

An Cathaoirleach urges support for local businesses over the festive season

In the run up to Christmas An Cathaoirleach, Councillor John Bailey, has urged people to support local businesses across the county, saying that “now more than ever before it is hugely important to support enterprise in your area”.

As well as the individual efforts of shop-owners to prepare for the festive season, the Council has come together with local organisations and businesses this year to launch the most ambitious Christmas festival yet. Events in Dún Laoghaire officially begin on 3rd December with an ice-rink for adults and a smaller version for kids, both located in the Metals area on the seafront.

Another addition to the festival programme, which will no doubt attract extra shoppers to the town, is the increasingly popular

continental-style wooden chalet Christmas Market, also located in the Metals area of Dún Laoghaire town.

On Sat 10th December, the Harbour Plaza will light up with a spectacular fireworks display at 6:15 pm in advance of Santa’s arrival. Further up the town there will be a live crib and a Winter Wonderland with vintage amusement rides, which will be available 7 days a week. The ever popular Santa’s train will run every 20 mins around the town centre, as well. For more information, including opening hours, ticket

prices for ice rinks, Winter Wonderland and Santa’s Train as well as details of free and discounted parking offers, visit www.dunlaoghaire.ie. The Council gratefully acknowledges the support of Dún Laoghaire Town BRAND project, ALA Events, Dún Laoghaire Business Association and Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company in the running of the Christmas Festival.

In other village centres around the County, the Council is supporting the festive lighting up of Stillorgan, Blackrock, and Dalkey.



Dates for your diary

CoCo Markets Holiday schedule:

Marlay Park: Saturday December 3, 10, 17, 24 from 10am – 4pm.

Marlay Park: Sunday December 4, 11, 18 from 11am – 4pm.

Peoples Park, Dún Laoghaire: Sunday December 4, 11, 18 from 11am – 4pm.

The CoCo Markets reopen on January 7/8.

New Year’s Day Ramble in the Dublin Mountains:

This scenic, 12km walk departs Brady’s Pub car park (Shankill) at 11.30am on January 1st and will take in the eastern section of the Dublin Mountains Way. The walk will last 3.5hours and booking is required - see www.dublinmountains.ie/news/ for details on how to reserve your place.

Opening days and times for the **Christmas Tree Recycling Service** see page 2 and see page 12 for **Recycling Centre** opening hours.

Christmas parking promotion announced

The Council is pleased to announce that it is running a Christmas/New Year parking promotion that will provide shoppers and visitors with **one hour free parking**, in €2 per hour parking areas, from 15th December 2011 to 15th January 2012 inclusive.

The promotion applies to on-street parking only, in the €2 per hour tariff areas in Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum. These retail areas have a 3 hour maximum time limit to encourage turnover in parking spaces. This limit will continue to operate.

How will it work?

You pay for one hour parking, and no enforcement action will be taken until 60 minutes after your ticket expires. In effect, it’s two hours parking for the price of one hour. The same applies if you pay for a two hour parking session; no enforcement action will be taken until 60 minutes after your initial ticket expires.

Queries?

Email: parkingcontrol@dlrcoco.ie

Holiday Greeting

On behalf of the Elected Members and staff of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr John Bailey and County Manager, Owen P. Keegan wish all residents in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.



An Cathaoirleach,
Cllr John Bailey



County Manager,
Owen P. Keegan

Best Wishes for 2012.

Recycling arrangements for Christmas 2011 and New Year 2012



Council staff operating the Christmas Tree Recycling service last January at the West Pier Car Park, Dún Laoghaire. Photo: Matt Kavanagh - The Irish Times

Christmas Tree Recycling will take place from Tuesday January 3rd – Sunday January 15th 2012 inclusive between 9.30am and 3:30pm at Cabinteely Park Car Park; Killiney Hill Car Park; Grange Road Car Park (Marlay Park); Shanganagh Recycling Centre Car Park; Blackrock Park Main Entrance; Mount Anville Parks Depot, Goatstown; West Pier Car Park, Dún Laoghaire.

Please do not leave trees before or after these dates or outside the designated areas as the provisions of the Litter Pollutions Acts, 1997-2003 will apply.

See page 12 for holiday opening hours at Ballyogan Recycling Park, Eden Park and Shanganagh Recycling Centres.

Update on Beach Bye-laws

We are currently engaging in dialogue with a range of stakeholders in relation to the Beach Bye-laws. Whilst listening to everyone's concerns, the Council, as the regulatory authority, has the responsibility of balancing the rights of dog owners with the rights of the wider public to enjoy public amenities without having to worry about their personal health and safety.

We acknowledge the arguments put forward by dog owners that currently the "on-leash" requirement may be too restrictive. However we also acknowledge the concerns of other regular beach users and swimmers, who feel that the problems of dog fouling and out of control dogs on beaches is not being adequately tackled.

The Council is now proposing a number of modifications to Section 11 of the current Beach Bye-laws, which were originally adopted by Council in 2009. The process will involve going to public consultation commencing early 2012. Following consideration of submissions made by the public, a recommendation will go to Council for approval. The issue of dog control in Council parks and open spaces under the control of the Council will be considered in 2012.

dlr communities taking the lead

This is the first in a series of articles focusing on communities across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, who are taking a lead in keeping their environment clean, safe, and attractive.

Blackrock Tidy Towns working in partnership with businesses and residents

Blackrock Tidy Towns Committee works closely with communities and businesses in the area by encouraging them to take ownership of their local environment. A “best shop front competition” last Christmas drew 12 entries. Tidy Towns volunteers work with local schools and the Blackrock scouts to make a big difference to the overall appearance of the town. The Committee has a strong working relationship with Blackrock Shopping Centre, which plays its part by carrying out priority clean ups around the Centre, and also hosts Tidy Towns meetings. The Tidy Towns Committee would welcome volunteers especially coming up to the annual National Spring Clean in April 2012, which the Committee has participated in since 2008 - visit <http://blackrock-tidytowns.net/> for full details.

Woodbrook Glen gets local youth on board

This autumn, Woodbrook Glen Residents Association have been hard at work creating a new flower meadow and laying a new woodchip walkway. With support from the Shankill Community Gardaí Denise Kavanagh and Garry Deehan, the Association has brought a small group of teens on board to restore the valley stream and bank. In his own words, Aaron Fegan, one of the young people working with the Residents Association, explained what they've been working on - “Every Saturday we would meet Bill [Secretary, Woodbrook Glen Residents Association] and he would assign us work to do. I liked doing this because it gave us something to do with our Saturday afternoons and kept us from trouble and messing. Over the past seven weeks we've been doing community work around “the valley”. Through the valley runs a small stream and both sides of the river were very overgrown, so we've been cutting them back. We also cut the grass in overgrown fields in other parts of the valley in preparation for the new flower meadow, and will be working here again next year.”

Growing healthy and active communities in Shanganagh

Residents in Shanganagh wanted to transform an unused green space which attracted anti-social activity into an area that could be enjoyed by all residents. Driven by the commitment of 40 active local residents and supported by the Council's Estate Management programme and Shanganagh Community Development



A healthy harvest from Shanganagh's community garden.

Project, the Shanganagh Community Garden was established last year. Participants are not only producing healthy vegetables for themselves and their families, but are becoming more physically active. A Master Composter demonstration site has been set up here to train people in how to compost. The best part of the project? Not one incident of anti-social activity has occurred since the implementation of the project. Email Dave Lawless for more information dlawless@dlrcoco.ie

Inspired by these communities and interested in keeping your neighbourhood clean and tidy?

We can help by:

- **Providing anti-litter kits to schools and Residents Associations.** Over the past two years, the Council's Environmental Awareness team has provided local communities running clean-up campaigns with over 1,000 anti-litter kits including gloves, litter pickers, and bags.

- **Supplying graffiti removal kits, funding paint to cover over graffiti and climbers and shrubs near graffiti hot-spots.**
- **Collecting bags of litter following community clean-ups.** During National Spring Clean, we provided nearly 2500 dlr litter bags to communities across the County.

Contact Kate Hynes, Environmental Awareness Officer – (01) 205 4344
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Communities shine at Council's annual awards ceremony

Speaking at the Council's annual Community Awards on November 17th, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr John Bailey, remarked “It is so uplifting to see so many groups representing their communities and contributing to them in such a positive manner.”

The Cathaoirleach presented the overall award to Dún Laoghaire Lions Club, selected from 76 other entrants working around the County.



Pat Howlett and Dan Hurst, president of Dún Laoghaire Lions Club, 2011 Community Awards winners.

Sandyford commuters urged to 'travel smarter'

Earlier this year, funding was allocated to DL RCC by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to launch an Area Wide Mobility Management Plan for the Sandyford

Business District and to establish a Mobility Management Plan Network, the first of its kind in Ireland. An action plan will be launched in early December, and a website is available to advise Sandyford based employees on smarter travel



Jim Leyden, Chairperson SBEA, pictured with Cllr Maria Bailey, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr John Bailey, and Cllr Gerry Horkan at a breakfast briefing on the new Sandyford Area Mobility Management Plan.

facilities and services:

www.sandyfordsmartertravel.ie

Interested? Gerry Flaherty, Sustainable Travel Officer **Email:** gflaherty@dlrcoco.ie

Have your say...

Cherrywood SDZ Draft Planning Scheme

Work is progressing on the preparation of the Cherrywood Draft Planning Scheme. In September, the Elected Members were updated on the progress being made in the preparation of this Scheme, and the Draft Planning Scheme will go on display in early 2012.

Questions?

Email: cherrywoodsdz@dlrcoco.ie

Web: www.dlrcoco.ie/cherrywoodsdz

Blackrock and Dún Laoghaire Local Area Plans (LAPs)

The Council intends to prepare two LAPs for Blackrock and Dún Laoghaire. You are now invited to make any suggestions or forward ideas that would assist in the preparation of the Draft Plans for the two areas. Email your submissions and observations up to close of business on 22nd December to:

blackrocklap@dlrcoco.ie or dunlaoghairerlap@dlrcoco.ie

Alternatively, written submissions can be made, addressed to the Director of Planning, Planning Department, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

An Issues Paper and Map for each area is available on www.dlrcoco.ie

Blackrock LAP Open Days

Venue - Urban Junction Youth and Community Centre, Newtown Avenue, Blackrock (beside Town Hall)

Thursday 1st Dec: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 8th Dec: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Dún Laoghaire LAP Open Days

Venue - Concourse, Council Offices, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 29th Nov: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Tuesday 6th Dec: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

New mobile phone apps bring Dún Laoghaire's history alive

Local history buffs and tourists alike will delight in the introduction of two new free multimedia Apps showcasing Dún Laoghaire town. The development of the mobile phone Apps was made possible through the support of Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Heritage Council.



The Apps, launched in Dún Laoghaire as part of the Innovation Dublin Festival (www.innovationdublin.ie), enable the user to learn the fascinating history of the area

and the vast project that was involved in building the harbour. As you walk along the East Pier and take in The Metals route, you can see photos that match the audio and view a map of your route.

Interested? Visit www.dunlaoghairerlap@dlrcoco.ie for full details or scan QR code (you can download a free Scanner App from the App Store or Android Market to read the QR code).

Open space improvements in Ballybrack and Dalkey

Officially opened in November by Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, Michael Ring TD, the brand new, floodlit all-weather pitch in Kilbogget Park (Coolevin) is located adjacent to the recently re-furbished Ballybrack Community Building. The pitch will facilitate competitive FAI soccer matches while also providing facilities for training and community use.

The Council has also made major improvements to the open space at Hyde Park, Dalkey, officially opened in November, and they include significant surface and foul water flood relief works, the installation of a

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), and a new children's play lot which will be permanently open to the public. Additional improvements to the grounds include the installation of seating in the playground, resurfacing of the front of Dalkey United Clubhouse, and tree-planting, with the installation of cycle racks and ball stop netting between the two pitches expected to take place in the new year.



Tea & Friendship in Cabinteely Park's new Japanese Garden



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr John Bailey, with His Excellency, Chihiro Atsumi, Japanese Ambassador to Ireland at the opening of the new garden on October 27th.

On October 27th, the Council officially opened a Japanese Courtyard Garden in Cabinteely Park, as well as the new tearooms adjacent to the new courtyard garden. Speaking at the opening, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr John Bailey, commented on the strong bond between Izumo and Dún Laoghaire. "The development of the garden grew from a

commitment to the city of Izumo in Japan with whom Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown signed a Friendship Agreement in 2008. I was delighted to officially open the Garden, which will no doubt prove a peaceful and enjoyable retreat for visitors to Cabinteely Park."

The new tearooms are situated in a 19th century house which originally housed the Steward of the estate, and were refurbished by the Council's Architects' Department. The tearooms are open during Cabinteely Park's opening hours - see www.dlrcoco.ie/parks



Photo: Alan Kennedy

Staff Profile: The team behind the garden

A 'team effort' is how District Supervisor Jim Ellis describes the newly completed Japanese Garden in Cabinteely Park. The project began over three years ago when, as part of a friendship agreement between Izumo, Japan and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, the Mayor of Izumo, Mr. Masahiro Nishio planted a Japanese Maple tree on the site that was to become the County's first Japanese Garden.

The project required the team of five Parks staff (pictured right) to learn as much as they could about the complexities of Japanese gardens. In an office stacked high with garden design reference books, sketches, and diagrams, Jim and Nigel discuss the process the team went through in creating the new garden.

"We started with a large hole in the ground – for the pond – and a few ideas based on the traditional Japanese gardens in Izumo, but the plan has evolved at every turn. There are elements from all different types of Japanese gardens which we've incorporated into our garden, and most of the materials used are local."

When creating some of the garden's more complex features, such as the waterfall, Jim explains, "there was a lot of chopping and changing, moving boulders to and fro,

in order to get the right look and fit and to adhere to traditional Japanese design principles."

It was a steep learning curve according to craftsman Gerry Cullen, who carried out most of the garden's craftwork. He had to adopt new construction methods that were more suited to the Japanese aesthetic principles, such as placing of very large boulders, stepping stones and the use of bamboo instead of ordinary timber.

Nigel explains that while the new garden is a viewing garden, it also features some

traditional elements that visitors will be able to enjoy. "We included a stepping stone path ('rati'), a bridge over the winding stream ('Yarimizu'), 'Turtle Island' as a symbol of good fortune, a typical heart-shaped pond, as well as a Chosubahi water basin which visitors traditionally use to cleanse at the entrance to a garden or temple."

Overall, the garden is a place to sit, relax or meditate and enjoy the peace and tranquillity and perhaps have tea or coffee in the new tearooms.



Gerry Cullen, Jim Ellis, Nigel O'Brien, Pat Carr, and Brendan Dunleavy of DLRC Parks and Landscape Services.

> winter preparedness

Have you checked out www.winterready.ie yet?

Developed by the Government's Office of Emergency Planning, [winterready.ie](http://www.winterready.ie) is your one-stop-shop that includes practical advice on how to prepare for the coming winter and to advise the public that preparations are being made and arrangements have been put in place to ensure that there will be a coordinated response to severe weather events.

We encourage residents to visit www.winterready.ie, and read the *dlr times* two page Winter Preparedness feature, which includes key public information relating to roads and water supply in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and essential contact details.



Did you know...

The Transportation Department provides a weekly update on our website of noteworthy road works taking place in the upcoming week. The details supplied are based on information received by 4pm on the preceding Thursday.

An estimated timeframe to complete the works is also provided along with an indication of the potential disruption that will be caused. Due to their nature any emergency road works cannot be forecasted.

Traffic News can be found at www.dlrcoco.ie/trafficnews

Interested?

Traffic Section Tel: (01) 205 4375

Email: traffic@dlrcoco.ie

Winter driving tips

- **Use your lights.** Use dipped head lights during the day and make sure your headlights and taillights are clean and in working order. Ensure the beam on your headlights is adjusted correctly.
- **Check your tyres.** Car tyres should be above the minimum legal thread depth of 1.6mm but need to be changed before they get this worn. The RSA advises replacing tyres when the tyre depth reaches 3mm. The legal limit for motorcycle tyres is 1mm and again should be replaced before they get this worn.
- **Safe Distance.** It takes longer to stop a car during poor weather so slow down and allow extra distance between you and the car in front.
- **Make sure you can clearly see.** Make sure windows and mirrors are clear, and carry a de-icer and screen scraper in the car, but do not use boiling water as this can crack the windscreen.
- **Keep up to date.** Listen to local weather and traffic reports, and pay heed to the weather warnings alerting drivers of unsafe and dangerous driving conditions. See details of the Council's gritting routes on our website, or visit Latest News on www.dlrcoco.ie during periods of bad weather this winter.

Is your car boot winter-ready? Make sure you have the following on hand:

- High visibility vest
- Appropriate footwear in case you need to leave your vehicle
- A hazard warning triangle
- Spare wheel
- Tow Rope
- A shovel
- De-icing equipment (for glass and door locks)
- Spare bulbs
- First aid kit
- A fire extinguisher
- A working torch
- A car blanket, additional clothing & some food and water

Interested? Visit www.dlrcoco.ie/roadsafety for more information and tips on staying safe on the roads this winter.

Should I clear snow or ice from my footpath?

Clearing snow can be demanding work - only undertake the task if you are reasonably fit and do not have an underlying medical condition. Clear snow or ice early in the day if possible, and make sure to wear sturdy, insulated, waterproof footwear with good gripping soles.

Never use boiling water to clear snow (it may re-freeze and cause the formation of black ice). **Remember** - when you are clearing snow it is important that you don't create an obstacle for pedestrians or traffic, and make sure that the snow is removed to a location that won't create a hazard. The Office of the Attorney General has advised that liability does not arise when snow is cleared from footpaths in a safe manner.

(Adapted from www.winterready.ie)

Important contact details

Don't forget to check the Council's Emergency blog (<http://dlremergencyupdates.blogspot.com/>) for updates on the County's water supply or other urgent service news.

Customer notices are also posted to Aertel Page 630 which will be of particular benefit to those households without internet access.

During office hours ring (01) 2054700, or for emergency situations outside of office hours ring (01) 6778844. For road maintenance queries ring (01) 2054879 or email roadmaintenance@dlrcoco.ie. For water supply queries ring (01) 2054800 or email wsenquiries@dlrcoco.ie.

Are your pipes winter ready?

- Fully insulate all pipes and tanks in the attic space and anywhere else where pipes/tanks are exposed and liable to freeze. Poor quality or badly fitted insulation may be insufficient to cope with recent extreme winter temperatures.
- Check that the attic insulation is in good condition. If the attic is insulated at floor level ensure that insulation is not laid UNDER water pipes or tanks.
- Shut off supplies to unheated areas (e.g. garage, outhouse) or outside water pipes. This may mean having an internal stopcock fitted to supplies to external taps.
- During a spell of sustained freezing weather, it may be beneficial to partially open the attic trap door. This allows warm air from other parts of the house to circulate and will help to prevent pipes/tanks from freezing.
- Where supply pipes froze externally on previous occasions, customers should consider replacing their pipe at a deeper level to ensure continuity of supply and to protect against bursts.

If a house will be vacant over a severe cold weather period:-

- Turn off the water supply at the stop valve.
- Leave the heating on a low setting or timer with the attic trap door open.

How do I turn off the water?

A house should have an internal stop valve – make sure to know where it is and how to turn it on and off. It can usually be found under the kitchen sink or in a utility room closest to where the water supply enters your home. The outside stopcock is the property of the Council and should not be used by householders to control water supply except in an emergency situation.

What to I do if there is no water?

First check with neighbours to see if their water supply has been affected. If they still have a water supply it is likely that your private pipework has frozen. Follow the steps on thawing pipework or contact a plumber.

If neighbours also have no water, check our website www.dlrcoco.ie or Emergency Blog <http://dlremergencyupdates.blogspot.com/> for notices of water restrictions in the area.

6 steps to thaw frozen pipework

1. Before starting to thaw the system, protect or remove anything which might be damaged by thawing water running from a potential burst.
2. Turn off the water at the internal stop valve. If there's a stop valve fitted on the attic storage tank turn this off also to stop water leaving the tank This will reduce the amount of water which can escape and therefore minimize damage.
3. Open the tap closest to the frozen part of the pipe - this will help reduce the pressure on the pipe work.
4. Thaw the pipe using a hot water bottle placed on the exposed pipe, starting from the tap-side of the frozen area. (This process may take several hours - reheat the water in the bottle hourly).
5. When flow is restored and there is no evidence of a burst turn off the tap and reopen stop valves. Insulate pipe work to prevent further freezing. DO NOT leave taps running to prevent freezing of pipes as this could cause severe water shortages.
6. If taps are airlocked on resumption of supply, consult the Council's website www.dlrcoco.ie or our Emergency Blog <http://dlremergencyupdates.blogspot.com/> for tips on clearing airlocks.

What do I do if internal pipeworks have burst?

Turn off the water at the main supply stop valve and contact a Plumber.

General Water Conservation

Please conserve water throughout the year but make a special effort in freezing weather or during other water shortages.

Do not leave taps running while carrying out daily tasks such as brushing teeth, hand washing, food preparation.

Check the house for leaks and repair any dripping taps, cisterns, tanks or pipes.

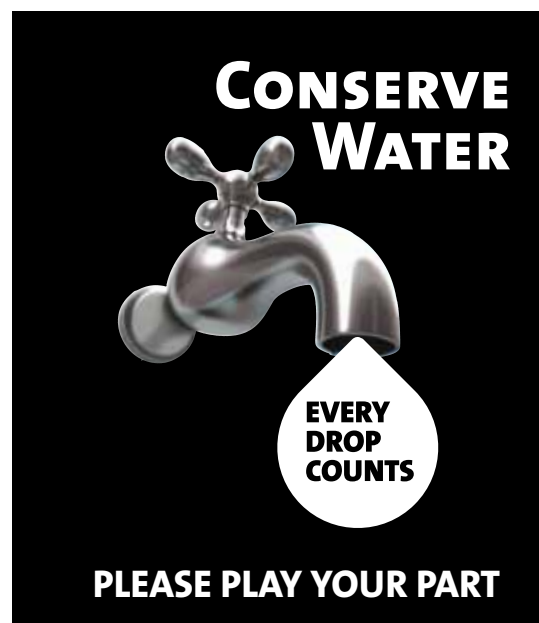
If you see a leak in a public place, report it to the Council (01) 2054800 or by email to burstmains@dlrcoco.ie

Only run dishwashers and washing machines when they are full.

Fit a displacement device in the toilet cistern to reduce the flush volume.

Fill the kettle with enough water for immediate needs.

For more information: www.taptips.ie



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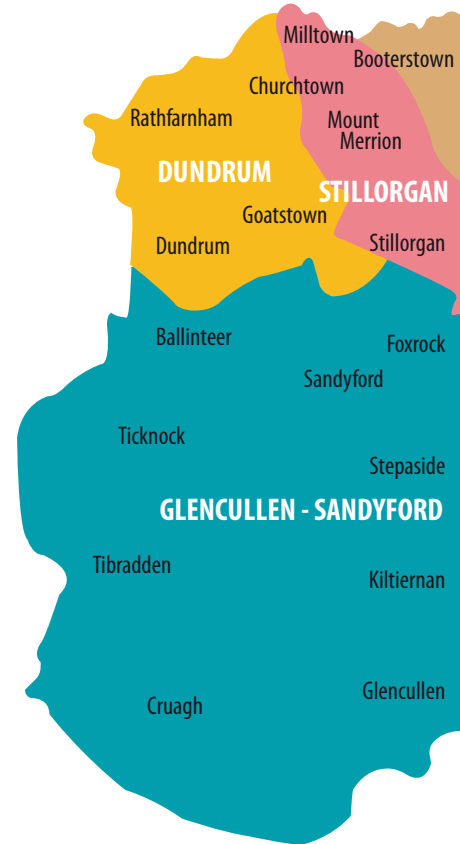
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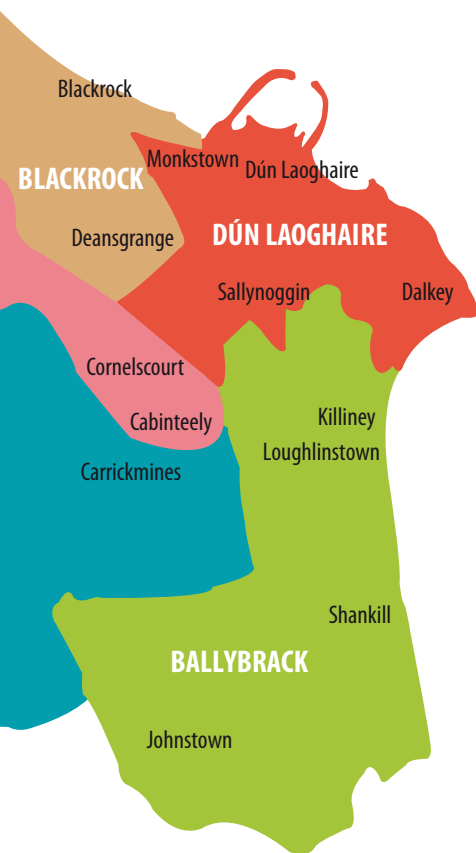
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What's on in dlr Leisure Services?

Community Basketball @ dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown

Ages 6-9 yrs 4pm – 5pm / Ages 10-14 yrs 5pm – 6pm

Starts Friday January 27th 2012

€2.50 per head per week or pay €20 up front for 13 week block.

Community Archery @ dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown

Ages 8-11 yrs 5pm – 6pm / Ages 12-16 yrs 6pm – 7pm

Starts Friday January 27th 2012

€4 per head per week for 6 weeks

Community Badminton @ dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown

Ages 6-9 yrs 4pm – 5pm / Ages 10-14 yrs 5pm – 6pm

Starts Thursday January 26th 2012

€2.50 per head per week or pay €20 up front for 13 week block

Contact Alan in the Sports Development Office **Phone:** 01 2719522 or **Email:** alindsay@dlrls.ie

Community Tennis @ dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown

Ages 6-9 yrs 4pm – 5pm / Ages 10-14 yrs 5pm – 6pm

Starts Monday January 23rd 2012

€2.50 per head per week or pay €20 up front for 13 week block

Contact Gary Bridges in the Sports Development Office **Phone:** 01 2719537 **Email:** gbridges@dlrls.ie

Take 'em On Community Football

Take 'em On Community Football promotes the game of football through coaching footwork, skills in 1v1s and small-sided. Groups are divided according to age and programme costs just €2.50 per head per week.

Every Tuesday from January 24th 2012 at dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown

Time: 4 – 5pm **Age:** 6 – 9yrs

Time: 5 – 6pm **Age:** 10+yrs

Contact Rory O'Hare **Phone:** 086-3807793

Email: rory.ohare@fai.ie

Every Wednesday from January 25th 2012 at dlr Leisure Services Meadowbrook

Time: 4 – 5pm **Age:** 6 – 9yrs

Time: 5 – 6pm **Age:** 10+yrs

Contact Stephen Rice **Phone:** 087-7725857

Email: stephen.rice@fai.ie

Every Thursday from January 26th 2012 at dlr Leisure Services Monkstown

Time: 4:30 – 5:30pm **Age:** 6 – 9yrs

Time: 5:30 – 6:30pm **Age:** 10+yrs

Contact Rory O'Hare **Phone:** 086-3807793 **Email:** rory.ohare@fai.ie

Soccer Stars for ages 3 - 5

Every Tuesday from January 24th 2012 at dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown

Time: 3:15 – 4pm

Contact Rory O'Hare **Phone:** 086-3807793 **Email:** rory.ohare@fai.ie

Every Wednesday from January 25th 2012 at dlr Leisure Services Meadowbrook

Time: 3:15 – 4pm

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Time: 3:30 – 4:30pm

Contact Rory O'Hare **Phone:** 086-3807793 **Email:** rory.ohare@fai.ie

* Soccer Stars costs €3.50 per head per week and times may change due to parent/guardian suitability.



Padhraic Dormer, winner of the SportsABILITY Category, dlr Community 5K 2011, pictured with the Council's Sports Inclusion Officer, Phena O'Conner.

dlr Sports Partnership news

Coach/volunteer training including Child Protection, Inclusive Clubs, Disability Awareness and Sports First Aid will be available in 2012.

The Active Exercise Programme is for over 55's and available in a number of dlr Leisure Services centres in the County. For times and locations just give us a call.

We organise various inclusive programmes and training events for people with

disabilities, and their families or assistants.

Interested? Email poconnor@dlrcoco.ie

DLRSP runs the Buntús programme which offers FREE in-service training for teachers, Sports equipment and Resource Cards.

Sports Partnership is also available to support schools in achieving the Active Schools Flag, a Department of Education initiative that recognises schools (primary and post primary) that provide quality PE, sports and physical activity programmes for their students.

Interested? Visit www.activeschoolflag.ie

For all details regarding dlr Sports Partnership call us on 01-2719502 or visit our website www.dlrsportspartnership.ie

Date for your diary!

The Federation Internationale de Hockey (FIH) Men's tournament will be held at the National Hockey Stadium in UCD from Sat March 10th to Sun March 18th.

Interested? Visit www.hockey.ie

Sráidainmneacha agus Logainmneacha



Nuair a bunaíodh an Coimisiún Logainmneacha i 1946 cuireadh de chúram ar scrúdú a dhéanamh ar logainmneacha na hÉireann agus cuardach a dhéanamh do “cheartfhoirmeacha bunaidh Gaeilge” na logainmneacha. Foilsíodh Ainmneacha Gaeilge na mBailte Poist i 1969 de thoradh na taighde a bhí déanta acu. Cuireadh cúram na hoibre taighde ar rannóg nua a bunaíodh sa tSuirbhéarachta Ordanáis sa bhliain 1955. B’shin Brainse na Logainmneacha.

Is é céad chúram an Bhrairse Logainmneacha taighde a dhéanamh chun ceartfhoirmeacha Gaeilge logainmneacha na hÉireann a aimsiú agus a fhoilsiú le húsáid go hoifigiúil. Foilsítear toradh taighde an Bhrairse i bhfoirm liostaí de réir mar a bhíonn liostaí oiriúnacha réidh. Cé go bhfuil taighde an Bhrairse dírithe ar ainmneacha riaracháin go príomha – ar ainmneacha contaetha, barúntachtaí, paróistí dlí, bailte fearainn agus toghrann – tá foirmeacha Gaeilge socraithe do chineálacha eile ainmneacha chomh maith, ar nós bailte agus ionaid eile daonra, sráidainmneacha, aibhnte agus gnéithe fisiciúla éagsúla. Freastalaíonn an Brainse ar a lán cineálacha comhfhreagrais a bhaineann le logainmneacha chomh maith.

Sa bhliain 1973 ritheadh an tAcht Logainmneacha (Foirmeacha Gaeilge). Is é an aidhm a bhí leis an Acht ná foirmeacha oifigiúla Gaeilge de logainmneacha a bheith ar chomhaidhm agus ar chomhéifeacht leis an hainmneacha Béarla.

Ag labhairt dó ar an mBille sa Dáil i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 1973, dúirt John Kelly (nach maireann), Rúnaí Parlaiminte an Taoisigh ag an am “go bhfuilimid

cráite le leathcéad bliain anuas i gcás na gcomharthaí bhóthair a cuireadh suas ar fud na tíre... táimid cráite le droch Ghaeilge agus le Gaeilge lochtach toisc gan na logainmneacha a bheith socraithe go cruinn ag údarás nó ag coimisiún éigin, toisc gan feidhm dlí acu. Tá súil agam tar éis an bhille seo a bheith rite ag an dá theach go dtabharfaidh na húdaráis áitiúla, go dtabharfaidh siad aire do cibé logainm oifigiúil a shocrófar amach anseo ag an gCoimisiún Logainmneacha agus go gcuirfidh siad beagán stró orthu féin aire a thabhairt do cibé comhartha sráide a bheidh faoina gcúram, i dtreo go mbeadh an Ghaeilge atá ann ceart...”

Aisghaireadh an tAcht Logainmneacha (1973) nuair a ritheadh Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla sa bhliain 2003 agus leasaíodh stádas fhoirmeacha Gaeilge na logainmneacha san acht nua. Is faoin Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta atá cúram na logainmneacha anois.

Aithníonn Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin a thábhachtaí is atá sé a chinntiú go mbeadh an leagan cruinn Gaeilge de na hainmneacha Sráide agus de na Logainmneacha go léir ar an gcomharthaíocht bhóithre.

Chuipe sin gheall an Chomhairle sa chéad scéim Gaeilge go m-ullmhófaí Eolaire cuimsitheach ina mbeadh an leagan cruinn Gaeilge d’ainmneacha na Sráideanna/ Logainmneacha go léir agus tá an tEolaire sin ar fáil anois.

Sa réamhrá atá curtha leis an Eolaire déanann An Dr. Pádraig Ó Cearbhaill, Ardoifigeach Logainmneacha, sa Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta, cur síos ar na sráidainmneacha agus na logainmneacha éagsúla atá i limistéar riaracháin Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin. Ba í Suirbhéarachta Ordanáis Éireann a d’ullmhaigh bunliosta na sráidainmneacha agus ba í An Brainse Logainmneacha a rinne an taighde ar na leaganacha Gaeilge de na hainmneacha. Áirítear le ‘sráidainmneacha’ sa chomhthéacs seo ainmneacha eastáit tithíochta, bloic árasán, bóithre agus sráideanna, agus is éard atá i gceist le ‘logainmneacha’ ainmneacha bailte fearainn, paróistí agus barúntachtaí chomh maith le logainmneacha stairiúla éagsúla eile lena n-áirítear ainmneacha tíreolaíochta.

Tá súil ag an gComhairle go músclóidh an leabhrán seo, atá le fáil saor in aisce ó Oifig Chumarsáide na Comhairle, spéis i saibhreas agus i saíocht logainmneacha an cheantair.

Gnéithe d’Oidhreachta Dhún Laoghaire le fáil anois ar Apa don bhfón póca



Tim Carey, Oifigeach Oidhreachta dlr, Aileen O’Meara, léiritheoir, in éineacht le Cathaoirleach na Comhairle, An Comh. John Bailey, a sheol feidhmchláir ilmheáin nua mar chuid d’Fhéile Nuálaíocht Bhaile Átha Cliath. Léiríonn na feidhmchláir, atá saor in aisce, stair an cheantair le bém ar leith ar fhorbairt an chuain agus Na Ráilí.

Arts Office update

Theatre Artist-in-Residence

In 2011/2012 DLRCC, in association with the Arts Council, is grant-aiding a Theatre Artist-in-Residence in the Pavilion Theatre. This was awarded to writer and director Conall Morrison.

Conall is currently working with Arclight Theatre Company, Dalkey Players, Deilig Inis and Glashule Opera on a theatre-making project, and each group will be able to use the resource of the theatre artist to develop their work. The residency also supports the Pavilion Playwrights Group which generated huge interest from writers in the county. Nine writers were selected to participate, each of whom is developing a play.

Contemporary Craft Exhibition

An exhibition of contemporary craft will take place in the Concourse, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire from the 3rd-21st February 2012. Inspired by the Year of Craft 2011

and curated by Angela O'Kelly, the exhibition will celebrate excellence in fine craft by new and established craft makers who are connected to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown through living in, working in or having trained in the area.

It will include works of calligraphy, ceramics, glass, textiles and mixed media. This free exhibition will include public tours and workshops.

Questions? Contact Ciara King, Assistant Arts Officer cking@dlrcco.ie



Green patterned wedge and Green striped curve by Alison Kay

O Holy Night - An evening with Eimear Quinn



In this intimate and spiritual night, Eimear Quinn will bring her own special rendition of Christmas songs and carols to Pavilion Theatre for a memorable musical experience. Eimear's ethereal voice will blend beautifully with the Mamisa String Quartet, which features Maria and Michelle Mason. Fri 16-Sat 17 Dec 8pm - Tickets €21/19

Interested?

Telephone booking: (01) 231 2929

Online booking: www.paviliontheatre.ie

Did you know that there are three Citizens Information Centres within DLR that provide free and confidential information, advice and advocacy service?



Dún Laoghaire CIC, Marina House, Clarence Street - Drop-in service available Mon - Fri, 9.30am - 4.00pm, including lunchtime. MABS (Money Advice and Budgeting Service) are also located here.

Clinics operating by appointment - Legal; Family Law; Employment Law; CAVA; Advice on domestic violence issues. Appointments - 01 230 2002.

Dundrum CIC, fifth floor of Dundrum Town Centre, operating a drop in service - Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm. Clinics operating by appointment - FLAC (free legal advice); Employment Rights Advice; FISC.

Stillorgan CIC, first floor of St. Laurence Parish/Community Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road. Part-time service available Mondays - Thursdays 3.00pm - 4.30pm and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Interested? Tel: 1890 777 121

Web: www.citizensinformation.ie

Christmas recycling arrangements

Ballyogan Recycling Park:

Friday 23rd Dec. 2011 8.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday 24th Dec. 2011 Closed

Christmas Day, St Stephen's Day Closed

Tuesday 27th Dec. 2011 8.30am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 28th Dec. 2011 8.30am - 5.30pm

Thursday 29th Dec. 2011 8.30am - 5.30pm

Friday 30th Dec. 2011 8.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday 31st Dec. 2011 9.30am - 5.30pm

New Year's Day Closed

Monday 2nd Jan. 2012 10.30am - 5.30pm

Eden Park and Shanganagh Recycling Centres:

Friday 23rd Dec. 2011 8.30am - 2.00pm

Saturday 24th Dec. 2011 Closed

Christmas Day, St Stephen's Day Closed

Tuesday 27th Dec. 2011 Closed

Wednesday 28th Dec. 2011 Closed

Thursday 29th Dec. 2011 8.30am - 4pm

Friday 30th Dec. 2011 8.30am - 2pm

Saturday 31st Dec. 2011 8.30am - 3.30pm

New Year's Day Closed

Monday 2nd Jan. 2012 Closed

For these three centres normal opening hours apply from Tuesday 3rd January 2012 onwards.

Are you taking care of business?

Businesses across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown are invited to avail of BeSMART, a new, free online tool that will help them generate risk assessments and a safety statement for their business.



Developed by the Health & Safety Authority, BeSMART helps small businesses meet their legal obligation to carry out risk assessments and compile safety statements for their workplace

Interested? Visit <https://beSMART.hsa.ie>

