealing with the Aldi application for some time now. The developer responded to a request to submit a design which would utilise the existing former tram shed buildings. A revised design was submitted which involved demolition of these buildings except for the perimeter wall but reusing the old stone and retaining the basic outline of the tram sheds. We considered this to be a practical compromise. We have made observations on the

probable impact on outgoing traffic flow on Terenure Road East. We await An Bord Pleanála's decision.

The Lidl application for the Sunday World site has received permission. Additional information was requested from the developer to state how provision could be made for retention of pay and display parking and provision of widened footpaths on Beechlaw Way.

Planning permission was granted for an extension at 47 Rathdown Drive.

Bus Services

The final change to routes serving Terenure announced last year as part of the Network Direct project was implemented in May. Route 16A was eliminated and the frequency on route 16 was increased. All northbound buses on this route go to the Airport. The extension of the 15 route has given rise to considerable bunching of buses. We have written to Dublin Bus about this. A useful feature provided by Dublin Bus is access to their real time information system from mobile phones. Every bus stop now has a reference number displayed on it. Text to 53035 and put the bus stop number in the message box. The system will immediately text back a list of the arrival times of the next 5 or 6 buses at that stop. .

Bushy Park Petanque (Boules) Club - Family Fun Day

This club has been playing boules at Bushy Park for some years now. They are having a Family Fun Day in Bushy Park on Saturday 14th July and extend a welcome to residents to join in. There will be attractions for all the family and light refreshments will be served. The day is intended to showcase the sport and to raise funds to send some junior members to the European Championships in Belgium in November. The club meets every Saturday and welcomes anyone to have a go at throwing a few boules. Further info at www.parkpetanque.com

Roads and Traffic

Two yellow boxes on Templeogue Road have been extended in order to facilitate egress from Lakelands Park and Olney Crescent.

A long standing request for replacement of yellow lines on Rathdown Drive was carried out.

We requested a look at the footpath along Terenure College wall where the recent road resurfacing is level with the kerb in places.

We have been promised repairs to the worst section of the footpaths in Rathdown Park. Some repairs were carried out to footpaths on Fergus Road.

We were refused extra double yellow lines on Westbourne Road..

No work has yet been carried out on the proposed bus corridor enhancement on Rathfarnham Road.

Bushy Park

The City Council says it will be inviting tenders from interested parties to operate the kiosk at the gate.

We complimented them on the provision of a pathway at the back of the tennis courts. Another path has been provided at the Templeogue Road end behind the depot..

Parks Dept. hopes to provide climbing shrubs at the wall of the ESB substation to deter graffiti writers.

Openings in the hedge at the Rathdown Crescent end are being repaired.

Bin Collection

Following the takeover of the bin collection by Greyhound there were many complaints of poor service and we wrote to them on numerous occasions. Hopefully, things have settled down at this stage.

Additional Items

We wrote to An Post to support an application for a post office in Terenure Village. It has come to our notice the official postal address of all houses on Templeogue Road and Lakelands Park is now Templeogue.

It is hoped that road signs identifying Terenure Village will be erected shortly

We congratulate Terenure Rugby Club on their very successful European Mini Rugby tournament.

Committee 2012/2013

The committee elected at our AGM on 28th April is as follows:

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