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Your New Committee

Jim Dowling has stepped down as the chairman of the TRA Committee after ten years, prior to which he had acted as secretary for twelve years. At this year's AGM, local representatives expressed their admiration for Jim's work and wished him well. He will continue on the committee, providing invaluable assistance in relation to planning and other matters. Fionnuala Blake has taken over the reins from Jim. We are fortunate to have such a hard-working and competent person as Fionnuala to continue with Jim's good work. We are confident that with your support the Association will go from strength to strength over the coming years.

Committee 2014-2015

The committee elected at our AGM on 10th April will have the following responsibilities:

Chairperson/Parks & Green Areas: Fionnuala Blake, 23 Greenmount Rd. **T:** 4909595; **E:** chairman@terenureresidentsassociation.ie

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More information about the Association is available on our website.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods and Tidy Towns Competitions

We have entered our area of Terenure 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. Judging takes place in mid June which is a little early for gardens to be looking their best. However, tidiness is what counts. Here are ten ways in which we all can help to improve our neighbourhood:

1. Keep 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.

Environment

Bins

With the increase in the number of bins and waste providers it is imperative that residents take responsibility for their own bins. The committee has received complaints about bins being insecurely packed, resulting in rubbish being blown into other people's gardens.

Please ensure that you do the following:

- Put out and take in bins in a timely manner. An €75 "on the spot" fine may be incurred otherwise.
- Check that bins are not overfilled.
- Do not leave loose waste beside or on top of bins, especially in windy weather.
- Position bins so as not to cause an obstruction to pedestrians.

Reports of illegal dumping or graffiti can be made to Freephone Litter Hotline. 1800-251500.

Dog fouling

Dog fouling continues to be a major problem in our area. While most people clean up after their dogs,

others see no problem in leaving their dogs' mess in public spaces. Offenders should note that Dublin City Council has been asked to extend their awareness campaign to our area. To report fouling phone 1800-251500.

Barking dogs

The EU Commission considers noise in the environment as one of the main scourges of modern life. Disturbances and disputes can arise from unchecked car and house alarms, barking dogs, loud music and late night parties. The committee regularly receives complaints about dogs barking.

The District Court can make an order requiring the reduction of excessive barking. Before complaining to the Court, you should complete the relevant form available from Dublin City Council's website: www.dublincity.ie/RecreationandCulture/AnimalWelfare/ or phone T:01-2222222.

Bushy Park

Refurbishments in progress in the park are almost complete. These include much needed female dressing rooms in the pavilion and the resurfacing of some of the paths.

Photographic Competition

Congratulations to the winners of our on-line recent photographic competition.

First: Matthew Hunt, "Bushy Park"

Second: Frank Byrne, "Up my Street"

Third: Liam Ó hAlmhain, "Fine Winter's Day at the Pond in Bushy Park"

Their photos are available to view at www.terenureresidentsassociation.ie/competition.html

Garda Liaison

While there are fewer burglaries, we can take steps to prevent them, especially with the summer holidays upon us and houses left vacant. The Gardaí have provided the following advice:

- Let your neighbours know if you are going away and leave an emergency contact number.
- Ask someone to take in the post.
- If possible leave a light on and a car in the driveway.
- Cut the grass.

Mobile phone thefts have increased and owners are asked to be careful when using them in public.

Bogus tradesmen calling at houses are still a problem. Never deal with anyone coming to your door offering services and never give strangers the names of your neighbours.

Finally, never leave valuables exposed in unattended cars, especially near parks and sports facilities.

TRA subscriptions for 2014-2015 are now due. A designated committee will call soon to collect the €5 subscription.

Roads and Traffic

Dublin County Council have advised the committee of the following changes to take place at the junction of Rathfarnham Rd and Beechlawn Way (TBC):

- Rescindment of the existing yellow hatching
- Provision of a school warden crossing box from the northern line of the existing box for 2.5 metres northwards and across the width of the road.
- Provision of a half yellow box on the inbound traffic lane, opposite the right-hand turning lane from Beechlawn Way.

We have had no further updates on the traffic studies of Terenure Cross that were noted in the December newsletter. A request to discontinue the section of the inward-bound bus lane on Rathfarnham Rd between the bridge and Rathdown Pk was turned down.

We have asked Aircoach to remove their redundant bus stop signs in Terenure.

Planning Matters

Fewer planning applications were lodged than in previous years, and applications have been made to extend permissions. The main development in our area was the completion of the Lidl store, but compliance with the public parking requirement set by Dublin City Council is being pursued. Construction is due to start at the Aldi site in 4 months and assurances have been sought regarding traffic flow in the area.

Terenure Rugby Football Club applied for permission for an all-weather flood-lit pitch, upgrading of the club house and a 2.2m fence along the boundary between the club grounds and the lake on the grounds of Terenure College. We are seeking to ensure continued access to the lake from Greenlea Grove.

New Businesses in Terenure

The recently instituted market is held on the first and third Sunday of each month. Congratulations to the organisers who are grateful to Gerry Caffrey for the use of his premises on Terenure Rd North.

The St Vincent de Paul shop now has a new book room upstairs with an array of categorised books and comfortable seating. You can also find DVDs, CDs and LPs in the adjacent music room.

Other new business on Terenure Rd North include **Perceptions Hair Salon, Feather & Frills Boutique, Sarah O'Brien Hair Design, and the Post Office in Centra Food Store.** A new web design company is located in Terenure Enterprise Centre, Rathfarnham Road, and Blue Screen Computer Repair, can be found on Terenure Rd East.

Please support local traders so that they can continue to provide excellent goods and services. A vibrant and attractive village needs us all to work together.

To find out how you can support other developments in Terenure, visit the Terenure 2030 website for more information: terenure2030.com