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# NEWSLETTER

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## **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 certificate of 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, especially this year with the weather we have had... 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..**

## **Website**

Our website has been live for some months now at [www.terenureresidentsassociation.ie](http://www.terenureresidentsassociation.ie). It has been working very well and our noticeboard, which contains items of local interest, is updated regularly. If you have not done so already, please enter our address on your favourites list. If it is not on it, you can get the website by googling "terenure

residents association". The website contains details of how to subscribe to the site noticeboard and also how to contact us if you have a query or want us to publish details of a local event or function that you have an interest in. We would like to build up a database of members' E-Mail addresses so that we can issue notices of items of general interest. We got some last year when collecting annual subscriptions and will try to do so this year also.

## **Inaugural On Line Photographic Competition 2013**

We intend to hold an On-Line photographic competition shortly. Details will be on our website in a few weeks' time. It will be open to members of Terenure Residents' Association and will call for pictures taken in the Terenure area

## **City Council Area Boundaries**

Following on the Dáil Constituency Boundary Commission report of 2012, a committee was established in late 2012 to revise the boundaries for local authority representation. We made a submission to ask that all of Terenure be included in one City Council electoral area and not divided through the middle as at present. The committee's report has just been issued and can be got at [www.boundarycommittee.ie](http://www.boundarycommittee.ie). It provides for a revised boundary with all of Terenure in an area called "Rathmines – Rathgar", the western boundary of which will be along Fortfield Road and Lower Kimmage Road to Sundrive Road. This is the same as the new Dáil constituency. This new City Council area will have six seats.

## **Planning**

Apart from the proposed Aldi and Lidl developments, there is very little activity in planning matters in our area. Following appeals to an Bord Pleanála both of these applications now have full planning permission and work is expected to start in a few week's time on each of them. Work is at present being carried out to separate the former Falks building from the Aldi site so that that building can continue to be used as a retail unit fronting on to Terenure Road East. Lidl representatives have met with St. Joseph's School; and ourselves to discuss matters of concern with the store operation and during the construction period. They recently obtained permission open the store till 9.00pm on six days per week and 7.00pm. on Sundays

We recently joined with another association to object to a proposal by Tesco Metro to replace some flower beds with additional car parking. Their application was refused but an appeal has been lodged.

Permission was granted for retention of amendments to an earlier permission for an extension at 52 Rathdown Park.

## **Bushy Park**

Dublin City Council informed us that they had agreed to a proposal by the Padel Federation of Ireland to install five courts for the playing of that game. These would be in the tennis court area, generally beside the skateboard arena. The proposal has now been scaled back to two courts to assess demand. Padel is a game like tennis but the court is surrounded by a glass wall 3m. high and the ball can bounce off the wall and still be in play. The court is half the size of a tennis court. The proposal included refurbishing to a high standard of two of the existing tennis courts. All funding would be by the Padel Federation. We are assured that all work would be subject to planning permission. No application has yet appeared.

The City Council has applied for permission to refurbish the old sports pavilion adjacent to the football pitches..

The Council says it is still prepared to lease the kiosk at the main gate if they can find a suitable contractor..

## **Roads and Traffic**

Adjustments were made a few months ago to the phasing of the traffic lights at Terenure Cross. The divide between north/south traffic and east /west traffic was altered from 50% each way to give considerably more time to east/west traffic. This adjustment has certainly eased the tail backs on Templeogue Road and Terenure Road West. This adjustment does not include the lights at the junction with Templeogue Road but efforts will be made to provide a link

Efforts will be made to coordinate with South Dublin County Council to find a solution to the problem of long tail backs from the Dodder Bridge on Rathfarnham Road.

No work has been carried out yet on the proposed enhancement to the Rathfarnham Bus Corridor.

We have asked for additional double yellow lines in a few locations.

## **Additional items**

In the interests of safety, the City council is proposing to remove four **large trees at Rathdown Drive/Crescent** and to prune seven others. Committee members met Council officials who explained the necessity for the work. A circular was distributed to residents in the area.

We are still hopeful that An Post will establish a **post office** in Terenure. The **address data base** used by An Post now contains only the road name and the postal district number.

We held a **social evening** on 14<sup>th</sup> March at which we had a presentation from the **Property Registration Authority**. This body incorporates the Land Registry, the Registry of Deeds and the ground rent purchase scheme.. Their website at [www.prai.ie/eng/](http://www.prai.ie/eng/) is well worth a visit. Ownership of all registered property is available on the site.

Our AGM was held on 25<sup>th</sup> April and was attended by most of our local councillors, the Gardaí and about 60 residents,.

## **Committee 2013/2014**

The committee elected at our AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> April is as follows:

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